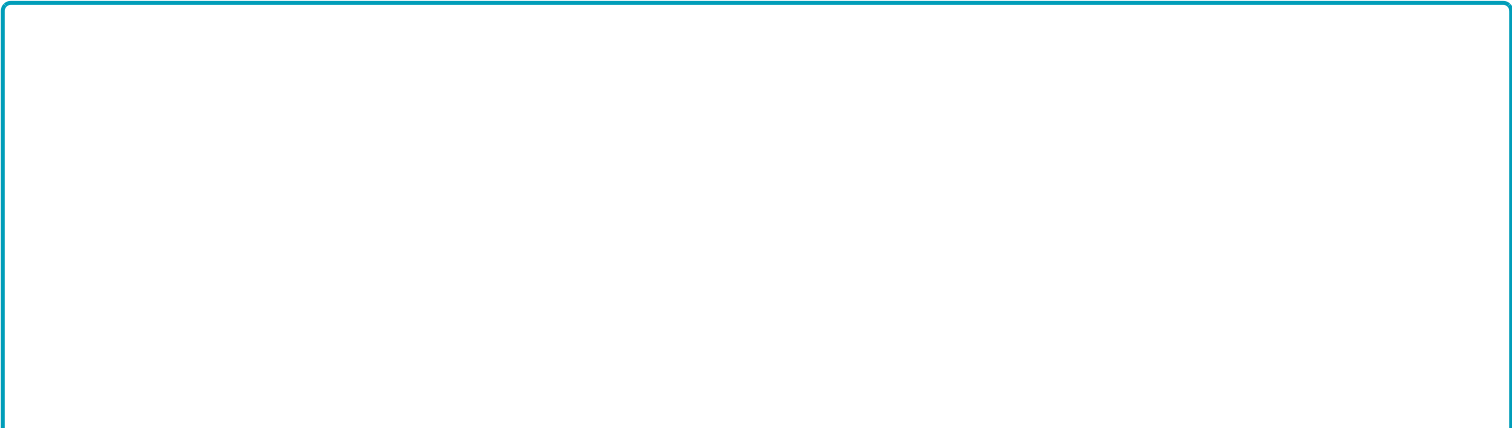




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Mary Karen Read
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8:00 a.m. My alarm goes off,
I start my day by putting
A smile on my face.

I thought this day was going to be
Just like every other day,
With laughs, jokes and smiles.

But that day the smile from my face left me
As I watched my classmates vanish
From my sight.

I awake again in a cloud of dust
And start my day off with a smile
And spread my wings and fly.

I watch my family and friends mourn over me.
I wish I could tell them
I'm the sunrise that starts their day.
I'm the cool breeze that runs through their hair,
And I am now their guardian Angel.

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