

Teddy Bear Tales 1

The adventure begins...



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For Emily, Rob & Charlotte

**who kindly lent us their teddy bears
to take on our adventures.**

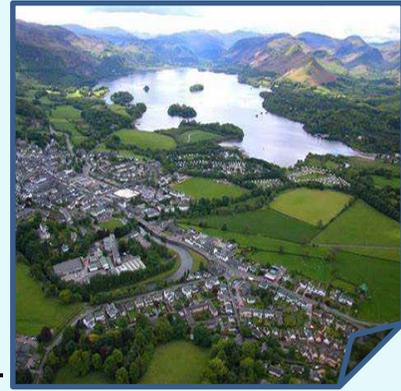
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Emily had a teddy bear,
she called her Jerra-Mary.
Around her neck was a red bow tie -
the look was very merry.
Jerra-Mary wore a sailors top,
with a collar edged in blue,
She dreamed of going to sea one day -
could her dream come true?

Where will we go? What will we see?

Emily has a brother, Rob,
who also had a bear,
From Keswick town it came –



*Keswick,
Cumbria, UK*

he deserved a name with flair,
So Kes was born,
and on his jumper was a yacht.
He too dreamed of sailing ships –
would he ever have a shot?



Who will we meet? How shall we be?



Charlotte was the youngest child,
her teddy was the smallest.
Little Bear she called it –
but wished it was the tallest.
Little Bear had a freckled nose
and a jumper coloured blue.
With Jerra-Mary and Kes to help,
Little Bear could be the crew.

Where will we go? What will we see?

When Emily, Rob and Charlotte
ventured out into the world,
The teddy bears were left behind –
their imaginations swirled!
Jerra-Mary and Kes still dreamed
of sailing the seven seas,
While Little Bear wished for sunny days –
with a warm and gentle breeze.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?



Rob, Emily & Charlotte – and their father, Keith

The three little teddies talked and talked –
and together hatched a plan!
The children's father owned a yacht,
he is a sailing man...
Kes asked if they could join him
and be his faithful crew,
When he set sail from England
to sail the oceans blue.



Where will we go? What will we see?

Captain Keith was pleased
that the teddy bears had asked,
But worried that they would find
the oceans blue too vast.
He asked his First Mate Christine
if the teddies could come too.
The First Mate said "Of course!
I'd love them as our crew!"



Who will we meet? How shall we be?



The captain called to Jerra-Mary,
Kes and Little Bear,
He told them they'd agreed -
this adventure they could share.
The teddy bears were delighted
when told of this good news.
Now they could really dream
of going on a cruise.



Where will we go? What will we see?



The teddy bears packed their bags
and wished themselves godspeed.

Poco Andante the yacht was called
– an unusual name indeed!

Poco is a Spanish word –
it translates to “little” or “small”,
Andante from Italian “to walk” –
together they read “to crawl”!



poco andante

Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Little Bear said she'd hank the ropes,
and Kes would hoist the sails,
Jerra-Mary would help to navigate -
and keep a record of their tales.
They promised to learn the proper words
for sails and ropes and knots,
A whole new language used on board
this weird old world of yachts.



Where will we go? What will we see?

Jerra-Mary dreamed of writing her tales
And kept an eye out for dolphins and whales.



Little Bear asked them
“What will we see?”
“Storms and sharks!” said Kes,
peering out to sea.



Where will we go? What will we see?

Little Bear was scared of
encountering a storm.
“Oh, Captain, I want sunshine
and air that is warm.
What will we do
if we’re caught in a gale?”
“Well, the first thing we’ll do
is reef in the sail.



Reefing a sail

Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“We'll batten the hatches
and keep an eye on the sky,
And watch the barometer –
upon that you rely!
There's an old sailor's adage
about red sky at night,
It forecasts good weather –
a sailor's delight.



Where will we go? What will we see?

“But the same proverb warns
of red skies at dawn,
They say that this forecasts
a possible storm.
If that is the case,
then never you fear,
We’ll not set sail
till the weather is clear.”



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

At last they were ready and the forecast was read,
With wind from the East to Plymouth they'd head.
Southampton, their home port, was soon left behind.
The bears shed a tear with their arms all entwined.



Where will we go? What will we see?



“We must look forward to adventures ahead. That’s what we’re here for, remember,” Kes said. “You’re right!” said Jerra-Mary, “how lucky are we. Who knows where we’ll go or what we will see!”



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Where will we go? What will we see?

Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Jerra- Mary, Kes and Little Bear asked.

"Whatever will come, we're ready at last!"



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Jerra-Mary



Kes



Little Bear

**The real story of three teddy bears
who go on a big adventure.**

**Look out for Teddy Bear Tales 2
when the bears learn how to sail.**