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Chapter 1

A little boy Caleb, asks his older sister, Anna, about his mother who had died when he was young.

He never got to know her and misses her a lot.

Their Papa returns home and says that he put a letter in the newspaper for a new mother.

A woman named Sarah wrote a letter back.

Sarah is lonely and wants a family.

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Chapter Two

The family all write letters to Sarah.

Anna asks if Sarah can braid hair.

Caleb asks if Sarah snores.

Sarah says she can braid hair and she sleeps quiet.

Sarah has a cat that she wants to bring. The family says OK.

Sarah is traveling by train.

She says to look for a woman who wearing a yellow bonnet.

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Chapter Three

Sarah gets to the train station in the spring.

The family is excited to see her.

Sarah brings them gifts from her home in Maine.

Sarah misses the sea.

The children will behave so that Sarah will not leave.
Chapter Four

Sarah talks all about the sea while she picks flowers with the children.

Sarah starts singing.

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Chapter Five

Sarah is excited to pet the sheep on the farm.

She loves animals and Maine does not have farms.

She misses the dunes in the cape.

Papa shows the family a pile of hay that looks like a dune.

Sarah and the children play on it.

Sarah draws the children pictures.

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Chapter Six

Sarah learns how to plow a field.

She asks the children about prairie winters.

The children go to school in the winter.

Sarah says she is very smart and loves books.

Sarah goes swimming in the cow pond and the family is surprised.

They had never thought of that.

Sarah teaches the children to swim.

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Chapter Seven

Neighbors live far away but come to help each other’s farms.

Two neighbors, Matthew and Maggie, came over to help Papa’s farm.

Maggie also found her family in a newspaper ad;

Maggie is from Tennessee.

Maggie and Sarah talk about missing their homes.

The children get nervous that Sarah will leave.

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Chapter Eight

Sarah wants to learn how to ride a horse and drive the wagon to town.

The children are afraid Sarah, she won’t come back.

Sarah helps fix the roof on the house when a storm began.

Sarah, the family, and the animals stayed safe in the barn.

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Chapter Nine

After the storm, Sarah and the family cleaned up.

Sarah learned how to drive the wagon.

The family was worried Sarah will leave and never return

Around dinnertime, Sarah returns. The children cry in relief.

Sarah says she misses home but she would have missed them even more.

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