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The Ocean Dream

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Coral loves to explore her river.
She spends hours playing in the clear blue water.



"How many rivers are there on earth?" Coral wonders. "Where does this river lead? I wish I could swim to the ocean."



One day, a rainbow fish appears, struggling in the river grass. "I've never seen such a beautiful fish," thinks Coral.



"Let me help you, little one."



The fish swishes its tail.
“Come with me,” she
says. “You saved me,
so I will share with you
a gift from the ocean.”

“A gift from the
ocean?” Coral dives
into the river. Cool
water swirls around
her body.



Coral and the rainbow fish swim and swim.
They keep swimming.
Through the river...



...over an enormous, cresting wave...

...and into the *ocean*.



Finally, they reach the ocean's heart.



Coral can barely
believe what she sees.



The rainbow fish waves its tail in a water dance.

The ocean water is cool and fresh. It wraps itself around Coral like a sweet hug.



Then, a gate to the underwater world opens.

Coral thinks, "I have never seen so much light."



"Welcome to our world, beautiful explorer," the fish say.



"With this crown, you
are now one of us."



The fish take Coral to rest on a bed of the softest seaweed.
“Please stay with us,” the fish say.



A salty drop falls on
Coral's eyelashes. She
blinks...

The underwater world
has disappeared.



Coral is lying next to
her beloved river.

She wonders, "was it
all a dream?"



Everyone she knows
has their own dream.



Coral dreams of
becoming a great
explorer.





"Rainbow fish, I will return to you," Coral whispers.

Someday, I will return to you.





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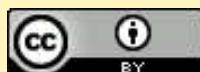
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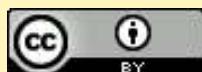


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The Ocean Dream (English)

Coral loves exploring the river. One day, she saves a rainbow fish from the river grass, and together they begin an underwater adventure.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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