

David Goes Green!



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This book is for
Samantha's little goldfish, David,
who loved clean water,
but hated to bathe!

David was a little fish
with a tail that went swish.



He lived in a little tank
which, dare I say it, that tank, it stank!



David's tank was oh so smelly
due to an old, smelly welly
thrown into his tank by a boy named Dinky
who'd wanted to make his tank very stinky.



When others saw what you could do,
they chucked in their old stuff too



and soon the trash, well, it started to pile
and the tank, it began to smell quite vile.

Poor old David was very, very sad
when all his friends said that he was bad
for living in such a smelly tank
which, I've got to say it, that tank, it stank!



He felt so ashamed, he went off to hide.
After all, he still had his pride.
He swam very fast right into his welly
but, oh no, he got stuck by his big fat belly!



Then, along came a girl named Lola,
who drank an awful lot of cola,



and dropped her can right into the welly,
and the can hit David right on the belly!

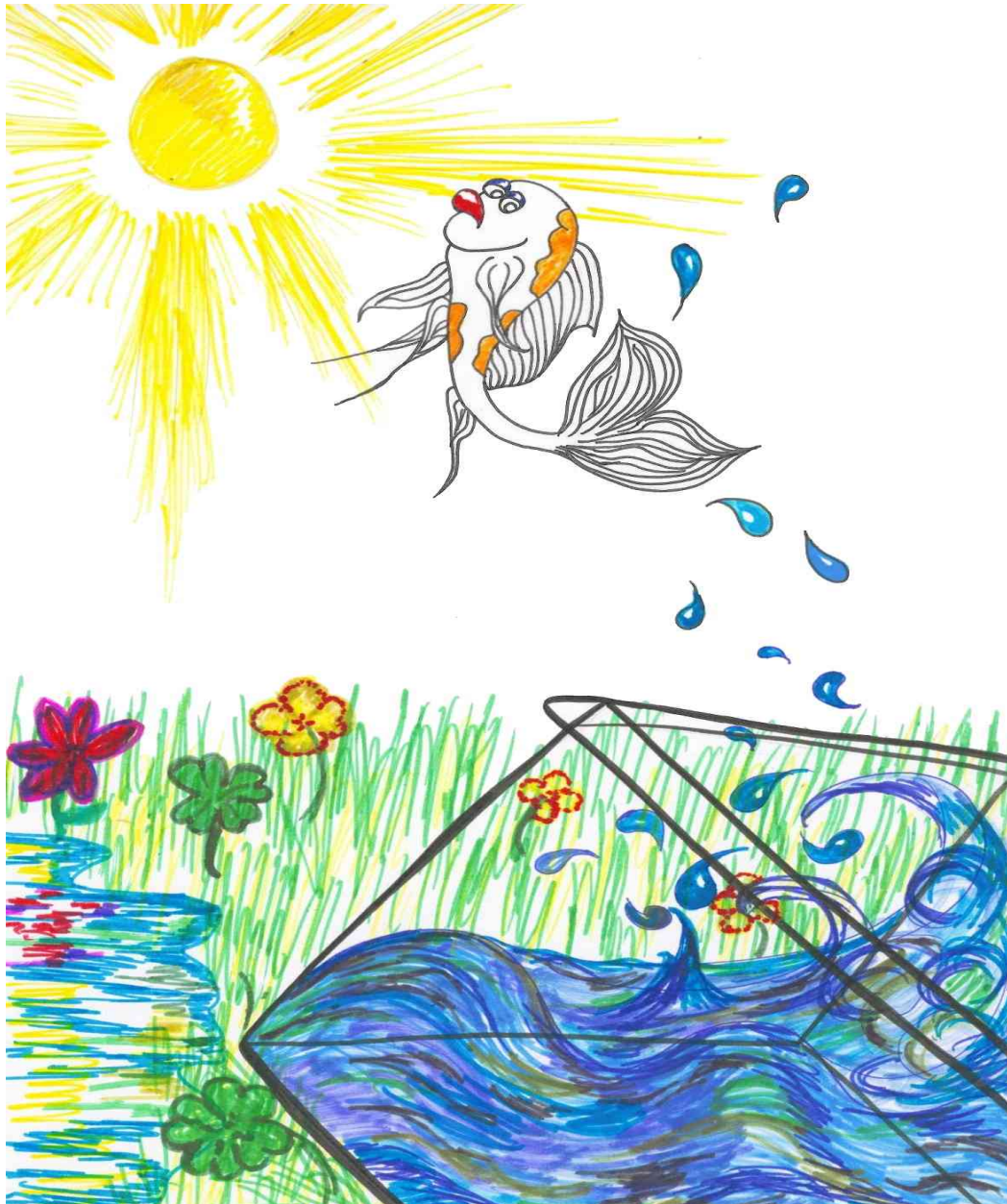


The fish thought to himself, "This is enough!
My life is getting far too rough!"
So David decided to find a new way
to spend his life, night and day.



He vowed to change the smell in his tank,
which, well, you know, oh how it stank.
"My tank is getting much too smelly
and I can't stand living in this old, smelly welly!"

So he twisted and turned with all his might.
He wiggled and put up quite a fight
until, at last, his tank rolled over,
flattening a few four-leaf clover,

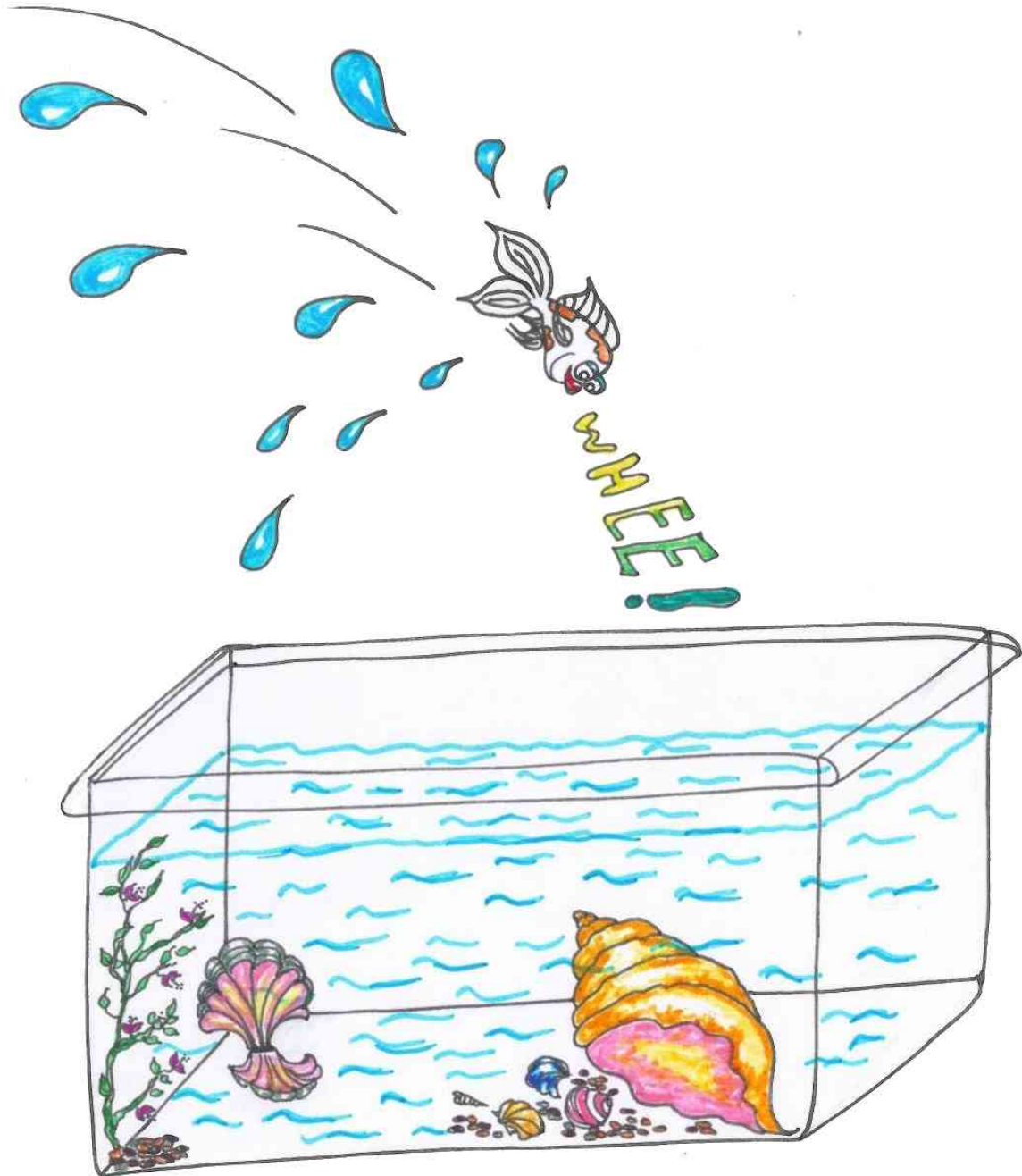


and landed by a glistening stream
with water so clear you could see it gleam.

In the clean, blue water, David felt so fine,
and soon his scales began to shine.



He cleaned his tank and jumped back inside,
his little fish heart filled with pride,



as he washed all his stuff on the bank of the stream
thinking, "Someone might use this, now that it's clean."

So he gave his old welly to Mona da Groot,
a little old lady with only one boot.
She tended her garden come rain and come shine
and with boots on both feet, she felt quite divine.



Then David swam to the recycling bin
and threw his cola can right in.



He said to himself, "I'll tell that Lola,
who still does drink a lot of cola,



to drop her cans into this bin.
It's so easy to put them in!"

David worked really hard, night and day,
reusing, recycling, not throwing stuff away.



He made a table from old plywood,
quite surprised when it looked as a table should,
and used old soup cans to pot some plants,
which he gave as presents to all of his aunts.



At last, one day, David looked around
and was amazed at what he found.



You see, all the rubbish was no longer there
and it smelled lovely when he sniffed the air.

All around people had new things they could use,
such as *Mona da Groot*, who had new shoes.

His water was clear and he felt just fine
and his scales had a sparkling, glistening shine.
His friends said, "Your tank isn't smelly at all,"
and a little girl fish had begun to call!



David said, "I learned a lot from that stink.
It was that stink that made me think.



If it weren't for my tank getting quite so smelly,
on account of the old, smelly welly,
I wouldn't have learned what people mean
when they say that they've gone green!"



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