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in my heart - Virginie Zurcher

For Ben, I know you'll reach the stars
one day! - Daniel Howarth



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All the animals ran to
see what had happened.

"Oh no! Are you alright,
Little Star?" asked Zebra.
"Can we help you?"

"I need to get back into the
sky so I can twinkle like
a diamond," Little Star
said sadly.

"I'll help you," said Lion. "I'm the strongest animal in the zoo."

Lion picked up Little Star, climbed onto a rock, and lifted her high into the air.



Lion could lift Little Star easily, but he couldn't reach the sky.

"I can help!" called Ant.



"Rahahaha," laughed Lion, "you're too small. You can't help."



"Well, if you think you can do it, you might as well try," said Lion, rolling his eyes.



Ant scuttled off...