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Most days, George sat on a bench at the edge of the woods and stared out at the distant hills. He wondered about Life.

Oh, life is lovely, he thought. Tra-la-la and all that! But is this it? he wondered. Is this all there is?

His brothers and sisters never wondered about anything. They were perfectly happy chatting, fishing – doing the usual bear things – and telling the same old stories over and over again.

But George was bored. He didn't want to do the usual bear things anymore. He wanted other things. But *what?* he wondered.