

MEAN GARY GOAT GETS HIS SMILE.

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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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As this story begins it was early one spring. And the sun had just risen to shine on everything. So, the grass and the flowers were still wet with dew, Making farmer Peak's farm glisten brightly like new.

On this joyful morning as they frolicked in the sun, All the animals wore smiles - well, all except one. There was a tired old goat that always wore a frown, never laughing at a joke or a silly goose clown.

You see mean Gary Goat with his head all a slouch, Was the meanest and nastiest billy goat grouch. And the animals knew they had better stay away, for nothing ever was happy in Gary Goat's day.

But this day would be different from those that had passed. For they'd decided this goat must stop frowning - and fast! So, they all came together to think up a way, they might possibly brighten Gary Goat's day.

Now after chatting for a while they finally had a plan, and the first one to try was the silly goose Stan. Though as Stan scratched his chin with his white feathery hand, He said, "I'm not sure it will work, but I'll do what I can."

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