

## **Ruth, Why Did You Stay with Naomi?**

Story #75 Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:1-18)

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I grieved with her and wanted to show her my love.  
The fresh spring air cut into my tear-filled eyes  
as I caught the scent of rain from the storm-clouds above.  
I'd be an alien among the Israelites  
but I longed to still remain in Naomi's clan  
so I promised to stay with Naomi till I died.  
Yes, a thousand times yes, I'd do it again!  
I yearned to cherish my husband's memory.  
I vowed, "Naomi's God my God will be."

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