



One morning bright, without a care,

May tied a ribbon in her hair.

She slipped on shoes of cherry red,

And scratched behind Cloud's sleepy head.

Her yellow jumper kept her snug,

Cloud followed close, like a purring bug.

Let's go explore," said May with cheer,

"To see what wonders might appear!"



The sun peeked out behind the mist,

The trees wore crowns the breeze had kissed.

May skipped along the cobbled way,

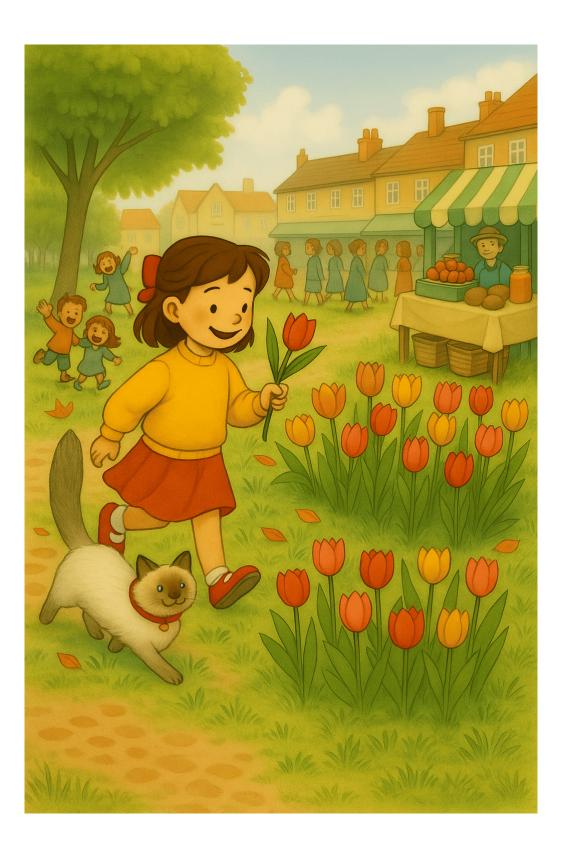
While Cloud kept close, not far astray.

They passed the baker's golden store,

With scents of bread and jam galore.

May waved to Mrs Simmons inside,

Who smiled and offered them a pie.



She danced down the lane with a hop and a spin,

Waving at neighbours with wide, friendly grins.

The High Street is buzzing — the market is here!

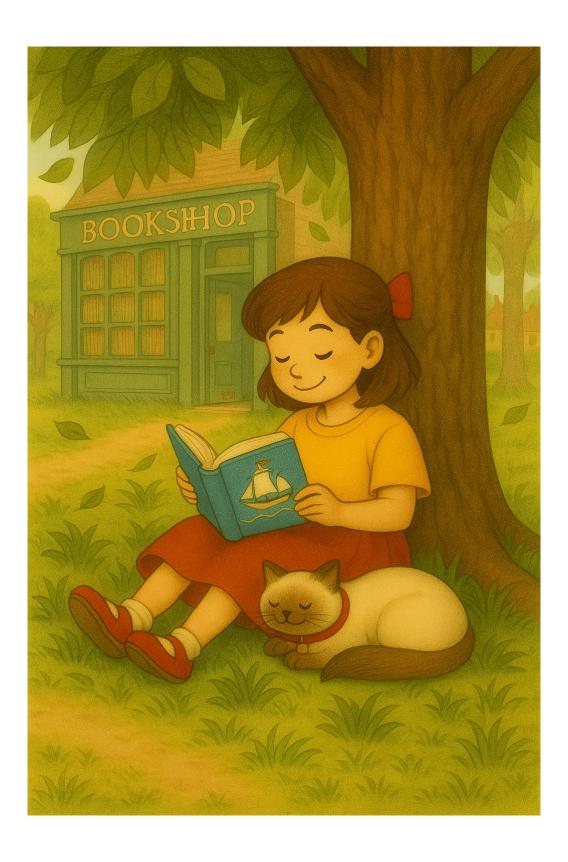
With strawberries, honey, and freshly baked cheer.

Cloud leapt through leaves on the village green,

While May admired the flower scene.

The tulips bloomed in neat array,

And children giggled down the way.



They wandered past the bookshop door,

Where tales and treasures lined the floor.

May picked a tale of sailing seas,

And read it 'neath the chestnut trees.

Cloud curled up in May's warm lap,

Then stretched out flat for a midday nap.

The pages fluttered in the breeze,

As stories drifted through the leaves.



They strolled across Harpenden Common wide,

With swaying trees on either side.

Kites danced high in the blustery blue,

And Cloud chased leaves the west wind blew.

The grass was soft like a velvet rug,

As May skipped past a beetle bug.

A cricketer called, "Mind the ball, my dear!"

And they laughed as it rolled right past Cloud's rear.



May sees to her right a perfect sight

"Classics on the Common is here!" she shouts with delight.

Rows of cars in polished lines,

Old engines hum like vintage chimes.

There's a Mustang, Minis, Jaguars too,

In reds and greens and royal blue.

Cloud hops up on a leather seat,

And naps where sunshine and chrome both meet.



There are ice creams and music and people to greet,

Kids with balloon swords and dogs on the street.

Engines are gleaming, bonnets held high,

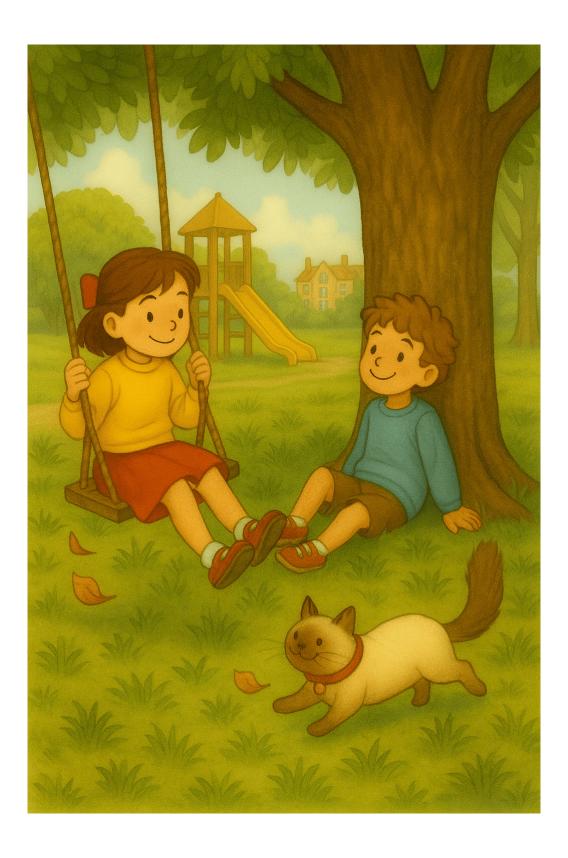
As clouds drift lazily over the sky.

The whole green hums with blissful cheer-

The best day of Harpenden's year is here!

"There's so much to do in Harpenden." May says with a grin,

Before setting off to Rothamsted park with a hop and a spin.



She meets up with Leo by the wooden play park,

They zoom down the slide and climb trees for a lark.

They swing so high their toes touch the sky,

With Cloud chasing leaves that flutter by.

They rest on the grass as the clouds drift by,

Spotting shapes floating by in the summer sky.

Before wandering to Rothamsted Manor with gardens so grand,

And flowers like fireworks that bloom from the land.



At Nickey Line's path, May finds sticks for a game,

They pretend they are wizards with magical names.

Birdsong surrounds them, the trees gently sway,

It's peaceful and quiet — a perfect place to play.

A squirrel darts up a tree,

Brave Cloud gives chase half-heartedly.

Wildflowers swayed beside the rails,

And May imagined fairy tales.



Back in town May hears music in Lydekker Park.

With violins singing and kids making art.

May plays drums with a rhythm so proud,

While grown-ups sip coffee and chat in a crowd.

Cloud chases bubbles that float through the air,

And tumbles in flowers with barely a care.

The band strikes a tune that's lively and bright,

As lanterns are lit for the softening night.



From blossom-filled springs to bright autumn leaves,

With conker fights won and mud on their sleeves —

Harpenden's magic is quiet but true.

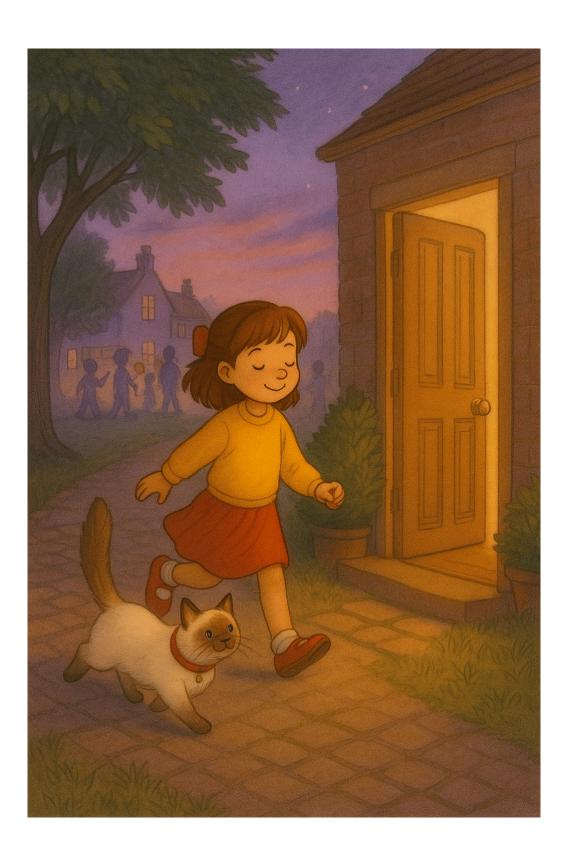
It's home — and there's no place quite like it for you.

The chiming of bells, the whispering trees,

The laughter that carries on afternoon breeze.

May smiles at Cloud as they stroll through the dew-

Their hearts full of stories, their world fresh and new.



By sunset, the town glows in lavender light,

Mums call out dinners and switch on porch lights.

May heads home with a yawn and a smile,

Thinking, "I've lived the best day in a while."

Cloud trails close with her tail held high,

As stars start to twinkle in the darkening sky.

The door creaks open, warm and wide-

Home wraps them both with love inside.



She snuggles in bed with Cloud by her side,

The world feels still, like the hush of the tide.

Her eyelids grow heavy, the moon starts to rise,

And stars paint soft stories across the skies.

Cloud purrs gently, curled in a ball,

While shadows dance on the bedroom wall.

If ever you visit, you'll soon understand...

There's magic every day to be found here in Harpenden.

## THE END



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