Raccoon lives nearby, just down the path and across the river behind the girl's home. They encountered one another long ago, not by magic, but by coincidence when they were both foraging over the hill. The girl hummed as she picked berries and wild asparagus and, like all animals the girl encounters, her humming simply mesmerized Raccoon. He followed her around, from afar all day until she had to go home. Each day was the same all summer long until	