Once upon a time, Moon Hare looked down to the earth below and saw a magnificent Tree.
The Tree was strong and tall and her roots grew deep deep deep into the earth while her branches danced way up high in the heavens.
Her branches grew so tall that her leaves tickled Moon Hare’s furry feet and they became the best of friends.
Each month tree waited and waited and waited for Moon Hare to finally appear in the night sky where the two friends could sit and chat amongst the twinkling stars.
Tree told Moon Hare about the little girl who made picnics at her roots, and climbed her branches, tickling her so hard that her leaves shook with laughter.
And when she was finished, she snuggled into Tree’s smooth bark and sang her a song.....

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That’s the way of nature’s nest

Moon Hare loved hearing about the girl and her song and was glad Tree had such a fine earthly friend.
Then one night, Tree had some exciting news.
Soon the girl’s father was coming to chop her down so he could build a good strong house from her good strong wood.
Tree was excited and proud of her new job.
And because she knew the girl would miss her so, she asked Moon Hare to help prepare a special gift.
The next night Moon Hare stretched his big strong hind legs and thump thump thump, thump thump thump, thump thump thumped them, to show Tree he was ready.
Then, with one huge jump he bounded out of the moon, across the night sky, and landed on top of Tree’s branches.
Then he hoppity-hopped down Tree’s branches, one at a time, tickling Tree all the way down.
Tree giggled so hard that all her Autumn leaves came tumbling down to the ground too!
Then Moon Hare bounded off to his hiding place.
All that day Moon Hare watched the girl and her father as they chop chop chopped down the Tree.
And when they finished, the father gathered up all that good wood while the girl sat on the Tree’s huge stump and sang.
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When all the wood was loaded up, the girl and her father left, and Moon Hare bounded into action.
It took him all of that night, and all of the next day too, to gather the Tree’s many many starry seedpods now lying on the ground.
And when they were finally gathered, it took him one more whole night to do exactly what Tree had asked.
Thump thump thump, thump thump thump, thump thump thump went his furry paws as he bounded to and fro, making the special gift for the girl.
Then when he was finished, Moon Hare stretched those big strong hind legs once more and jumped all the way from the earth back into his Moonly home.
And the next morning when the girl came to visit Tree’s stump, she found a very special surprise.
The whole paddock was filled with shiny little nests sparkling in the sunlight.
Each nest was lined with autumn leaves, and sitting on top were Tree’s starry seedpods covered in sparkly Moon dust.
The girl laughed with delight as she ran from nest to nest to nest.
And then all day long, she sat down beside each nest and carefully dug a deep hole, where she tucked each of the starry seedpods into the warm earth with a sprinkle of Moon dust on top.

And now each year come Autumn time, when the moon shines bright and full, Moon Hare has plenty of star trees to tickle his feet, as he hoppity-hops back down to earth.
When he gets there, with a great thump thump thump, thump thump thump, thump thump thump, he sets to work, all night long, so the children wake on Easter Sunday morning, to find nests filled with sparkling treasure.

I wonder what you might find?