

THAIANN SIAM AND THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

A Story of Hope for Every Day of the Year



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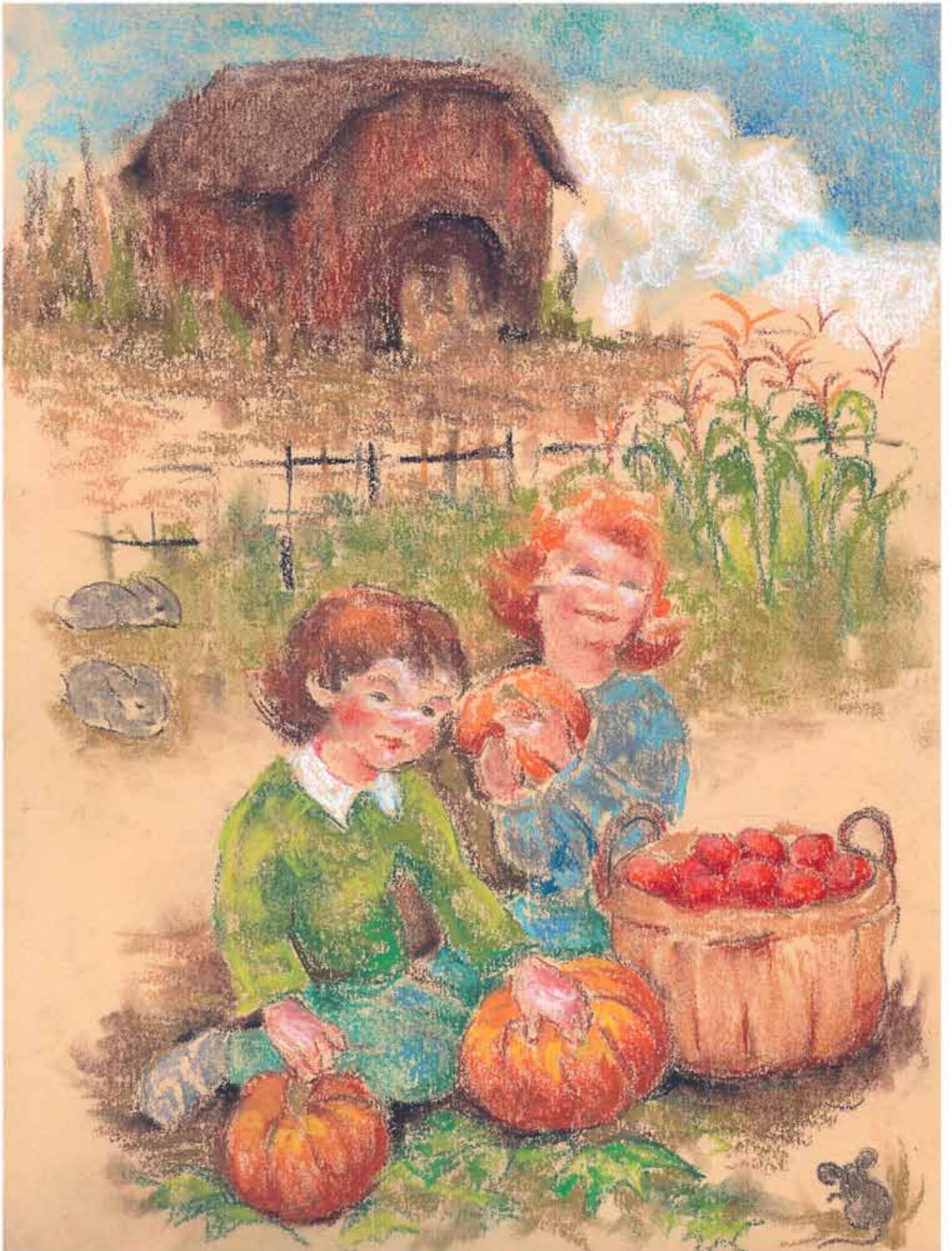
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For Kathleen A, who is already learning that
no dream is too big.



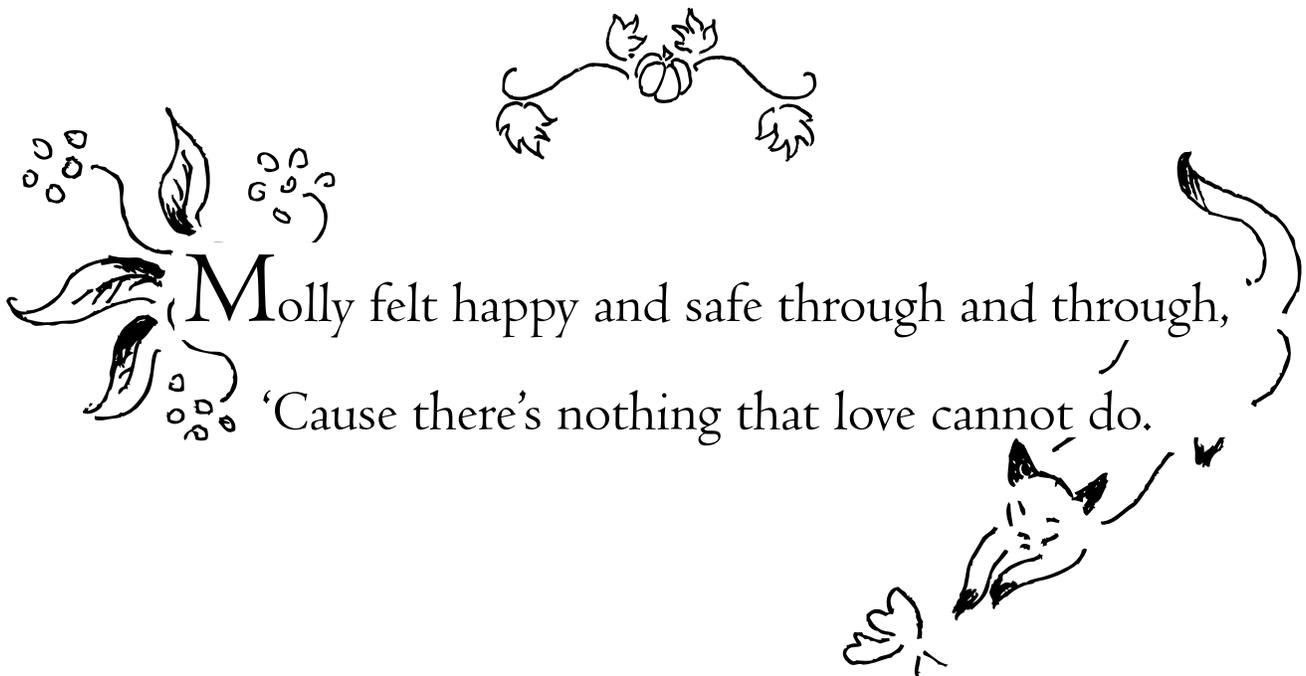
Dedicated to Debbie, Larry, Jerry and David.
All that we yet long for is possible. All.



Molly had everything she needed. Her family lived safe and sound in the house that her dad had built with his own hands. Her grandpa's big, green garden was full of juicy red tomatoes, corn, potatoes and all sorts of fresh, good food.

In the summertime, Molly chased lightning bugs in the yard under the light of the stars and moon with her sister and three brothers. Wintertime brought snow and sled riding and ice-skating on the pond.

Life was full of love for Molly, and as she and her family played together, their laughter echoed through the valley between two hills where they lived.



Molly felt happy and safe through and through,
'Cause there's nothing that love cannot do.



Molly had everything she needed. At least that's what the grownups kept telling her. But Molly knew that one thing was missing, the thing she wanted most. Molly wanted a kitten of her own.

There were lots of cats that lived in the barn, but try as she might, Molly could never catch one of them to hold. Though they came around for fresh milk when Grandpa milked the spotted cow, they weren't used to little girls, and they ran to hide from Molly as they licked their paws to wash their milky whiskers.