

Fifth Grade Talent Night (Part 2)

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Ms. Gomez said, “I think you might find that doing a solo would be a lot of fun.”

Jill gave Ms. Gomez a small smile before responding. “Do you say that to all your students?”

Ms. Gomez, “No, I do not advise all my students to think about doing a solo because that would not be right. But I have listened to you singing all year, and I know you would be fantastic if this is something you would like to do.”

This gave Jill something to think about. She did love to sing. Music class was the best time of her school day. She wanted to feel brave and tell Ms. Gomez that she would be thrilled to perform, but something held her back. What if it was time to begin her song and she got stage fright? Nicole and Rebecca had at least had each other if

one of them felt scared. She wished one of her friends liked to sing, but that was not the case.

Jill said, "Thank you for giving me a push, but the thing is I would not have fun being all alone on stage."

Ms. Gomez sighed. Other students she had approached had this same feeling. Then, she had an insight. "Jill, what if we had a meeting at lunch next week for kids who are just thinking about singing. Maybe students could find other students who wanted to sing a duet?"

Jill answered, "I would come, and I bet others would too."