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Gertie loves living on a farm but she wants to be useful like the other animals. But herding sheep and making Farmer Daisy's dinner is much harder than it looks. Will Gertie ever find the perfect job for her?

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It was dark. Every animal on the farm was fast asleep – except for Gertie the goose.

Gertie wanted to be useful, like the other animals. ‘This is my big chance!’ she thought. ‘Go, Gertie, go!’

Gertie flew up onto the farmhouse roof. She opened her big beak...

HONK! HONK! HONK!



A colorful illustration of a farm at night. In the foreground, a cow with brown spots and a red collar with a bell is bawling. Next to it is a grey donkey. Two white sheep are nearby, one looking towards the cow. In the bottom left, a black and white dog and a brown rooster are visible. In the background, a stone house with a red roof has a woman in a green dress looking out of a window. A white duck is on the grass, looking surprised. The sky is dark blue with yellow stars.

All the farm animals woke up – including Ronnie the rooster. “What are you doing, Gertie?” they called.

Whoops!

“I’m doing Ronnie’s job for him. I’m waking you up!” Gertie honked happily. “But it’s only midnight!” they all cried. “We don’t get up for hours.”

It was difficult to get back to sleep and the next day everyone was tired. Bess the sheepdog lay snoozing in the sun.



Farmer Daisy whistled for her to come and round up the sheep - but Bess didn't hear. But Gertie did.



“This is my big chance to be useful!” she said. She flew to the sheep field.
“Go, Gertie, go! Hiss! Hiss! Snap!”