



## Goo-Goo Grief

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FADE IN:

INT. WALDEN'S HOUSE — MUSIC ROOM - DAY

Everything is perfect at Walden's house! The sun is shining, it's not too hot or cold and it's serenely quiet. WALDEN has finished his daily tasks and now that it's three o'clock in the afternoon, he gets to sit down and enjoy his favorite part of the day — the time when he practices playing his HOOPTY HORN (a very long and curvy whimsical musical instrument).

Walden sits in his comfortable chair, positions the long end of his beloved hoopty horn on its little holding pillow (it's very long indeed), and rubs a little orange marmalade salve on his lips to moisten his embouchure. Walden starts playing a favorite piece <Blatt-Boompah-Bop-Bop-Braaack!> He's in top form!

Walden stops to set up a new piece of sheet music. While he does, he hears a very loud <crying> noise outside. Walden shrugs, and starts playing his Hoopty Horn again <burble-burble-honk-honk-honkle!>, and the crying stops. But when he pauses for breath, the <crying> starts again. Curious, Walden goes outside, carrying the Hoopty Horn with him.

EXT. WALDEN'S HOUSE – CONTINUOUS

Emerging from his house, Walden sees a very large CREATURE of elephantine proportions sitting on his front lawn, loudly <wailing>, stopping only to gasp for air now and then.

"What sort of a creature is this?" Walden wonders aloud. "I've never seen anything like it!" He studies the creature for a moment, and considers whether it could be a rare Sobbing Sunnabus or maybe a Weeping Walruset! Walden puts his hoopty Horn down on the ground and rushes back inside.

INT. WALDEN'S HOUSE – LABORATORY

Walden consults a BIG VOLUME called "The ABC book of Animals, Beasts and Creatures." Walden feverishly thumbs through his book trying to find a photo or drawing of the beast – "...Bellyacheus Magakeus... Hollerapotomus... Squawkasoorus..." He finds nothing resembling the creature in picture or description. A wave of excitement sweeps over Walden as he realizes he has discovered a new species! He has to take a picture of this!

EXT. WALDEN'S HOUSE – FRONT YARD

Walden rushes out with his elaborate SNAPPITY SNAP (that's a camera to you and me), and finds the Creature not crying anymore, but staring with interest at the hoopty horn and seemingly trying to blow into it. Walden tries to get a good photo, but the Creature is too preoccupied with the hoopty horn. So Walden takes the horn away. "Now say Cheese."

But the distraught Creature, deprived of the horn, starts crying again! Walden is beside himself. This won't do at all! He makes faces and silly baby sounds as he tries to get the creature to smile and laugh for the camera – but it only grows more upset; its wails creating gale-force winds that knock Walden down. Walden falls right on his Hoopty Horn, and it lets out a <Blatt!> The Creature stops crying again, and gives a placated "Ooo.". Walden finally makes the connection: the Creature likes the sound of the hoopty horn! Walden starts playing the hoopty horn, and the creature sways its head back and forth in time to the sweet music.

Walden stops to ask the creature her name, but she just mumbles a stream of unintelligible "goo-goos". So Walden names the creature a "Giant Goo-Goo." Now Walden asks the Goo-Goo where she's from, but the Goo-Goo starts crying again. Walden shows the Goo-Goo some of his many maps, hoping to elicit a sign of recognition from it. But the creature just keeps crying and crying – and dousing Walden with her tears! Walden hurriedly picks up the Hoopty Horn and starts playing, and the Goo-Goo stops crying immediately. But when Walden stops playing, the Goo-Goo turns on the tears again. This is all well and good, but Walden can't just keep Hooptying all day! He gets an idea – maybe Widget can help him? Like a Pied Piper, Walden plays the Hoopty Horn and leads the Goo-Goo down the street...

EXT. WIDGET'S WORKSHOP - DAY

WIDGET is busy tuning up her tiny sports car when Walden arrives, tootling on his Hoopty horn. Widget is startled to see the Goo-Goo following behind him, enjoying the music. Widget: "What in the world is that?" Walden explains, "It's a Giant Goo-Goo." The goo-goo starts crying again. Walden explains that every time he stops playing, the Goo-goo cries. Maybe Widget can invent some kind of perpetual horn machine, so that Walden can take a rest?

Widget says she'll think about it, but first she just wants to take her sports car for a test run. When she squeezes into the tiny car and starts it up, the Goo-Goo suddenly stops crying. She watches with delight as Widget drives around in a circle, but when Widget stops, the Goo-Goo wails even louder. Walden exclaims, "Don't stop! She likes your car! Keep driving!" Widget drives around some more, and now the Goo-Goo chases the car, galumphing alongside it. Her heavy tread is making the car and Widget shake. "I-I-I c-c-c-can't k-k-k-keep this up f-f-f-forever...!"

EXT. PARK - DAY

Widget drives the car into the park, with the Goo-Goo giving chase, but then the sports car runs out of gas. The Goo-Goo is now totally distraught. Even Walden playing a few Hoopty notes doesn't appease her. Now what? Plus, the poor creature blows her nose – and blasts Widget and Walden with snot. Yuck!

Now WUBBY happens along and sees the Creature. Walden explains, "It's a Giant Goo-Goo." Wubby innocently asks if anyone wants to play a game of kickity-kick ball. The Goo-Goo immediately stops crying and perks up. She watches Wubby juggle the ball with his feet, his knees and his head. The Goo-Goo starts to wave her hands with excitement. Wubby gently kicks the ball over to the Goo-Goo, who gently kicks it back to Wubby.

As Wubby and the Goo-Goo dance enthusiastically around and kick the ball back and forth, Walden and Widget share looks of relief. Wubby and the Goo-Goo run off joyfully kicking the ball to each other, giggling and laughing.

EXT. TOWN – VARIOUS LOCALES – CONTINUOUS

Wubby and the Goo-Goo continue on their merry way, kicking the ball through the streets of Wuzzleburg!

But then, suddenly the Goo-Goo hears an OS <PIPE ORGAN>. She jumps for joy and runs off toward the music, leaving Wubby, Widget, Walden and the ball behind.

EXT. CIRCUS TENT – CONTINUOUS

Wubby, Walden and Widget chase the Goo-Goo all the way to the center of town, where she comes to a stop outside a giant circus tent. When they catch up to her, the Goo-Goo points and happily cries out a word that everyone understands: "Home!" And of course, now it all makes sense – there's the Circus band, with the section of Hopty Horn players. And there's the Clown, riding in a very tiny car. And there's a group of seals juggling circus balls back and forth. The Goo-Goo was just remembering all her favorite things about home!

Now, dressed in circus performer outfits, the Goo-Goo's very large MOM and DAD emerge from the tent. Widget points out, "Now those are Giant Goo-Goos". The parents give their baby a big enthusiastic – and very relieved – hug. She's been missing for hours!

As thanks for bringing their baby home, they invite Wubby, Widget, and Walden to perform with them in the circus. Our heroes love the circus and are only too happy to join in!

INT. CIRCUS TENT – LATER

While Mom, Dad and and baby Goo-Goo perform their high wire acts, Wubby juggles a whole bunch of balls and Widget drives a mini clown-car! And Walden? Walden gets to play First Hopty Horn with the band!

Everyone sings a song about:

- learning to communicate
- helping others