Dear Editor,

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and at first we stood breathlessly
but just for a minute
then we ran to the door, impatient
to know what lay on the other side.

The air smelled thickly of new paint
but I didn’t mind—
My footsteps echoed loudly
in the empty rooms, but I knew the house was happy
and so it sounded like clapping.

I found my room next
and I carefully pushed open the white door—
and I knew it had been waiting for me.
The tall windows filled my room with light
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Name: Rita Pein  
Book Review: How Plants Grow

I think readers will really enjoy How Plants Grow by Bobbie Kalman. The book tells about the amazing process that happens when plants grow from seeds. Readers learn that each part of a plant has a special job. For example, the leaves are responsible for making food. The stems carry water and minerals to the plant.

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