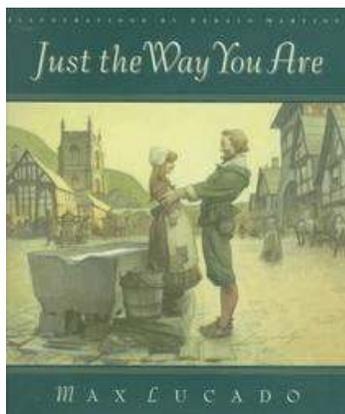


# Just the Way Your Are

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Once upon a time there were five brothers and sisters. They were orphans. That means they were children who lost their parents. They heard that they will have a father and he was the king. They were excited and jumping around and happy.

They started to make things to impress the king. The first boy was going to make wooden art for the king. The other boy was going to share his knowledge with the king. One girl was going to play music and the other girl was going to paint a picture for the king.

The fifth child did not have anything to give the king but she had a big heart. She always stood by the gate waiting for travelers to pass by. She asked how their trip was and how their husband or wife was. She groomed and fed their animals. She wanted to know what they learned on their visit.

When the king came, he asked her if she could feed his donkey. She asked if he was weary from his journey. He said, "Yes, I am." Then he said he wanted to go sit and rest. The little girl stared at him. When he woke up, he looked at her. She was embarrassed that she had stared at him.

She asked him, "Did you find what you came here for?" and he said, "Yes, but they were all too busy." One was too busy cutting wood. The other went to school in the city. The other one was painting and did not want to be disturbed. The fourth one was singing and had no time.

She said, "You are the king? You don't look like a king." And he said, "I don't try to look like a king because too many people ask me favors. So I don't want to look like a king. I want to look like a regular person. I want to be with my people."

She had no gift for him so she asked him if she could be his daughter. She said, "What about me. Could I still be your child. I don't have anything to give you" He said, "Of course. You gave me your heart."