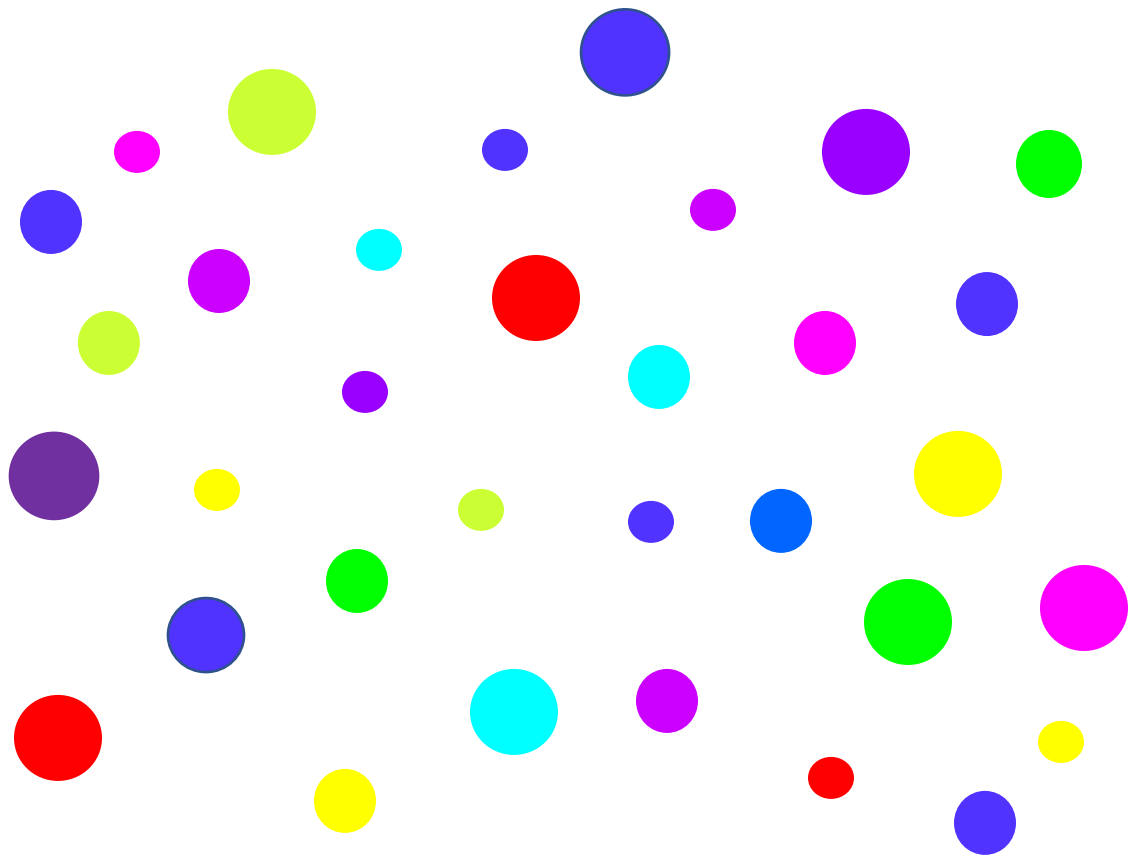


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For Connie, who loved these stories

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Her nose pressed against the windowpane,
Penelope watches and waits patiently.
Her cat, Mustache, meows, drools,
and twitches with excitement for a different reason.
"Oh, look. I can see the first snowflake!
Did it come from the far north; she wonders?
Has it fallen from the moon since it sparkles and
twinkles like a speck of fine fluffy fairy dust?"







At first, it snows only a few small flakes.

The most glittering and silvery one
lands on the crest of a cedar waxwing.

It stays for a short while
before it melts and disappears.





All night, the snowflakes swirl
and waltz with the wind.
They come to rest on Penelope's house
to make a cotton roof.
They dress the fir tree and frost
the dead plants in the gardens.
They heap the streets and parks
with a silence deep and white.





In the morning, with sparkling eyes
and cheeks aglow, Penelope hurries
to dress up to play in the snow.

She puts on a warm coat and snuggly boots.

On goes an oversized scarf around her neck.

On goes the beautiful toque her Nana knit for her.

On go her mittens to keep her hands warm and toasty.

Now she is ready to capture the snowflakes still
falling by the thousands.



In the whirlwind of snowflakes,
Penelope sees only
gossamer lace covering
her beautiful woollen mittens.





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