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A Snowy Spring

By Kelly Hashway

Daisy stood at the back door and stared at the white snow covering the ground. It was March, yet it felt like December. This winter had seemed longer than usual.

“Shouldn’t spring be here by now?” Daisy said with a sigh. “I want to take

..... a walk, play on the swings, swim in the pool...” Daisy sighed again, thinking of all the fun things she was missing out on because the ground was snow-covered.

..... “Hey,” her older brother David said. “Why don’t you play in the snow?”

..... Daisy shook her head. “I can’t possibly

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build another snowman or sled down the hill in the backyard one more time.”

“Suit yourself,” David said, opening the door and stepping outside.

Daisy went to her room and flopped on her bed. She stared up at her ceiling, which was painted to look like the sky with big, puffy, white clouds. She closed her eyes and imagined it was spring.

Soon Daisy drifted off to sleep. She woke forty minutes later to David shaking her arm.

“Come on, Daisy. Spring awaits.” He smiled down at her.

Daisy looked at the clock. “How long was I asleep?” It couldn’t be spring already.

“Grab your pool toys and let’s go.” David tugged on her arm, dragging Daisy out of bed.

“What are you talking about?” Daisy asked.

“Just come on.” David pulled Daisy to the back door.

Daisy frowned. The snow was still everywhere. “I’m going back to my room,” she said.

“Oh no you’re not.” David tossed her a jacket and pushed her out the door.

The backyard, while still white with



snow, looked different. The swings were set up, a path was cleared through the yard, and there was a large circle drawn in the snow next to the pool.

“What is this?” Daisy asked.

“You said you wanted to use the swings, take a walk, and go swimming,” David said. “Now you can.”

Daisy narrowed her eyes. “I can’t swim. It’s only thirty degrees out here.”

“You can swim in a snow pool,” David said, walking over to the large circle and lying down. He started making snow angels. “It’s sort of like swimming, and I set up the floating basketball hoop.” He shrugged. “It doesn’t float, but so what? We can walk along the path I shoveled and even go on the swings. What do you say, Daisy?”

Daisy smiled, happy she had such a great big brother. “I say spring never looked so good.”

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her brother was shaking her arm and telling her to wake up because spring had

arrived, and last she checked there was still snow on the ground.

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The backyard appeared different to Daisy because even though it was covered

with snow, a path was cleared through the yard. Then she noticed the swings

were set up and a large circle was drawn next to the pool.

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David tried to make Daisy's wishes for spring come true by recreating all the activities she had hoped to do in the springtime right there in their snow-covered backyard. He

cleared a path so she could walk and set up the swings so she could swing on them.

He knew she wouldn't be able to swim, so he drew a large circle next to the pool to

make snow angels in and set up the floating basketball net to play with.

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