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The Double Valentine

by Anita Amin

On Valentine's Day morning, Emma couldn't wait to go to school. She loved giving valentines to her friends.

"Are you ready?" her mother asked, waiting in the kitchen. "We're going to be late."

"I'm coming," Emma said. She stuffed a bag with valentines. Emma had made one for each of her classmates. She also made a special one for Miss Peters, her teacher.

"Now, I'm ready." Emma skipped out the door with her bag.

Mom followed Emma down the tree-lined path. Many of the oak trees had low branches. Some of the branches jutted out onto the path.

Emma saw some of her friends farther ahead. "Suzy! Mina!" Emma shouted.

But they didn't hear Emma. They were too far away.

As Emma raced to catch up with them, she felt something tug at her bag. Too late, she saw the branch snag her bag. The bag ripped.

"Oh no!" Emma cried as the valentines fell out. Some blew away with the wind.

Mom and Emma dashed after them. They picked them up one by one.

"Do you have all of them?" Mom asked.

Emma flipped through her valentines. "No, I don't have Suzy's."

They looked for Suzy's valentine but didn't find it.

"What am I going to do?" Emma cried. "Suzy's a good friend. I have to give her a valentine."

"Can you make another one?" Mom asked.

Emma frowned. "Yes, but it won't be as nice. There won't be time." Emma felt like crying.

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Emma sat at her desk and quickly made a card. Later, she gave it to Suzy. "I made you a nicer one but I lost it," Emma told Suzy.

"Oh, but that's what I tried to tell you," Suzy said. "I have it." She showed Emma the valentine. It was the same one Emma had lost!

"The wind must've blown it over to you," Emma smiled.

"Yes," Suzy smiled. "And now I have two from you."

Emma smiled. "A double valentine for my best friend. Happy Valentine's Day!"



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