

Addilou - I bought you a star
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An unexpected burst of sunshine
during the afternoon of my life.
I have never seen such joy.
Always joy.
We watched Moana and
danced with Maui.
We sang the banana song
And when I gave you that squishmello banana
you laughed out loud,
Our private joke.
What an amazing thing to share.
We did puzzles on the floor and
kept having to take the giraffe Away from Pickles.
We listened to Taylor Swift and conspired.
When Auntie parked on the far side of the park,
and we walked like bears,
growling all the way to the swings.
And then after playing,
we did it again,
all the way to the car.
You picked the leaves from the cilantro stems when we made dinner.
And as you did,
we laughed in the kitchen,
working together.
We talked about giraffes. Our favorite animal.
You wore giraffe slippers while I wore my giraffe sweater.
And we sang Barges and You're Welcome and Love Story.
Remember how Rocky was your Dire Wolf and you called him "Baby?"
And when we were making animal sounds,
we wondered what do giraffes say?
So we gave it a google and discovered they moo.
We laughed because it was so funny.
We rode in the backseat behind Grandma and Grandpa
And laughed and laughed. And we talked about giraffes.
I wore my giraffe sweater, you laughed and clapped when you saw that.
I'd never known that I could have such deep understanding
And private jokes with a two year old.
From sunburst to star.
Who is going to moo with me now?