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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

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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

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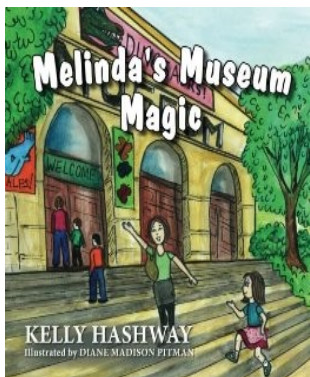


Daisy narrowed her eyes. "I can't swim. It's only thirty degrees out here."

"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."

## About the Author



Kelly Hashway's picture book, *Melinda's Museum Magic*, is now available!

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1. In what month does this story take place?
  - a. April
  - b. December
  - c. March
  - d. February
  
2. Which of these activities did Daisy not say she wanted to do?
  - a. jump rope
  - b. play on the swings
  - c. walk
  - d. swim in the pool

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5. How did David try to make Daisy's wishes for Spring come true?

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Match each vocabulary word on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line provided.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ sigh

a. made less wide

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ narrowed

6. \_\_\_\_\_ dragging

7. \_\_\_\_\_ frowned

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g. to pull someone or something that is heavy to move

e. fell down onto a surface

f. to take in and let out a long, loud breath

g. moved slowly and easily into something

❖ **Now try this:** Find all of the words above in the story and highlight them.

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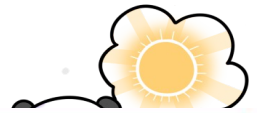
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