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MY LITTLE PONY 5

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Autumn is coming to an end; winter is quickly approaching. Rainbow Dash's pet Tank has been feeling a little off. He's been eating less and sleeping more. Rainbow Dash is worried and frantic, but tries to convince herself and Tank that he's just fine! RAINBOW DASH sings a SONG about the many things that could be making her beloved pet not feel so well. Maybe it's allergies. Or daylight savings is throwing him off! Starve a fever, feed a cold! Or is it starve a cold and feed a fever! Rainbow Dash is no good at this sickness stuff! Tank just needs to get better. The SONG ends and Rainbow Dash calls Fluttershy over to look at Tank. Fluttershy tells Rainbow Dash what she's known all along but hasn't wanted to accept: Tank is going to HIBERNATE!

Rainbow Dash continues to be in denial of Tank's imminent goodbye, beginning her journey through the five stages of grief. First, Rainbow Dash becomes cranky, taking her anger out on her friends. They know something's up; it's one thing for Rainbow Dash to be a little rough around the edges, but downright rude? Fluttershy breaks the news to everypony. Rainbow Dash is acting this way because she's having a hard time dealing with the fact that she has to say goodbye to Tank. PINKIE PIE launches into a MUSICAL NUMBER about making Rainbow Dash feel better. Throw a party, bake a cake! Host a dance, whatever it takes! Rainbow Dash acknowledges what Pinkie Pie is trying to do, but alas, nothing can make her feel better...

...until she realizes, if winter never comes, then Tank will never have to hibernate! She's going to solve the problem! Rainbow Dash decides that she will control the weather and keep winter at bay. This is quite dangerous as Pony life depends on the changing of the seasons. Twilight realizes what Rainbow Dash is up to. TWILIGHT sings a SONG to Rainbow Dash in which she tries to convince her friend that this isn't the solution. Ponies and animals all over Ponyville need winter. Apple Jack's apples depend on the frost. The trees need to be dormant and rest from the other seasons. It's important and HEALTHY for Tank to hibernate. It's a natural part of his life! Rainbow Dash realizes that she's being selfish.

Rainbow Dash goes into a state of depression. But she tries to hide it from her friends. She doesn't want them to know how sad she is. But her friends know better and bring her out from her hiding place. The Mane 6 (minus Rainbow Dash) sing a SONG about leaning on friends when you're having a tough time. When Tank is gone, she'll need her friends for extra support and she shouldn't be afraid to ask for it. That's what friends are for. Rainbow Dash feels better knowing that she isn't alone.

Rainbow Dash accepts Tank's fate. She'll see him again soon. RAINBOW DASH sings a SONG to Tank. She tells him what a great companion he's been, and that she will miss him dearly. She hopes that he will rest well, and looks forward to seeing him soon. She's truly accepted his departure and tells him that she loves him.

The next morning, Tank is gone. Rainbow Dash knows he's left to hibernate, and she is ok with it. Her friends comfort her with an upbeat REPRISE of their "Leaning on Friends" SONG.