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“Lamb lullaby, I guess. I just made it up.”

Suddenly, the full moon burst from behind the clouds, flooding the hillsides and valleys with its light. “Let’s go to the hilltop Little A,” I whispered. “I can still see the flock from there.”

And, wow, was it beautiful on the top of that rock overhang! There were lots of people at their tents with their crackling fires outside the ancient gates that led into the city of Bethlehem. The people were singing, dancing, and laughing as they spent the night, waiting to sell their goods in the city the next day.

But after all the excitement and chaos, I was really tired. So, I talked to myself, “Don’t fall asleep, Jacob. Stay awake, boy. Sleeping isn’t allowed here.”

This got harder as Little A’s warm body cuddled against my chest. To keep myself awake, I walked back down the hill among the sheep just as the moon vanished behind a cloud. Little A’s mama rubbed my leg and bleated, so I set the lamb down to nurse.

Suddenly, millions of stars filled the sky, and a strange tension filled the air over the hills and valley. All at once, everything felt different about this night. Suddenly, all around me, a low rumble started with cows bawling, donkeys braying, dogs barking and coyotes howling. The screams of the wild cats jolted the sheep to their feet as they nervously looked around for the strange noise. The people in their tents outside the Bethlehem gates came out, rubbing their eyes trying to figure out what was happening.

Immediately, Isaac was by my side. At first we saw nothing out of the ordinary, but then he pointed, “Jacob, look at that star! It’s huge and it’s moving!”

From the Author

My neighbor was known as the “Doll Doctor.” She repaired ceramic doll faces and all kinds of stuffed animals. One Christmas on her small front porch, she displayed an empty cradle, surrounded by many animals she had repaired. This was the inspiration for this story and my Little Lamb song below.

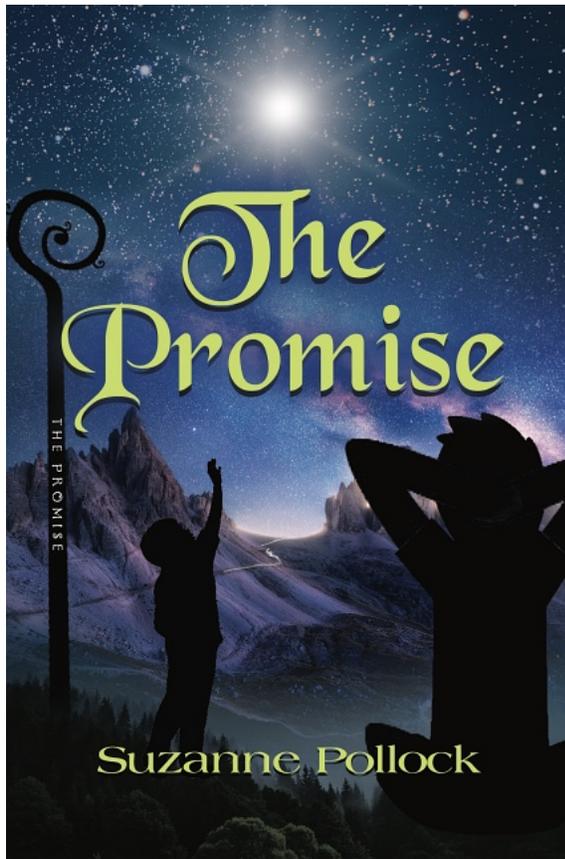
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Lit-tle lamb, Lit-tle lamb, Gra-zing on the hill-side.

3 C
Lit-tle lamb, Lit-tle lamb, what did you see?
what did you hear?

6 Fmin
One Bright Star: Shi-ning down on me.
An-gels sang, "Glo-ry to our God."

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