

Alone on the Island

As the sailboat came close to the island Tom felt less and	12
less like staying there alone. Suddenly Bill asked, “Do you	22
still want to stay?”	26
Tom didn’t want the boys to know how he felt, so he	38
nodded his head.	41
“You could sail back with us,” said Ken. “This is your	52
last chance to change your mind. You know that, don’t you?”	63
Now Tom was torn between wanting to remain on the	73
island and wanting to return home. “I’ll stay,” he answered.	83
“Just be sure to come back before dark.”	91
“Here, take these,” offered Ken as he pulled a banana	101
and a candy bar from his jacket pocket.	109
“Thanks,” said Tom. He leaned against a tree and	118
watched the boat sail away from the island.	126