The Butterfly Who Wanted a Change

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Bella the butterfly had shiny wings. They sparkled in the sun. She spent her days with flowers. So why wasn't Bella happy?

Bella did not want to be a butterfly. She wanted to be a child. She wanted to go to school. She wanted to carry her lunch in a backpack. She wanted to kick a ball.



She asked a duck what to do.

"I'm afraid you are stuck," said the duck. He was not much help.

Then she saw a squirrel. She told him, "I want to be a child."

The squirrel shook his head. "That would be a good trick," he said. He scampered away.



"Can you show me how to change into a child?" Bella asked a sheep. The sheep shut her eyes. She said, "We are what we are."

Bella was sad. Could anyone help her?



Then, she saw a chicken. She told the chicken her wish.

"You are silly," said the chicken. "My wings are short. I cannot fly. Your wings are beautiful. You can fly. Do I want to be a butterfly? I do not! I am happy because I am good at being a chicken."

The chicken asked Bella, "What are you good at?"

"I am good at being a butterfly!" Bella said. She flew up into the sky. She landed on a chimney. Then, she landed on a flower. She fluttered her pretty wings. "I am happy with who I am."