For Val, who loves a garden, all things in it,
and who loves music – *Jackie Morris*

For Toto and his garden, with love – *James Mayhew*



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Mrs Noah's Garden



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If Mrs Noah ever thought of home,
it was her garden that she missed the most.

High on the hill where the ark had come to rest, Mr Noah was busy, turning the great boat into a house.

Mrs Noah touched the earth. It was warm on her fingertips. She looked all around the ark. On the south side the slope was less steep. A few shrubs and bushes had clung on, despite the flood. Two yew trees stood, ancient and tall.

Yes, thought Mrs Noah. Here.







Mrs Noah cleared some space.
She had some help.
Together she and the children carried
small stones, built walls and terraces
that dropped down the hillside
in shallow steps.