

## There Once Were Four

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1 loved 2

3 loved 4

4 had loved 2

2 still loved 4

One day 1, 2, 3 and 4 all came together.

1 could see the love

3 could see nothing

4 may still love 2

2 wanted to run off with 4

4 belonged to 3 now

1 was full of love

1 wanted 2 to be happy even without 1

At least 1 thought that.

Then 2 married 4

They had a baby  $\sqrt[3]{4}$

They went off to start their own life.

There was now only 1 and 3

3 hated 1

But hate is the other side of love

1 and 3 started dating

They never would marry

They did adopt  $\frac{1}{3}$

1 and 3 never saw 2 and 4 again

$\sqrt[3]{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  grew up

One day  $\sqrt[3]{4}$  found  $\frac{1}{3}$

They fell in love.

They got married.

They had twins -9, +9

Their families did not get along though

$\sqrt[3]{4}$  took -9

$\frac{1}{3}$  took +9

They swore to never tell their children about the other

Time passed.

One day -9 met +9

They fell in love.