THE SLATES

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A WONDERBOUND FAMILY STORY



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For every try, for every cheer,
And all the ones who keep us near.



The lake shone blue; the day was bright.
Dad checked his vest and buckled tight.



Preston stood, aged seventeen,
Too cool, he thought, to join the scene.



A wakeboard lesson? With his dad?

He shrugged, then took the vest he had.



A rider spun above the spray;
Dad watched the board twist all the way.



“I can do that!” Dad called with glee.
Preston grinned. “Well, let us see!”



Dad bent his knees and tried to fly;
A silver splash shot toward the sky.



He tried again. The water flew!
He surfaced with a “Whoo-hoo-hoo!”



No sulks, no frowns, no hiding face;
Dad laughed and took his starting place.



Then at the Pacers, lights shone bright;
The dunk team bounced and took to flight.



The dunk team leaped above the floor;
Dad stood and cheered and asked for more.



“I can do that!” he told his lad.

“Yeah, right!” laughed Preston. “Sure thing, Dad.”



Back on the lake, Dad found his flow;
He carved the wake and let it show.



A college friend watched from the boat,
And cheered above the engine’s note.



“I wish my dad could ride like that!”
Said Preston’s friend beneath his hat.



Now Preston watched with different eyes;
His dad could still be a surprise.



Back home, Dad found the little hoop
Beside the pool and gave a whoop.



He leaped past Tom; the droplets flew.
“Go, Dad!” rang out across the blue.



Then Becky, Izzy, out that night,
Went off to sing beneath the light.



Just them, no boys, a favorite song;
They laughed and danced and sang along.



The four came home with tales to share,
And joy enough for every chair.



“You’re pretty cool,” said Preston. “True.”
Dad smiled. “There’s more that we can do!”



The finest trick? To show you care.

The coolest days are days you share.



A splash. A laugh.
One more try.

Dad says, “I can do that!”
Preston is not so sure.

From the lake to the backyard hoop,
the Slates discover the joy of trying together.

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