

Fall 2016

When we last visited Abigail Fieldmouse, who lived under the floorboards of the Pine Grove School House many years ago, she met a very nice gentleman mouse. His name is Seamus Graymouse and over the past few months, he and Abigail have developed a strong bond. They have been spending a lot of time together doing fun things like playing tag in the cornfield, hide and seek in the old barn nearby, sharing meals and visiting with Abigail's family.

Now winter has come to Avon blanketing the landscape in snowy white beauty. Seamus asked Abigail to go ice skating with him. What Abigail didn't know was that Seamus had a special date planned for them. Before the date, Seamus was busy creating a surprise for Abigail. He went down to the nearby pond and brushed off the snow to clear a spot for skating. Behind some tall grasses poking through the pond, Seamus had made a heart-shaped ice sculpture!

Just before sundown, Seamus and Abigail went skating and had a great time even though Seamus fell down a couple of times. Abigail laughed as he tried to get back on his feet and kept slipping, but he laughed too. As the sun began to set, Seamus told Abigail that he had brought a covered pail of hot cocoa that he had put behind the tall grasses. He asked her to wait just a minute while he skated over there to find the ladle to serve the cocoa in tiny mugs.

He called to Abigail to come skate over to him behind the grasses. When she came around them, there was Seamus kneeling down on one knee in front of the ice sculpture that was backlit by the setting sunlight giving the heart a golden glow. He held out a pink quartz pebble ring that he had made from a special rock he found just for her. Abigail was just flabbergasted as she never expected Seamus to propose marriage! She said, "YES," and then, out from behind the brush at the pond's edge, stepped members of their families to congratulate them and toast the happy couple with hot cocoa!

What followed next was a sight to behold...as the sun set and the moon arose, across the snowy pond and surrounding woodlands was moonlight casting a magical shade of blue everywhere—even the ice sculpture heart was bathed in icy blue moon glow! Just then, snowflakes started gently falling from the sky. What a perfect ending to Abigail's special day...she was surrounded by all the people she loved and who loved her and Seamus too. The mouse families skated all together until it was time to say good night and head back to their cozy homes, hopping merrily through the new fallen snow.