

ANY OLD CLOTHES YOU DON'T NEED ANY MORE? WE'LL SELL THEM HERE, AT THE SECOND-HAND STORE.

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One afternoon, on the main street in town, a boy, with his mom, saw a sparkling gown.

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It hung in the window of Second-Hand Thread, all glowing, all flowing, all dazzling and red.

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It seemed to call out as the boy tried to pass. He stopped, and he pressed his small nose to the glass. He gazed at the garment with eyes open wide and noticed his heart disco dancing inside.



There, in that moment, the boy made a wish: to put on that dress and to swirl and to swish. He took in the sequins, from shoulder to floor, and wondered, *What life did this dress live before?*