





For my rock loving friend, Moose, who taught me that even the smallest things can be treasures

Moose was a dog who loved to collect rocks.

Every day, he ventured around his big yard and collected all types of rocks.

He picked big rocks and small rocks, flat rocks and round rocks,

He picked smooth rocks and jagged rocks, shiny rocks and dull rocks.



Moose had so many rocks, he couldn't keep track of them!

"I know!" Moose said one afternoon.

"I'm going to sort my rocks, so I know what kinds I have!"



Moose tried to sort his rocks, but there were just too many.

"This isn't working!" He howled loudly in defeat.

Roxy the bunny and Roscoe the squirrel heard his cry, and ran over to help.

"What's the problem, Moose?" They called to him.

"I tried to sort my rocks" he said, "but I just made a mess!"

"Don't worry!" Roxy said. "We can help!"



"Let's sort the rocks into three different piles!" Roxy said. "One for size."

"One for shape!" Roscoe yelled.

"And one for colour, too!" said Moose.

"Now where can we put the piles we make?" Roxy asked.

Moose thought for a moment and looked around his yard.

"I know!" He said as he ran away. "We can put them under this big tree over here!"

"Good idea!" cheered Roscoe. "Now let's get to work!"



Moose and his friends collected his rocks, sorting them into tidy piles.

They were almost done, when Moose got stuck.

"What do I do!" He howled. "This rock is grey, but also big! Where does it go?"

"Put it with the coloured rocks, I think." Roscoe said, but Moose wasn't sure.

"Do you care more about the colour" Roxy asked, "or the size?"

Moose thought hard for a moment, walked around the tree, and set down his rock.

"I love colourful rocks" he said, "but I love a big rock more!"



With that last rock, they had finished their job.

Moose thanked both his friends, "I couldn't have done it without you!"

"Anytime!" They called back, and both scurried home.

Moose looked at his yard, and his piles of rocks, happy he could see all he had.

He was proud of his work, but tired after a long day.

He curled up in a ball and fell asleep next to his rocks,

Dreaming of what he might find tomorrow.











Moose
My rock loving little buddy

