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## Zelk The Elk

375 Words

Zelk was an elk and. . . elk belong to a herd.

All the elk in the herd liked to play the bugle,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He felt like. . .(page turn) playing the accordion.

All the elk in the herd enjoyed swimming,

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but that's not how Zelk felt.

He preferred to . . .take a boat across the lake.

All the elk in the herd liked playing ring around the antlers,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He would rather play. . . hopscotch.

When it was time to clean their teeth, all the elk complained,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He loved. . . making his teeth shiny and his breath minty.

In the springtime, the elk enjoyed going running,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He wanted to go. . . bike riding.

During the summer, all the elk couldn't wait for their fur to turn reddish tan,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He wished his fur would turn. . .turquoise.

When Autumn arrived, the elk liked to jump in the leaves,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

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The leaves always made him. . .sneeze.

In the winter, the herd grew shaggy manes on their necks. They liked how it kept them warm, but that's not how Zelk felt.

He felt. . .*too* hot.

Every morning, the herd grazed on grasses, feasted on forbs, and browsed shrubs.

They couldn't get enough of these foods, but that's not how Zelk felt.

All he wanted to eat was. . .pizza.

In the middle of the day, the herd got sleepy and couldn't wait to take a nap,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He wanted to. . .stay awake and read.

In the evening, everyone in the herd felt it was time to be quiet,

but that's not how Zelk felt.

He felt like. . .yodeling.

When it was bedtime, *all* the elk liked to say, "Good night. I love you" and to snuggle up

in their beds. . .*especially* Zelk.

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## **Back Matter**

Elk *really* do:

Make bugle sounds.

Swim.

Run.

Grow reddish fur in spring.

Grow shaggy manes in winter.

Feast on forbs, graze on grasses, and browse shrubs.

Take middle of the day naps.

Stay quiet in the evening.