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"The Story of Ovo"

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A long time ago, in a far away land
Theo was the man who learned to understand
The riches of the earth
And all that it was worth
The first man that ever tried to stand with his own plan
Now this man was all about the wind rain and trees
He knew that it would take care of all of his family
needs

Now Ion was the son who spent his nights and days
Looking for all kinds of ways to get his father's praise
In all daddy's ways he just wanted to impress
Make it faster, stronger is what he tried to stress

Sofia was the girl
Living in her own world
She found love and joy with a young sky boy
Sky boys were seen as less to the rest
So it would seem
Sofia went into the woods to daydream
With love in her eyes
Her own father would despise
Her love for the young sky boy he would destroy

Feet in the earth
Heads in the sky
We watch the world go by
Feet in the earth
Heads in the sky
We watch as life goes by

When Theo was gone, his son Ion took the power
And in his daddy's name, he built the biggest strongest
tower
The earth people and sky people divided by machines
And the ones who had nothing were the ones who had
the wings

The sky boy just wanted everything to be equal
From full-time lover to now fighting for his people

Now Beth was the mom
Who really loved to weave
She couldn't believe her own son would deceive
The sky people got hungry and their welfare was
ignored
She let them in the tower and the bloody battle roared
Down came iron and the tower fell as well
The dark days were over and the sky people's hell

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Sofia and the sky boy had long been kept apart
Sofia grief was faded it was joy that filled her heart
Wrapped in his loving wings Sofia took her man
So the earth and sky united
It was all father's plan

Theo kept an acorn
Sofia had carefully safely saved
It was planted in the ground that her brother had once
paved
With a rustling and a creaking an unearthly sound
Something big started growing right out of the fertile
ground

It was the biggest tree that any of the people ever seen
And it covered up the sky with a layer of leafy green
Then it rained and it rained and they watched the
waters rise
Then Sofia led her people to the safety of the skies

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She climbed and she climbed
But never giving up
So pregnant and exhausted
Finally made it to the top
She looked into the sky and the world began to turn
And with a single cry a new baby had arrived

With OVO in his nest, everyone one had done their best

To prepare for the world and every single test
Soon he was blessed and as his mother stood by
He was soon released and sailed off into the sky

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