



“What’s ‘Gay’?”
Asked Mae

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“What’s ‘gay,?’”

asked Mae

of her cousin Ray.

“It’s a way to love,”

cooed the Morning Dove.

“A way to love.

A way to love.”



“That makes sense,” said
Ray,

whose uncle was gay.

“Uncle Gary and Uncle
Barry

are going to marry,

and I’m going to carry

their rings that day.”



“Your Uncle Barry.
and your Uncle Gary
are gay?” asked Mae.



“I’d say. I’d say.”

replied the Blue Jay.

“Who else is gay?”

asked Mae.

“Who else might love
this way?”



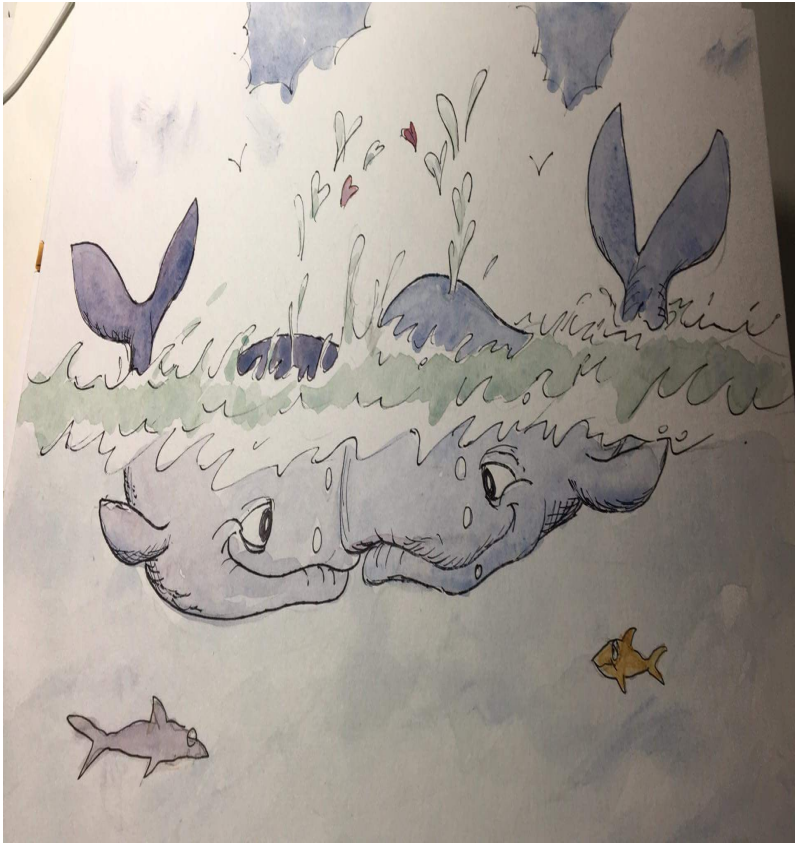
“I can’t say,” said Ray,
“but the Humming Bird
may.”

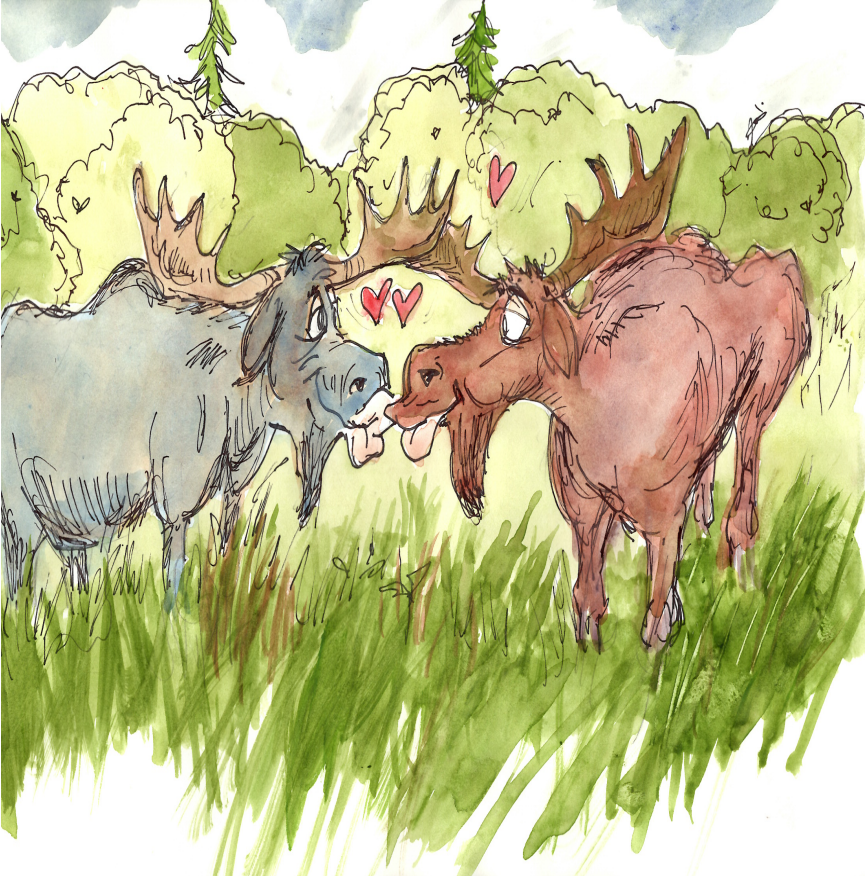


“You’re made that way,”
they heard the Humming

Bird say.

“And not just people
like your Uncle Barry,
but animals too, like
whales, and dogs, and
a moose named Larry.





“So, boys and boys play house?”

asked Mae.

“And so can a bunny, a turtle, and a mouse?”







“That’s right,” said the
Robin who was listening
in.

“I know gay chipmunks,
and crickets,
and some of my kin.”

“Is everyone gay,
and everything too?

Am I gay?

Is Ray gay?

And, how about you?”



“I’ll answer that,”
the Cardinal sang.

“You’ll more often find
a boy loves a girl,
whether they’re people,
or orangutans.

“Girls can love girls.
That’s certainly true,
and it shouldn’t matter
to me or to you.

“But, chances are good,
if you really must know,
most girls play house
with boys. It is so.”



“And let me say more,”
the wise Owl knew,
“some creatures play

house with boys and girls
too.

“It’s best not to ask,
if someone is gay.

Just let them tell you
in their own time and
way.”



The Magpie knew best,
as the others agreed.

“All love is beautiful,
with whomever it be.”

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