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Delicate watercolor illustrations depict the cycle of the seasons and the circle of life in this touching story about the inevitable and essential nature of death. A young child spends one final summer with their grandfather, who gently guides them to understand and accept death—and the new life it brings—by observing a family of kingfishers nesting on the river that flows by his home. In the end, the child understands that “Nature goes on forever.”

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