



When



Robins



Appear



A

play

by



Next



Door









But

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One









The  play begins with  Robin.





 Robin wants to  help  two  strangers  this  Christmas.

 There are  two  children  Lowen and  Ellis.





 Ellis and  Lowen are  sad.

 Ellis and  Mum have  just  moved house and  their  house is  filled with  boxes.





 Lowen and  Dad have  lots of  boxes in  their  house from  Granbows  house.





 Ellis needs to  find  their  phone charger.




    Granbows  fairy lights.

 is  for  and  this year.

 and  think  might  the  Christmas.

 has  moved  and  is poorly.

 has to  Mum,  Christmas  scary.

 Grandma  called Granbow.  misses Granbow.







 was the  at  planning.  died.






 and  are .

 Ellis +  Mum are  sad.

 Mum +  Dad say  'retrace your  steps!' to  find what  you  need.

 It starts to  snow +  the snow  covers  Ellis +  Lowens  footprints.

 Ellis +  Lowen  notice a  trail of  small  footprints in the snow.

 They follow the  footprints +  bump  into  each other.

 Ellis +  Lowen  argue about  who  has the  worst

 Christmas.

  
Ellis

  
has

  
no

  
decorations

  
Lowen

  
can't find

  
their

  
decorations

  
Ellis

  
misses

  
their

  
old

  
friends

  
Lowen

  
misses

  
their

  
Granbow

  
Ellis

is

  
worried

  
about

  
starting

a

  
new

  
school

  
Lowen

is

  
worried

  
about

  
Dad

  
Ellis

is

  
worried

  
about

  
Mum

  
Lowen

+

  
Ellis

  
realise

it's

  
silly

to

  
compete

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most



  
sad.







A   appears.









   ones are  near  when   appear'.






  talks!  +  are  shocked!

 is  cheeky  but  wants to  help  and  be  less

 +  sad and grumpy.

  reminds  and  of  happier  times.

  asks  and  if  they  would  like  to go

 back  in time to  their  favourite  Christmas.

  isn't  sure.   asks  to go  see  Granbow.



Robin



teaches



them

a



rhyme.



Puff



out



your



chest,

and



have



no



fear.



Fluff



your



feathers,



think

of



someone



dear.



Loved

ones are



near,



when



robins



appear.



Then

fly



through

the



sky

with a



festive



cheer!



Robin



takes



Lowen

and



Ellis

to



Granbows



house,



when



Lowen

was

8

8



years



old.



Lowen

+



Granbow



decorate

the



Christmas tree.



Granbow



puts



fairy lights



in

the



cupboard

for



Dad.

It's a



tradition.



When



Dad

was a



child



and



he

was



sad,



he



would



sit



in

the



cupboard

as it



feels safe



in



there.



Granbow



wanted to



make

it



colourful



and



festive



so



put



up



tinsel



baubles



and



fairy lights



in

the



cupboard.



There

wasnt



space



in

the



cupboard

anymore for



Dad.



Granbow



helped



Dad

to



hang

the



decorations



in

the



house,



but



kept

the



fairy lights



in

the



cupboard.



Dad



doesn't need

the



cupboard

anymore.





Dad



has



Lowen



who



makes



him



happy.



Lowen



cuts



their



finger



on



a



lantern,



whilst



trying

to



untangle fairy lights.



Granbow



taught



Lowen



that



when



you



have

a



knotty



problem



you



just



have to



focus on

1

one



row



at

a



time.



Lowen

+

and



Dad



miss



Granbow.



They



need

the



lights

to



remember



her



this



Christmas.



Lowen



thinks



they



will



give

up



looking

for the



lights.



Ellis



reminds



Lowen

of



Granbow's



advice,



when



things



feel



knotty



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row



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a



time.



Robin



takes



Lowen

+

and



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favourite



Christmas,



They



go back

in



time to



Ellis'



birthday



when



Mum



combined



Ellis'



birthday

+

and



Christmas



present



together.



It was a mobile phone!



The phone



made



Ellis'



life



easier.



They



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Fibromyalgia.



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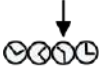
body

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and

 struggles to  sleep.

 Ellis helps  care for  their  Mum.

 Mum wants to  be super  Mum, but  needs help  sometimes.






 Lowen and  Ellis are going to  have  different Christmas'  this year.



 Ellis talks to  their friend  Ash about  their Christmas,  which









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
 Ash's family  eat  beans on toast for  Christmas Dinner.









 Ellis decides to  cook  mac n  cheese for  Christmas Dinner.

 Lowen and  Ellis remind  each other that  Christmas  doesn't






 have to    be     perfect.




 Lowen    +     Ellis     argue     about     making     Christmas     suit     each other.









 Robin     tells     them     not    to     argue.

 Robin     has     given     Lowen    +     Ellis     what     they     need.





 Lowen    +     Ellis    are     confused.










 They     haven't     found    the     phone charger    or     fairy lights.











 Robin     tells     Ellis    +     Lowen     that     they    are     magic.




 Ellis    +     Lowen     used     their     memories    to     share     happier     times









 together.








It  wasn't  magic. It was  their  memories.








 Robin  reminds  Ellis  and  Lowen  that  anytime  they  miss

 Granbow  or  old  friends,  or  when  things  feel  too  big







 or  busy,  they can:

 Puff  out  your  chest,  and  have  no  fear.

 Fluff  your  feathers,  think  of  someone  dear.

 Loved  ones  are  near,  when  robins  appear.

Then  fly  through  the sky  with a  festive cheer!

 Ellis  and  Lowen  need  to go  home.



They



walk



home



together

+

and



realise



that



they



live



next to



each other.



Ellis



introduces



Lowen

to



Mum.



Ellis

+

and



Lowen

are



going to

be



in

the



same



class



at



school.



Mum



gives



Lowen

a



box



which



has



Granbow's



fairy lights



in.



Mum



hasn't



found



Ellis'



phone charger,

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Mum



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Ellis



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Christmas

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this year.



Lowen



goes



home

and



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Dad

to



make

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Granbow.



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Ellis

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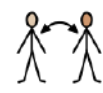


friends

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tell



each other

if



they



have



big



feelings.

They agree to say 'I saw a robin today' if they need their

friend to listen.

Lowen and Ellis wish each other a Merry Christmas.

The end.