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New School

Kerry had been to school for two terms. She had made many friends. She liked her teacher. And she had learned to read.

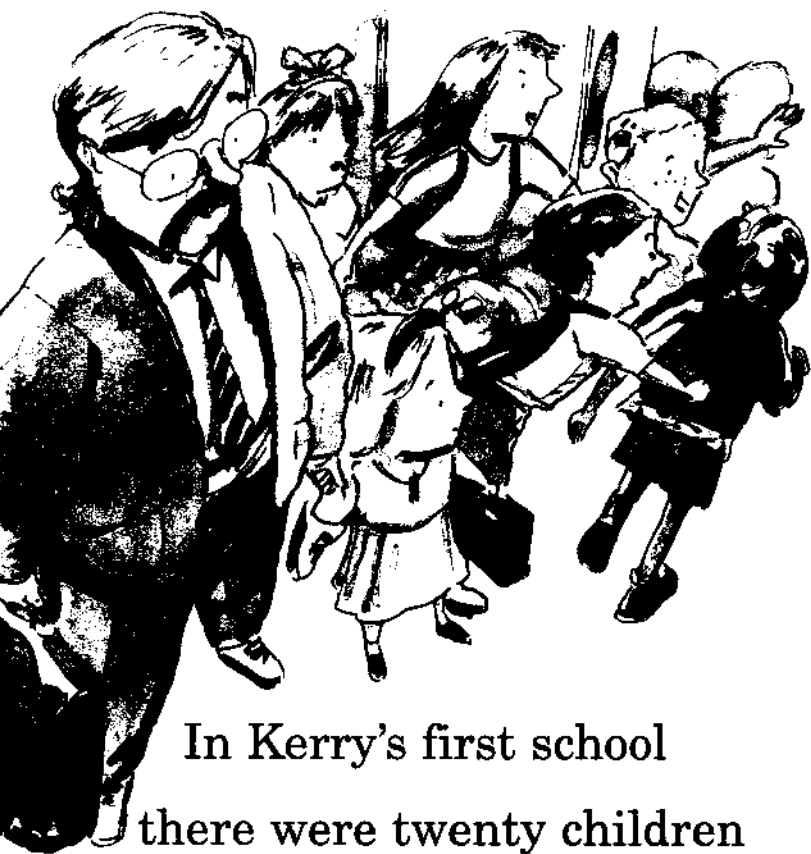


Then Kerry's father
changed his job.

Kerry's family moved to
another town, and Kerry
had to go to a different
school.



It was a much bigger school. It was three storeys high. There were many flights of stairs and long passages with dozens of doors.



In Kerry's first school
there were twenty children
in her year. In the new
school there were one
hundred about Kerry's age.

There were four first

classes called by the points of the compass: North, South, East, West. Kerry was in South.

Kerry's new teacher said, 'I am Miss Bell.' She was



short. Her hair was grey.
Kerry's other teacher had
been tall with golden hair
almost to her waist.

Miss Bell said, 'This is



Kerry, everyone.'

The other children smiled at her, but their faces were strange to her.

Kerry had always shared





a table with friends. But now she had one all to herself. At her old school the tables had been arranged in groups. Here they were arranged in two



horseshoes, one inside the other.

First of all they sang songs. Miss Bell played the music. There was a vase of cheerful daffodils on the

shelf by the keyboard.

In Kerry's first school
there had been a bowl on
the cassette cupboard, and



the class had planted
daffodil bulbs in it. Kerry
wondered if they were
flowering yet.

Kerry did not know any
of the songs. At the end



Miss Bell said, 'Teach us
one of your songs, Kerry.'

But Kerry shook her
head.

'Tomorrow perhaps,'

