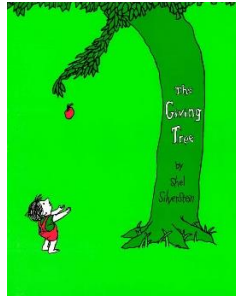


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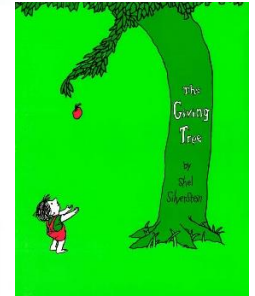
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8. It says- and the tree was happy... but not really. Why?
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