

*Autumn  
in the Park*

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*A* little girl in a pink sweater ran past us. Her dad was close behind as she chased a seagull into the air and ran on.







The geese and the ducks at the water's edge were waiting expectantly for a hand out.

She stopped and watched. She wanted to go closer to the birds, but hesitated until her dad was beside her with a protective arm.

They crouched and waited.





A curious goose waddled forward, hopefully.

The little girl in the pink sweater was about the same size as the approaching goose.

She watched with curiosity and a little anxiety as he came closer and closer.







Then, crumbs of bread tossed into the water caught the goose's attention. With a chunkering noise he returned to join the other geese.

Geese and ducks glided by, dipping and diving to reach the reeds at the water's edge.



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