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On a bright, frosty morning, Walrus sat on the icy shore. He wore his soft blue knitted scarf and watched the sun sparkle on the snow. Beside him, Little Auk hopped from foot to foot in her red woolly hat. "What shall we do today?" she chirped. Walrus smiled, his long white tusks shining. "Let's make something beautiful," he said.

Walrus led Little Auk to a smooth, flat patch of ice. "This could be a garden," he said. "But gardens need flowers and trees." Little Auk tilted her round head. "We don't have flowers here," she said. "But we have ice!" Walrus's small dark eyes twinkled. "Then we'll make an ice garden," he said. "And we'll fill it with creatures we love."

Walrus began to carve with his thick flippers. He shaped a big block of ice into a round, plump seal. Little Auk watched with bright dark eyes. "It looks so real!" she cheered. She found a tiny piece of ice and carved a little bird. "Look, it's me!" she laughed. Walrus nodded. "Perfect," he said. "Our garden is growing."

Just then, Seal bounced over the ice. Her silver-grey spotted fur gleamed, and a yellow ribbon fluttered on her flipper. "What are you making?" she asked. "An ice garden," said Walrus. "May I help?" Seal asked. "Of course!" said Little Auk. Seal carved a slippery ice slide and a tiny ice fish. "This is fun!" she barked.

Snowy Owl glided down silently. Her white speckled feathers looked like snow, and her large golden eyes were calm. She carried a small green satchel. "I saw your garden from the sky," she said softly. "It's lovely. May I add something?" Walrus nodded. "We need delicate things." Snowy Owl carved a graceful ice owl with soft, rounded wings.

More friends came to join the fun. Two arctic hares hopped over and carved little ice flowers. A puffin waddled up and made an ice starfish. Everyone laughed and worked together. Little Auk carved a tiny ice auk for each new friend. "Our garden is full of wildlife!" she chirped. Walrus smiled. "And full of friends," he said.

The ice garden grew bigger and brighter. There were ice seals, ice owls, ice hares, and ice birds. Each sculpture sparkled in the sun. "It's like a celebration," said Seal, bouncing happily. "A celebration of polar wildlife!" agreed Snowy Owl. Walrus looked around and felt warm inside, even though the air was cold.

But then a strong wind blew across the ice. It rattled the sculptures and made everyone shiver. "Oh no!" cried Little Auk. "The wind might knock them down!" Seal looked worried. "What can we do?" she asked. Walrus thought for a moment. "We can work together," he said. "Let's build a wall of snow to protect our garden."

Everyone rushed to help. Seal rolled big snowballs. The hares patched the gaps with soft snow. Snowy Owl flew up and smoothed the top. Little Auk tucked tiny snow bricks into corners. Walrus pushed the biggest snowballs into place with his strong flippers. The wind howled, but the friends kept working. Slowly, the snow wall grew tall and strong.

When the wall was finished, the wind calmed down. The ice sculptures stood safe and sparkling. "We did it!" cheered Little Auk. "Together," said Walrus. Seal bounced with joy. "Our garden is even better now!" Snowy Owl nodded. "And we have a cozy spot to rest," she said, pointing to the shelter behind the wall.

The friends sat together behind the snow wall. Walrus shared some crunchy seaweed snacks. Little Auk told a funny story about a fish that couldn't swim. Everyone laughed. "Making art together is the best," said Seal. "And making friends," added Snowy Owl. "I'm glad we all helped," said Walrus. "That's what makes our garden special."

As the sun began to set, the sky turned pink and gold. The ice sculptures glowed like jewels. "Look!" whispered Little Auk. "They're dancing in the light!" The friends watched in wonder. "Let's come back tomorrow," said Seal. "We can add more sculptures." "And more friends," said Snowy Owl. Walrus smiled. "The garden will keep growing," he said.

The next day, even more animals arrived. A young polar bear cub carved a tiny ice bear. A group of snow buntings made ice snowflakes. Little Auk greeted each one with a cheerful chirp. Walrus showed them where to carve. "Everyone can add something," he said. "Our garden is for all of us."

The ice garden became a favorite place for everyone. Animals came to play, to carve, and to share stories. Seal taught the hares how to slide. Snowy Owl helped the buntings make delicate patterns. Little Auk carved a tiny ice sculpture of each new friend. Walrus watched with happy eyes. "This is the best garden ever," he said.

One evening, Walrus gathered everyone around. "You know," he said, "when we started, it was just me and Little Auk. Now look at us." The friends cheered. "Creativity brings friends together," said Snowy Owl wisely. "And friends bring creativity," added Little Auk. "And love," said Seal, giving Walrus a nuzzle. Walrus's blue scarf fluttered in the breeze.

So the walrus's garden grew, season after season. It was a place of ice sculptures and warm hearts. Every animal who came felt welcome. And everyone learned that making art together is fun, and that sharing ideas makes friendships stronger. Walrus and Little Auk still carve new sculptures every day, happy to be surrounded by friends.