



NICK'S STORY

MY COLOURFUL KITE



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MOM LOVES:

- Playing trombone
- Gardening



NICK LOVES:

- Playing the recorder
- Thrift shopping



GRANDMA LOVES:

- Playing clarinet
- Going to the park



The sky is blue
but my kite is
colourful.
Bright, bright
colours;
its wings are
made of cloth.

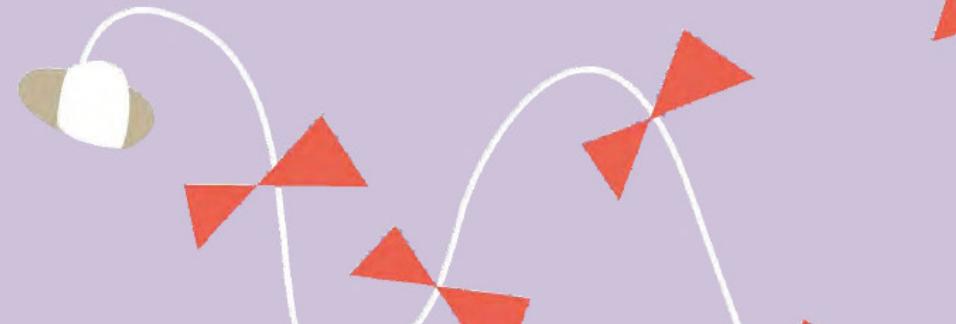




Last week my Mom
helped build my kite,
sturdy and strong,
before she went away
for work.



The tail is wiggly
but the rods are so strong.
Bendy and strong
to keep the cloth tight.



We made it together
and we sang as we worked,
laughed and talked,
and Mom told a joke.





The string is so long
but the tail is short.
Ribbons and bows
are knotted all along.



Grandma came in
'to check we're okay'
with juice and cookies,
"You've been working
so long"





Mom packed and left.
I felt myself cry,
deep inside
but no tears fell
down.



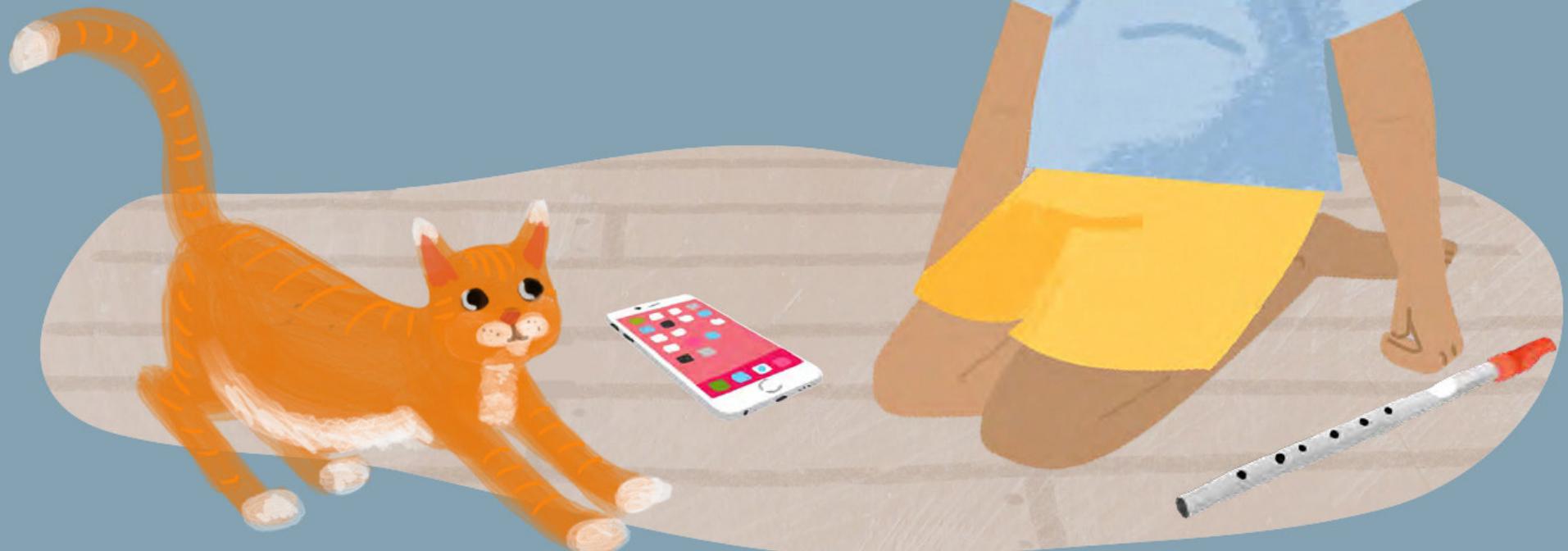


The house feels empty
now that Mom is gone.
Four long weeks,
how will I cope?



I miss Mom so much,
but Grandma is here;
cuddly and warm,
but just not my Mom

I have missed her all day.
She will call me tonight
That's good;
but I want her here now.



A warm, illustrative scene of a grandmother's love. An older woman with grey hair and a striped shirt is hugging a young boy who is crying. The boy is wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans. They are sitting on a wooden deck. The background is a soft pink.

My Grandma sees me crying
and gathers me up;
safe and secure
and tells me I'm
loved.



"Mom can't be here,
but I'll tell you what;
let's fly the kite, that
will help cheer us up."





The kite flies up,

but not too high.
Holding it tight,
I will not let it go far.

“Oh, Nick, you need to
let it go a bit more.
Give it string;
let it fly like a bird”.





"But Grandma, my mom
made me
that kite;
bright and
colourful,
I can't lose
it now."



“Oh, my love

we can bring it back
down,
anytime now.
Just give it some
slack.”



I ease it out carefully

to let the kite up;
dancing and twirling
just like a kite should.

A colorful kite with red, yellow, and pink panels and a long blue tail is flying in a blue sky with white clouds. A man with grey hair and a young boy with dark curly hair are on the left, looking up at the kite. The man is wearing a white shirt with red stripes. The boy is wearing a blue shirt. A small bird is flying to the right. A green tree is on the right. The background is a light blue.

“Bravo, my boy,
just look at it go!
I’m so proud;
you are so brave,
I love you so.”



Finally, Grandma lets me
bring it back down; safe
and secure, I hug it so tight.

“Oh Nick, you have to
learn to let go.
Mom’s coming
back just like
the kite.”





The tears fall then
and she wipes
them away.
"Mom comes
back, just like
your kite."



Mom
came back
home

just like Grandma said;
smiles and laughs, lots of
stories to tell



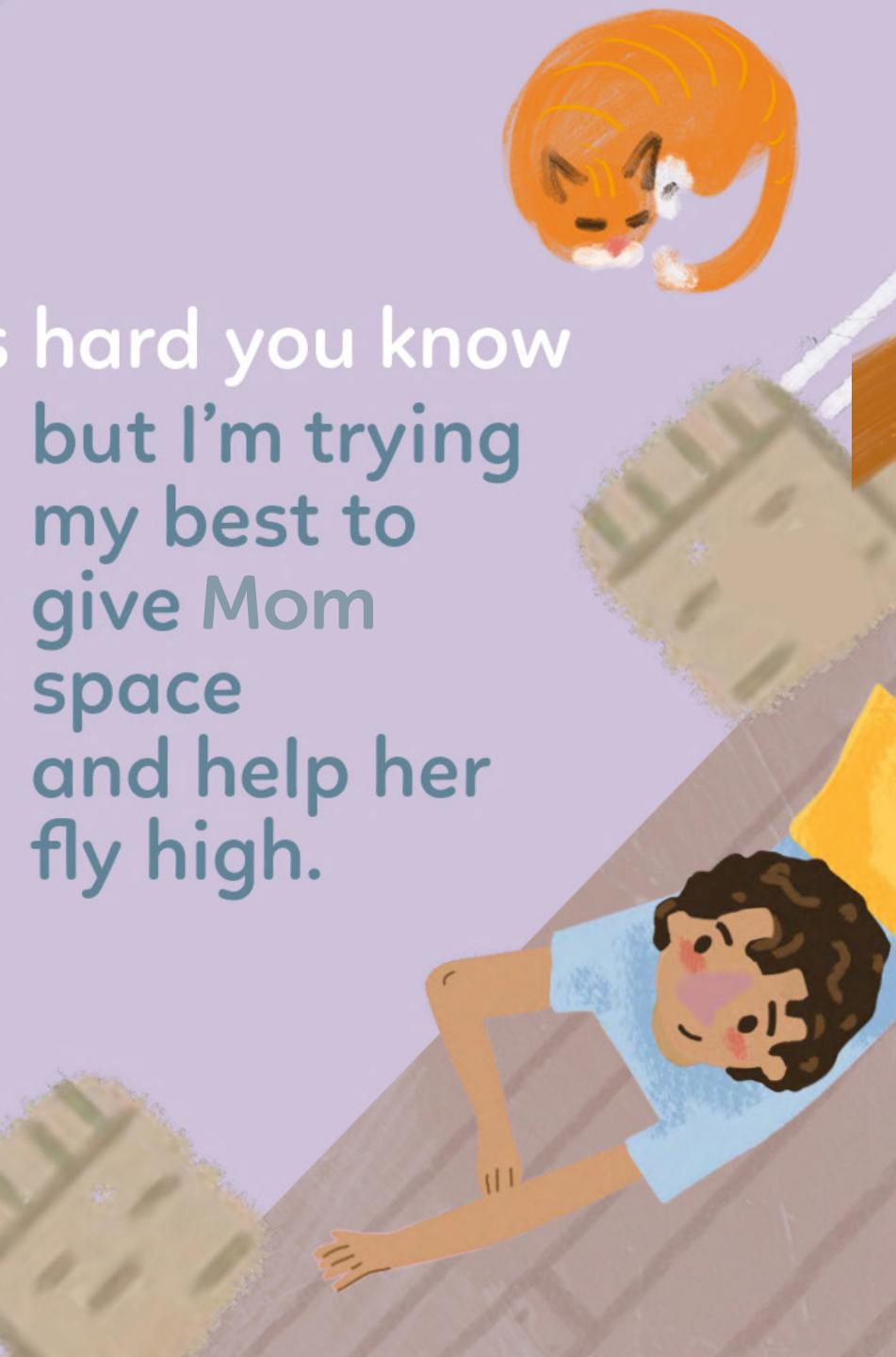
For three days I followed her
wherever she went;
like a shadow,
worried she might
leave.



“Ah, Nick, you must
remember that kite;
flying so well
when you gave it some
string.”



It's hard you know
but I'm trying
my best to
give Mom
space
and help her
fly high.



A red cardinal with a black mask and crest is perched on a brown branch with green leaves.

Name the Canadian Birds!

A black-capped chickadee with a white belly and black cap is shown in flight, its wings and tail visible.

Where in Canada would
you find them?

An American robin with a reddish-orange breast and brown back is shown in flight, its wings spread wide.A blue jay with a blue back, white wing patches, and a black crest is shown in profile, facing left.



'Mom' is a name for 'mother' that is used by people in some cultures. What are other words for 'mother' and 'father' in other cultures?

Nick and his family enjoy playing instruments. Find out more about the 3 instruments they play. What family do they belong to? What kind of sounds do they make?



There are kite festivals in different places in Canada. Find out the place nearest to you where they have a kite festival. What time of year is it held? What types of kites are flown at the festivals?



