

GINGER IS GRATEFUL by Avon Allen Compton
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It was Thanksgiving Day and 1. GINGER had just finished eating a big Thanksgiving dinner. "That was the best Thanksgiving dinner I've ever had," said Ginger as she patted her full tummy. "I don't know what I liked the best. The 2. TURKEY was so yummy and the cranberry sauce so good, but I think I liked the 3. PUMPKIN PIE best of all. I know what I will do. I'll make the day brighter by finding out who made that pie, and to them I'll say a special THANK YOU!"

So Ginger skipped out to the kitchen and said to 4. MOTHER: "Thank you, Mother, for the lovely dinner you prepared. And I especially liked the pumpkin pie." "Well," said Mother with a smile, "It is nice to be thanked now and then and I'm glad you enjoyed the dinner. But I can't take all the credit. This year I didn't have time to make the pies so you will want to thank the baker man too."

So with a hop, skip and a jump Ginger went down the street to the Bakery Shop. 5. THE BAKER MAN beamed all over when Ginger thanked him. "I especially liked the whipped cream on the top," she added. "Well now, I did work a long time mixing the pie crust and making the fillings, but it's worth it when some nice little girl comes along and thanks me. But I can't take all the credit. You will want to thank the farmer for the 6. BIG ORANGE PUMPKINS and that whipped cream you liked so much came from Bossy Cow."

And again Ginger went with a hop, skip and a jump to the farm where she met 7. FARMER JONES. "I've come to thank you for a number of things." said Ginger. And as she told him how much she had enjoyed the turkey and how good the pumpkin pie was, with the yummy whipped cream on top Farmer Jones' face brightened up. And with a twinkle in his eye Farmer Jones replied: "Well now, I have worked hard to raise a good crop of turkeys this year and the pumpkins had to be watered every day, but I know it was all worth it when a thoughtful little girl comes to say thank you. But I can't take all the credit. Bossy Cow does her best to furnish us with good milk and cream. I'm glad you've come to say thanks to her too."

So Ginger skipped down the lane to the barn and found brown and white 8. BOSSY COW chewing her cud. "Thank you, Bossy, for the delicious cream you gave to me that tasted so yummy on my pumpkin pie." And as if Bossy understood she leaned her head toward Ginger and gave a loud MOOO. Then she started eating the hay again. Farmer Jones spoke up: "Old Bossy Cow does love her hay and green grass. Which reminds me to tell you that all the credit can't go to her. You'll have to thank the sun up there and the rain when it comes. You see, I can't grow a thing on the farm without their help."

Ginger thought a minute, then waved goodbye and started back home. She knew that the sun and the rain would not hear her, but she knew who sent the raindrops and she knew who made the sun. That night when she 9. WAS GETTING READY FOR BED she decided to say a special thank you. And it sounded like this:

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"Thank you for the sun and rain,
Thank you for the fields of grain,

For Farmer Jones who works his farm
For Bessie Cow in her red barn.

And thank you for the things we eat;
For Mr. Baker's pies so sweet.
And thank you for my Daddy dear
Who works for me throughout the year.

And thanks for Mother, kind and true
For all the things she helps to do.
Thank you, God, I want to say,

For making this a special day." And as Ginger dropped off to sleep she
sighed: "It makes everyone happy to be thanked. I'll try to make every day a
thank you day." And she fell asleep with a happy smile on her face.





