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The Latika Roy Foundation was established in 1994 in Dehradun, India to create a better world for children with disabilities. Our 23rd calendar is a tribute to a girl who inspired thousands without ever lifting a finger or saying a word. In wonder, amazement and gratitude, we dedicate the 2019 calendar to Moy Moy, the one who showed us our true home. Your contributions help us share her story of inspiration and joy with many more just like her. Please donate generously. Tax-deductible donations can be made out in India to "Latika Roy Memorial Foundation"; in America to "Indians for Collective Action". For more information: donate@latikaroy.org



Ram Dass

We're all just walking  
each other home.

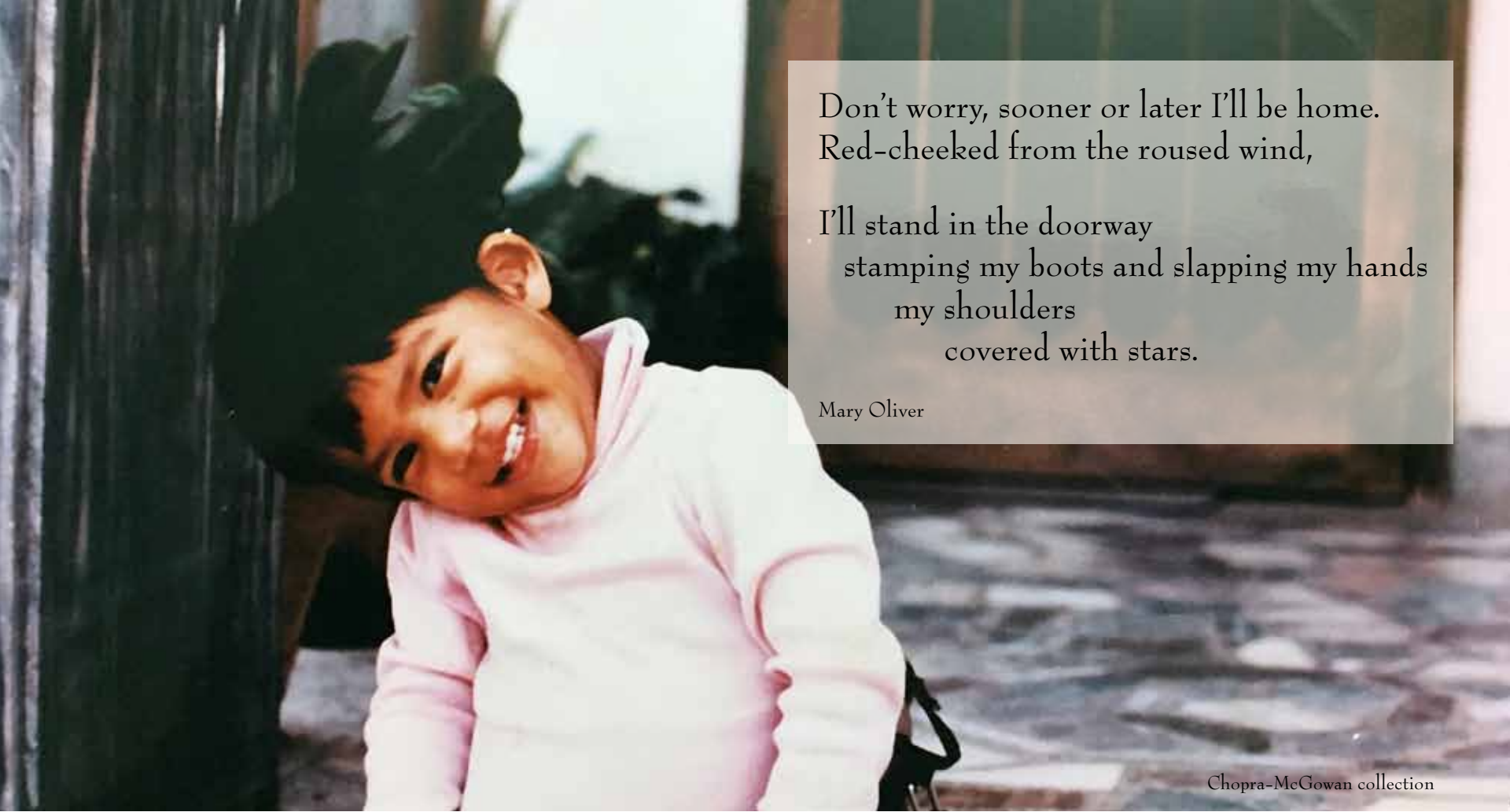


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Walking each other home

Jo Chopra



Don't worry, sooner or later I'll be home.  
Red-cheeked from the roused wind,  
  
I'll stand in the doorway  
stamping my boots and slapping my hands  
my shoulders  
covered with stars.

Mary Oliver

Chopra-McGowan collection

*“Sooner or later, she'll be home.”*

When Moy Moy left us in July – so suddenly, with so little warning – we comforted ourselves and each other in all the usual meaningless ways: She's gone to a better place. Her work here was finished. We were lucky to have her for as long as we did.

All meaningless in the face of our sadness and our wild, reckless grief, but all, also, deeply true.

*She is in a better place.* Whatever certainty I once had about life after death is gone. Losing a child robs you of certainties of any kind. I have no idea where she is now. No idea. But one thing I do know: Moy Moy was ready to go. She had been withdrawing from us for some years, slowly preparing us for her final and inevitable departure. Her body was stiff and hard to move around in: everything was an effort and the natural processes we all take for granted no longer worked reliably for her. Though she never complained and seldom even let us know what she was feeling, it could not have been easy. We were helpless in the face of all that was difficult for her and it was painful for us too. She is free of all that now and we would be mean indeed to begrudge her the release she has won.

*Her work here was finished.* There were times when we felt we might be projecting purpose on Moy Moy's life just because we needed to see it there; that we wanted to create sense and order out of something which was in fact random and meaningless and so we just made things up. We gave her the credit for our hard work so as to make it mystical and ordained. We made her a saint so that others would believe. We gave her cult status to sanctify our own devotion to her.

But with her death, and the outpouring of love and grief and stories of her influence from all over the world, I have come to believe that the mission we imagined for her was in fact genuine, that all she achieved through her short life was indeed astonishing, and that what she has inspired us to do is truly nothing less than a miracle.

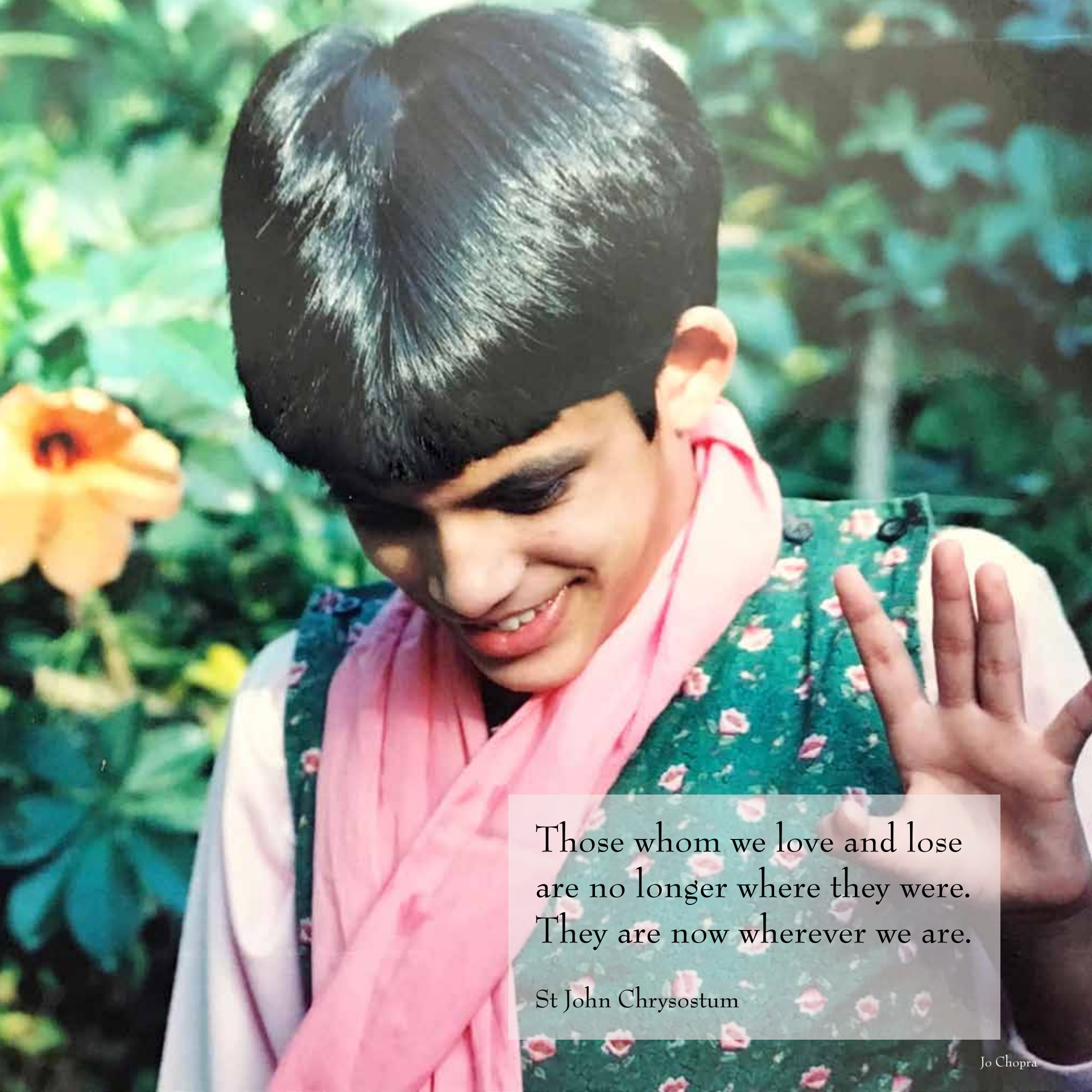
*We were lucky to have her for as long as we did.* When Moy Moy was nine, our pediatrician told us she probably had only months left to live. After those early breathless weeks, when we lurched through life in a waking nightmare, unable to plan beyond the next ten minutes, every day was a bonus, a prize, an unexpected gift of joy, love and possibility. We never lost that sense of wonder and surprise. Our luck was indisputable. We were the chosen ones. We got to be her family, her friends, her trusted army. We got her in the first place (oh my goodness, how lucky!) and we kept her for decades longer than they told us we could.

This year's calendar is a celebration of Moy Moy – an acknowledgement of all that she is to us, all that she inspired us to become and all that she insists we continue. She knows we can do it. She's watching us right now. She's standing in the doorway, stamping her boots and slapping her hands. Her shoulders – God bless her – are covered with stars.

Jo Chopra

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Those whom we love and lose  
are no longer where they were.  
They are now wherever we are.

St John Chrysostum

Jo Chopra

# January 2019

sunday		6	13	20	27
monday		7	14	21	28
tuesday	New Year's Day 1	8	15	22	29
wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
thursday	3	10	17	24	31
friday	4	11	18	25	
saturday	5	12	19	Republic Day 26	



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This place where you are right now,  
God circled on a map for you.

Hafiz



Manik Mandal

## February 2019

sunday		3	10	17	24
monday		4	11	18	25
tuesday		5	12	19	26
wednesday		6	13	20	27
thursday		7	14	21	28
friday	1	8	15	22	
saturday	2	9	16	23	



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I rhyme

To see myself, to set the darkness echoing.

Seamus Heaney



Manik Mandal

# March 2019

sunday	31	3	10	17	24
monday		Mahashivratri 4	11	18	25
tuesday		5	12	19	26
wednesday		6	13	20	27
thursday		7	14	Holi 21	28
friday	1	8	15	22	29
saturday	2	9	16	23	30



Terri Moyer



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I guess when you turn off the main road, you have to be prepared to see some funny houses.

Stephen King

# April 2019

sunday		7	Ambedkar Jayanti 14	21	28
monday	1	8	15	22	29
tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
wednesday	3	10	Mahavir Jayanti 17	24	
thursday	4	11	18	25	
friday	5	12	Good Friday 19	26	
saturday	6	Ram Navami 13	20	27	



It is not down in any map;  
true places never are.

Herman Melville



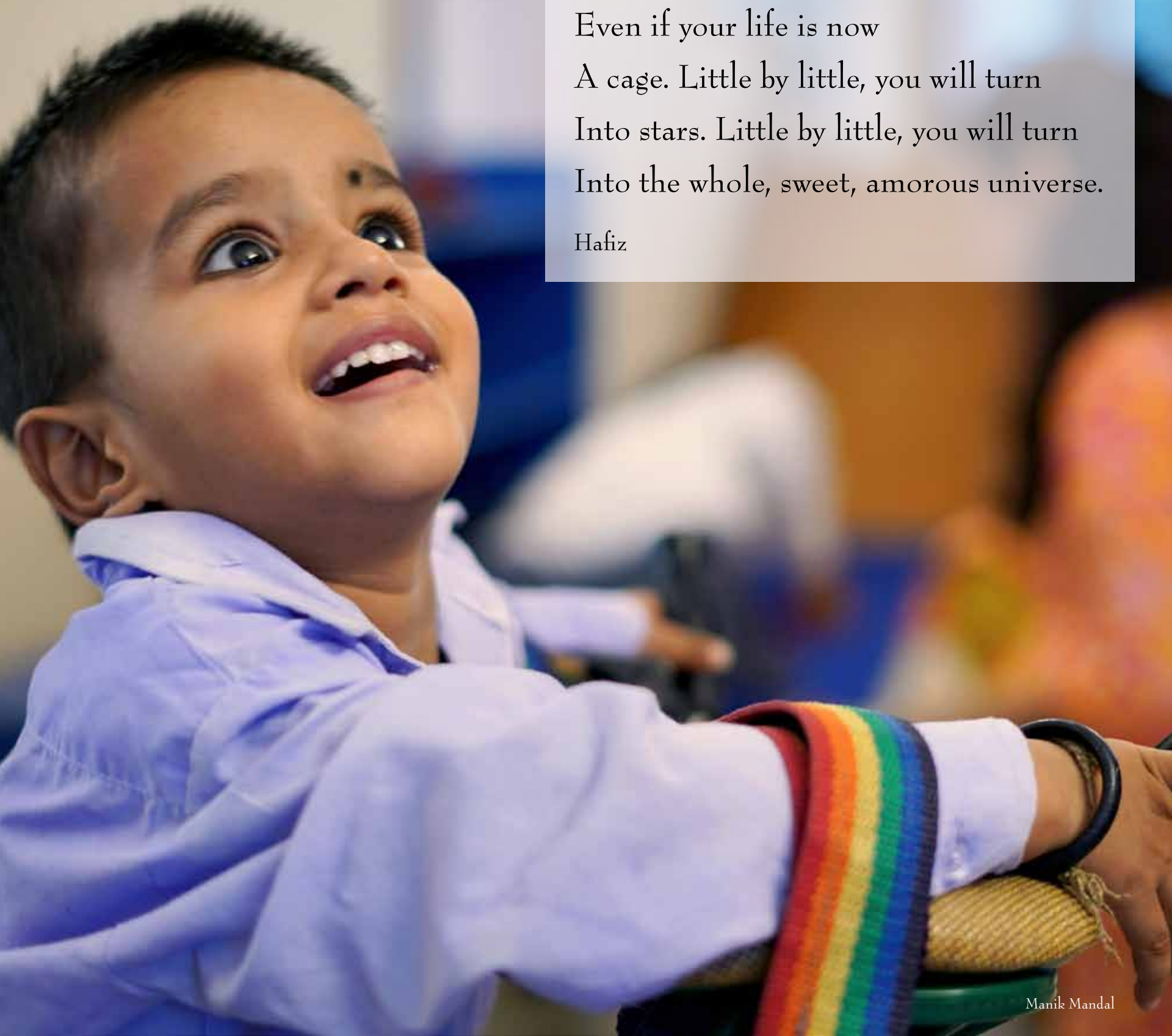
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May  
2019

sunday		5	12	19	26
monday		6	13	20	27
tuesday		7	14	21	28
wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
thursday	2	9	16	23	30
friday	3	10	17	24	31
saturday	4	11	Budh Purnima 18	25	



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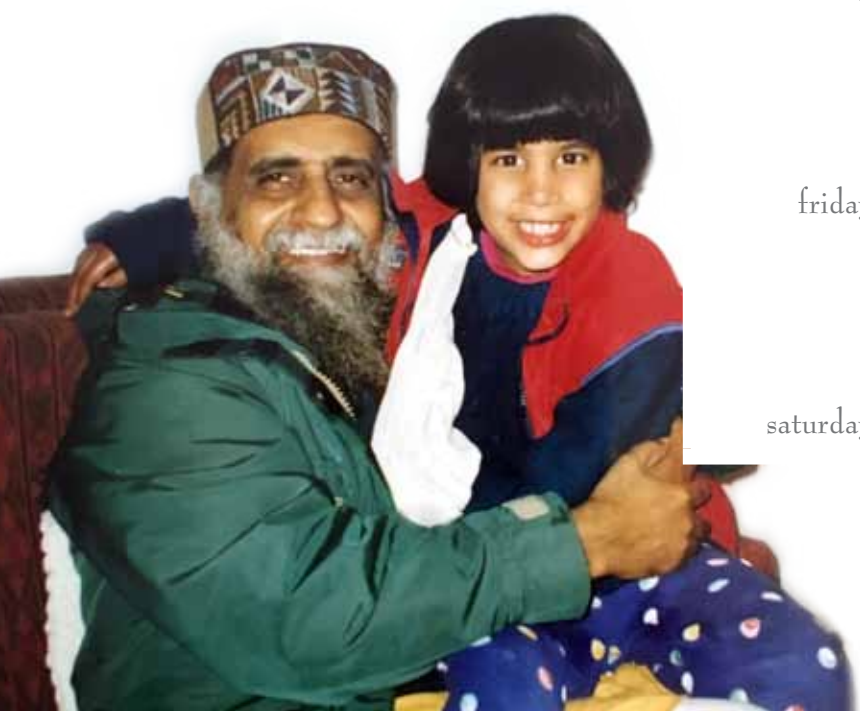
Light will someday split you open  
 Even if your life is now  
 A cage. Little by little, you will turn  
 Into stars. Little by little, you will turn  
 Into the whole, sweet, amorous universe.

Hafiz

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# June 2019

sunday	30	2	9	16	23
monday		3	10	17	24
tuesday		4	11	18	25
wednesday		Id-ul-Fitr 5	12	19	26
thursday		6	13	20	27
friday		7	14	21	28
saturday	1	8	15	22	29



My looking ripens things  
and they come towards me,  
to meet and be met.

Rilke



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# July 2019

sunday		7	14	21	28
monday	1	8	15	22	29
tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
thursday	4	11	18	25	
friday	5	12	19	26	
saturday	6	13	20	27	





I got lost, but look what I found.

Irving Berlin

Manik Mandal

# August 2019



sunday		4	11	18	25
monday		5	Id-ul-Zuha 12	19	26
tuesday		6	13	20	27
wednesday		7	14	21	28
thursday	1	8	Independence Day Rakshabandhan 15	22	29
friday	2	9	16	23	30
saturday	3	10	17	Janmashtami 24	31





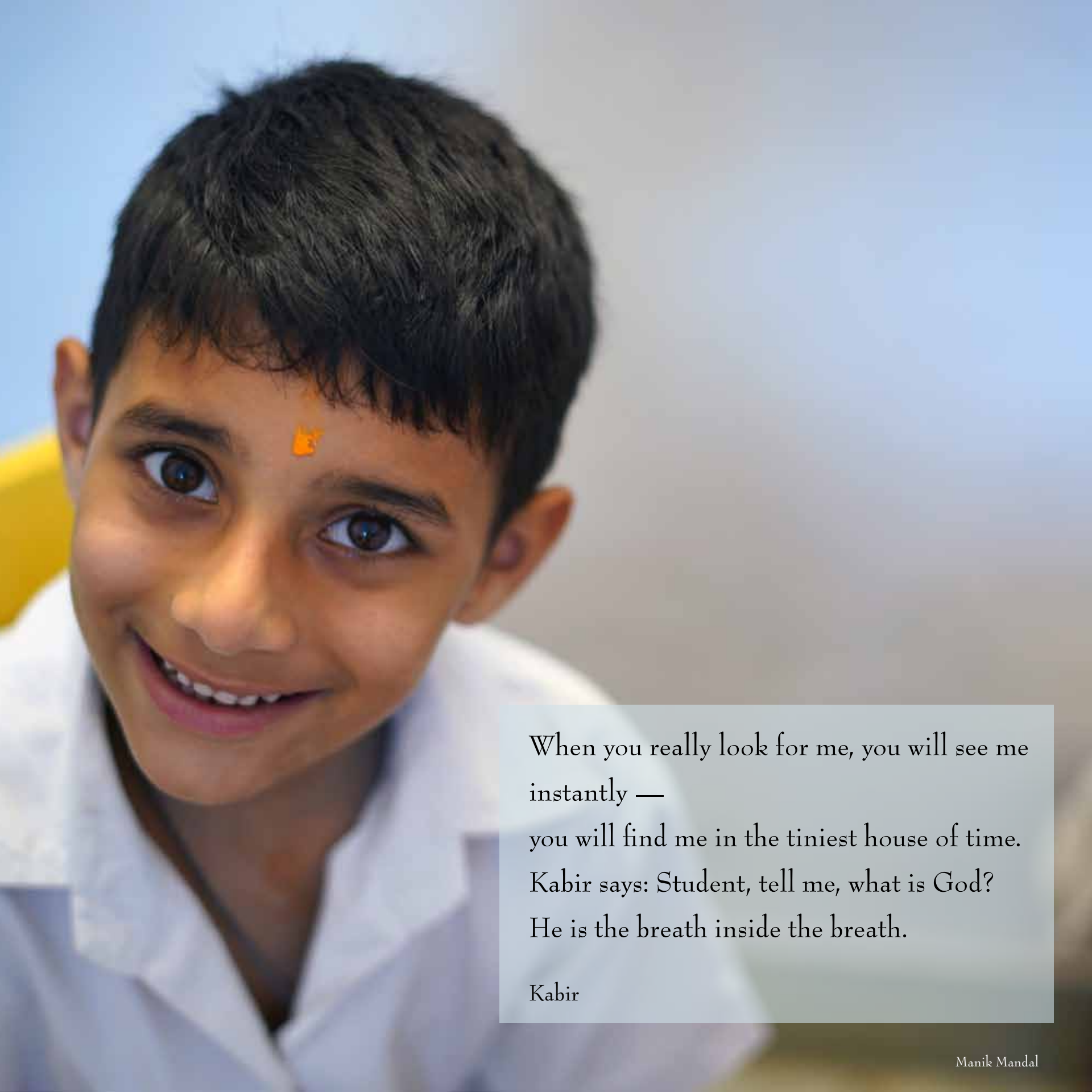
I hardly move though really I'm traveling  
 a terrific distance.  
 Stillness. One of the doors into the temple.  
 Mary Oliver

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# September 2019

sunday	1	8	15	22	29
monday	2	9	16	23	30
tuesday	3	Muharram 10	17	24	
wednesday	4	11	18	25	
thursday	5	12	19	26	
friday	6	13	20	27	
saturday	7	14	21	28	





When you really look for me, you will see me instantly —  
you will find me in the tiniest house of time.  
Kabir says: Student, tell me, what is God?  
He is the breath inside the breath.

Kabir

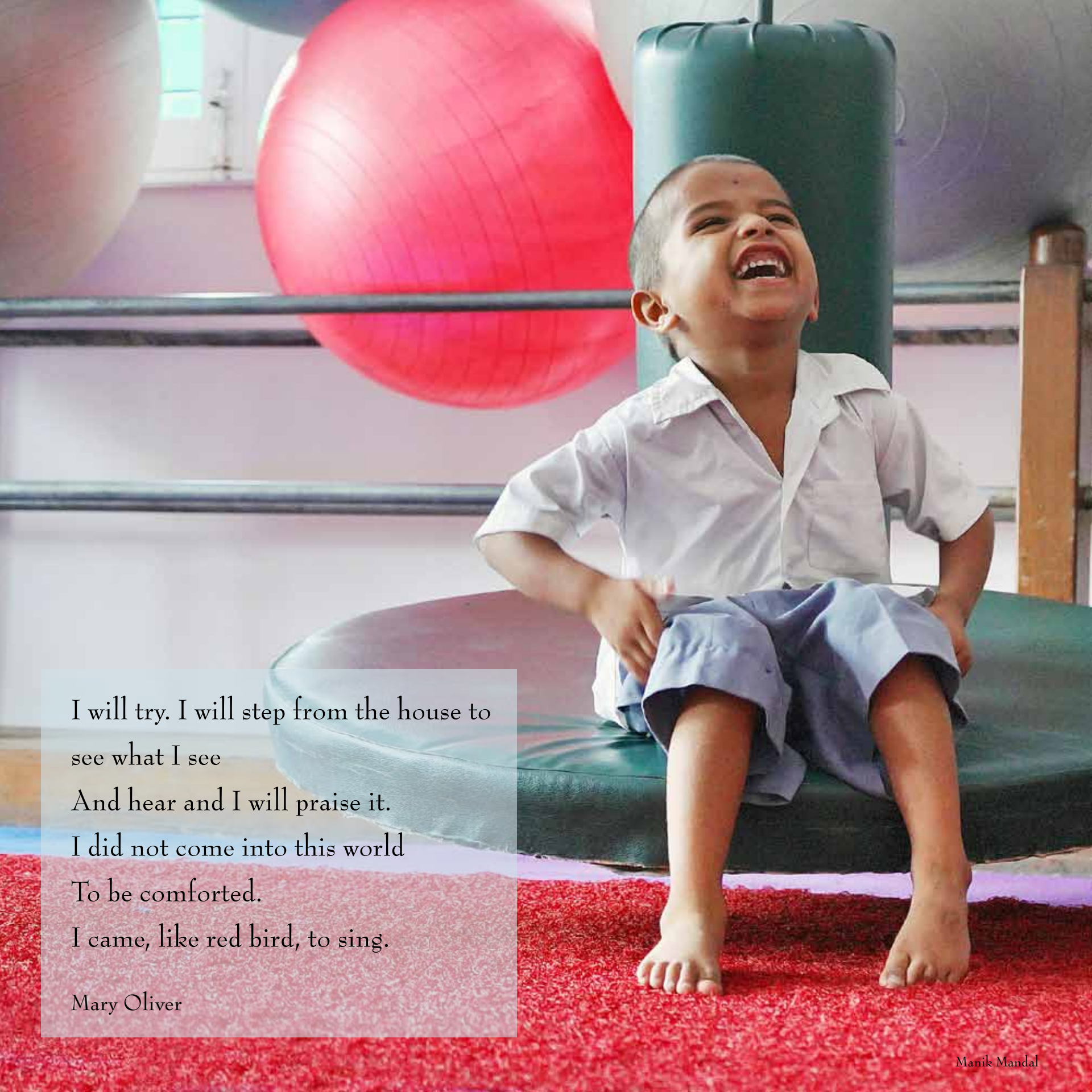
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# October 2019

sunday		6	13	20	Diwali 27	
monday		7	14	21	28	
tuesday		1	Dussehra 8	15	22	29
wednesday	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	2	9	16	23	30
thursday		3	10	17	24	31
friday		4	11	18	25	
saturday		5	12	19	26	



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I will try. I will step from the house to  
 see what I see  
 And hear and I will praise it.  
 I did not come into this world  
 To be comforted.  
 I came, like red bird, to sing.

Mary Oliver

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# November 2019

sunday		3	Id-e-Milad 10	17	24
monday		4	11	18	25
tuesday		5	Guru Nanak's Birthday 12	19	26
wednesday		6	13	20	27
thursday		7	14	21	28
friday	1	8	15	22	29
saturday	2	9	16	23	30



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The road was new to me,  
as roads always are,  
going back.

Sarah Orne Jewett



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## December 2019

sunday	1	8	15	22	29
monday	2	9	16	23	30
tuesday	World Disability Day 3	10	17	24	31
wednesday	4	11	18	Christmas Day 25	
thursday	5	12	19	26	
friday	6	13	20	27	
saturday	7	14	21	28	

