

Making Old Friends

with the
CAN-DO CREW

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What do you think
That I can do
To make the world better
For me and for you?

I am just a kid
Who looks around
And see lots of ideas
Waiting to be found.



I have a nice neighbor.
Her name is Mrs. Green.
She is the oldest person
That I have ever seen!

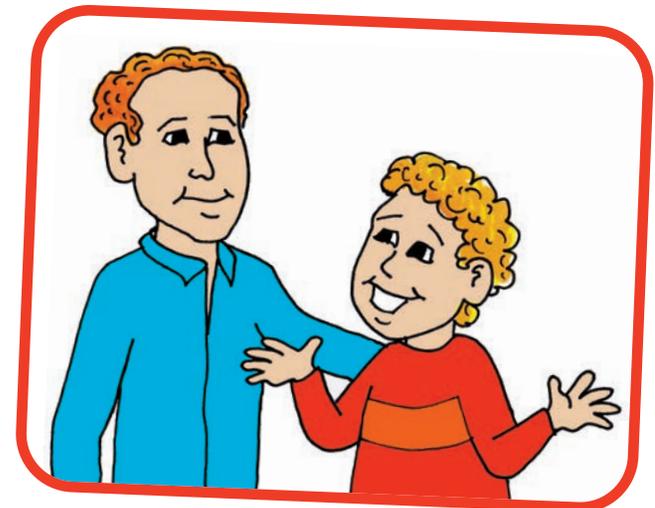


She lives all alone.
Her kids moved away.
Lately I have noticed
She stays in all day.

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that I can do
to make the world better
for me and for you?



So I came up with a plan
That would be a good deed.
I asked Dad if I could see
What Mrs. Green might need.



Then I called her and said
"Hi, I live down the street,
My name is Bradley,
Would you like to meet?"

She said, "Yes, please come over"
And met me at the door
With a big tray of cookies.
She had one; I had four!

She said she had been
A teacher in school.
The same one I go to,
Wow, that is really cool!





Then she told me a secret.
She said she would enjoy
Teaching reading again
To a girl or a boy.

So once a week I walk
To Mrs. Green's home
And she and I work
On a story or a poem.

She always takes time
No matter the day
To answer my questions
And also to play.

Sometimes her cat
Who is named Mr. Rover
Sits down on our game
And we have to start over!

Mrs. Green helps me read
And I help her, too
With some of the things
She finds hard to do.

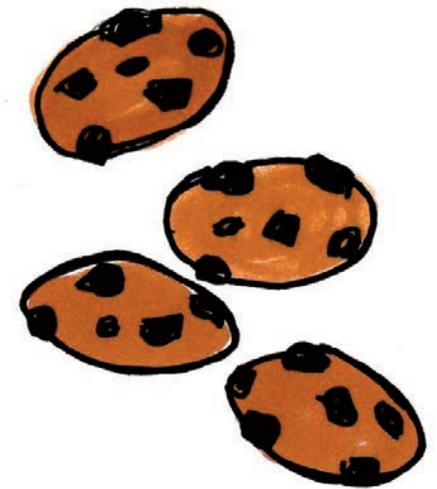


Once a week I take out
Mrs. Green's garbage pail
And whenever I visit
I bring in her mail.

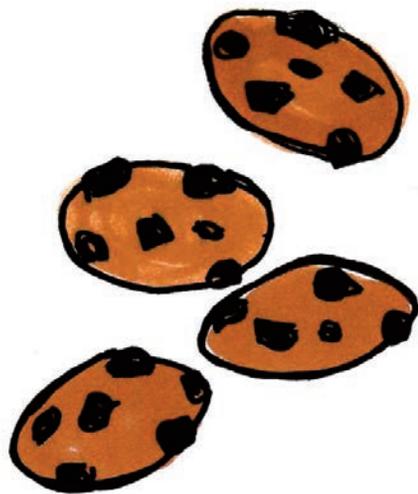
When her kitty meows
I know just what to do.
I say, "Please, Mrs. Green,
May I feed Rover for you?"



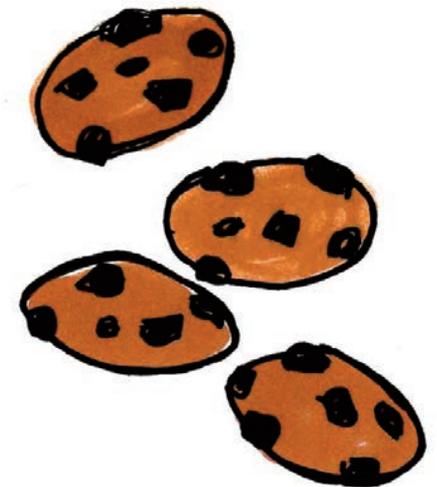
Afterwards we eat cookies,
I more than she
And we talk about her
And we talk about me.



We both like to read
And going outside
But Mrs. Green stays in
Unless she has a ride.



It is hard for her to walk
Very far anymore.
So she looks out her window
At the world past her door.





She says when I visit
I bring the world with me.
Funny stories and songs
Make her feel less lonely.

I am sad just to think
That Mrs. Green is alone
So if I cannot come over
I call her on the phone.

Every Sunday a van
Shows up at her door
And takes Mrs. Green
To the grocery store.



But last weekend it snowed
And I did not know how
The van would get through
Where it had not been plowed.

So I called up my friends
And last Saturday
The Can-Do Crew shoveled
Mrs. Green's driveway.

We all worked together
And shoveled with speed.
It made us feel happy
To do a good deed.

Mrs. Green would look out
Every once in a while
And we knew she was pleased
By the size of her smile.



When she saw what we had done,
Her thanks would not end.
But I told her, "No big deal,
After all, you are our friend!"



I can make a big difference
Just little old me
By keeping my eyes open
For others in need.

With love in my heart
And one good idea or two,
I can make the world better
For me and for you!



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