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"My little sister.

What will her name be, Mommy?"

"Well, she's not quite with us yet," said Mom.

"But when will she have a name, Mommy?" said Francie.

"Soon," said Mom. "Sometime soon."



Francie saw a whole back window  
just waiting for a name ...



a window just waiting for Francie's wet finger.

"Could it be Alice, maybe? Or Isabel ... Emma ... or, um, Zoe?"

"Well, they're nice, Francie," said Mom, "but there's a name  
somewhere out there that will fit her just right."