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Stargirl's Spark

At Mica High School, everyone followed the unspoken rules. Students wore the same styles, listened to the same music, and cheered for the same teams. No one stood out—until Stargirl arrived.

From the moment she stepped into the school, everything about her was different. She wore long, flowing dresses and carried a ukulele, which she played in the cafeteria. She cheered for both teams at basketball

games, not just Mica High. And when someone was sad, she left small gifts in their locker—even if she didn't know them.

At first, her classmates were fascinated. They whispered in the hallways about the girl who danced in the rain and sang "Happy Birthday" to people she barely knew. Some admired her courage. Others weren't sure what to think.

Then, something changed. People who had once cheered for Stargirl began to pull away. Her kindness, which once seemed magical, now felt strange to them. Why did she care so much about others? Why didn't she act like everyone else? Some students thought she was embarrassing, and whispers turned into snickers.

Leo Borlock, a quiet boy at school, liked Stargirl. He admired her free spirit, but he also wanted to fit in. When people began to avoid her, he felt torn. Should he stand by her, or should he try to make her more like everyone else?

Stargirl never seemed to notice the shift. She kept being herself, bringing joy to those around her. But Mica High had a way of silencing what was different. One day, Stargirl changed. She started wearing jeans and t-shirts. She stopped cheering for the other team. She tried to be "normal." But something was missing.

In the end, being like everyone else didn't feel right for Stargirl. She had taught Mica High an important lesson: being true to yourself is more important than fitting in. But was the school ready to learn it?