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The sun was up early  
and so was Alfie,  
out in the back garden,  
before anyone else  
was properly awake,  
not even Annie Rose.

The birds were busy  
and so was Alfie,  
checking his secret hiding place  
in the bush where he sometimes kept a shop.

And high in the sky,  
way above the roof tops and T.V. aerials,  
some fluffy white clouds were drifting slowly,  
like a flock of sheep across the blue.

It was going to be a lovely day.



As soon as he was dressed, Alfie wandered down to the end of the garden to take a look around. Right at the bottom there was a straggly patch where Mum had her washing line, and there was a little shed where Dad kept his gardening things.

It was a good place to play, or to go if you wanted to be on your own for a bit.

