



Clarence the Catfish Finds a Friend.

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In Mr. Glass's delightful children's poems, we follow stories like that of Mean Goat Gary finding his smile, Arnie Aardvark discovering his lunch (hint: It's a buffet!) the courageous attempt of Clarence the Catfish as he starts his journey of finding a friend and many more tales of Glass's petting zoo of animals as they figure out stuff that kids need to figure out. They are simple, gentle, visual delights that invite children to enter the adventures as, slowly, and patiently, the creatures themselves find the solutions they were searching for. R. Marcus. rmarcus8@comcast.net.

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Deep in a Mississippi swamp beneath the sycamore trees,
where this story takes place in the cooling of their breeze.
There was a little catfish who simply could not get along,
it seemed no matter what, he said or did, he just did not belong.

He wanted so to find a friend, but with everything he'd try,
all the animals would point and laugh, or simply just swim by.
They'd say, "You're the strangest little fish I think I've ever known."
So quite sadly, with whiskers drooping, he'd swim away alone.

His name was Clarence Catfish and he truly was a sight,
his eyes as big as skippin' stones. His bowtie a knotted fright.
He wore glasses big as apples that looked like bubbles on his face,
which is why all those who met him, quickly found a hiding place.

So, as we begin this tale we find him sitting with whiskers low,
quite alone and sadly quiet... though little did he know.
It was today he'd find a friend with whom he'd swim and play.
A friend to laugh and joke with him. A friend who'd never swim away.

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