

Ollie

Ollie was a boy who lived by a lake.

He loved ice-cold soda ad warm chocolate cake.

His favorite was juicy cheeseburgers with fries

And great big warm apple pies.



Ollie was different from all the others.

Because he was larger, he was scolded by all their mothers.

The kids at school were very mean and blunt.

The worst of all was Max, a scrawny little runt.



Max would yell out names to make Ollie feel bad.

Ollie would then eat and eat until he wasn't sad.

The kids laughed when he got too large to play.

This made Ollie sad so he ate all night and day.



One day at recess, while Ollie was crying,

A redheaded girl walked over to him, smiling.

"I want to be your friend," said the redhead.

"Please don't laugh at me, I know I'm large," Ollie said.

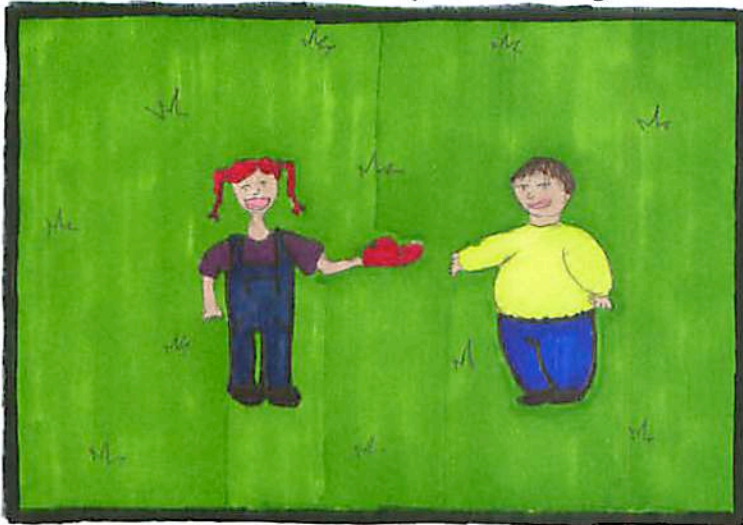


The redheaded girl swore she would never do that.

To prove it she gave him her very own red hat.

That day Ollie felt a happiness inside his chest.

He was so excited, the next day he wore his good-luck vest.



Ollie finally had someone to talk to.

They always had new and fun things to do.

Ollie and Tess that was their names.

All day long they played many, many games.



Tess even taught Ollie how to swim.

Everyday in the big lake just the two of them.

When he swam, Ollie felt really good.

He felt a happiness he never thought he could.



Time flew by and Ollie became the best.

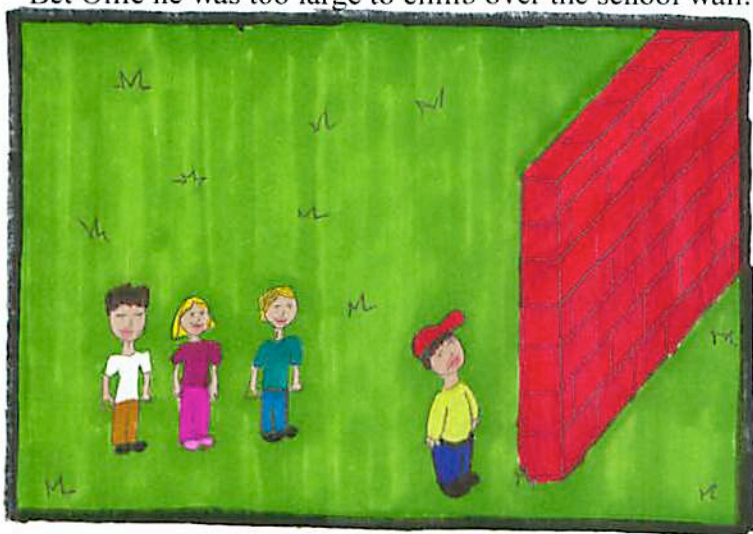
He didn't notice when he started to weigh less.

Some kids still made fun of him.

But the only thing that mattered was going out to swim.



Ollie didn't listen when tried to make him sad,
Because he always had Tess and the lake to make him glad.
One day Max, the meanest of them all,
Bet Ollie he was too large to climb over the school wall.



Ollie looked at the wall and told Max, "So,"
"I can bend, I can swim, I can play, I can throw,"
The other kids were shocked, but Tess was proud,
For the look on Max's face made aloud.



Never again was Ollie teased.

Now he had a friend, so he was pleased.

Ollie still loved to eat many things,

But he ate less and healthier to remain swim king.



Ollie still swims all day long.

He even likes to ping-pong.

Tess and Ollie are still friends to this day.

Caring slightly less about what others say.

