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# For Emily, Rob & Charlotte

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Emily, Rob and Charlotte  
each had a teddy bear.  
When they left home the bears remained,  
in their Daddy's care.  
Jerra-Mary wore a red bow tie  
and checks in every hue.  
She dreamed of going to sea one day –  
and now her dream came true.

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Kes is Rob's bear –he wears stripes  
and a black bow tie.  
He too dreamed of sailing ships –  
white sails against the sky.  
Charlotte's teddy, the smallest,  
is known as Little Bear.  
Shorts of stripes and top bright blue,  
is her summery gear.



*Who will we meet? How shall we be?*

The children's daddy owned a yacht  
*Poco Andante* was its name.  
The three little teddies joined the crew  
adventure was the aim.

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



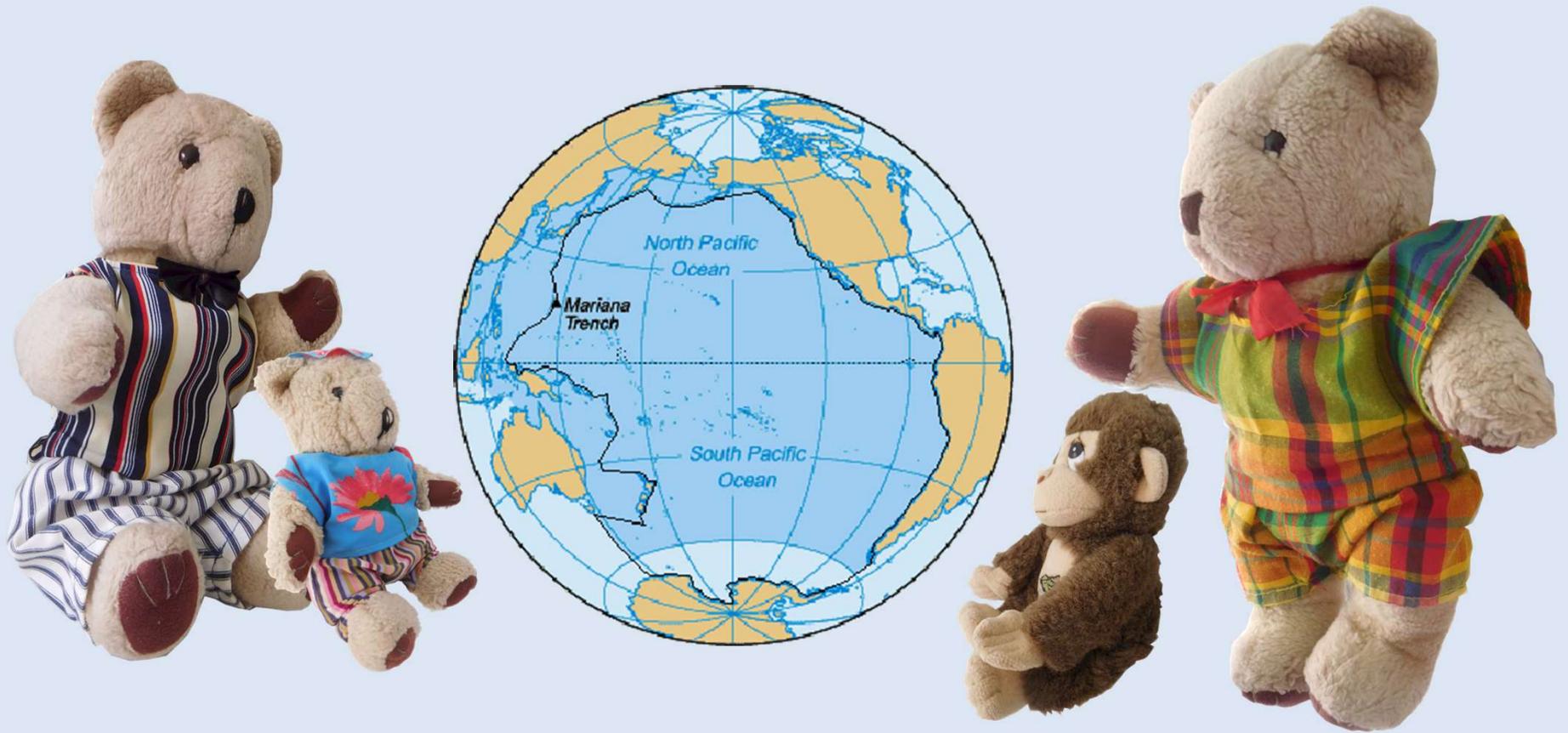
*poco andante*



The bears had been joined by S'bastian, who,  
Became the fourth member of the teddy bear crew.  
A barbary ape from Gibraltar he came.  
He always looks sad – oh, what a shame!

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Crossing the Pacific Ocean was their next quest;  
Near nine thousand miles across - east to west.  
Captain Keith told the crew "We'll do it in stages."  
Jerra-Mary replied "But that will take ages!"



**Who will we meet? How shall we be?**

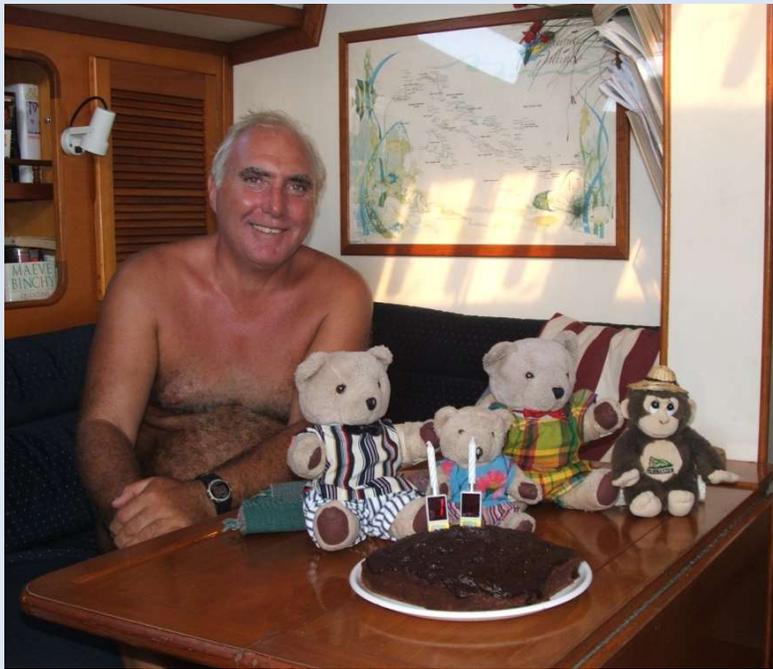
Kes looked at the chart and saw the Galapagos Isles  
“Is that where we go next? It’s only eight hundred miles!”  
“Yes,” said the Captain, “San Cristóbal’s our aim  
The saint of Seafarers gives it the name.”



Where will we go? What shall we see?

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A few days out and Little Bear got excited  
When, to port, a pod of pilot whales she sighted.  
“How good is that? What a display  
To celebrate Charlotte’s eighteenth birthday!”



*Who will we meet? How shall we be?*

Sailing South West, the equator they neared.  
"Neptune, king of the sea, must be revered,  
By those crossing the equator for the first time.  
A tot of rum poured overboard would be sublime!"



Where will we go?

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“Look at those sea lions!” Jerra-Mary exclaimed  
“Basking on rocks – unfazed but untamed.  
There are so many of them – I didn’t expect that...”  
S’bastian said “I didn’t imagine they’d be so fat!”



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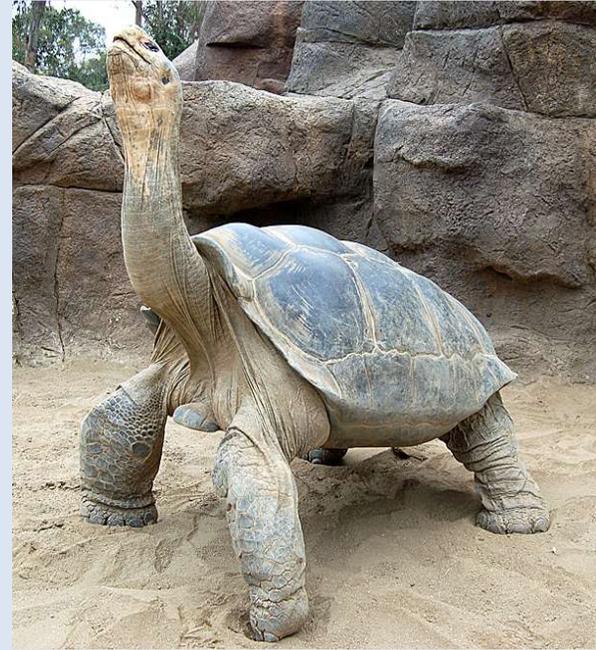
Black volcanic rocks soak up heat from the sun  
“Spotting marine iguanas is part of the fun...  
They’re so well disguised that it’s hard to prove  
That they’re there at all – until they move!”



*Who will we meet?*

*How shall we be?*

On Isabela island  
the giant tortoise makes home,  
From lowlands to highlands  
the tortoises roam.  
In the lowlands they stretch up  
to the trees for their dinner,  
So it's easy to see why  
their necks are longer and thinner.



In the highlands the tortoise  
can eat food from the ground,  
So, their necks are much shorter  
and their domed shells very round.  
If startled, the tortoise draws in  
its legs and its head,  
And falls to the ground with a thud  
– and plays dead!

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**What shall we see?**

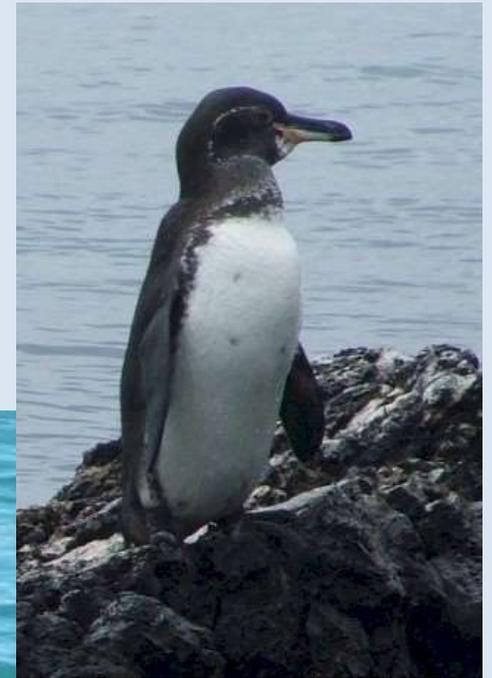
Little Bear pointed

“That bird’s feet are bright blue!  
That can’t be natural –  
but look – there’s a few!”  
“They’re blue-footed boobies,”  
Kes explained to the crew  
And, believe it or not,  
there are red-footed ones too!”



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Going back to *Poco* by dinghy they saw  
Penguins swimming not far from the shore.  
“Only these penguins live this far north, we are told.  
Isabela Island is on the Equator but the water is cold.”



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As the dinghy continued a sea lion roared,  
Disturbed from his nap “How did he get aboard?  
Up to eight feet long and five hundred pounds,  
With only flippers to help them get around...”



*Who will we meet? How shall we be?*

“How lucky we were  
to sail to this place -  
Where Charles Darwin’s work  
led him to trace  
The origins of the species  
and natural selection.  
Now it’s time to move on –  
what’s our direction?”



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*Who will we meet? How shall we be?*

*Where will we go? What next is our quest?*

*Will we go East? Or will we go West?*

Look out for Teddy Bear Tales 14 –  
When the bears and S'bastian go  
Learn about the Kon Tiki expedition.

## *Back Cover*

Three teddy bears and their friend go on a big adventure – this is the thirteenth of their tales.



Jerra-Mary



Kes



Little Bear



S'bastian