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Stop!

Why are you in such a hurry?

Come, come and listen to my story.

I am the fountain girl. I have been standing here, in Lincoln Park, for almost one hundred years. I share this park with many other great statues. Mr. Lincoln is nearby!

I don't have any shoes, or a warm coat, but I couldn't be happier. One of my dreams came true and I would like to share it with you. I get to see so many different people walk by every day. At the sight of every person, I fill with such curiosity. I wonder where they are off to. I wonder how they have spent their day. I wonder what makes them smile and what makes them sad. I wonder what they have to say. Oh, how I wish to know what their biggest dreams are.

Take a look into my pot! Come on, don't be afraid. If my pot was filled with delicious treats, cakes, cookies, and pastries, there would be enough for every little boy and girl. If my pot was overflowing with water, there would be enough for every little, thirsty bird. Imagine if my pot was filled with your dreams. What would we find in it?

Tell me. Please, please tell me what your dreams are.

Do you wish to explore the world?

Do you wish to explore the outer space?

Do you want to have a dog?

My dream has already come true. I always hoped to have a voice and a way to tell my story.

Now, I do!

Whatever your dreams are, big or small; I hope that they will come true. Just remember to dream and to follow your dreams.

So, Go, Go! Chase your dreams!

And don't forget, from time to time, to come share them with me.