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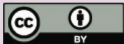
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School is over.
Children are leaving.
Teachers are leaving.
Everyone is going home.



I come out of the gate.

I am in a hurry.

I do not have time to play.

I do not have time to talk.

I want to get home fast.



I walk down the lane.
It is a narrow lane.
I can see crowds up ahead.
There is a big road there.



The big road has lots of traffic.

Cars, trucks and cycles,
motorcycles, scooters
and auto rickshaws.

Some are going this way.

Some are going that way.

I know how to find the gap
and run to the other side.



I have reached the divider.
There is traffic in front.
There is traffic behind.
I must be careful.



I am on the other side.
I almost crash into the 'chanawallah'.
He growls. I say "Sorry," and run along.



I walk past the shops.
People are buying all kinds of things.
There is a toyshop.
I cannot stop.



I walk faster and faster.
Now there are fish shops.
Big fish, small fish,
long fish, flat fish.
Shiny fish, dull fish.
So many fish in every shop.



Now I must run.
Past the video shops,
past the barber shop,
past the cloth shop,
past the pan shop.
Running, running,
running down the lane.



Finally I reach home.
Oh, good! I am not late.
My father goes to work in the afternoon.
He has not left as yet.
His cycle is still here.



My father comes outside,
my mother is behind him.
I give my father a big hug.
My father gives me a big hug.
Then he goes to work.



Now there is no hurry.
I have lots of time.



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