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Once upon a time, in an ocean far away.
There was a creature that lived below the sea spray.

His name was Ollie, he was curious, bright, and fun.
He didn't yet know it, but he was a special one!

His home under the sea was so big and so vast.
And sometimes it went by really, really fast!

Sometimes he was scared from all the activity and flurry.
It always seemed that everyone was in a hurry!

While it was obvious that he lived in the same place.
He often found it hard to find his very own special place.

Some of the others had many different types of fin.
But he was so different that it made his head spin!

Others were covered in bright shiny scales..oh my!
They would flash in the bright sunlight as they would go by.

Some had wings and seemed to soar.
As they gracefully slid along the ocean floor.

Still others had shells and carried their home on their back.
This often made Ollie feel like he was in lack.

Ollie didn't have fins, a shell, or wings.
He didn't have any of those things!

A head with arms and legs was all he had.
Often it made him feel quite sad.

Ollie was so sad that he started to turn blue.
For he didn't yet realize that he was special too.

Ollie swam around feeling quite glum.

He didn't even feel like eating his chum.

At that exact moment when he was about to cry.
Along came an eel that was swimming by.

She stopped and she looked with compassion in her eyes.
There was something about her that seemed quite wise.

"My name is Ellie. What is wrong, dear one?
It doesn't look like you're having much fun."

"I'm not! It's so awful! I don't know what to do!
I'm so different and sad that my skin is turning blue!"

Ellie took one look and with kindness said, "Yes, that's true.
But did you always know that was something you could do?"

Wait! Ollie was blue! That was something new!
That was something he didn't know he could do!

"I bet if you tried, you'd find that it's true.
That turning blue isn't all you can do."

Her eyes began to twinkle with each word that she said.
And it made Ollie wonder what was going through her head.

What Ellie had said made Ollie begin to think.
"I wonder if I can turn my skin pink!"

Ollie thought real hard and just like that.
Ollie was pink as quick as a flash!

It filled him with wonder. It filled him with awe!
Ollie could turn into any color he saw!

He began to realize. He now understood.
That turning different colors could be something good!

"Follow me!" She said with a start.
And Ollie could see the glow from her heart.

That gave him the confidence to go out his door.
Now he was curious and had to explore!

They swam and they swam and he found a new rock.
He sat down upon it and now he had spots!

He continued to explore and found something bumpy.
This time when he sat upon it his skin became quite lumpy!

On and on and on did they go.
For now Ollie felt like he had found his flow.

Then his friend, Ellie, said to him something substantial!
"Ollie," she said, "it's what's different that makes you special!"

And just like that something flipped like a switch.
For Ollie realized that he was meant to enrich!

"It's amazing! It's a miracle!" He said with a shout!
For Ollie had finally figured it out.

A light shone from within, and Ellie yelled, "Attaboy!"
For Ollie had learned that comparison is the thief of joy.