

The Pain of Spring Rain

- (1) Six consecutive days of spring rain had created a raging river through Nancy Brown's farm.
- (2) As she tried to herd her cows to higher ground, she slipped and hit her head on a tree trunk.
- (3) The fall knocked her out for a moment or two.
- (4) When she came to, Lizzie, one of her oldest cows, was licking her face.
- (5) Nancy got up and kept moving.
- (6) But the water was rising fast, and soon it was waist high.
- (7) Finally, all Nancy could do was to throw her arm around Lizzie's neck and try to hang on.
- (8) Lizzie managed to successfully pull herself and Nancy out of the raging water and onto a patch of high land, a small island now in the middle of acres of white water.
- (9) Two hours later, a helicopter lowered a paramedic, who raised Nancy into the helicopter and took her to safety.
- (10) Lizzie was one of 19 cows that Nancy lost.
- (11) "I owe my life to her," said Nancy tearfully.

語注

- (1) consecutive 連続した raging 猛威を振るう
- (2) herd 家畜を集める、移動させる
- (3) knock out 意識を失わせる
- (4) come to 意識を回復する lick 舌でなめる
- (6) waist-high 腰までの高さに
- (7) hang on しっかりつかまる
- (8) manage to do どうか…する patch 土地の一区画 acres of 大量[多量]の…
- (9) paramedic 救急医療隊員 safety 避難所
- (11) owe A to B A について B の恩恵を被っている