

The Child and the Star

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Once there was a boy who loved to stare at the night sky. One night as he watched the sky, he saw the birth of a star. At first, the boy saw nothing so special about the star. It was rather small, as stars were concerned. And in a universe full of stars, he thought nothing of it.

But as the nights passed, he watched the little star. Something about her made him feel better when he did so. So he told her, "You are my special star. You will always be the best part of my sky."

And the boy watched as the little star began to grow. He watched as the star learned from her father how to make her way in the world. And how to work hard and be a good person. And he watched as her mother taught her how to sing, and how to laugh, and how to shine. And from both, he watched as they taught her how to love.

And the boy began to notice something about his special little star. He began to see that when it got near to the other stars, they would all begin to shine just a little brighter. And he told her, "You are my special star. You will always be the best part of my sky."

And the years passed and the boy grew. And he found that he did not have as much time to stare at the night sky anymore. And eventually, he never looked up at all as he went about.

Until one night, when the boy was full grown, he left his home and felt something was wrong. The night sky was dimmer than he remembered. And he looked into the sky for his special little star. But he could not find her. She was not there.

And he searched the sky from high to low. But he could not find her.

And the man grew worried. And he called out to the other stars. He asked them, "Where is my special star?" But none of them could answer. She was no longer there.

And all the other stars were a little dimmer now. And the night sky was just a little darker. And in a universe full of stars, he missed this one most of all.

And the man wept. And he said very quietly, "You will always be my special star. You will always be the best part of my sky."

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