ONCE UPON NO TIME there was a Little Soul who said to God, “I don’t want to leave you.”

“Good!” God said with a big smile, “because you don’t ever have to.”

But the Little Soul did not understand, because this was the very day on which the Little Soul was going to be born, and the Little Soul thought that when you are born, you leave Heaven. In fact, the Little Soul was already standing in line, only a few steps away from the Doorway to Earth.

“Should I be afraid?” the Little Soul asked.

“No, no, no,” God said, smiling again. “In fact, this is a day to be happy! This is your birthday!”
God gave the Little Soul a big hug. “I’ll be with you always. It’s impossible to leave me because I’m with you wherever you go.”

“You are?” asked the Little Soul, eyes wide with hope.

And God answered immediately, “Yes, I am! All you have to do if you want me is call out to me, and you’ll see that I’ll always be there.”

“Uh, what if things don’t go right?” the Little Soul asked, starting to tremble. “I mean, ‘Always’ is a long time. What if I mess up? Will you still be there, or will you be mad and stay away?”

“Of course not,” God answered, smiling. “I will never be mad at you. Why would I be mad just because you made a mistake? Everybody makes mistakes.”

“Even you?” the Little Soul wanted to know.

“Well,” God laughed, “there is asparagus . . .”

The Little Soul was feeling better already. “Okaay! So you’ll be around all the time. That’s good to know. That’s almost like being in Heaven.”

God smiled. “It IS being in heaven! You can’t LEAVE Heaven because Heaven is the only thing I ever created! Heaven is everywhere you go.”
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