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HIGH-LITE

WHY I LOVE THE RAIN



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Petrichor

noun

The smell of rain before it arrives

My favorite smell; of home and earth and promises; of the cleansing downpour to come and the tranquility that is synonymous with the rain; of sitting by a window and tracing the path of a raindrop down the glass pane; of dancing in the rain and not caring that water is soaking your hair and dripping down your spine.

Sunshine

noun

Direct sunlight unbroken by cloud

A beam of light breaking through the clouds at the end of a summer rainstorm; the sign that soon the rain will be over and you can run out into the grass, not caring about the dampness on your bare feet; an invitation to go out and feel the warmth on your shoulders and face, to spin around in a meadow like life is bliss.

Clouds

noun

A visible mass of condensed water vapor floating in the atmosphere
An invitation to explore; a sky full of beauty; the shape of possibility; a castle, a bird, a mountain; an entreatment to lay in the grass and stare up at the sky, and be awed at the beauty of nature; a fantasy world to take your breath away, in the mounds of white fluff and the magnificence of the sky.