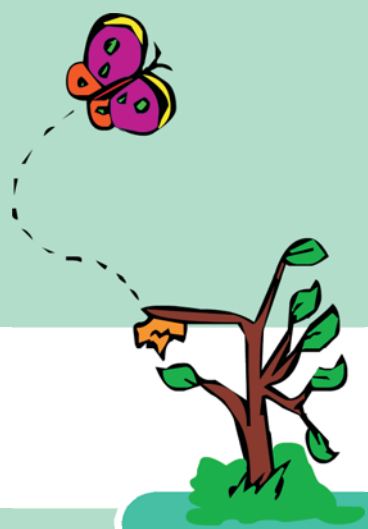




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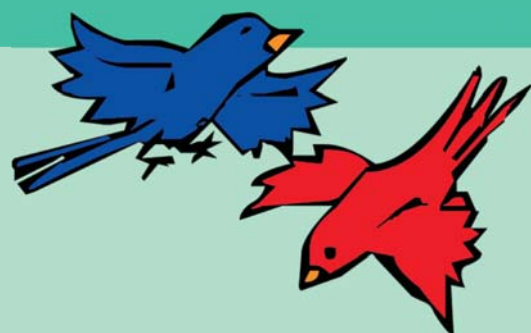


A spring surprise

New life



My mom came home from hospital with a spring surprise for me,
She said he was my brother Bart, but I was not happy!
Oh no, I thought, this is not good, he'll just get in the way,
He'll wail and cry and burp and poo and lie around all day.
I'm leaving home right now, I said, and down to the river I ran,
To get away from Baby Bart and hide there was my plan.



But on the way I stopped for breath and something caught my eye:
Where once I'd seen a caterpillar, there was now a butterfly!
There were bunnies in the rabbit hutch, and new buds on the trees,
Bright blossoms on the flowers, and lots of birds and bees.
Our ducks had had new ducklings, our hens had hatched some eggs,
There was a new foal in the paddock, stumbling about on its skinny legs.



By gosh, I thought, it's not so bad, this is just what happens in spring,
The sun comes out, new life is born and everyone starts to sing.
I went back home, crept up the stairs and into the nursery,
I looked down at the new-born babe and he looked back at me.
Don't worry sis, he seemed to say, this is really not the end,
Just give me a chance to prove myself,
and I'll be your very best friend!

