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# **Just Because**

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My big sister *Clemmie*  
is my best friend.

She can't walk, talk,  
move around much...

... cook macaroni, pilot a plane,  
juggle, or do algebra.

I don't know why she doesn't  
do these things.

*Just because.*



She's a lot like a **princess**.  
They don't have to do much either.

They can just sit and look pretty.

*Just because.*



Some sisters can be mean.

They **scream** and shout,

pull your hair,

steal your chips,  
and won't play cowboys  
with you.



I don't know why they're  
like that.

*Just because.*



*Clemmie's* not like that.

