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The Old Woman and the Pot of Daffodils

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Little Laura had been ill for a long time, and she was beginning to wonder if she'd ever feel like herself again. She sat in a big chair by the window, looking out at the world she couldn't reach, feeling very small and far from everything.

Then she saw a funny old woman — the kind who looks a little like a witch — stop at the window, look in, and walk right through the door into her room.

"Don't be frightened," the old woman said at once. "I'm not going to hurt you. Do you see this pot I'm carrying?"

"Yes," said Laura. "Aren't they beautiful?"

They were daffodils — yellow as sunlight.



"They're for you," the old woman said. "Every spring I take a walk each day carrying a pot of daffodils. When I see someone sitting at a window looking sick and longing to be outside, I go right in and leave them. Daffodils are better than any spring tonic, in my opinion."

The yellow flowers nodded their heads at Laura as if to say: *We'll make you well.*

And they did. More than anything else that spring, those bright, smiling flowers helped Laura get better.

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