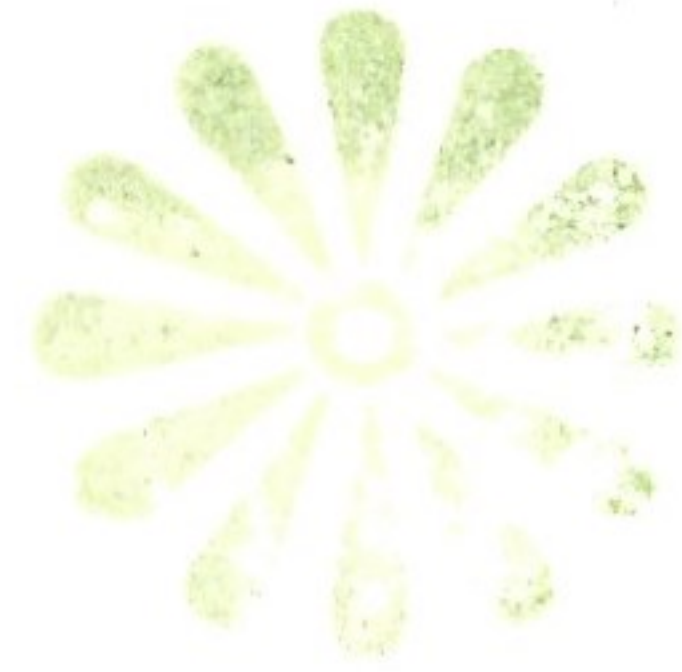


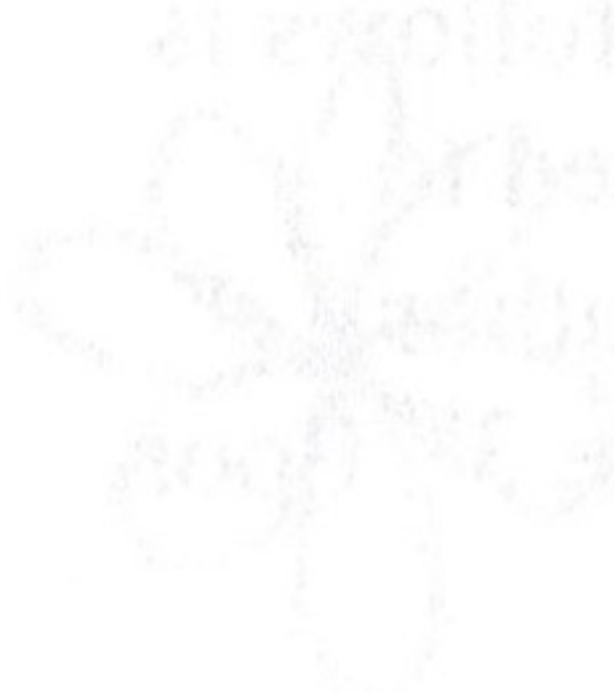
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A Christmas

Thank you for reading this book. It is a story about a boy who is very kind and who loves to help others. He is a very good person and he is very kind to everyone. He is a very good person and he is very kind to everyone.



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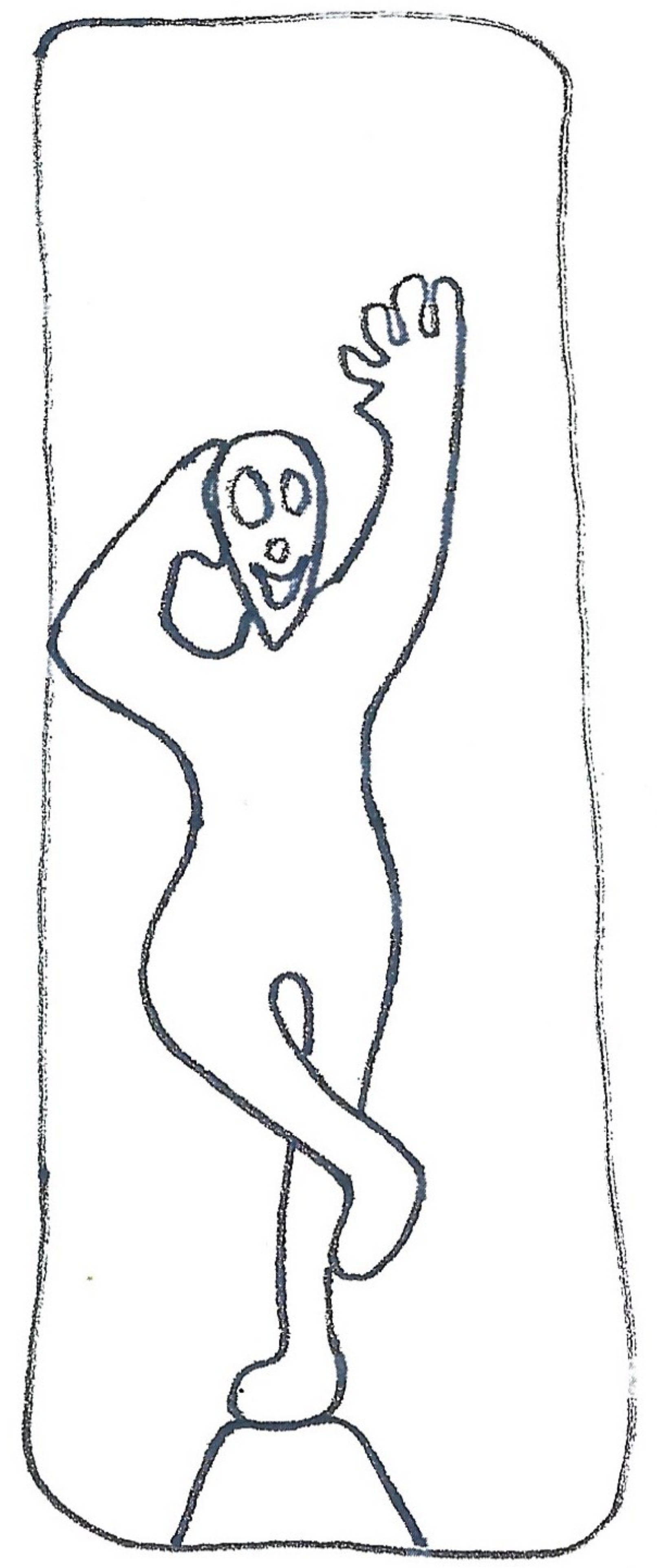
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for nelson + barbara	Xmas 1969
with much love from	ellie + beep

Once upon
a time...



or maybe it was not.
maybe it was just
yesterday or tomorrow
or maybe (if you're
really lucky) today.
anyway - once upon
a once there was
a pound and a half
of nothing. now to
be nothing - well -
what can one say.
when you are nothing
you are nothing & you
sit there in your
nothingness doing

nothing + thinking
nothing because there
is nothing to do or
think + nothing (really)
to say. as you can
imagine the pound +
a half of nothing
was not feeling too
happy this particular
once. it was not feeling
sad. it was not feeling
happy. it was feeling
nothing. meanwhile
up in heaven GOD was
lying around with
nothing to do picking

his celestial nose +
yawning a lot. lying
around on clouds cre-
ating with people
fawning + mincing +
blowing trumpets all
the time can be a
real bore. GOD
looked down this
particular once, this
particular meanwhile,
+ noticed the pound
+ a half lying there.
"WHO DOES THIS?!"
he thundered (GOD
always spoke funny).

"WHO LEAVES THIS IN
OUR AUGUST PRESENCE?"

+ gesturing with his
fingers changed it into
a man. "where am i?"
said the man. "YOU ARE
IN HEAVEN & I AM
YOUR CREATOR" replied
GOD. "Don't fuck
with my mind," said
the man and went
off in search of a
planet to settle on.

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