

## Wilderness House Literary Review 21/2

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### **Clean-up On Aisle Twelve**

A shout came out,  
'Clean up on aisle twelve,'  
asking Grandpa to come for a visit  
to clean up a mess made by  
one of his young grandsons.

After analyzing the video clip, yes,  
the young grandson had made a fine mess,  
spilling his cereal bowl all over himself,  
down the side of the counter and onto the floor,  
his meal, temporarily delayed.

Grandpa telling her to leave it in place,  
that he would be there to clean it all up  
in another two weeks on his next visit,  
one always glad to be able to help out  
in any way that he could.

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### The Creation of New Names

Grandpa gave his granddaughter a new name  
after seeing all the injuries  
on her face, arms, and legs,  
giving her the first name of Owie,  
as she re-invented herself with multiple boo-boos,  
not one to sit around and twirl her thumbs,  
or even know the meaning of danger.

A young Evil Knievel,  
flying through the air doing somersaults,  
going crazy in the bounce house,  
running around in the yard,  
and if she wanted to return the favor and  
give Grandpa another name, call him Wise One,  
something he would fully understand.

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### Life Without You

Life moves on,  
but what would life be without you,  
the sun hiding behind clouds,  
a tornado tearing houses apart,  
a flood washing everything away,  
night without the moon and stars?

Life moves on,  
but life would not be the same  
without you,  
not being able to see your lovely smile,  
your eyes lighting up,  
listening to the sound of your voice.

There would be nothing left in the world,  
and I do not wish to take  
any steps without you.  
Let's take our walk through life,  
walking hand in hand,  
a love lasting forever.