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In memory of Richard Walker

For my Grandparents
May and Grania
and in memory of
Richard and Joe — N.S.



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I'm not going to start by saying that Jack was lazy. When there was an adventure in the offing, he was not lazy at all. But most of the time, he just did a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

Jack lived with his mum and Daisy, the cow, in a tumbledown farmhouse, a little way out of town. Jack's mum liked to do just a little bit of this and a little bit of that as well. They didn't have very much money, but they didn't much care.





Then one day
there was nothing
left to eat, not even
a crust of old bread,
and no money left
either to buy anything.



'It's no good, Jack,' his mum said. 'We'll have
to sell poor old Daisy. You had better get up
early tomorrow morning and take her to market.
Make sure you get a good price for her!'