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My ear hurt. The doctor came and stuck a sharp thing in my ear. I yelled. The pillow was all red. It was blood. I cried. It hurt worse the next day. They took me to the hospital. They put me on a white table. The room was white. They all had white dresses and white hats. They didn't see me. They walked around the room. They never looked at me. There was a white light in my face. It hurt my eyes. It made them all look whiter. Then they all came to the table. They looked at me. They didn't smile at all. They didn't say anything. They put a metal thing on my nose. I tried to breathe but something cho^{ke}d me. I held my breath and tried to get away. They pushed the thing in my face hard. They held onto my arms. They held onto my head. They wouldn't let me move. I tried to get away but I couldn't move at all. They held onto my head so hard it hurt. They pushed the thing in my face hard. I was going to ask them please let me go. I was all out of breath. I took one little breath so I could yell. I choked. The room was grey. I was scared. I didn't do anything! They wanted to kill me! Mother said I would just go to sleep. I didn't go to sleep. I thought I died.

I used to have dreams about our basement. Sally and

me had a swing there and lots of toys. We played games there when it was raining outside. Lots of other kids came and played with us. There was a dark place by the furnace. The furnace made a lot of noise. There was a fire inside the furnace. I used to have dreams about just me in the basement. The Devil was in the dark place. He smiled at me. He was very red all over and had a long tail. He had sharp horns on his head. He had sharp claws. I ran away crying but I never got to the door. I always woke up in time. I never liked that dark place even with kids there.

PART ONE

LOVE

Sally and me had lots of fun. We played games all the time. Sometimes we got mad and hit each other. Mother spanked us then and made us sit on chairs. We sat there and laughed. Mother made believe she was mad.

Sally had the best bed. She had a window so you could look outside. We woke up in the morning and then I always got in her bed. We looked out the window and told our dreams. Her dreams were best. She had dreams about Cousin Frank and us in the woods. We met bears and cows and lions. I think Sally made up her dreams. I never had dreams that good. We loved each other a lot. We camped in the woods a lot and then we always slept together. We hugged and kissed. She died a long time ago. I miss her a lot. Mother says Sally is in Heaven. She has lots of fun there. She plays games all the time. I will go to Heaven someday. Sally sure will have lots of dreams to tell me.

We moved away after that. I had a new school. It was a dirty old school. There was poison ivy in the playground. It was in a corner by the fence. I went to the school the first day and two kids asked me who I wanted for president. I said I wanted Hoover and they got mad. They said I better want Roosevelt or they would

push me in the poison ivy. They would have but there was a rich kid in our school. He was a swell guy. They were scared of him. His Father gave him boxing lessons. I stayed by him at recess. He came to see me in the hospital. He brought ice cream. It was very good.

I was in love with a girl in my class. Her name was Anna. She had long curls clear down on her shoulders. She sat in front of me. She liked me at first. She turned around and looked at me sometimes. Then she found out I skipped a grade. I was younger than her. She never looked at me anymore. The class sent me a card in the hospital. They all put their names on the card. She put her name on the card bigger than anybody else. The class said on the card I was going to be King in the Play. Anna was going to be Queen. It was hard to sleep in the hospital sometimes. There were little kids crying all the time. I thought a lot about Anna. I was going to be King and she would look at me then. I didn't get to be King. Mother gave me lessons at home. Then we moved away. I went to another school. I never saw Anna anymore. I lost the card. I can't hardly remember her face at all. I remember she had long curls.

PART ONE
ADVENTURE

We camped in the ^{mountains} ~~woods~~ a lot. We went mostly to Huckleberry Creek. Uncle Jack and Aunt Mary and Cousin Frank went with us. Daddy and Uncle Jack went fishing. Cousin Frank took Sally and me for walks. There was a big tree that fell down a long time ago where we camped. Cousin Frank always climbed up on the tree and pulled Sally and me up. We were scared but it was lots of fun. The tree was all moss on top. There were little trees growing on it. Mother and Aunt Mary got mad and made us come down. We always went up again. Daddy and Uncle Jack gave us periwinkles to play with. They are little bugs that live in the river. They live in little houses made of little rocks and pieces of wood. Daddy and Uncle Jack always caught a lot of fish. Mother and Aunt Mary cooked them. They made a big fire and cooked the fish in a big black pan. We ate them for supper. Cousin Frank and Sally and me always tried to see who could eat the most.

We had Thanksgiving dinner at a big restaurant in the woods. Then we climbed Mount Rainier. It was very hot and we left our coats on a big rock. We tried to find the rock after we climbed Mount Rainier. It took a long time and we thought we lost our coats. We laughed a lot looking for our coats. Sally and me told at school how

we climbed Mount Rainier. Teacher said we didn't climb Mount Rainier. Sally and me got very mad. Teacher had us draw pictures of Mount Rainier. Then she believed us.

Sally got sick and went to the hospital. Mother and Daddy and me went camping. It was after Christmas. It was very cold. Daddy went fishing in the river. It was a new river. We had never been there before. Daddy carried me on his shoulders out in the river. It was a lot of fun. I told Daddy I bet Sally would like it too. He would have to give us turns next time. He said he could carry us both the same time. I thought he was telling a joke. I asked Mother. She said he could. I thought she was telling a joke. I said I bet he couldn't. He would have to give us turns. Mother started crying. Daddy went off in the woods. Mother hugged me and I started crying. Sally wasn't ever coming home from the hospital.

There was a mountain by our camp. It was mostly snow. I think it is the biggest mountain in the world. They call it Whitehorse Mountain. I never saw the White Horse. Daddy and Mother never saw the White Horse either. We all looked for it too.

There were no mountains where we moved. There were woods on the other side of the street. Us kids picked up acorns in the woods. There were blueberries in the

woods too. There was a swamp in the woods. We had to jump across water on logs and dry places. One day we saw a snake in the water. They said it was a poison snake and we got all wet running out of the swamp. There was a hill behind our house. It snowed and we all got on a big toboggan and slid down the hill. They let me steer one time. I was scared. There was a stone wall on the hill. The toboggan went very fast. The snow came up in my eyes. I was scared of hitting the wall so I steered the other way. We hit a pile of cow manure. Everybody laughed. The manure was cold so it didn't smell bad.

There were a lot of tough kids at school. They didn't like me. I tried to stay with the rich kid they were scared of. He had a car that took him home after school. I had to run home after school. One time they caught me and pushed me off the sidewalk. I fell in the ditch. It was full of water. They wouldn't let me get out of the ditch. The man in the candy store made them go away. Mother was mad when I got home because it was snowing and I was all wet. She didn't want me to go to school anymore. Daddy said I had to fight them. He showed me how to fight.

I went to school next day. The tough kid that pushed me in the ditch yelled names at me at recess. I stayed with the rich kid. We always lined up on the

steps after recess. I didn't hear the bell that time and I was last in our class. I was on the bottom step. The tough kid ran around the yard after the bell. He always did that. He saw me at the end of the line. He ran at me. I heard him running. He wasn't in my class but he was running at me. I was scared. He was going to knock me down ~~on the ground~~. It would hurt. Teacher would be mad but he would say it was an accident. I got mad. He ran at me and he was just behind me. He was going to knock me off the step. I turned around and hit him in the face. He was on the ground and I was on the step. He was running so hard he ran right into my fist. Then I went up the steps. Teacher saw me hit him. He fell down on his back. He didn't get up. I was scared I killed him. Teacher didn't take me to the Principal. She didn't say a word. I was scared all day. I thought he would kill me after school. I didn't want to go home. I went out in the yard finally. He wasn't there. I never saw him again. I got a bad cold next day and never went back to the school anymore.

PART ONE

PRAYER

I say my prayers every night. I learn my Sunday School lessons. I do what Mother and Daddy say and what Teacher says. I'm scared of Hell. Sally and me always went to the show Saturday. Mother gave us two dimes for getting in and two pennies. We bought candy with the pennies. There were always cartoons and a serial and a cowboy picture. There was a magician sometimes. There were big red pictures about Hell outside the show one day. There was a picture in the show at night about Hell. The pictures outside the show were about people in Hell. They had no clothes and they were in a big fire. They yelled and cried. They wanted to get out. God wouldn't let them out. They didn't say prayers. They didn't go to Sunday School. They did bad things. A lot of kids at my school are going to Hell. I like some of them. I feel sorry for them. There are some kids are going to Hell I don't care if they do. I was scared when Sally died she was in Hell. I cried a lot because the fire hurts a lot. Sally and me were bad sometimes. She was scared a lot by those pictures. She said she didn't want to go to Hell. I cried because I was scared she was in Hell getting burned up. Mother says Sally wasn't bad. She says God knows Sally was a good girl. Mother says Sally is in Heaven. They have a lot of fun in heaven.

They play games all the time. Mother says I will go to Heaven someday. I don't cry as much now. I sure am glad Sally is not in Hell. Sally and me were twins. She was born first. She always told people she was older than me. I got very mad sometimes. It was only a game though. I am going to be a good boy always. I don't want to go to Hell. It hurts a lot. God makes you stay there always if you are bad. I want to go to Heaven where Sally is.