

Pip and the Wobbly Waddle

a little story about big mistakes





Down where the ice meets the cold, sparkly sea,
lived a small penguin chick as brave as could be.
Pip loved to try things and get them just right,
"I'll be perfect!" he'd chirp with delight.



One sunny morning, the big penguins came
to slide down the iceberg, it looked like a game!
They tucked in their flippers, and with a WHEEE, down
they'd go,
splashing and laughing in the water below.



“I want to try too!” said Pip with a grin,
and waddled right up with his chin tucked in.
“I’ll do it just perfect, first time, you’ll see!”
He wiggled his flippers and counted to three.



He pushed off the top with a wobbly cheer,
but tumbled off sideways, oh no, oh dear!
SPLASH! went the water. His feet went flip-flop.
That was NOT the perfect dive, it was a big belly-flop!



The other penguins giggled (not to be mean, it just looked so silly, the funniest scene). But Pip's cheeks turned red underneath all his fluff. "I'm just no good at this," he sighed. "Not good enough."



Just then old Grandpa Gus waddled near
and gave little Pip a flipper-hug cheer.
“Oh, Pip,” he chuckled, “don’t feel so blue,
even OLD penguins still belly-flop too!
I flopped on my belly my very first try.
Mistakes happen to all of us, that’s no lie!”



Pip thought for a moment, then stood up so tall.
“Maybe it’s okay... to just wobble and fall!”
He climbed up the iceberg, not perfect, just brave,
and pushed off the top with a wobbly little wave.



Down he went, wobble, wiggle, and WHOOSH!
into the cold water with a great big swoosh!
It wasn't quite perfect, a wibbly, wobbly sight,
but Pip didn't care. He just laughed with delight!



All the penguins cheered, "Hooray for Pip!"
He wasn't quite perfect. But he didn't quit.
And Pip found a secret that felt brand new,
trying (even messy trying) can feel good too.



**Everyone makes mistakes, even old Grandpa Gus.
Mistakes just mean you're trying. And trying is how you grow.**

The very next day, Pip climbed right back up... and belly-flopped again. But this time? He was already laughing before he even hit the water.

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