

Teddy Bear Tales 2

Learning to Sail



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For Emily, Rob & Charlotte

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

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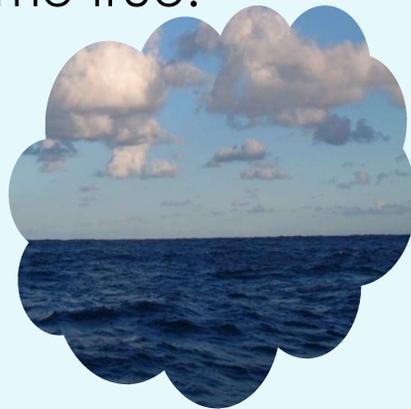
Rob, Emily & Charlotte – and their father, Keith

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 sailors top,
with a collar edged in blue.

She dreamed of going to sea one day –
and now her dream came true.



Where will we go?

What will we see?

Kes is Rob's bear - and on his
jumper was a yacht.
He too dreamed of sailing ships -
now he had the lot.



Charlotte's teddy, the smallest,
is known as Little Bear
Shorts of white and a jumper blue
was what this bear did wear.



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

Where will we go? What will we see?

Little Bear asked "Where next are we going?"
"To Camaret, France!"

From the north the wind's blowing."
So they began their first night at sea,
Crossing the Channel – farewell to Blighty.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Jerra-Mary gazed up at the stars in the sky,
And marvelled to see the moon rise up on high.
As *Poco Andante* sailed towards Camaret,
To her delight she saw dolphins at play!



Where will we go? What will we see?

In France Kes enjoyed
baguettes and croissants,
And relished good food
in the French restaurants.



After a few days of rest it was time to depart,
Across the Biscay – a long way on the chart.

Who will we meet? How shall we be?



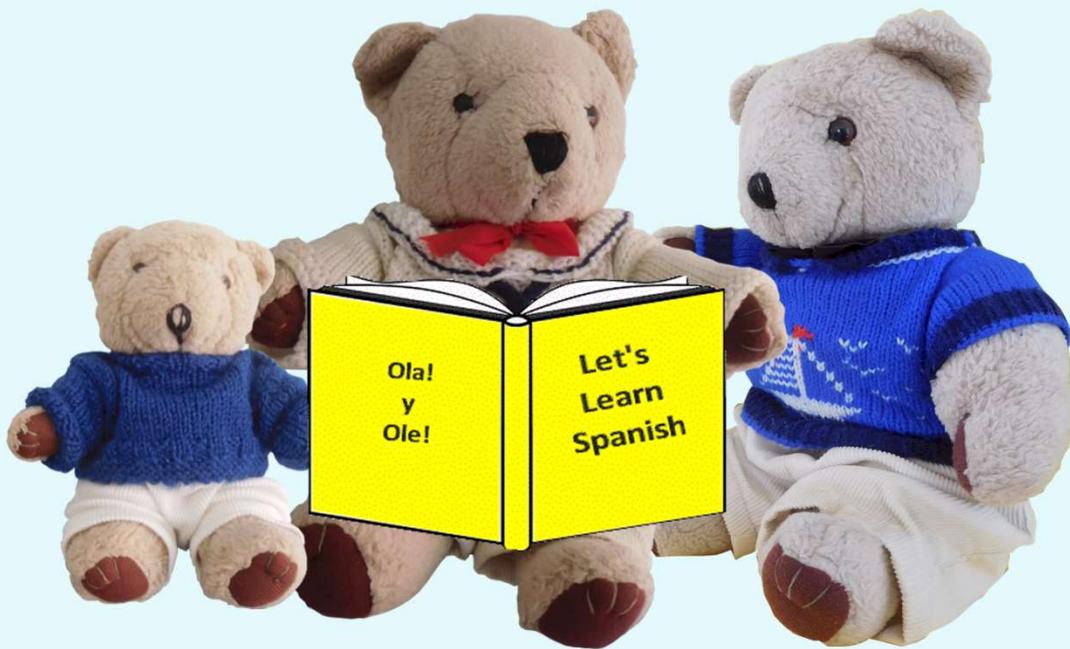
With two hours on
and two hours rest,
The bears steered the course
along with the best.
After three days at sea,
in Spain they arrived,
The notorious Biscay
they all had survived.



Gijon, Spain

Where will we go? What will we see?

Olé and Ola, si, non, por favor!
Learning new words was no longer a chore.
The three little teddies each took a turn.
A new phrase each day –
a new language to learn.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Captain said "Winter's upon us –
we need to make way,
West across Spain then
head south day-by-day."
Small harbours abounded
for rest every night,
Sailing was easier
each day in sunlight.



Where will we go? What will we see?

Portugal's coast brought
winds from behind,
The captain gazed out
and made up his mind.
"It's time to hoist
the gennaker sail!"
The teddy bears quaked
and turned rather pale.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“Don’t worry, my lads, you’ll each have a role -
Little Bear on the helm and Kes on the pole
I’ll haul the halyard, Jerra-Mary the sheet.
With the gennaker set the boat will be fleet!”



Where will we go? What will we see?

Little Bear asked "How do I
stay on this track?"
The captain explained
"Keep the wind on your back.
Turn your head left and right,
when you're unsure,
If you feel wind on your cheeks
it'll ruffle your fur"



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

At last it was hoisted
 “Well done, little crew!”
Jerra-Mary huffed and puffed
 and gasped “Phew!
Winching that sheet
 took more than I thought.
But look at it fly!
 How well we were taught!”



Where will we go? What will we see?



The gennaker looked gay –
all blue and white

The wind from behind
filled it just right.

“But, remember,” said Kes,
“if the wind is too strong
it’ll have to come down –
this sail would be wrong.”



Who will we meet? How shall we be?



After a visit to Lisbon, further south they were bound,
Cape St Vincent the next point to turn round.
East to Gibraltar the teddy bears went,
Arriving there just as autumn was spent.



Where will we go? What will we see?

“Where next?” Kes asked,
as he wondered aloud.
Little Bear whispered gently
“I feel very proud,
Of all that we’ve learned
and achieved on the way...”
Jerra-Mary agreed
“Very true! Hip, hip hooray!”



HIP HIP
hooray

Who will we meet? How shall we be?



Where will we go? What will 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?

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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 3
When S'Bastian joins the crew.