

Sammy's Story

One lovely day in Clew Bay there was a newborn seagull who entered the world. His name was Sammy.

For the first few weeks his mother and father spent all their time finding food for Sammy. He had no brothers or sisters.

One morning when he woke up he saw another egg! He tried his hardest to squak it wasn't much, it just sounded like a squeak, a very quiet mouse but he still managed to wake up his mother and father. They were very light sleepers. His father squaked back at him but then his mother told his father to stop. She knew Sammy was excited about the egg.

Soon Sammy wanted to try to fly for the first time. Both of his parents said yes. They gathered up a bunch of leaves to soften his landing. For the first few times he couldn't manage to get his wings out quick enough and landed on the leaves. His parents were getting fed up of going down and flying him back up. But then on his

last go he finally did it he was flying! He flew back to the nest. His parents congratulated him.

A year had gone by. He was big now he had left his family to start his own. He had found another seagull called Sarah .He met Sarah on a cliff in Clew Bay. They instantly fell in love, they said "hello!" and then planned to meet again.

They went on with their day Sammy was very happy. He found a washed up bottle cap, he ate it, it was hard to swallow. Surprisingly it filled him up. The next day when he woke up Sarah came to visit. She was surprised to see such a big nest. She asked could she live with him, he was very happy he said "Yes!" very excitedly. He had gotten them some fresh worms for lunch. He was still a little bit hungry so he went down to the beach and saw an empty lighter, he swallowed it whole. He was okay, it didn't feel weird it just went down.

A few weeks went by and he swallowed two more pieces of plastic, two Lego men. Sarah laid two eggs, one girl, one boy. Sarah and and Sammy had already picked names for them, Bobby and Bella.

One day Sammy woke up, he was going to get to get food when the chicks hatched. He was a bit hungry so he went to get some food for himself first. He found some lovely crab under some fishing net. His feet got caught in plastic beer can holders and his head got caught in the fishing net. He couldn't breath and he couldn't free himself, he choked to death.

A Few hours later an ornithologist came to study the birds and found Sammy and brought him to a lab. He cut him open and saw all the plastic.

THE END

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