



Hoof prints by the Seashore

By: Lillon Church

Once upon a time there was a little girl who lived by the sea. She spent her days swimming and collecting shells. She spent her nights dreaming of horses and ponies.

One day her mother called "Liza, please go to the market and get me a dozen eggs." And so she got the money from her mother, and set off to get the eggs. By the time Liza got there it was beginning to get dark, and the shop was just about to close. So Liza got the eggs and went on her way. On the way home she looked down at the sea shore and saw the most beautiful horse she had ever seen. It had a sea foam green mane and tail. And a crown made of sea shells. She started walking slowly toward the horse. But, just then a cart came down the road and the horse ran away. Liza felt sad the horse had run away.

It was almost dark by now so Liza hurried home. She did not tell her mother about the mysterious horse. That night she dreamed about the horse, that it was calling her to the cove not far from her house.

In the morning she did her chores and hurried to the cove. When she got there she was out of breath from running, but when she looked up she saw the mysterious horse standing only a few feet away. She took a step towards the horse, but the wet rock was slippery and she fell and slid into the sea! She could swim, but she was little and the waves were very rough.

Now by this time Liza's mother was wondering where she was. She looked out the window, and to her horror she saw her daughter bobbing up and down on the waves! She rushed outside to save her, but wait what was this? A horse, it was swimming out to Liza and it had flung her on its back. And now it was swimming back to shore with her!

Liza's mother rushed out to meet the horse and slid Liza off its back. She hugged her daughter tightly, and then said "Liza, you should never have went out alone." Then she turned to look at the

horse "And I guess we'll have to keep you." she said to the horse. Liza was sick with cold for the next few days, but after she got better brushed and road the horse every day. And they lived together for the rest of their lives.

THE END