

Water by the Spoonful
Monologue

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One time you came to babysit me, you brought Elliot and Mary Lou – she had just learned to use a straw and she has this soda from 7-Eleven. She didn't want to give me a sip. You yelled at her so bad, you totally cursed her out and I said, "You're not supposed to yell at people like that!" And you said, "No Yaz, she's gotta learn that y'all are cousins, y'all are flesh and blood, and we share *everything*." You walked out of the room, came back from the kitchen with four straws, sat us down on the floor in a circle, pointed to me and said, "You first." I took a sip. "Elliot's turn." He sipped. "Mary Lou's turn." She sipped. Then you sipped. You made us do like that, taking turns, going around the circle, 'til that cup was empty.