THE LITTLE STAR WHO FORGOT TO SHINE



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High in the night sky, Twinkle the little star sparkled brighter than anyone. One night, her sparkle faded away. "Why can't I shine?" she whispered sadly. The other stars twinkled all around her, but Twinkle felt dim and alone. "Maybe I'm not special anymore," she sighed. She decided to leave her spot in the sky to find out what made stars shine, floating gently down toward the clouds below.



Drifting low, Twinkle met Blink, a tiny firefly glowing softly in the dark meadow. "Why so sad, little star?" Blink asked kindly. "I lost my shine," Twinkle said. Blink smiled. "My light is small too, but it still helps lost travelers find their way!" Twinkle watched Blink guide a sleepy rabbit home with her gentle glow. "Maybe light doesn't have to be big to matter," Twinkle thought, feeling a little warmer inside.



Twinkle floated to a quiet pond where Pearl, a silvery moonfish, swam in circles. "I've lost my sparkle," Twinkle told her. Pearl laughed softly. "Look down, little star." Twinkle peeked into the water and saw her reflection shimmering faintly. "Even a little light can dance on water," Pearl said. Twinkle smiled for the first time. Something inside her felt brighter already, even if she couldn't see it yet.



Back in the sky, Twinkle remembered Blink's glow and Pearl's kind words. "I don't need to be the brightest," she said softly, "just me." Suddenly, a warm light bloomed inside her, soft but true. The other stars cheered as Twinkle twinkled proudly once more. Down below, a little girl looked up and smiled at Twinkle's gentle light. Twinkle finally understood—every light, big or small, makes the world a little brighter.



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