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Charlotte's Gift

Wilbur, the little pig, had always dreamed of a long and happy life. But one day, he overheard terrible news—the farmers planned to turn him into bacon. Fear filled his heart, but Charlotte, a wise and caring spider, promised to help him.

Charlotte knew she had to do something extraordinary. She decided to use her web to weave words that would make the humans see Wilbur as special. Night after night, she worked tirelessly, spinning messages like "Some Pig" and "Terrific." Her plan worked! People from all over came to see the "miracle" pig, and soon, Wilbur became famous. The farmers decided to let him live.

But Charlotte had made a great sacrifice. Weaving those words took all her strength. As the fair ended and Wilbur celebrated his victory, Charlotte grew weaker. She knew her time was running out, but she didn't regret what she had done. She had saved her friend's life.

Before Charlotte passed away, Wilbur promised to protect her egg sac so that her children would live on. He carried it back to the barn and waited patiently. When her baby spiders hatched, Wilbur felt both sadness and joy—his dear friend was gone, but her kindness remained in the lives she had created.

Through Charlotte's actions, Wilbur learned that true friendship means putting others before yourself. Charlotte never asked for anything in return. Her sacrifice showed that love and kindness can last forever, even when someone is no longer there.