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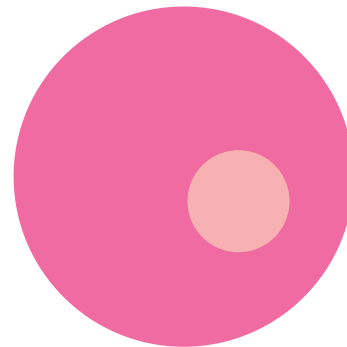
What will
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baby drink?



The story was written by Ms. Irene Elisseou-Choulou, to whom we are grateful, as a contribution to the Cyprus National Breastfeeding Committee with the aim to reinforce the efforts for the protection, the promotion and the support of breastfeeding in Cyprus.

What will the baby drink?

Irene Elisseou-Choulou



Look at my mum,
it's so strange!

Look how she has changed!

She looks like a big balloon

and I am afraid she's going to pop soon

Nonsense! She is **pregnant**

everyone keeps telling me!

Soon she is going to have a **baby**

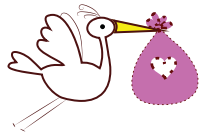
and you will have a brother or a sister, maybe.



But no one asked me what I want.
I want to run and play with him or her
I want to play hide and seek
and laugh and sing
I don't want to hear them say
“wait and wait and wait till the **baby** comes we
have a long way...”



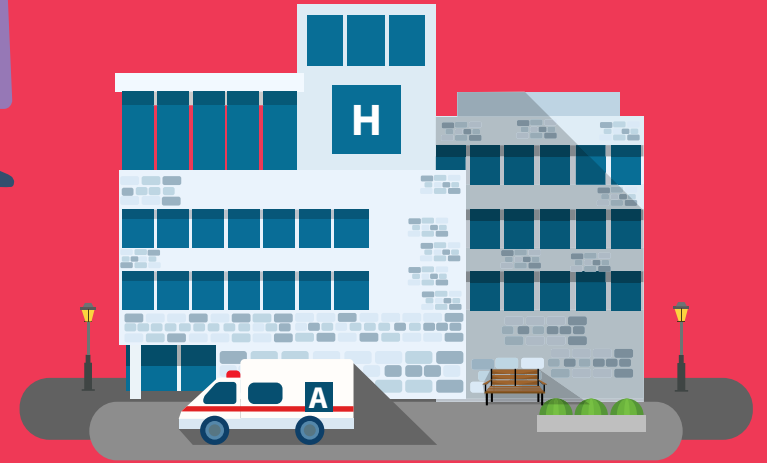
Today my **mum** isn't at home
and I am feeling sad and lonely
she is at the hospital, to
have the baby,
a tiny, funny, little baby...



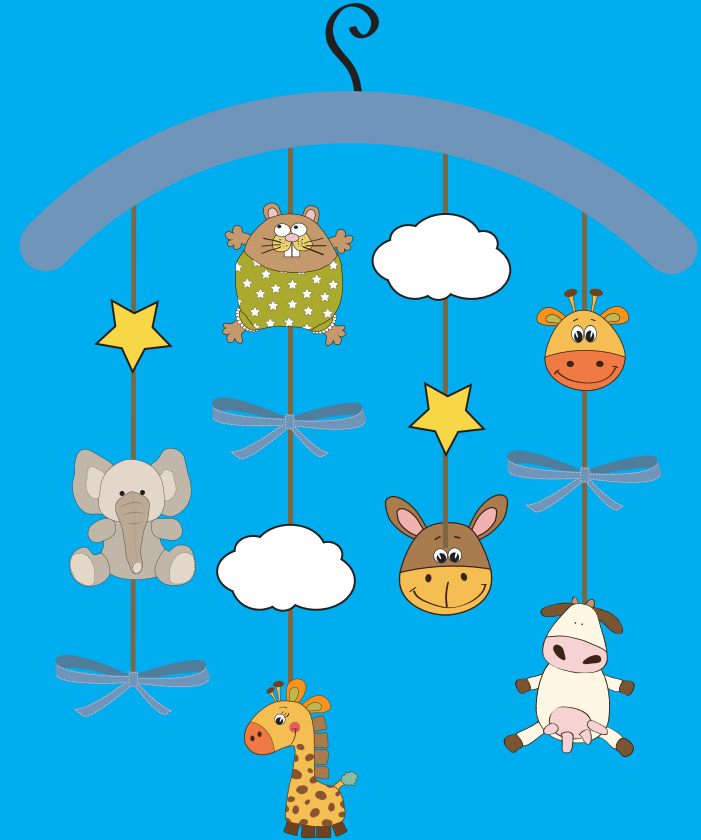
I went out to play with my **dog** Lily
but there she is...just lying on the grass
all gracefully and happy
she is feeding all the puppies with
milk from her breasts
they feed and they drink and drink and drink
to become strong and fast and big



But suddenly I hear grandma shouting
“come, hurry, we must go now, the
baby is coming”
My heart starts racing and I feel like flying



Look at them all **grinning** and **laughing**
like children almost clapping!
Welcome, welcome little **baby**
may your life be merry and fairy



I turn and look at my mum
she looks so happy and very calm
And I see a little man
like a mouse in her arms
drinking milk right from her breast
with a style like no one else
Like they are alone in the world
just him and my
mum
and their endless love



Mummy tell me please

Does it hurt when the baby breastfeeds?

No my darling, I just love it

it's the time for the baby
to learn a thousand things



You mean you tell him secrets when you feed him?

Oh yes, when I hold him **in my arms**

and he is drinking milk to grow

I tell him stories about a girl I know
who used to drink milk from my breast
when she was little

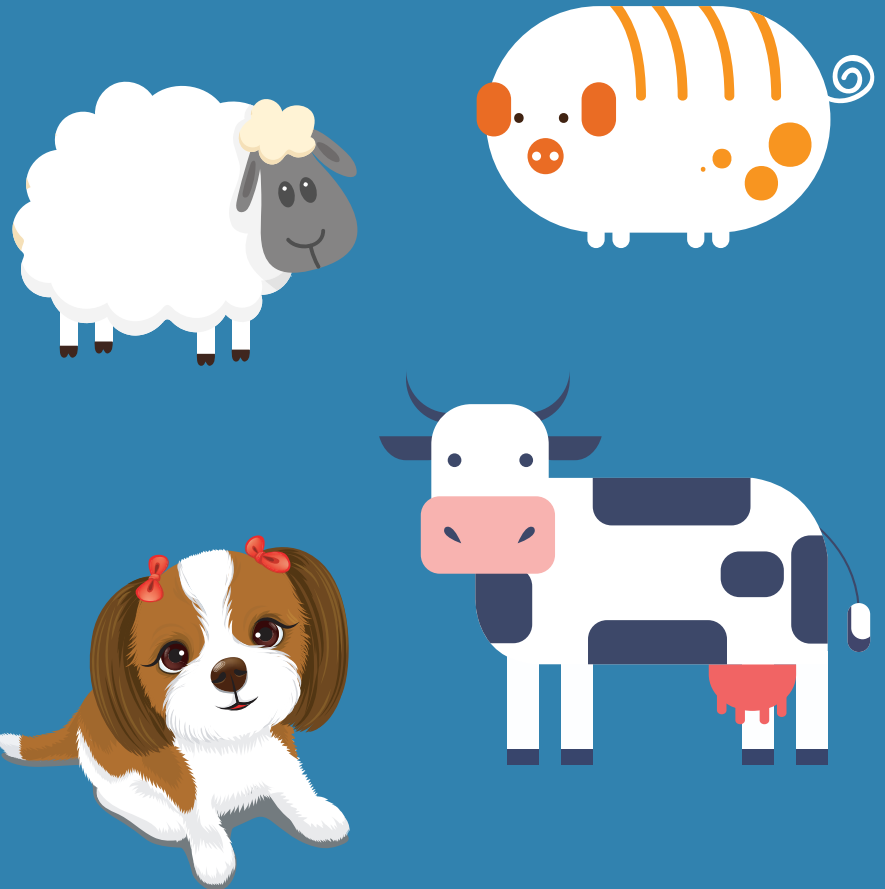
And how she became sweet and strong and smart
and with a smile like a rainbow in the sky
I tell him how she also fed while in my arms
and how I love her to the moon and back



Just like Lily my **dog!**

And like the cow in the yard
and like all the
animals and **babies**
in the world I know

they drink milk from their mother's breast, to grow
Breastfeeding a baby is **wise**
and I can clearly see why...



Now hush my baby brother...

Drink your
milk like no other

To grow up and be like me
beautiful and smart and sweet

And we will always be together in our life
sister and **brother**

like the thread with the kite

And when I go back to school

I'll tell my teacher and the children too

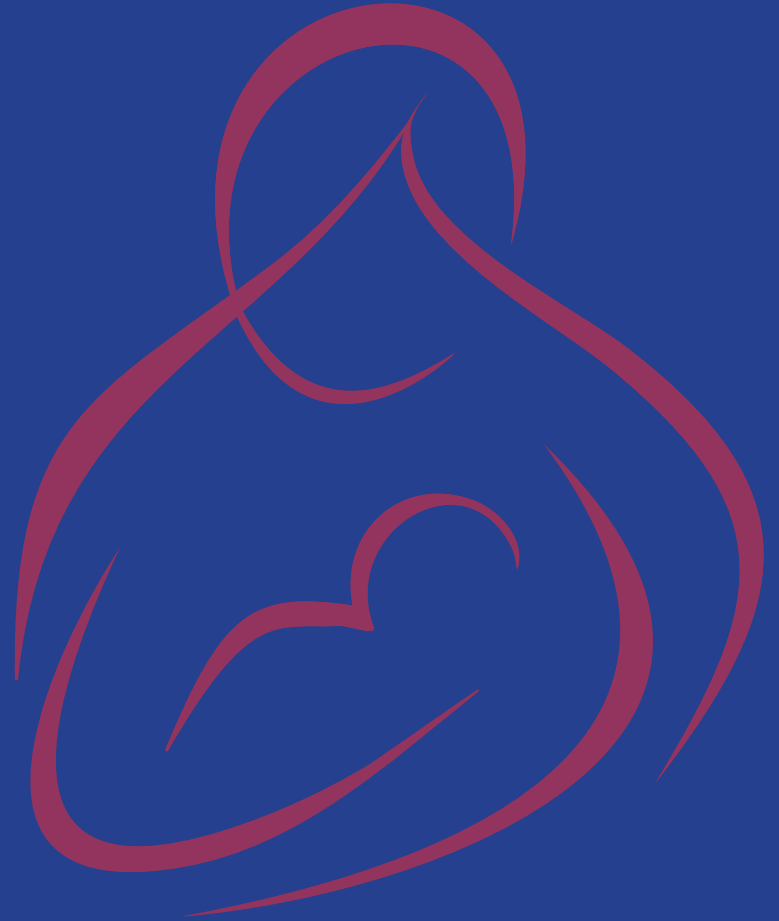
That all mums should
breastfeed their little
babies because it's the right,
loving thing to do



And when I grow up
and I become a
mum I will
breastfeed my little baby
holding it in my arms

And I will whisper my secret softly
known only by the stars...

That when you hold and breastfeed your baby
a magic threat will hold you together
really strong forever and ever





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