

Teddy Bear Tales 3 – S'bastian joins the crew

Where will we go? What shall we see?

Who will we meet? How shall we be?

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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, 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.

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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 shall we see?



Six months at sea had made
sailors of the bears,
Now they'd reached Gibraltar –
and conquered all their fears.
But Little Bear was melting
in the heat of the southern sun
“This jumper’s way too hot!
Something must be done!”

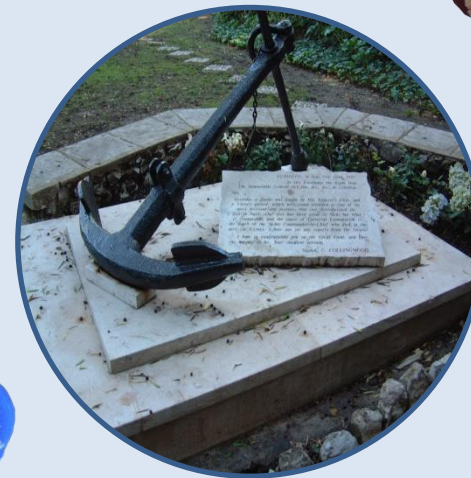
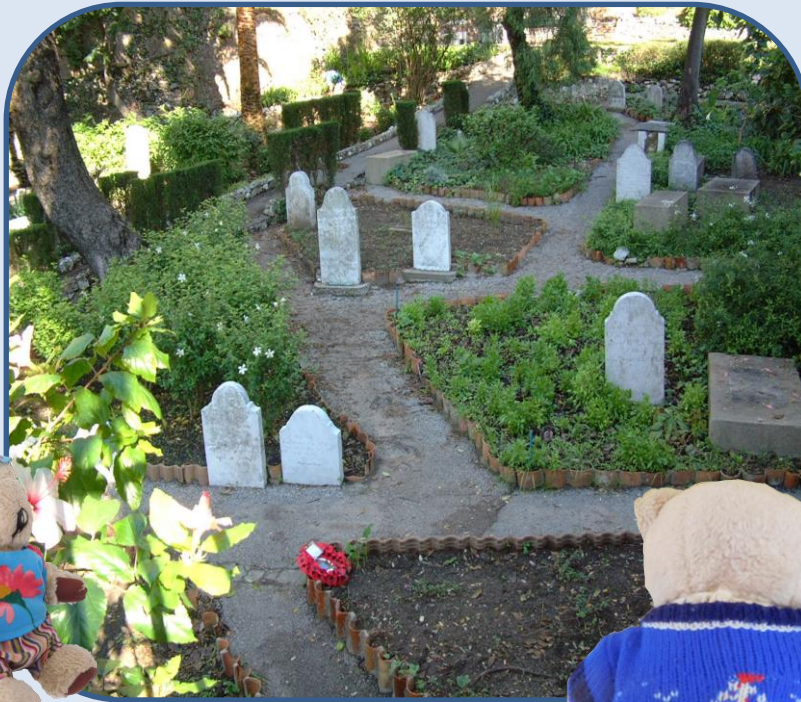


Little Bear stripped off her gear – until her fur was bare.
She asked First Mate Christine for some summer clothes to wear.
“Look what I’ve found for you – a pretty blue top,” she said,
“A pair of bright, striped shorts – even a cap for your head!”



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

The teddy bears had courage to venture out all on their own,
Jerra-Mary told them tales of the history that was known.
“The Battle of Trafalgar was fought at sea near here,
And there is the cemetery where the fallen are revered.



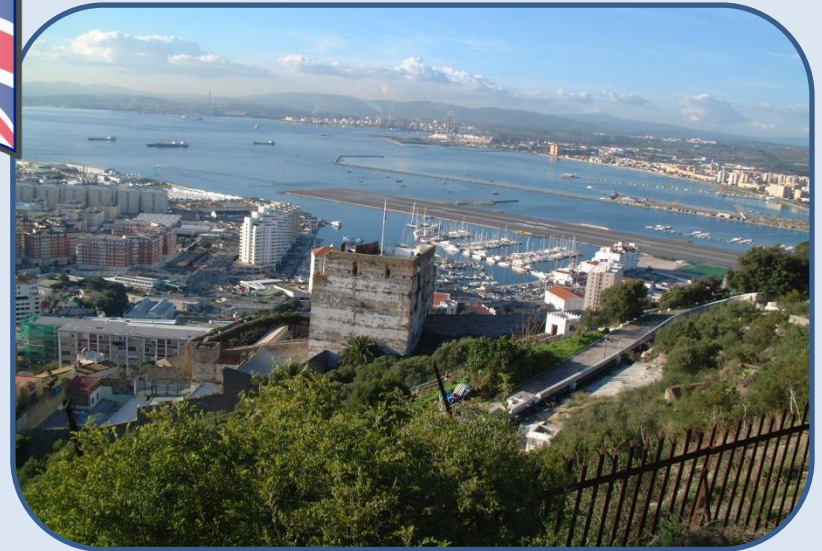
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The island was a fortress
surrounded by strong walls,
And guns mounted everywhere
with lots of cannon balls.”
Many bastions were constructed
so canons could be fired,
At attackers who dared to challenge
this location so desired.



To east is the Mediterranean,
the Atlantic to the west,
And south the African continent,
just eight miles away, at best.
Whoever rules Gibraltar
controls the shipping passing by
For 300 years it has been British
though the Spanish question why...



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

The Rock of Gibraltar is more than four hundred metres high.
“If we try to climb up that” Kes said,
“I’m sure we will die!”
Little Bear laughed and said
“Let’s take the cable car,
Then walk down from there –
a lot easier, by far.”



Where will we go?

What shall we see?

So up they went, right to the top
and marvelled at the sight,
And started down the zig-zag road -
which switched from left to right.
As they neared the final straight
they halted in dismay,
A troop of twenty Barbary Apes
was standing in their way.



Who will we meet? How shall we be?



To three little teddy bears
these apes seemed quite large;
The teddies they crept backwards
as the apes began to charge.
“Come here, come here”
they heard a small voice cry,
Little Bear knew they must make a choice –
to follow or to die!

A young Barbary Ape peered out from a hole,
Bedraggled and dirty – a bit like a mole.
The bears had no choice but to follow its lead,
Through tunnels and caves – at last they were freed.



Where will we go? What shall we see?

“Follow this road and you’ll soon see the town”
He turned to go back but his face showed a frown.
“What is the matter?” Little Bear asked.
“The other apes beat me and take me to task.”



Jerra-Mary and Kes
and Little Bear, too,
Felt sorry - and wondered
what they could do...
“How can we help you?”
asked Little Bear.
“We owe you a debt
since you guided us here.”



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“I have nowhere to go and no-one to care,
I’ll have to go back!” but his eyes shed a tear.
Jerra-Mary spoke for them all when she said,
“Don’t go back – join us instead!”

The ape could not believe
the offer was true,
But Kes and Little Bear said
“Please join us as crew!
We live on a boat
and sail all round the place,
You’re pretty small –
you won’t need much space.”



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“Thank you, thank you – I’ll gladly say yes!
How soon can we get there – I’m rather a mess...”
“What do we call you?” asked Jerra-Mary.
“What do you mean?” the little ape queried.

“We all have a name – and I’m Jerra-Mary,
That’s Kes and Little Bear – she’s your good fairy!”
Kes said “A name tells the world which ‘you’ is who
Is telling the story of great derring-do. “



That's Kes



I'm Jerra-Mary

This is Little Bear



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“That makes sense. Please can you suggest,
A name that is worthy for me being addressed?”

“How about S'bastian, to Gibraltar respect?”

The little ape was astounded and cried “That’s perfect!”

So back to *Poco Andante*,
as four they now went,
Their adventure was over
and courage near spent.
The First Mate and Captain
were told of their woes.
And S'bastian cleaned up
but said “No” to new clothes!



Where will we go? What shall we see?

And so the teddy bears
gained a new friend,
A whole new beginning,
not a dead end.
“Where will we go,
what next is our quest?
Will we go East?
Or will we go West?”



Who will we meet? How shall we be?

“That’s up to the Captain to make up his mind.
At least we are certain new adventures we’ll find.”
And so for S'bastian and the three teddy bears,
This chapter has ended with no worries or cares.



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Jerra-
Mary



Kes



Little
Bear



S'bastian