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who knows what it's like

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Chapter 1

Horrid Henry slumped on the carpet and willed the clock to go faster.



Only five more minutes to hometime! Already Henry could taste those crisps he'd be sneaking from the cupboard.

Miss Battle-Axe droned on about school dinners (yuck), the new drinking fountain,



blah blah blah,

maths homework

blah blah blah,

the school Christmas play

blah blah . . .

What? Did Miss Battle-Axe say . . .

Christmas play?

Horrid Henry sat up.

"This is a brand-new play with singing and dancing," continued Miss Battle-Axe.
"And both the older and the younger children are taking part this year."

Singing! Dancing! Showing off in front of the whole school!



Years ago, when Henry was in the infants' class, he'd played eighth sheep in the nativity play and had snatched the baby from the manger and refused to hand him back.



Henry hoped Miss Battle-Axe
wouldn't remember.
Because Henry had to play the lead.

He had to.

Who else but Henry could be
an all-singing, all-dancing Joseph?



Chapter 2

"I want to be Mary,"
shouted every girl in the class.

