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## Haiku Of Surrender

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully and notice how the main character struggles with control and learns to let go. Identify the **theme**, then write a **Theme Haiku** (three lines, 5-7-5 syllable pattern) that expresses the emotional truth of the story.

### The Sandcastle

Ella's sandcastle was perfect—or so she thought. Towers rose high, and every wall stood straight. When a small wave crept closer, she grabbed her bucket to block it. But the tide kept rising. "Come back!" her little brother called, laughing as his own sandcastle melted into the sea.

Ella stared, heart pounding, then sighed. She knelt beside him, letting the next wave wash over her work. The towers crumbled, but she felt something lift from her chest. Together, they built again—not to last, but just to see the waves dance.

1. Identify the story's theme in one clear sentence.

2. Write your **Theme Haiku** below. (*Remember: Line 1 = 5 syllables, Line 2 = 7 syllables, Line 3 = 5 syllables*)

3. Reflect briefly on how Ella's experience shows that peace can come from letting go.