

Line Dybedal
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A Heart for Christmas

Eit hjarte til jul

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Magic in the Christmas tree forest

Nora's mum is in the hospital. She needs a new heart to get better. Nora wants nothing more than her mum to be like she was before, but what if her mum becomes someone completely different with a new heart? Imagine if she doesn't want to know Nora! The thought terrifies her. At times like this it's good to have a grandma who knows about a magic Christmas tree forest. Together with her dad and grandma, Nora finds the perfect Christmas tree and a shooting star whizzes through the sky above.

Perhaps Nora's wish for her mum to get better will come true after all.... *A Heart for Christmas* is a story about the painful thoughts that can arise when a loved one is seriously ill, but it is also a heart-warming tale about finding comfort and security, and about never giving up hope.



Photo: From left: Line Dybedal (photo Helle Frogner) and Line Renslebråten (photo Ina Strøm)

Line Dybedal (b. 1988) is a song writer and musician. *A Heart for Christmas* is her debut book.

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