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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.

Where will we go? What shall 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 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?

The captain decided to sail north to Maine
This should keep them safe from a hurricane
They sailed six days through fog and sun shine
Bar Harbour is beautiful "That's a good sign!"



Kes asked "How long can we stay
in the US of A?
There's a lot to do
and see on the way!"
The captain replied
"We'll have six months at best,
To get down the coast
from here to Key West."

Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Maine has beautiful
lighthouses of white,
On every headland,
they're a welcome sight.
The calm waters shelter
wall-to-wall pots,
For catching Maine lobsters
"There must be lots!"



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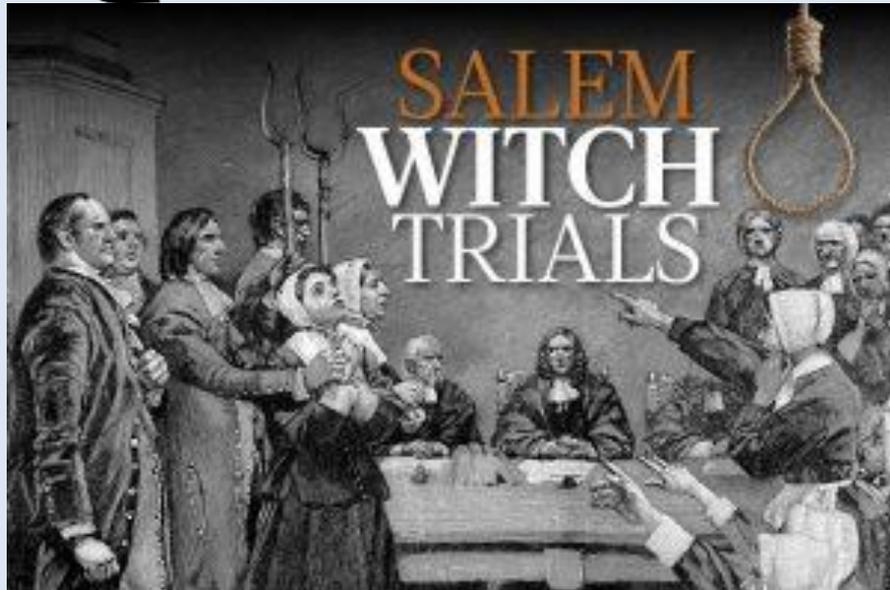


New England abounds
with names that we know,
But others are stranger
to our ears, though.
Massachusetts is one that is
difficult to say,
Like Connecticut, Nantucket
and Narragansett Bay.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

Salem, Massachusetts is an historic port,
More widely known for the witches it caught.
The Puritans who settled this area conceived
Witchcraft was caused when the devil deceived.



More than two hundred people
in one year accused;
Only thirty found guilty –
the rest were excused.
“That must have been scary,”
Little Bear said,
“If found guilty, they were
hung until dead.”



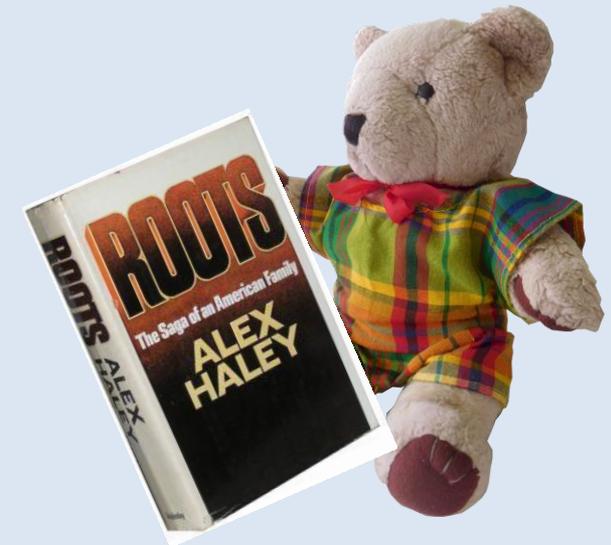
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What shall we see?

Jerra-Mary read them Alex Haley's 'Roots'
The story of a black man stolen by brutes.
Shipped from the Gambia and sold as a slave,
Beaten and chained he had to be brave.



Seven generations later Alex Haley wrote,
The story of his family as he'd learned it by rote.
If slaves escaped, from the South they did flee,
To the north - slavery abolished - now they were free.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

The Underground Railway helped slaves on the run,
With places to stay until freedom was won.
In Boston the bears walked the Black Heritage Trail,
And celebrated the places told in the tale.



Where will we go? What shall we see?

Through Cape Cod Canal
to Nantucket Sound,
Martha's Vineyard
and beautiful Edgartown,
With its white clapboard houses
and low picket fences,
And sweet flowering gardens
filling the senses.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

New York was a wonder to three bears and an ape.
“The Empire State Building!” said Kes all agape.
S’bastian asked “Can we go to the top?
I’ll hang on tight – it’s a long way to drop!”



Where will we go?

What shall we see?



The Museum of Natural History
took up one day.
“Perhaps our ancestors
are put on display!”
The exhibits they passed
showed bison and moose,
Coyotes and cougars –
and even a goose!



They searched and they searched
but all they could find,
Were Grizzlies and Brown Bears,
but none of their kind...
S'bastian said “I’ll bet Barbary Apes
are displayed,
Where the ‘Evolution of Man’
is portrayed.”

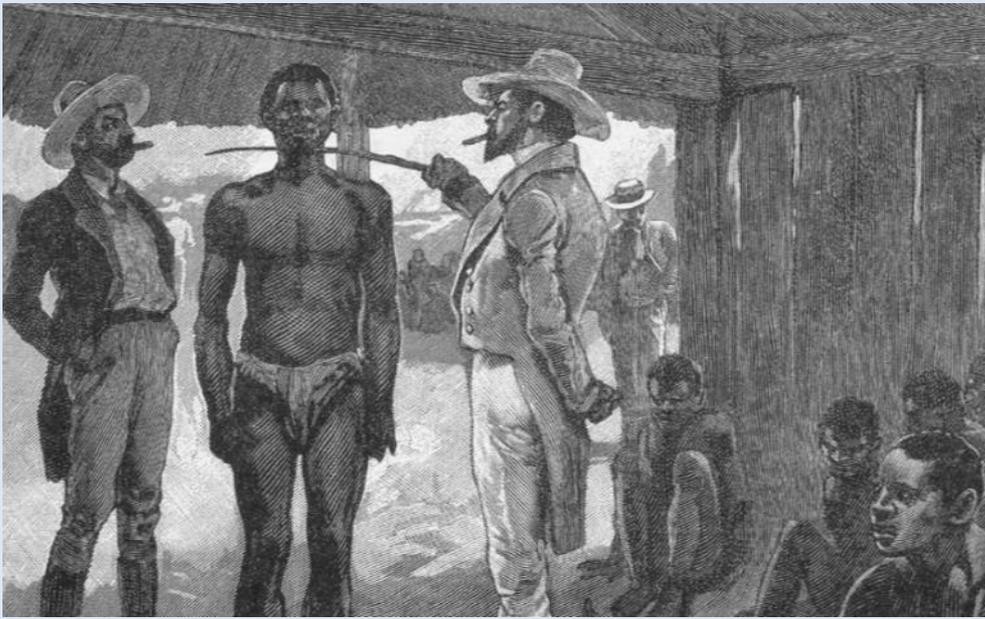
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Central Park to Wall Street –
they walked the lot,
Tired and weary,
with sore feet and hot.
Jerra-Mary spoke for them all
when she said,
“It’s time to move on –
my paws are like lead!”



Where will we go?

What shall we see?



To Annapolis on Chesapeake Bay
they went,
For Alex Haley's ancestors,
a major event,
“This is where slave ships
from Africa landed,
Sold to the South as livestock
and branded.”

The Kunta Kinte
Memorial sculpture,
Commemorates the man
of that early capture.
It shows Alex Haley reading
from a book on his lap,
To three young children
listening, rapt.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

The US Navy Academy
calls Annapolis home,
Where midshipmen train
four years to become,
Naval ensigns or
second lieutenants.
At noon each day they parade
with their pennants.



Where will we go?



What shall we see?



South to Charleston with wealth
from its cotton,
Grown on plantations by slaves
now forgotten,
Today the work is done,
not by men but machines.
And cotton is grown
along with soybeans.



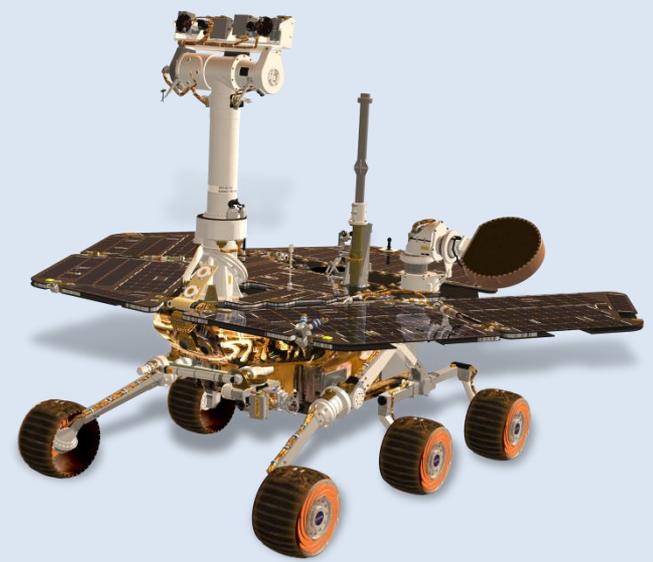
Soy beans...

... Soy sauce!



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

The captain called to the crew "Time to get going!
Key West still beckons and the wind is a-blowing."
Little Bear asked "What's the next place?"
"Cape Canaveral where rockets launch into space"



Kes told them "Curiosity Rover is leaving soon,
A robotic machine going to Mars, not the Moon.
The Rover will test the soil and the rock
For traces of carbon, life's building block."



The teddy bears gazed in awe at the sight
Of the rocket blasting off for its long flight.
"Wow, that's exciting!" S'bastian said.
"And to get there a journey of 10 months ahead!"

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Duval Street, Key West is tacky but fun.
Captain told them "Keep an eye on the sun.
When it is setting, go to Mallory Square,
And join all the people partying there."



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“I’ve enjoyed our time
in the States” said Kes
“A big adventure for an ape
and three bears.
The Caribbean is safe
from hurricanes, now.
Where will we go?
What’s over the bow?”



*Where will we go? What shall we see?
Who will we meet? How shall we be?
Where will we go when next we set forth?
Will we go South? Or will we go North?*

Look out for Teddy Bear Tales 10 –
When the bears and S'bastian go to Cuba.

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Back Cover

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



Jerra-Mary



Kes



Little Bear



S'bastian