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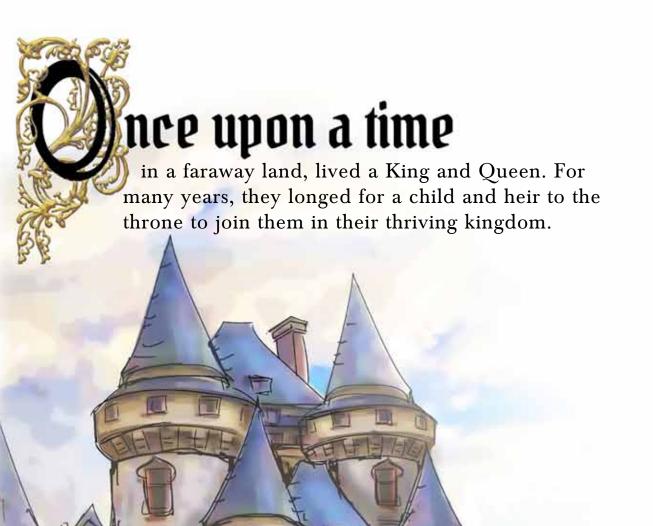
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When the time came for Prince Lyric's 16th birthday celebration, he grew more and more nervous knowing the lie he was living.

Knights, ladies, and townspeople paraded through the palace doors. They curtsied and bowed before the Royal Family. Lyric stood and quietly greeted all the guests.

"How can they all celebrate me? This is not who I am. Maybe if I run away my father could find an heir to the throne worthy enough to be King." Lyric thought.



"Father, may I be excused for a moment?" Lyric whispered.

"Hurry. The dancing will soon commence and I know how much you enjoy that."

"Of course, Father." But Lyric snuck out the back of the palace and ran into the woods.



Now Lyric stood as a beautiful girl dressed in a royal gown. Lyric finally felt free. Tears trickled down her cheeks. "This is who I am. This is who I've always been. In my heart I knew I was not meant to be King. But maybe I can still be a leader."



## The Royal Heart

## Once upon a time...

in a faraway land, an heir to the throne is born. The King has a son to follow in his footsteps. But life might not be quite as it appears for this Royal Family. All will be revealed on their child's  $16^{\rm th}$  birthday. Family love triumphs over doubt and together they grow stronger.

Join this Royal Family on the path to discovery, acceptance, and celebration.

Having grown up in a candy store, actor and author Greg McGoon has ways of finding the sweet side of life. His creative storytelling for children evolved while teaching at the Claremont School of Theatre Arts. As Founder/Executive Director of Artcentricity, Inc., a non-profit educational creative arts environment, he has been able to focus further on child development. His books explore children's feelings about themselves and the world around them, which is a wonderful place indeed!



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