

In a garden full of weeds
and flowers, there lived
a mouse named Ollie.

Ollie was a typical mouse,
but, like all of us, he had things
that made him unique. Like how
he thought it was fun to count
every seed on a single strawberry.

“33, 34, 35 . . .”





His favorite meal was rhubarb pie,
with its buttery-sugar crust
and sweet-sour filling.



He had a favorite hat, a gift from Dad.
It was shaped like a flower, and on
one side, there was a wooden button
with a message Dad had carved:

A flower is good, but the plant is better.



Ollie didn't know what this meant,
but Mom would smile every time
she read it, so he knew it was good.