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## ***If I was a Banana* by Alexandra Tylee illustrated by Kieran Rynhart**

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For New Zealand author Alexandra Tylee, owner and chef at “Pipi” restaurant in Hawkes Bay, and author of two cookbooks, *If I was a Banana* is her first children’s book.

The story revolves around a boy’s dreamy thoughts of everyday objects and things he sees and knows about. The catch phrase *If I was...* takes the reader to a world of wonderment as the boy ponders about what it would be like to be a banana, a cow, a star, or perhaps a tree.

*If I was a cloud it would be great to be  
a big black storm cloud and shoot lightning  
thunder, and hail all over the place.*

The book comes to a positive conclusion with the verse, *If I was a little boy...*

The poetic style of writing is beautifully matched with Kieran Rynhart’s skilful illustrations. They are very realistic, and the soft muted colours conjure up the dreamy atmosphere of this book.

A delightful hard back publication that could spark more “*If I was...*” scenarios amongst the readers.

**Reviewed by Judy Sail**

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