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By Donna L. Emerson

*First grade girls are deciding who's
a princess. They say I'm not one.*
All girls can be princesses, dear girl.
Some of them just don't know it.

Princesses have to be brave,
wait the time they must with courage,
until other honest people
of the kingdom find you.

Princesses start out quite simply
as ordinary girls with big hearts
who learn to turn cartwheels,
set the table, practice alphabet letters,
perhaps listen to Mendelssohn
until they find the part written
by his beloved, Baroness Delphine.

He loved her *startling effect*
but never told the part she'd written.
She changed his G minor concerto
and gave it to the world.