

Rainbows and Promises

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*A light-hearted retelling of the story of Noah's Ark
including a reminder of the significance of the rainbow.*

When Noah built the ark
as the rain began to fall,
and the water level soon began to rise,
did he know that at his journey's end
a rainbow would appear
with promises to lighten up the skies?

There would be rainbows and promises:
As long as earth endures,
the seedtime and the harvest will not cease,
and God will not destroy
the world that God has made,
and God will always wish us joy and peace.

When Noah welcomed all
of those creatures to the ark
and he closed the doors and they began to float,
did he wonder when the pouring rain
would drip its final drop
and they could leave that claustrophobic boat?

There would be rainbows and promises:
As long as earth endures,
the seedtime and the harvest will not cease,
and God will not destroy
the world that God has made,
and God will always wish us joy and peace.

When Noah told a dove,
“Go and look for drying land,”
it at first came back with nothing, then a leaf.
It set out a third and final time
and never did return,
and Noah had a feeling of relief.

For he found rainbows and promises:
As long as earth endures,
the seedtime and the harvest will not cease,
and God will not destroy
the world that God has made,
and God will always wish us joy and peace.