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The Ugly Duckling's New Friend

Directions: Circle or highlight the transition phrases.

Once upon a time, a little gray duckling was born. None of the other farm animals were kind to the little gray duckling, and they called him the "ugly duckling."

At the same time, a few fields away, a little brown duckling was born. The farm animals that lived with the little brown duckling treated him unkind, too, and they called him the "beastly bird."

That night, the ugly duckling decided to go for a walk a few fields away. **Before long**, the ugly duckling approached a beautiful field. The ugly duckling discovered a small log with a door, right at the top. He opened the door, and much to his surprise, out popped the beastly bird!

Next, the ugly duckling introduced himself to the beastly bird, and they both smiled upon seeing each other. **Before long**, they became fast friends and treated one another with kindness and compassion.

