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Chapter One

The wind was howling something fierce outside on March 9th, 1941, as Mother, Kathleen Richardson, lay in bed having birth pangs. The rain was pelting, the shutters were clapping, and the ice on the ground was 2 inches thick. Doctor Little was frantically working to deliver two babies from one Mother. Although the contractions were continuous, all he and the mother could do was wait. Finally, the first baby was born. She was born half past the evening hour and was pink, plush, and pretty as a newborn calf. The second baby wasted no time in making her appearance. Dr. Little had only an instant with the first child. The second was also a girl and came forth as fast as the first one. She, too, was as pink and plush as her sister. He held her in his gentle hands. Both girls were quiet and composed; their little eyes twinkled in the room's bright light as they seemed to wonder where they

were and what was going on. They had been warm and comfortable in their little cocoon of safety in their mother's belly. They had not wanted to leave that place, but their Heavenly Father had said they must. And if anything, these two girls obeyed their Heavenly Father. So, into this world, they were born. Each seemingly was wondering what life as a human held for them. Dr. Little tied and cut their umbilical cords and placed them in their mother's arms. She marveled at what she had done. Her two beautiful daughters were healthy and bright as the morning sun. She examined every part of their new fresh, and soft little bodies and finally said,

“They are perfect.” Mother nestled one in each arm as she held them to her breast, and they suckled their first mother's milk to their heart's content. Heavenly Father looked down from heaven, and He was very proud.

Mother said as she kissed them repeatedly, “They taste like candy canes. I will name one Candy and the other Kannie.”

Kathleen thanked God, as her husband had been tragically killed in an auto accident a few months earlier. He could not see his girls, but as Kathleen prayed, she asked God to allow him to see them. She loved him so much, and she felt a sense of relief that the girls had been born healthy and complete. She said, “Thank you, Father,” and dedicated the girls to Him. The next day Mother cradled them, fed them, changed their nappies, and kept them warm and protected. Heavenly Father watched and approved. Days became weeks, weeks became months, and months became a year. Candy and Kannie are now one year old. Mother invited special friends to celebrate with them.

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Happy Birthday Girls

The years seemed to pass quickly. The girls are now five-years-old. They loved to play and learn together. Mother spent much time reading and teaching them their ABCs and numbers. The girls easily caught onto their numbers and were very good at fundamental math problems. The girls were very intelligent. They had started to talk by the age of one year and now speak excellent grammar. Mother was also teaching them other languages, such as Spanish, and French, thinking it would be good for the girls to learn as there are 350 different languages spoken in homes throughout the United States. She also exposed them to various sports, music, and thespian activities. The girls enjoyed just about all sports, especially softball; they were good players and enjoyed the game.

Mother bought her girl's musical instruments. For Candy, she purchased a violin and a guitar for Kannie. She drove them to music practice twice

a week. The girls learned quickly and became quite proficient for their age. Once a month, friends would gather so the girls could show them and their mother what they had learned. They especially enjoyed playing for their Heavenly Father. Each night before going to bed, the girls would sit on their beds and talk to Him. From the beginning, He spoke to them in their hearts. He told them how much He loved them and that He would always be there for them.

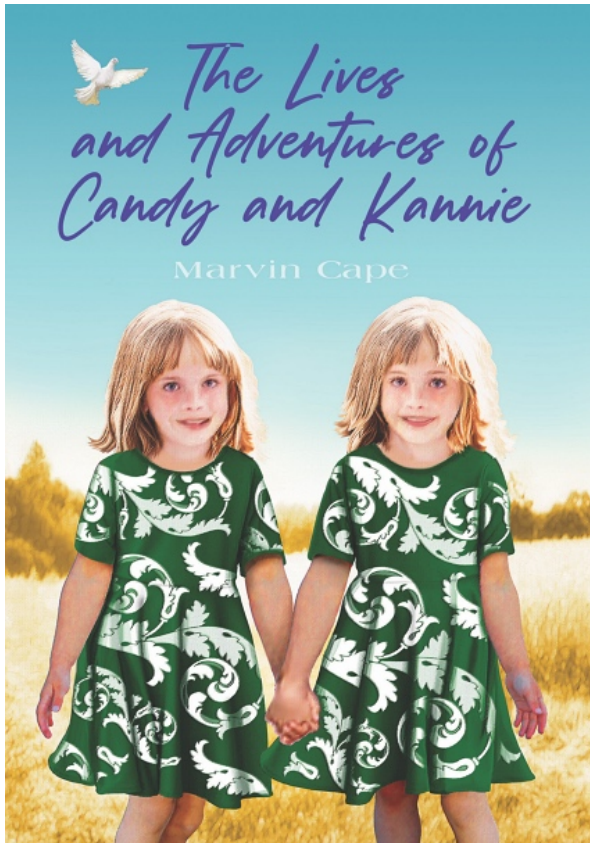
Candy and Kannie graduated from kindergarten with honors and went on to grade school, where they blended well. They were well-liked and were quick to make special friends. They graduated from grade school with honors and were also the first female twins to graduate from City View Elementary School.

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City View School Circa. 1954

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