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# For Emily, Rob & Charlotte

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**Where will we go? What shall we see?**

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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.

*Where will we go? What shall we see?*

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'!



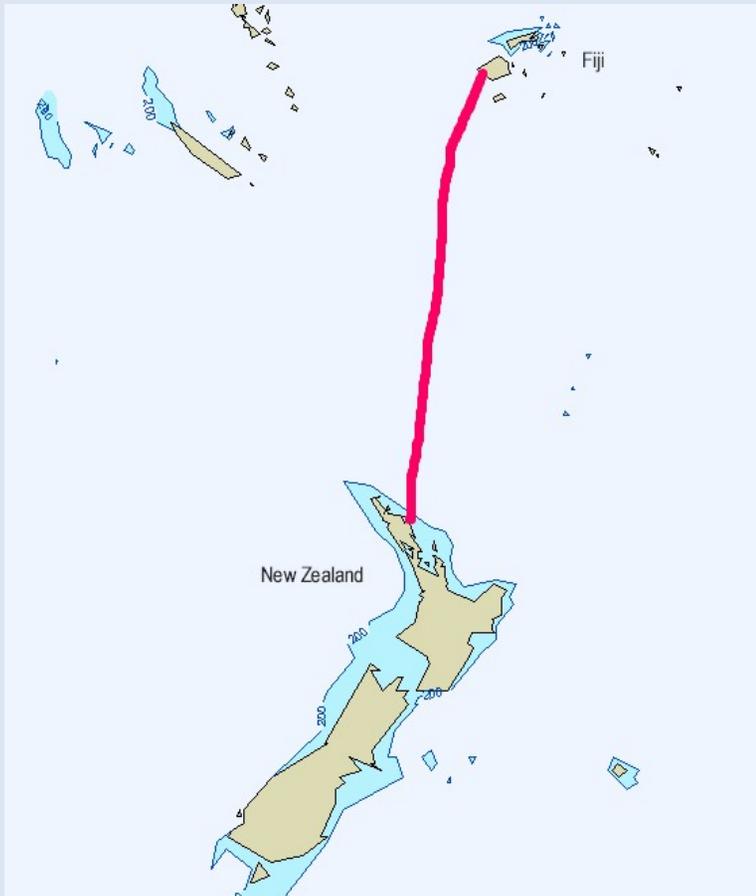
*poco andante*



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!

Where will we go? What shall we see?

Their South Pacific adventure was nearing its end;  
The cyclone season was looming upon them again.  
From Fiji they sailed south to New Zealand;  
Jerra-Mary listed the adventures they planned...



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

The North Island is home to the rare 'Kauri' tree  
One of the world's most ancient variety.  
The bears and S'bastian gaped at the sight;  
"A forest so dense it blocks out the light!"



Where will we go?

What shall we see?

Further south, at Rotorua they stopped,  
Where boiling mud pools splattered and plopped.  
S'bastian asked "What on earth is that stink?"  
"It smells like rotten eggs - sulphur, I think!"



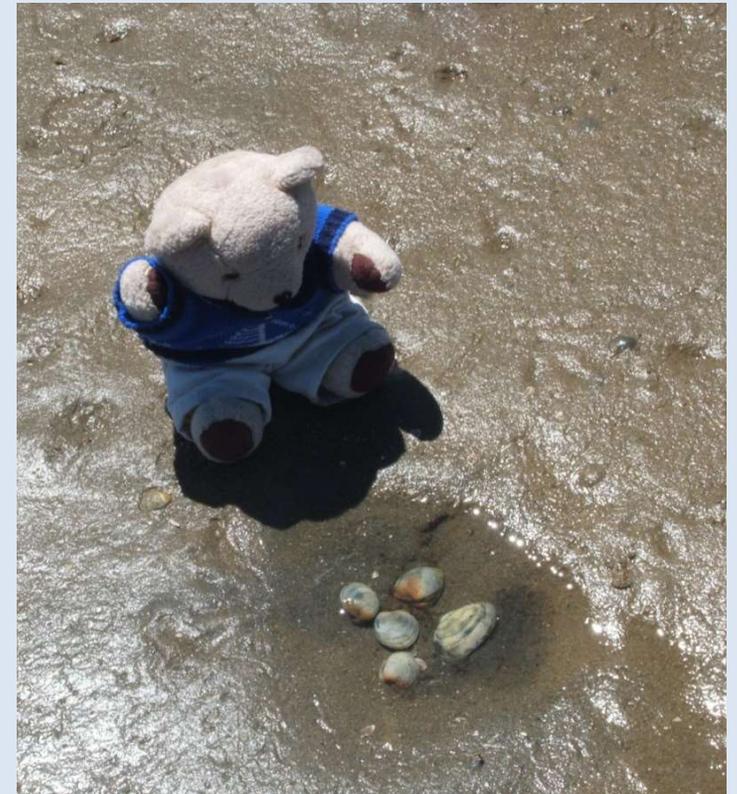
*Who will we meet? How shall we be?*

The bears admired the marae of the Maori;  
Different from the one they'd seen in Tahiti.  
Still a cleared space where culture is celebrated,  
And a meeting house richly carved and venerated.



Where will we go? What shall we see?

On Great Barrier Island they went to the beach;  
“If you dig down a bit, soon you will reach,  
Pipi’s – a small shellfish – delightful to eat,  
Like clams, when cooked, a sweet summer treat.”



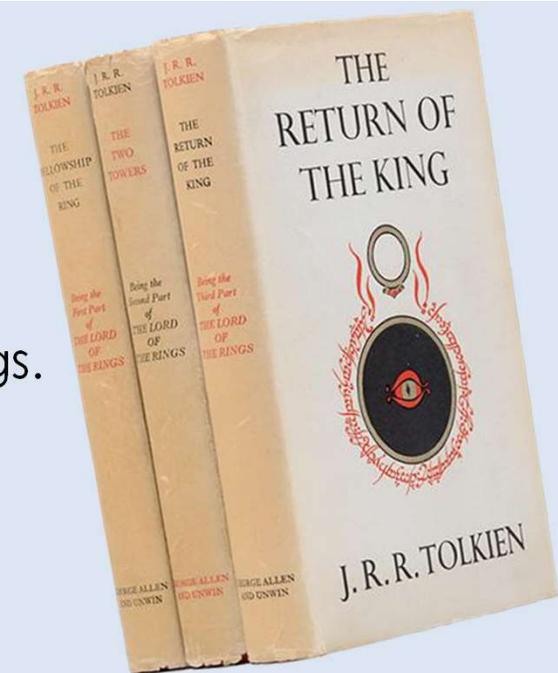
*Who will we meet? How shall we be?*

Off to the west Mount Taranaki emerged,  
A dormant volcano from the flat land it surged.  
Other volcanos erupt and then the ground shakes,  
When New Zealand has one of its many earthquakes.



*Where will we go? What shall we see?*

Near Wellington they stopped in a beautiful glade, Leafy green trees dappled with sunshine and shade. This was the setting for Rivendell of Lord of the Rings, Complete with a stream flowing from cold mountain springs.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“How do we get to the South Island from here?”  
“We’ll take a ferry,” explained Little Bear.  
“Across Cook Strait to Queen Charlotte Sound, Created when the land sank and the valleys were drowned.”



*Where will we go?*

*What shall we see?*

At the Caitlins they discovered  
petrified trees;  
A forest buried by ash  
and volcanic debris.  
Over thousands of years  
silica seeped into the wood,  
Turning the trees into stone –  
they fell where they stood.



*Who will we meet?*

*How shall we be?*

“What creature is that?” S’bastian asked.

“A lizard-like reptile that’s survived from the past.  
A unique living fossil called ‘Tuatara’  
With peaks on its back and a crest like a tiara.”



*Where will we go?*

*What shall we see?*

At Milford Sound,  
a world-famous fjord,  
The bears and S'bastian  
went on board,  
A ship that explored  
up at close quarters,  
The towering mountains  
and inky dark waters.



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

While glaciers around the world are retreating,  
The ones in New Zealand are still world-beating.  
The bears walked up to the Fox through the valley,  
And visited to Franz Josef to add to their tally.



*Where will we go?*

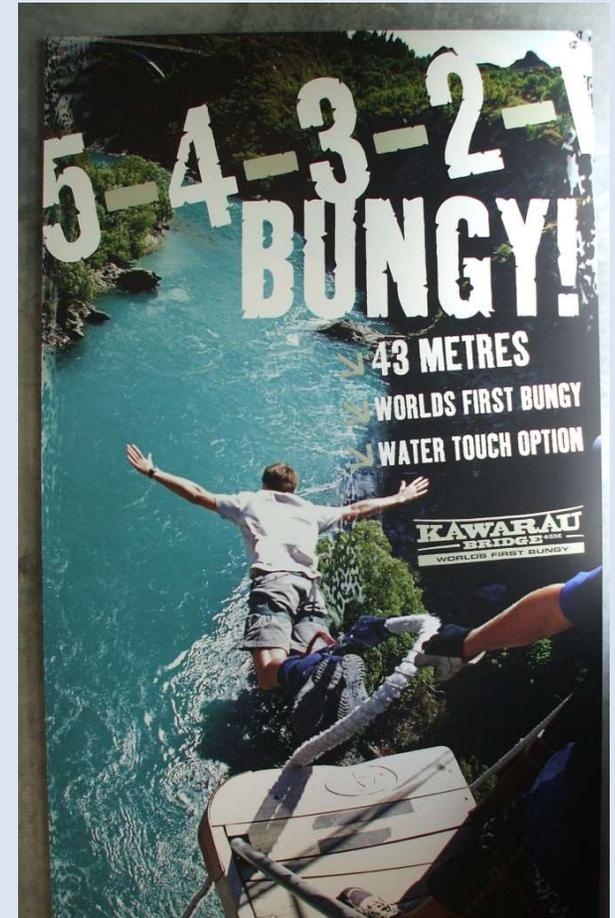
*What shall we see?*

Lake Pukaki was formed when glacial moraine,  
Blocked up the valley and the water remained.  
The icy blue water frames a view of Mt Cook  
Off to the north – “What a stunning outlook!”



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

On the way back to Queenstown  
Kes saw an ad  
“Look! Bungy jumping  
is here to be had!”  
“You have to be mad,”  
S’bastian exclaimed.  
“You’ll end up dead –  
or seriously maimed!”



Jerra-Mary and Little Bear astonished Kes,  
When he asked them to join him and both said “Yes!”  
“S’bastian, are you sure you don’t want to jump?”  
“Yes, I’m sure. I’m sorry I’m a chump...”

*Where will we go? What shall we see?*

Kes shuffled to the edge, preparing to fly,  
Forty three metres “That’s really high!”  
Two men in a boat on stand-by below,  
“Here goes nothing – I’ll put on a show.”



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

Jerra-Mary went next, reassured by Kes.  
“You’ll love it,” he said, and gave her a kiss.  
Little Bear went last, while the others watched on,  
When it was over, they shouted “Well done!”



**Where will we go? What shall we see?**

**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 17 –  
When the bears and S'bastian  
go to Vanuatu.

## *Back Cover*

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



Jerra-Mary



Kes



Little Bear



S'bastian