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I Want a Hug



At one end, Elvis the Echidna was as bristly as a scrubbing brush.
At the other, he was as prickly as a pine needle.
Little Elvis wanted nothing in the world as much as to be hugged.
So even when he asked nicely, nobody would give him a hug.
'No, you're much too prickly!' they would say.



He saw lots of hugs in the town.
'Please, can I have one?' he asked.
'Shooo! Go away!' they'd say.
'You're much too prickly!'



He saw lots of hugs in the park.

'Can I have one too, just a little one?'

he asked ever so nicely.

'Certainly not!' everyone answered.

'You're much too prickly!'



Elvis the Echidna just wants someone to give him a hug,
but he's so prickly that no one wants to get close to him.

He searches the city, the park, to no avail – until he finds
an unlikely friend who just wants a kiss . . .

An adorable and hilarious story from the legendary John
A. Rowe about what it means to reach out to someone.

