

Goo-Goo Grief

Every day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Walden practices playing his hoopty horn (a very long and curvy musical instrument).

But today, just as he starts to play, he is interrupted by a very loud crying noise. It's so loud that he can't even hear himself play. He runs outside to see a very large elephant type creature (it's called a Goo-Goo) sitting on his front lawn crying.

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Walden tries to use his many books, maps, and charts to try to help the Goo-Goo but it just keeps crying and crying.

Trying to help, Widget drives over in his giant crane and suggests that they just move the Goo-Goo to another place so that Walden can practice his song. But, the Goo-Goo is too big and heavy! When they try to pick it up the crane breaks, the Goo-Goo falls to the ground, and the crying gets even louder!

Finally, Wubby comes by and innocently asks if anyone wants to play a game of kickity-kick ball. The Goo-Goo immediately stops crying and starts to wave his hands with excitement. It turns out that all the Goo-Goo wanted was a friend to play with! Wubby and the Goo-Goo run off kicking the ball with joy.

Walden and Widget follow them as they go over a hill and into town. They go all the way to the center of town and stop outside of a giant circus tent.

Finally the Goo-Goo says a word that everyone understands. He happily cries out, "Home!"

Dressed in their circus performer outfits, the Goo-Goo's mom and dad come out and give their baby a big hug.

As thanks for bringing their child home, they invite Wubby, Widget, and Walden to perform with them in the circus.

The performance includes everyone singing a song about:

- understanding other peoples needs
- learning to communicate
- helping others