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The Calm after the Storm

As a thunderstorm comes rolling in, the skies go from ice blue to gray as they fill with gigantic, deep thunderclouds. In the springtime, the contrast of the dark clouds against the bright-green grass and full-leaved trees is an amazing sight. The fall brings an even lovelier picture. While the leaves start changing colors into masses of reds, yellows, and oranges, the sight against the gray is magnificent. Whatever time of year it is, when all the colors come together in an explosion of a storm all their own, many people think the thunderstorms are scary or dangerous, but they are actually calm and peaceful. Thunderstorms bring rain that cleanses the land and brings new growth. The cool, clean air makes breathing in deeply very relaxing.

Inside those mighty clouds is the striking lightning that brings quick flashes, lighting up the sky. As the thunder clashes and the lightning bolts soar through the sky or reach down and meet the earth, it is like a trigger being set off, ready to explode. The thunder shakes the house and makes a rattle as it rumbles in the sky. Before the storm gets wild, as it's still brewing, between the claps of thunder, the absence of sound is from the silence of animals. The cool breeze starts whistling through the trees, making branches sing as they are brought to life and the rain begins to fall.

Dense raindrops start pelting the ground and other surfaces all around as the storm brings water to thirsty vegetation. All the while, the thunderstorm is growing and building in strength, occasionally bringing heavy hail that bounces off cars and pounces onto metal rooftops, possibly

creating damage to houses and cars.

Once the thunderstorm has run its course, it slowly starts to fade away, bringing an earthy, fresh scent across the valley. Though the water drops still fall and everything stays wet, the morning sun appears through lessening clouds and begins to pull the moisture and dry the mud to dirt. The fear has gone during this calm after the storm.