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Gracie had a star.
Every night it shone for her
outside her bedroom window.
"You're my special star," she whispered.

But each morning it had gone.

"I miss you," she said softly as she searched the sky. "I wish you were here with me all the time."

So one very quiet night Gracie crept quietly into the forest and climbed to the top of the tallest tree.

She reached far into the twinkling sky and gently took her beautiful shining star.

But when she got back home and took the star
from her pocket it didn't shine so brightly
She rubbed it and rubbed it to make it shine,
but nothing happened.

"You must be tired, just like me," she yawned.

Gracie couldn't wait until the evening when her star would shine again, just as it always did.

When twilight came she carried her star to the top of the hill. Far away, hundreds of stars began to glitter.

All except one. . .