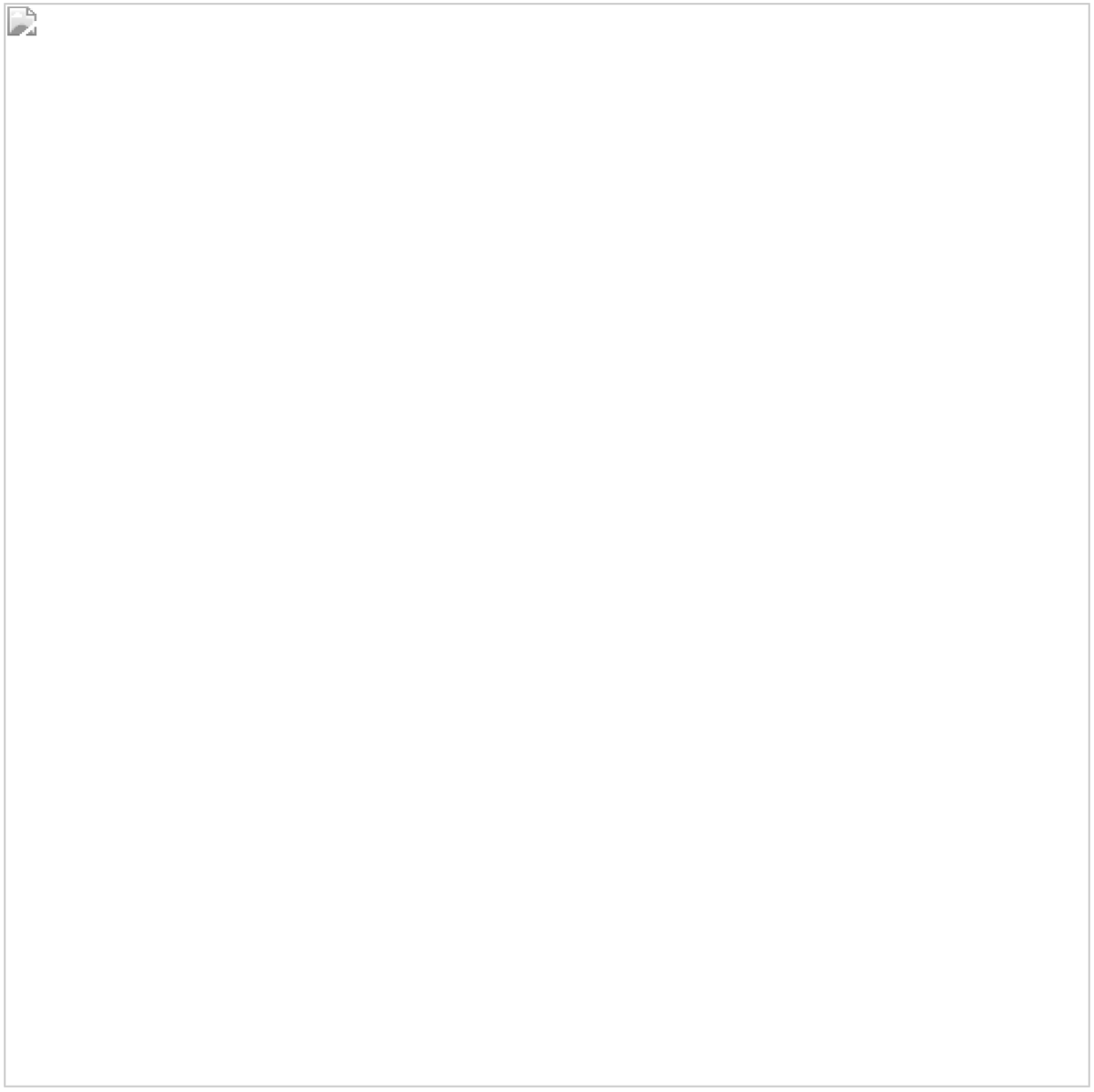
COLORING THE CLASSICS

Anne of Green Gables

A Girl Who Came to Green Gables and Stayed



By L. M. Montgomery

TALK ABOUT IT

What is a place you would love to call home? What do you love about it?

This book belongs to _____

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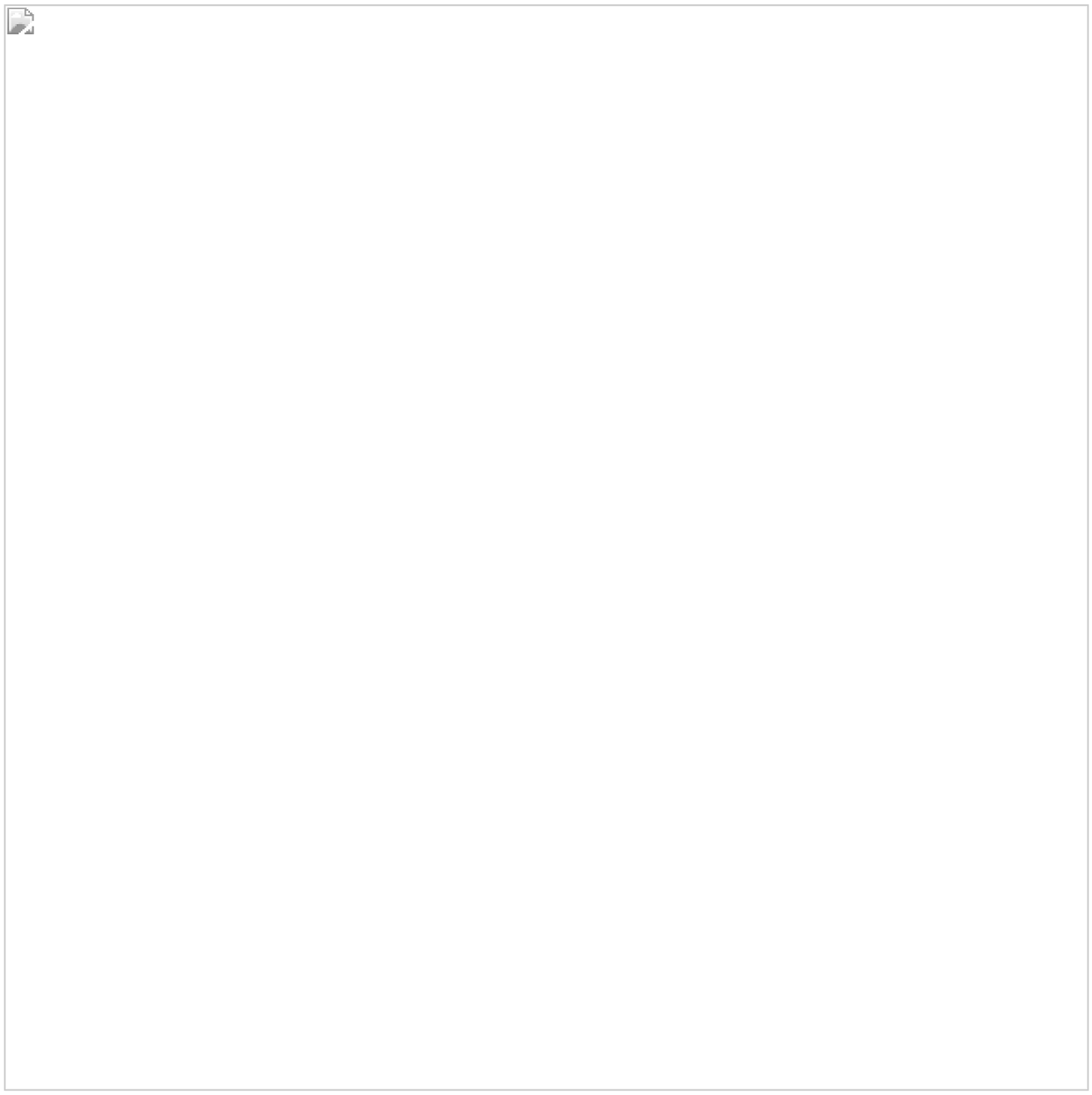
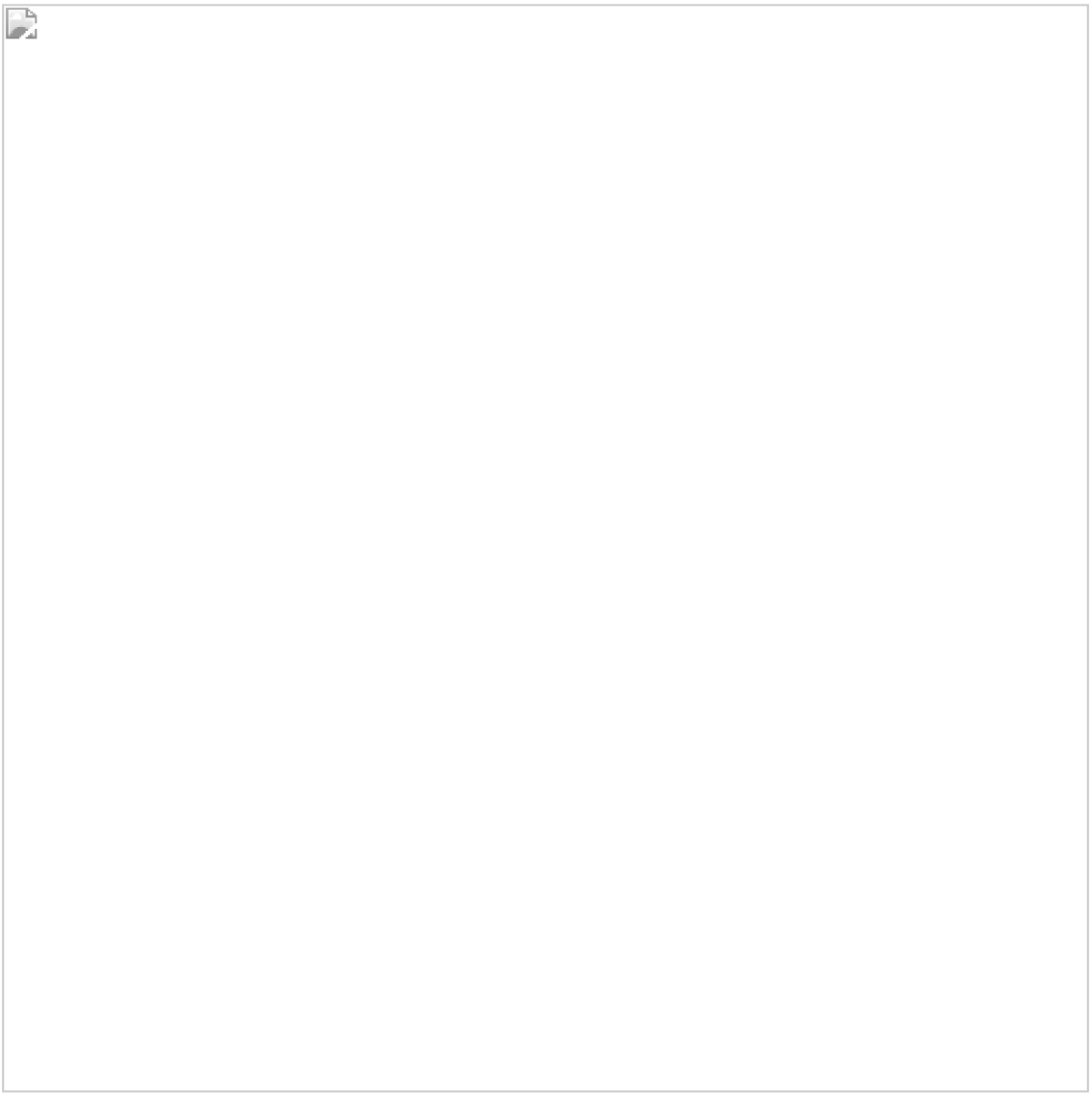


A Girl at the Station



On Prince Edward Island, shy Matthew Cuthbert drove his buggy to the Bright River station. He and his sister Marilla had sent for a boy to help on their farm, Green Gables.

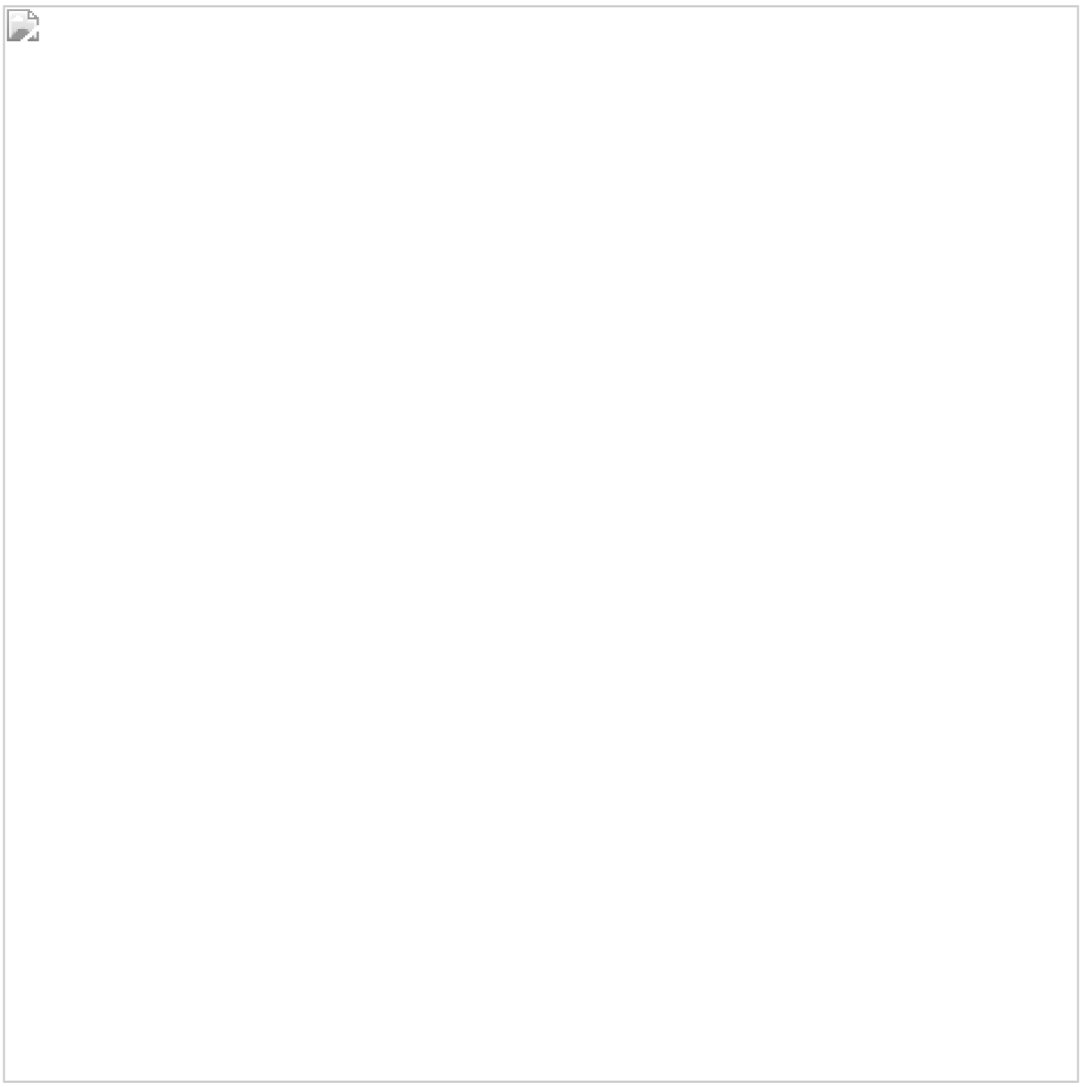
But the only one waiting was a girl of about eleven, with two long red braids, a faded sailor hat and an old carpet-bag. She jumped up. “I suppose you are Mr. Matthew Cuthbert of Green Gables?”

Her name was Anne Shirley. Matthew could not bear to tell her there had been a mistake. “I’m sorry I was late,” he said shyly, and took her home to let Marilla sort it out.

TALK ABOUT IT

Matthew expected one thing and found something else. Has that ever happened to you?

A Girl at the Station · another picture



Think about it

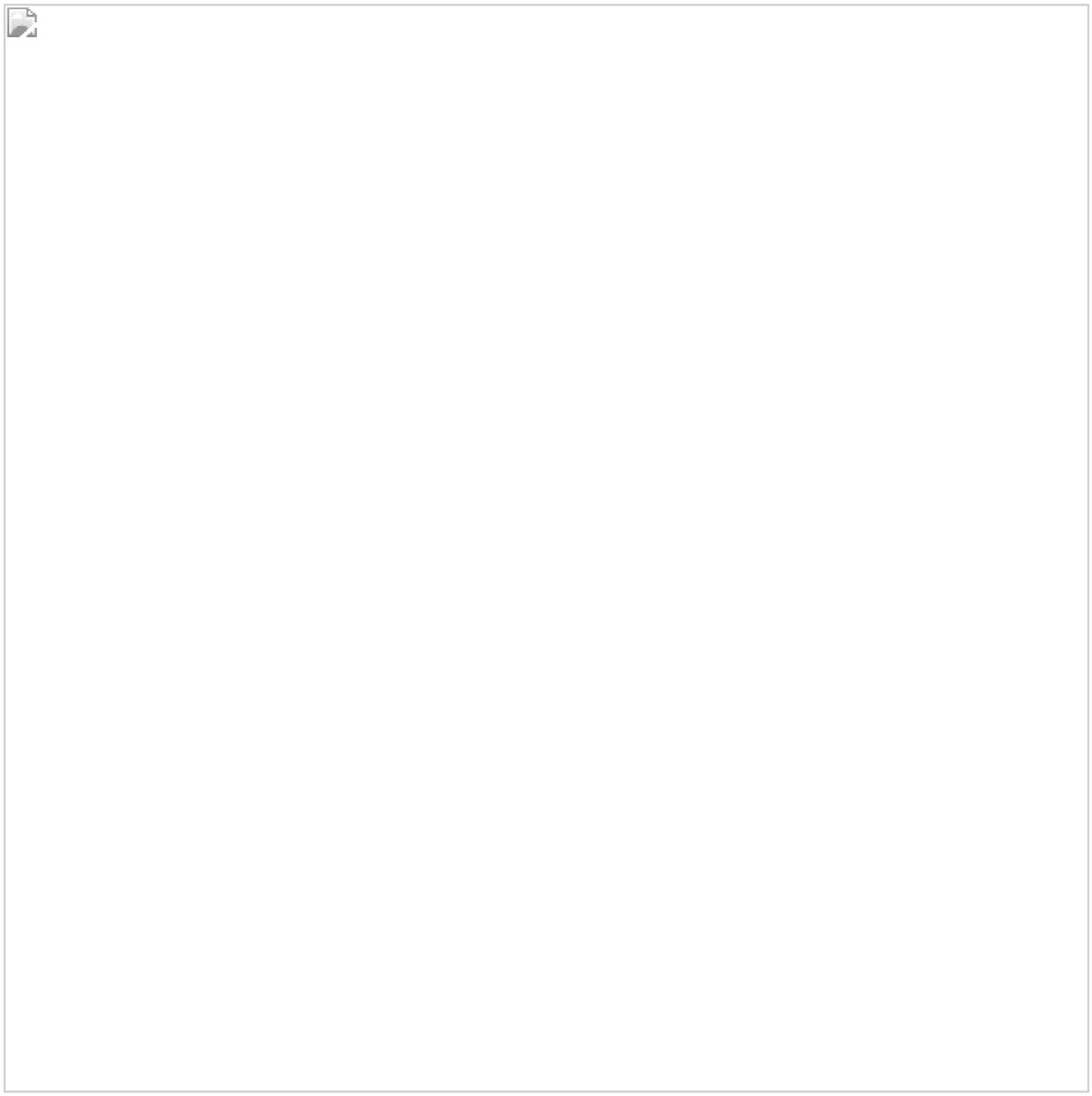
1. Who did Matthew and Marilla expect to meet at the station?

- ○ A boy to help on the farm
- ○ A visiting aunt
- ○ A music teacher

2. What was Anne carrying?

- ○ An old carpet-bag
- ○ A big red umbrella
- ○ A basket of apples

The White Way of Delight



All the way home Anne talked and talked, and Matthew found that he liked it. She had a name for everything she loved.

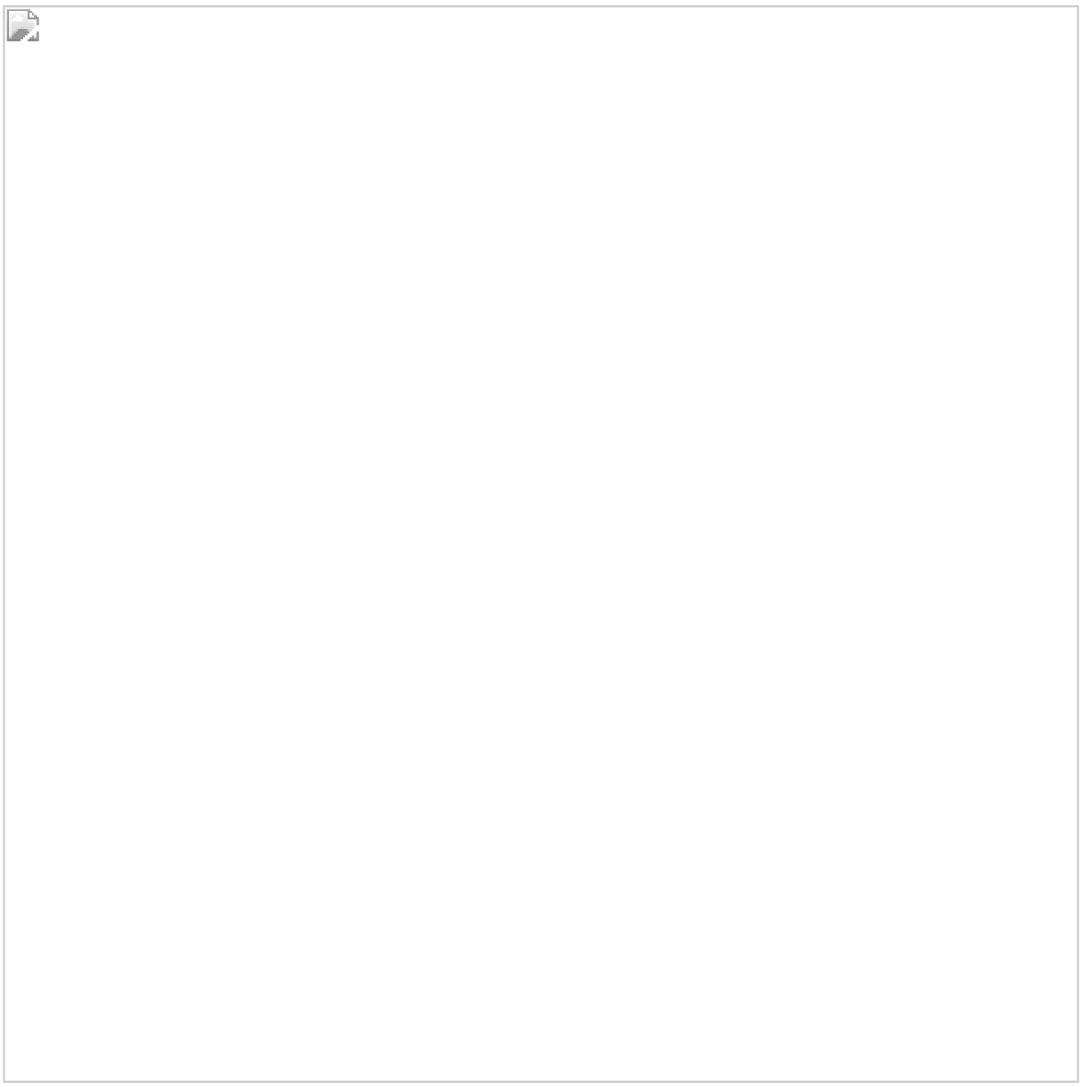
Under a long arch of apple trees in full white bloom, Anne went quiet. “They should call it--let me see--the White Way of Delight,” she said. “Isn’t that a nice imaginative name?”

Next came a winding pond, shining in the evening light. “I shall call it--let me see--the Lake of Shining Waters,” she said. Then she told Matthew, “I’ve never had a real home since I can remember.”

TALK ABOUT IT

If you could rename a place you love, what new name would you give it?

The White Way of Delight · another picture



Think about it

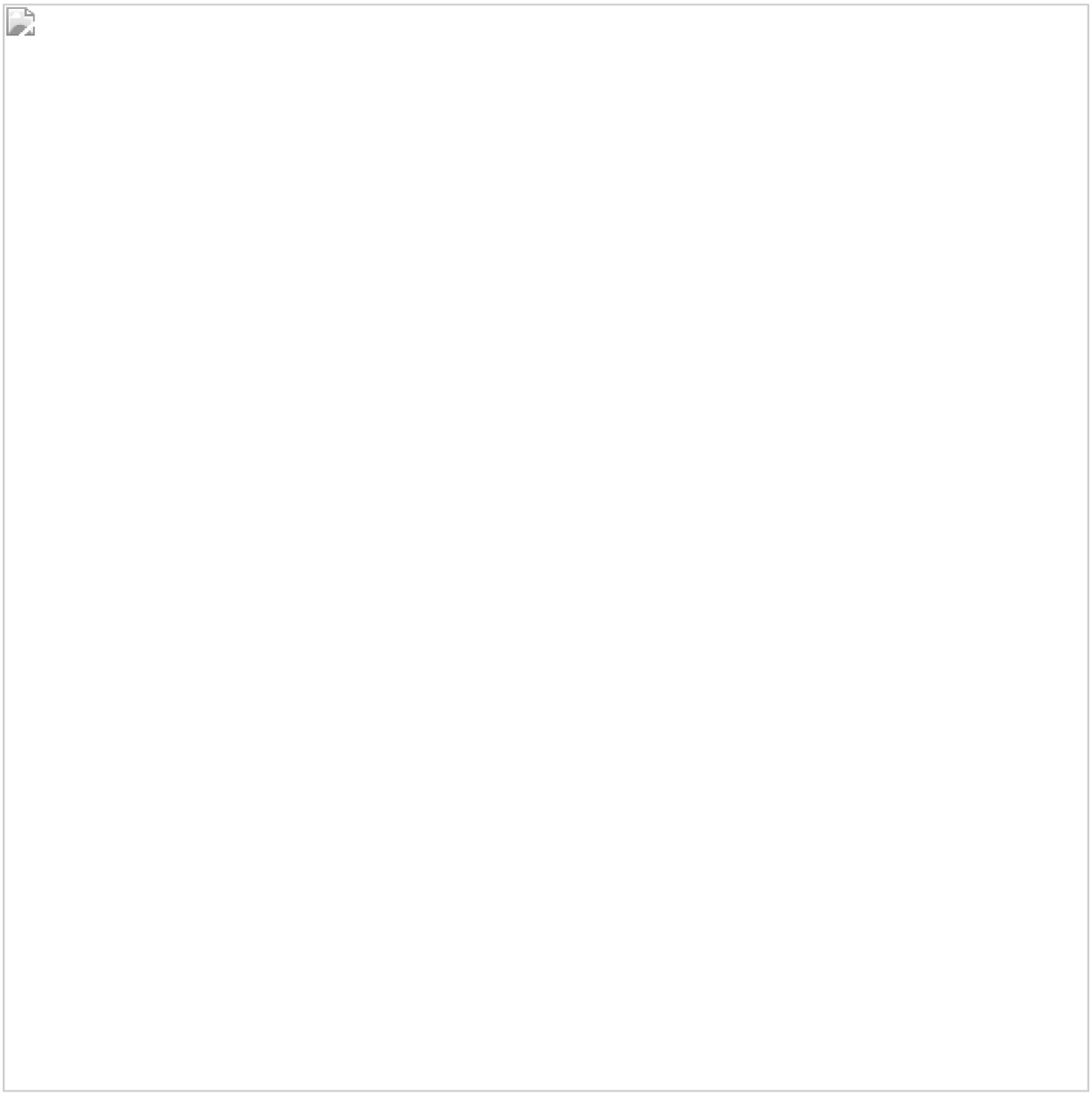
1. What did Anne name the long arch of apple blossoms?

- ○ The White Way of Delight
- ○ The Cherry Tunnel
- ○ Apple Alley

2. What did Anne name the winding pond?

- ○ The Lake of Shining Waters
- ○ Frog Puddle
- ○ The Silver Sea

A Mistake at Green Gables



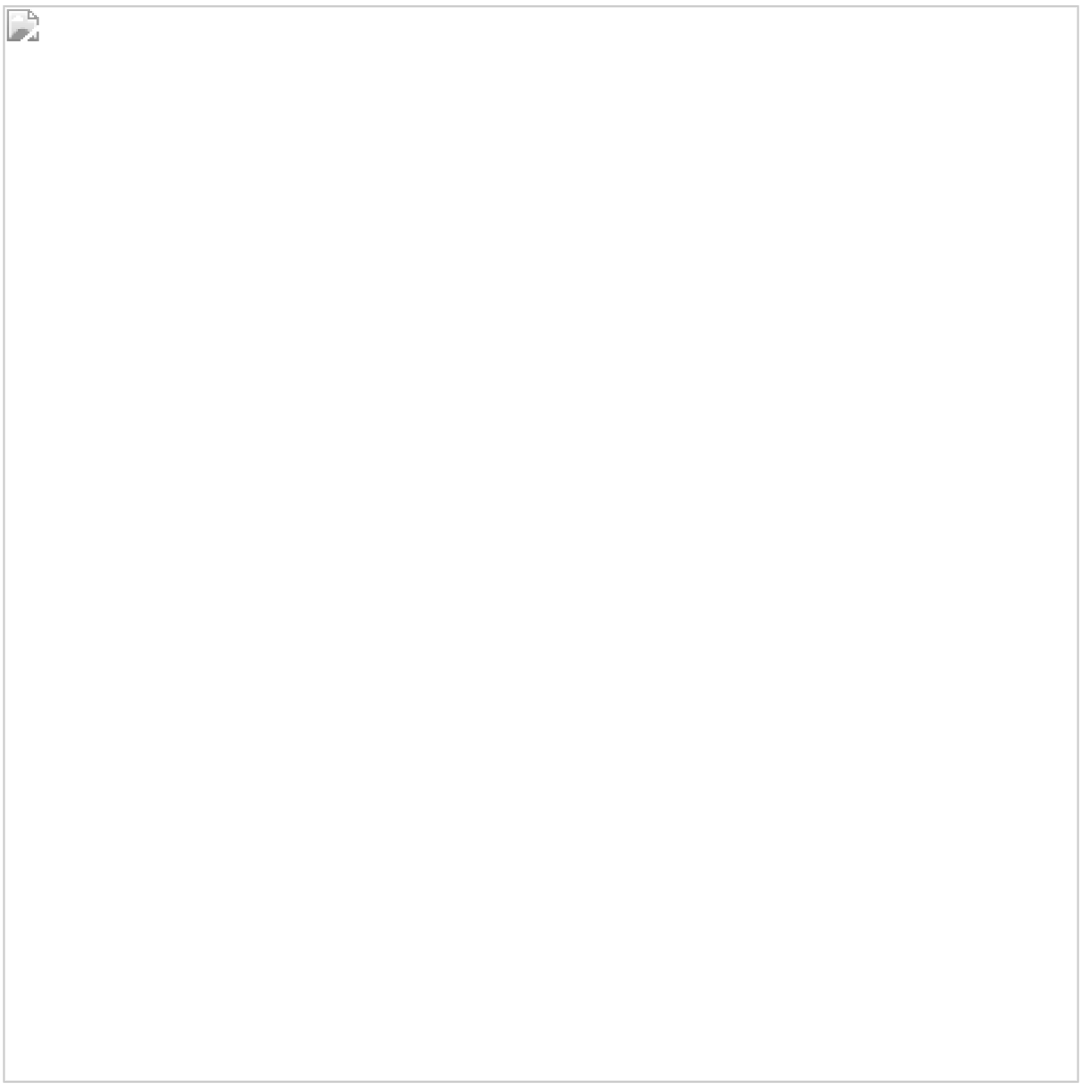
At Green Gables, Marilla Cuthbert stared at the little girl. “We sent word to Mrs. Spencer to bring us a boy,” she said. Anne dropped her carpet-bag. “You don’t want me!” she cried. “You don’t want me because I’m not a boy!”

Anne sat down to supper and could not eat a bite. “I’m in the depths of despair,” she said. “Can you eat when you are in the depths of despair?”

Marilla was not sure what to do. Anne did not know yet if she would be sent away, and she cried herself to sleep that night.

TALK ABOUT IT

Anne wanted so much to stay. What do you think she was hoping would happen?



Think about it

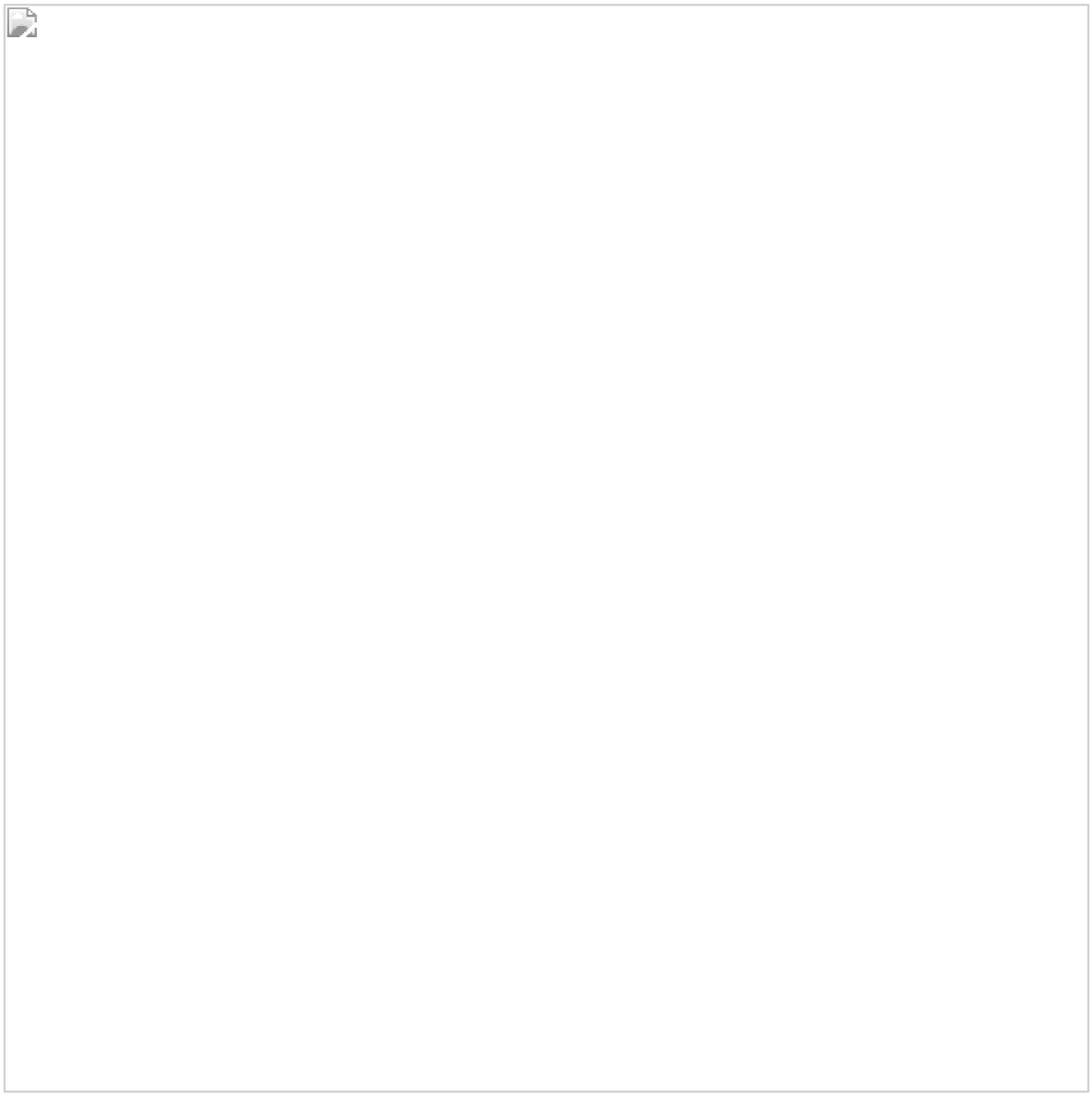
1. What did Marilla say they had asked for?

- ○ A boy
- ○ A puppy
- ○ A cook

2. What was Anne unable to do at supper?

- ○ Eat
- ○ Talk
- ○ Sit down

Marilla Decides



The next day Marilla took Anne to find out about the mistake, and by evening she had made up her mind. Matthew said, “I kind of think she’s one of the sort you can do anything with if you only get her to love you.”

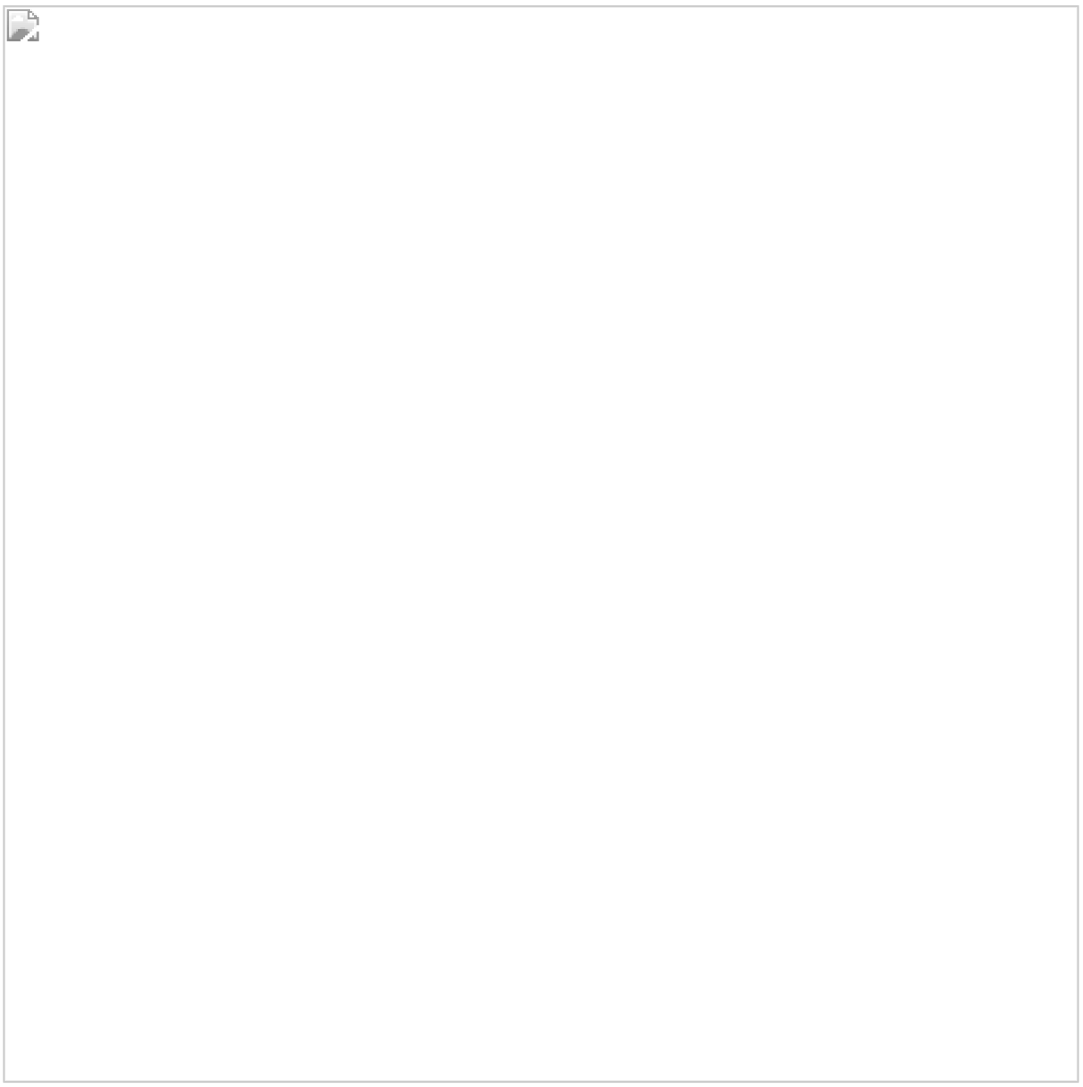
Marilla did not tell Anne right away. She watched her all morning. Anne worked hard, though she liked to daydream in the middle of a chore.

In the afternoon Marilla said it. “Matthew and I have decided to keep you.” Anne burst into tears. “I’m so happy,” she said, and she did not know why she was crying.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think Anne cried when she was happy?

Marilla Decides · another picture



Think about it

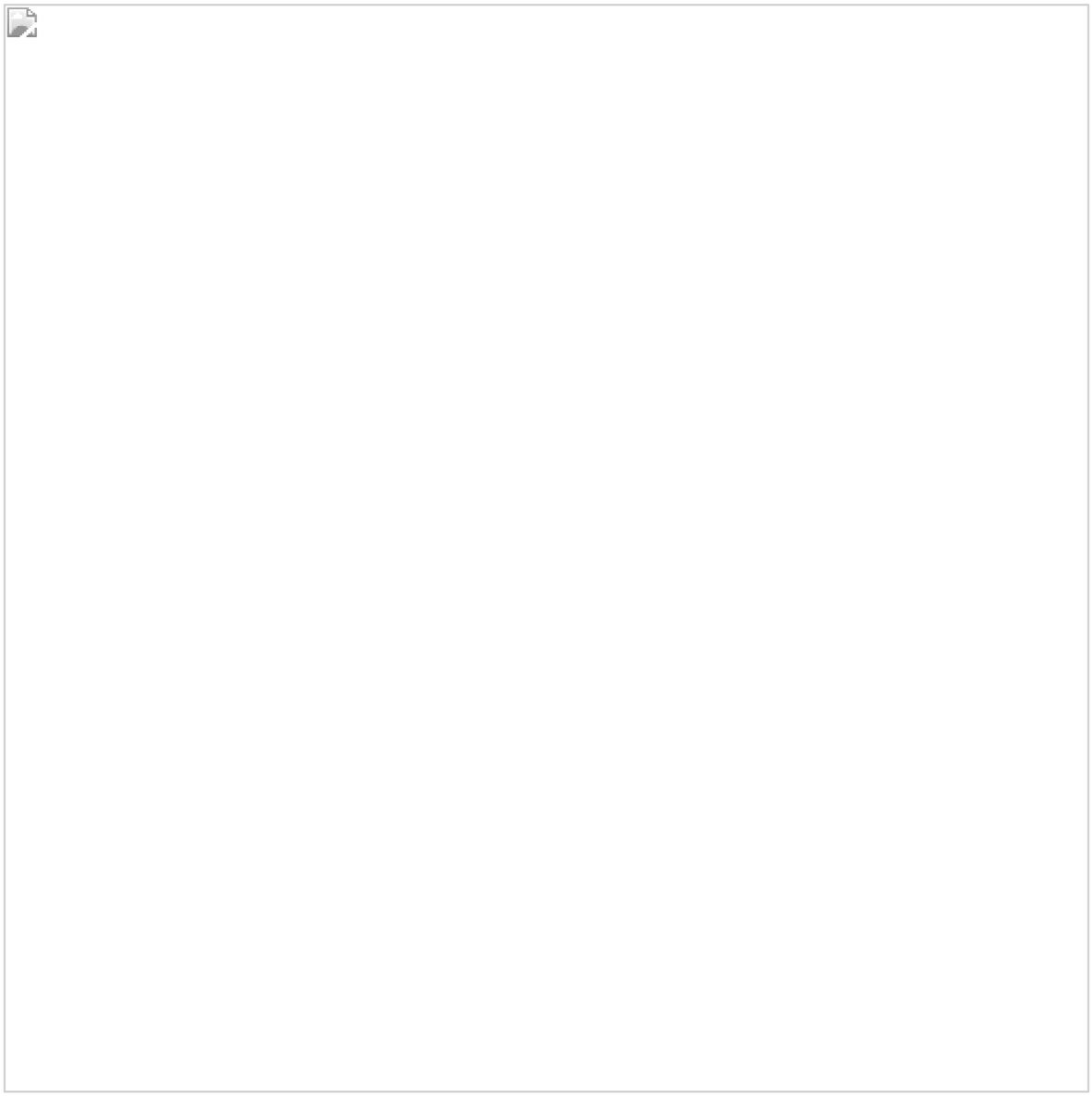
1. What did Marilla and Matthew decide?

- ○ To keep Anne
- ○ To send Anne back
- ○ To move away

2. How did Anne react?

- ○ She cried and said she was happy
- ○ She ran away
- ○ She fell asleep

Anne and Mrs. Rachel Lynde



A neighbor, Mrs. Rachel Lynde, came to look Anne over, and said some very unkind things about Anne's freckles and her red hair. Anne stamped her foot. "You are a rude, impolite, unfeeling woman!" she cried.

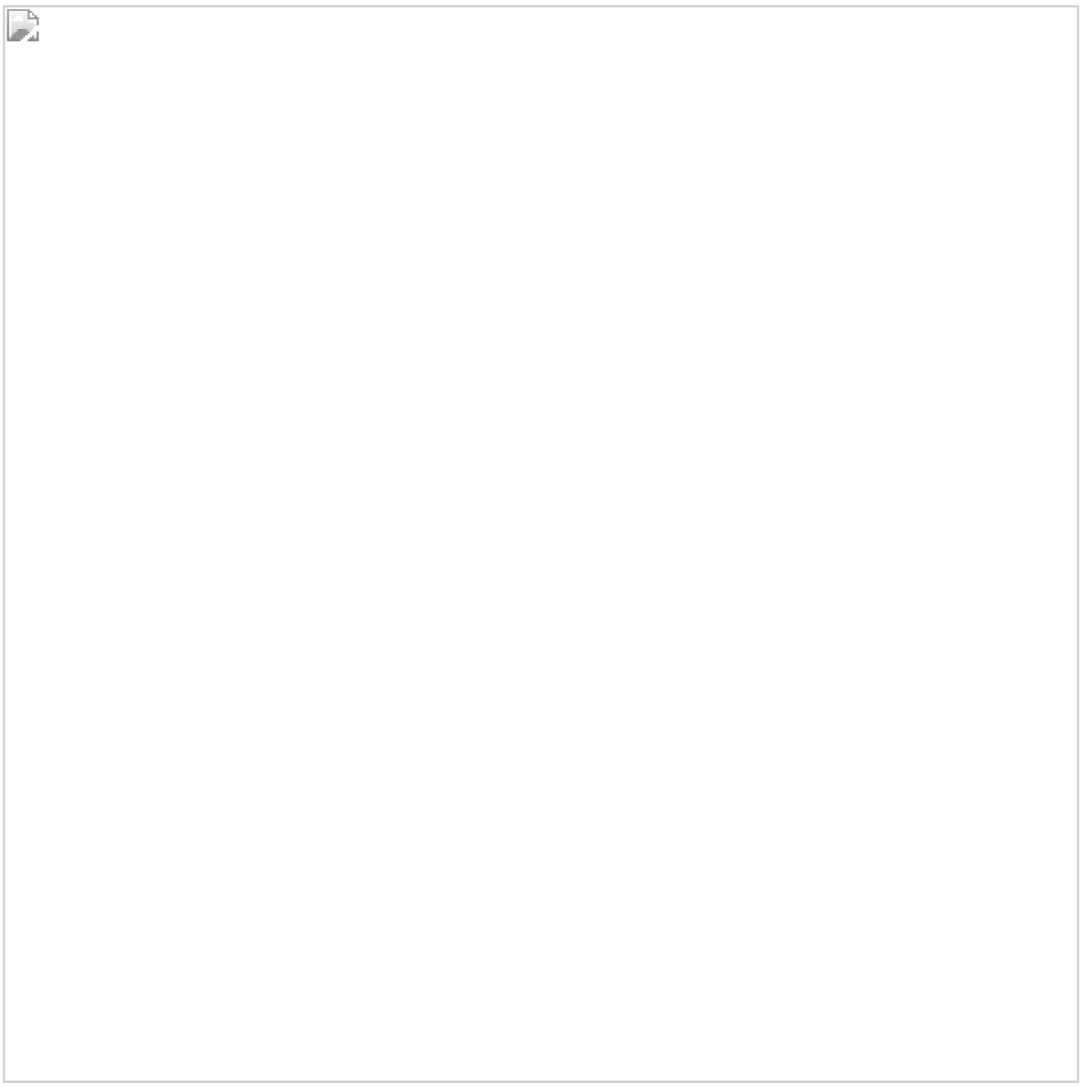
Marilla sent Anne to her room until she was ready to say sorry. A day later, on the walk over, Anne said, "I'm imagining out what I must say to Mrs. Lynde."

Anne knelt down. "Oh, Mrs. Lynde, I am so extremely sorry," she said, with a great many big words. "Of course I forgive you," said Mrs. Lynde. On the way home, Anne asked, "I apologized pretty well, didn't I?"

TALK ABOUT IT

Anne said sorry and Mrs. Lynde forgave her. What helps you say sorry?

Anne and Mrs. Rachel Lynde · another picture



Think about it

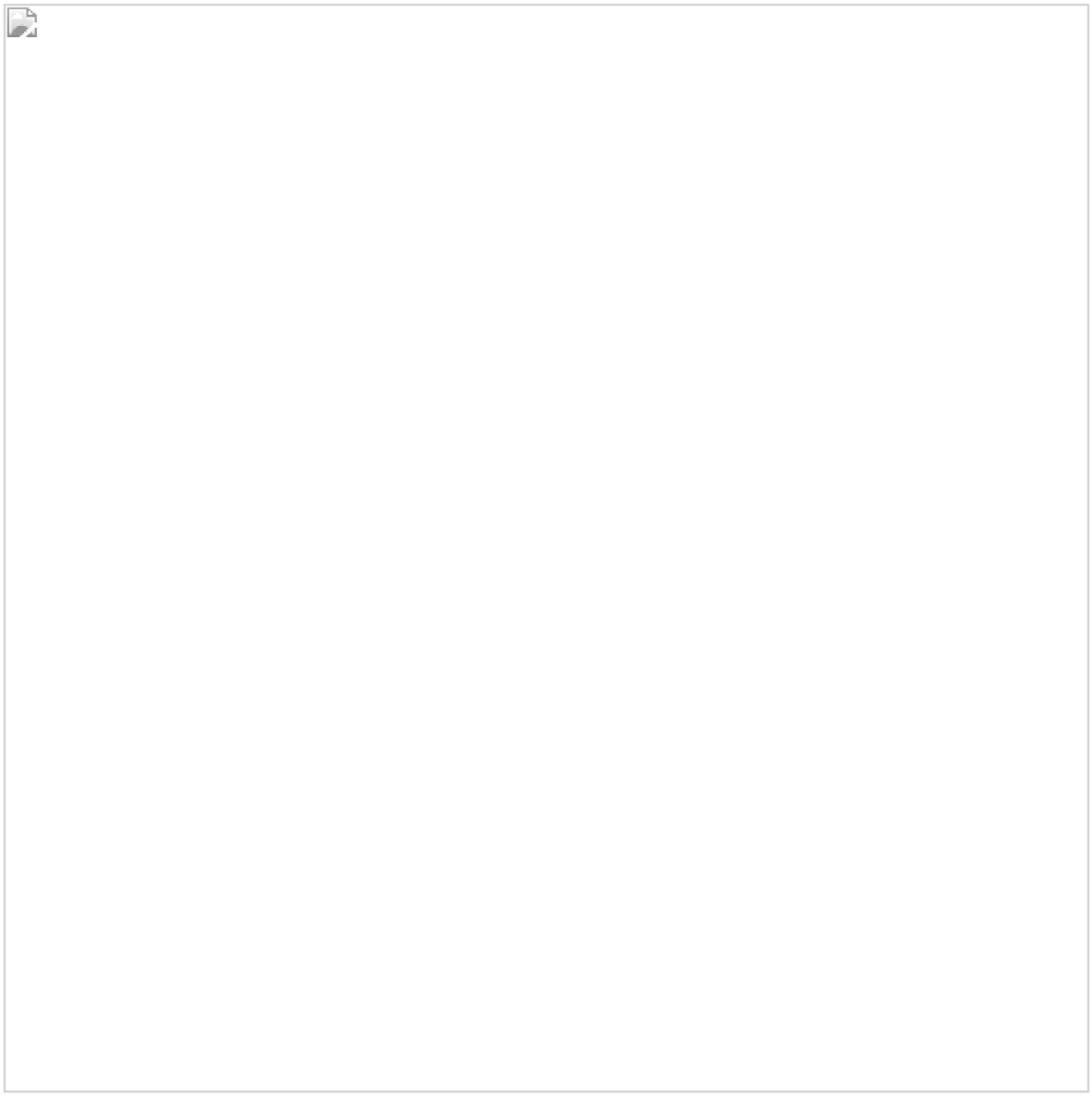
1. What did Marilla ask Anne to do?

- ○ Say sorry to Mrs. Lynde
- ○ Bake a cake
- ○ Wash the windows

2. What did Mrs. Lynde say after Anne's apology?

- ○ "Of course I forgive you."
- ○ "Go home at once."
- ○ "Say it again."

Bosom Friends



Anne had always wished for a bosom friend, a very best friend. One evening Marilla took her to meet Diana Barry, who lived nearby.

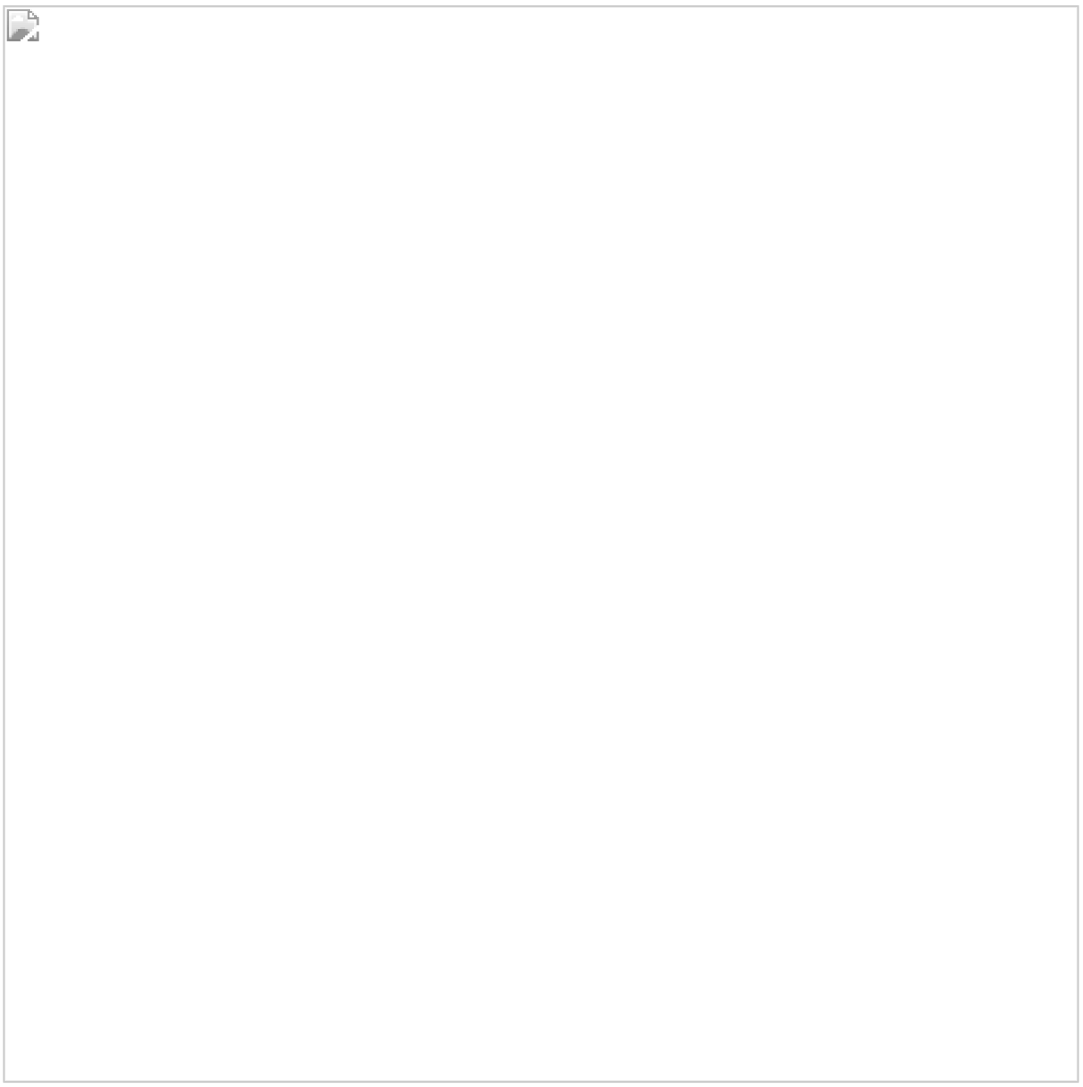
Over the tiger lilies in the Barrys' garden, the two girls looked shyly at each other. Anne asked Diana to be her bosom friend, and made up a promise, hands joined: "I solemnly swear to be faithful to my bosom friend, Diana Barry, as long as the sun and moon shall endure."

Diana laughed. "I believe I'm going to like you real well." They walked home with their arms around each other.

TALK ABOUT IT

What makes someone a good friend?

Bosom Friends · another picture



Think about it

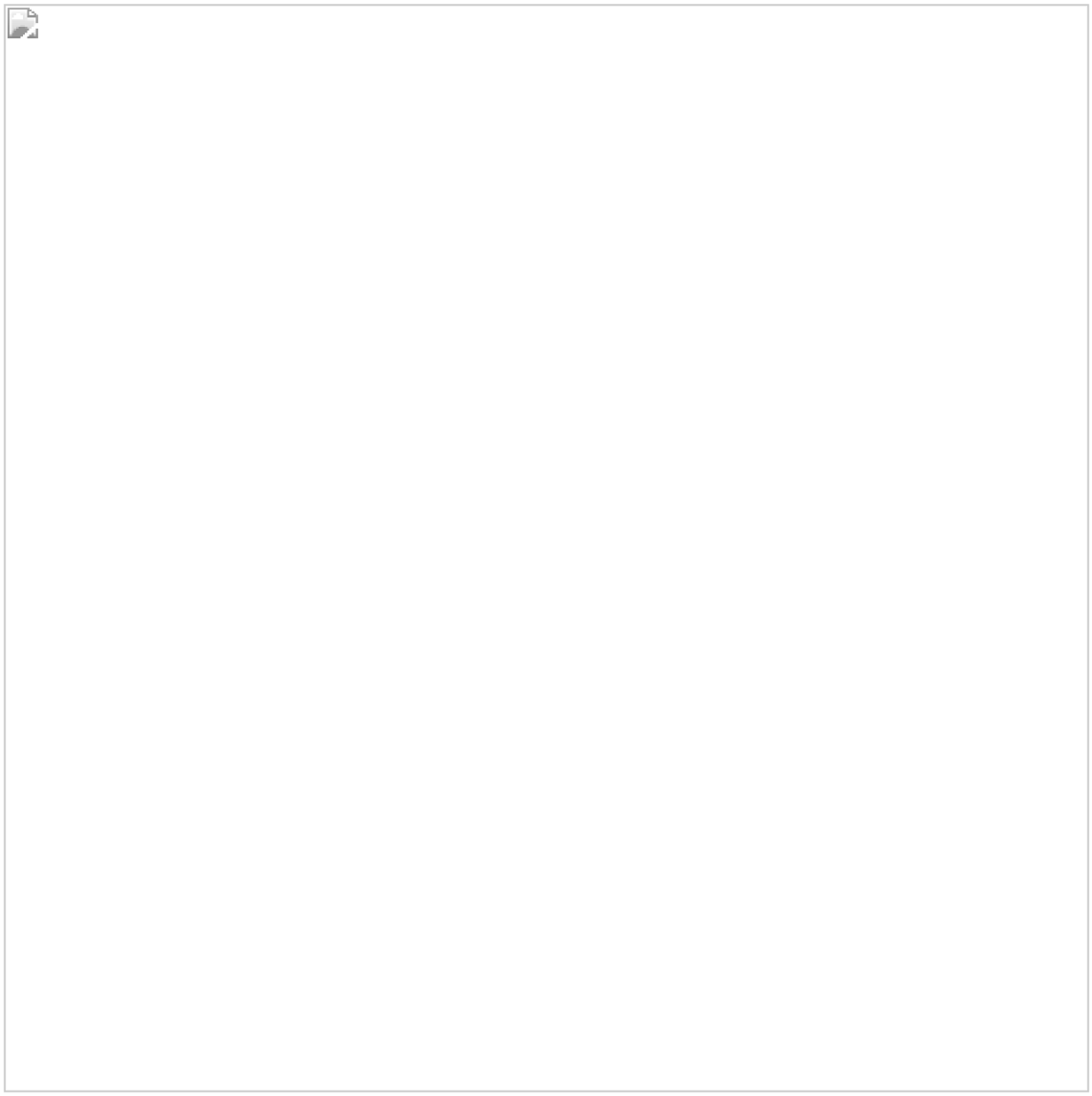
1. What was Diana's last name?

- ○ Barry
- ○ Lynde
- ○ Shirley

2. What did Anne ask Diana to be?

- ○ Her bosom friend
- ○ Her teacher
- ○ Her neighbor on the hill

A Mix-Up in the Pantry



One day while Marilla was out, Anne invited Diana to tea. Marilla had said there was raspberry cordial in the pantry, so Anne found a bottle and poured Diana a glass. Diana liked it and had three.

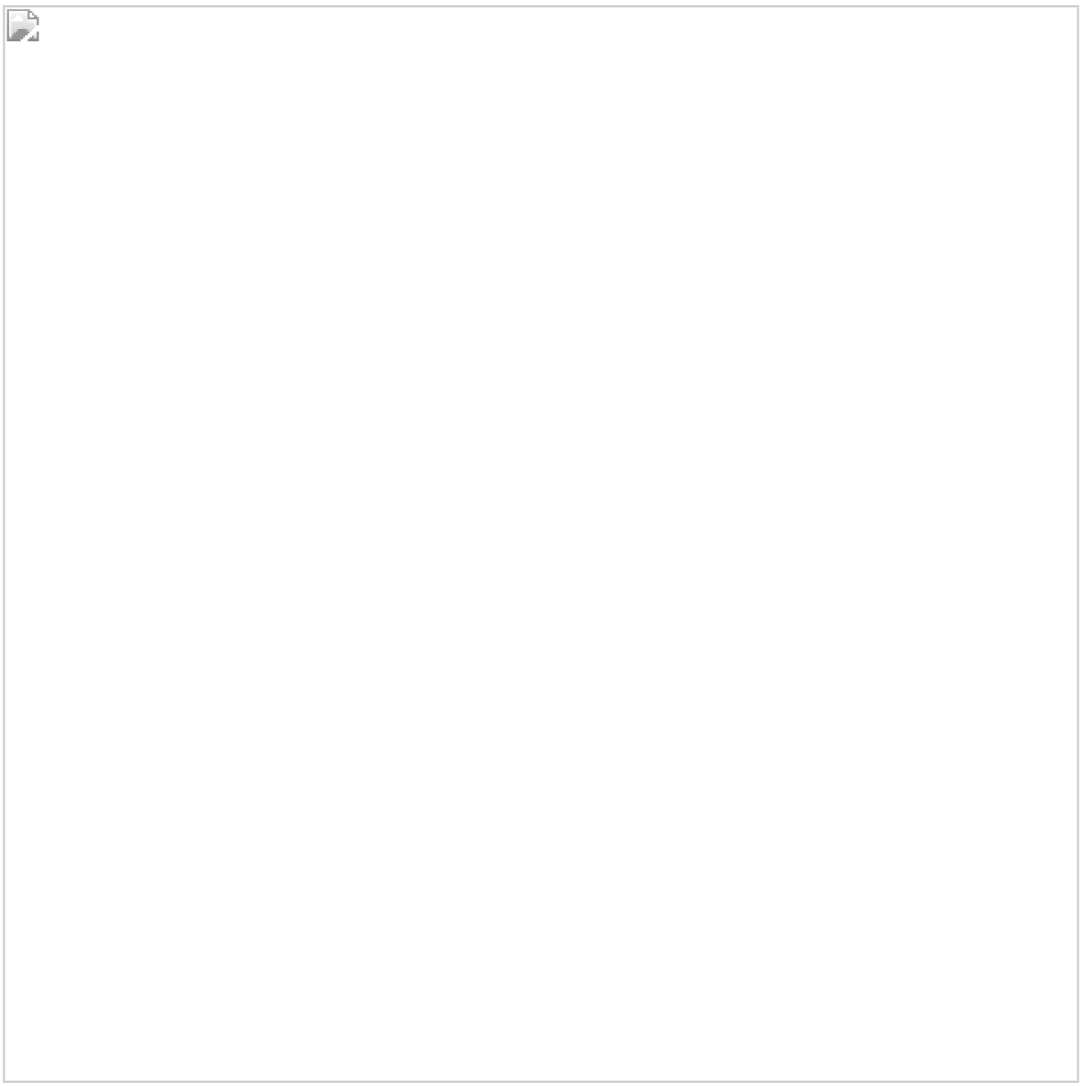
Soon Diana felt dizzy and sleepy, and had to go home. “I thought it was the cordial,” Anne said later. “I never tasted it.” But Marilla told her, “You went and gave Diana currant wine instead of raspberry cordial.”

Diana’s mother was very cross and would not let the girls play together. Anne cried until she fell asleep, and Marilla kissed her cheek.

TALK ABOUT IT

Anne did not know it was the wrong bottle. What would you want someone to do if you made a mistake like that?

A Mix-Up in the Pantry · another picture



Think about it

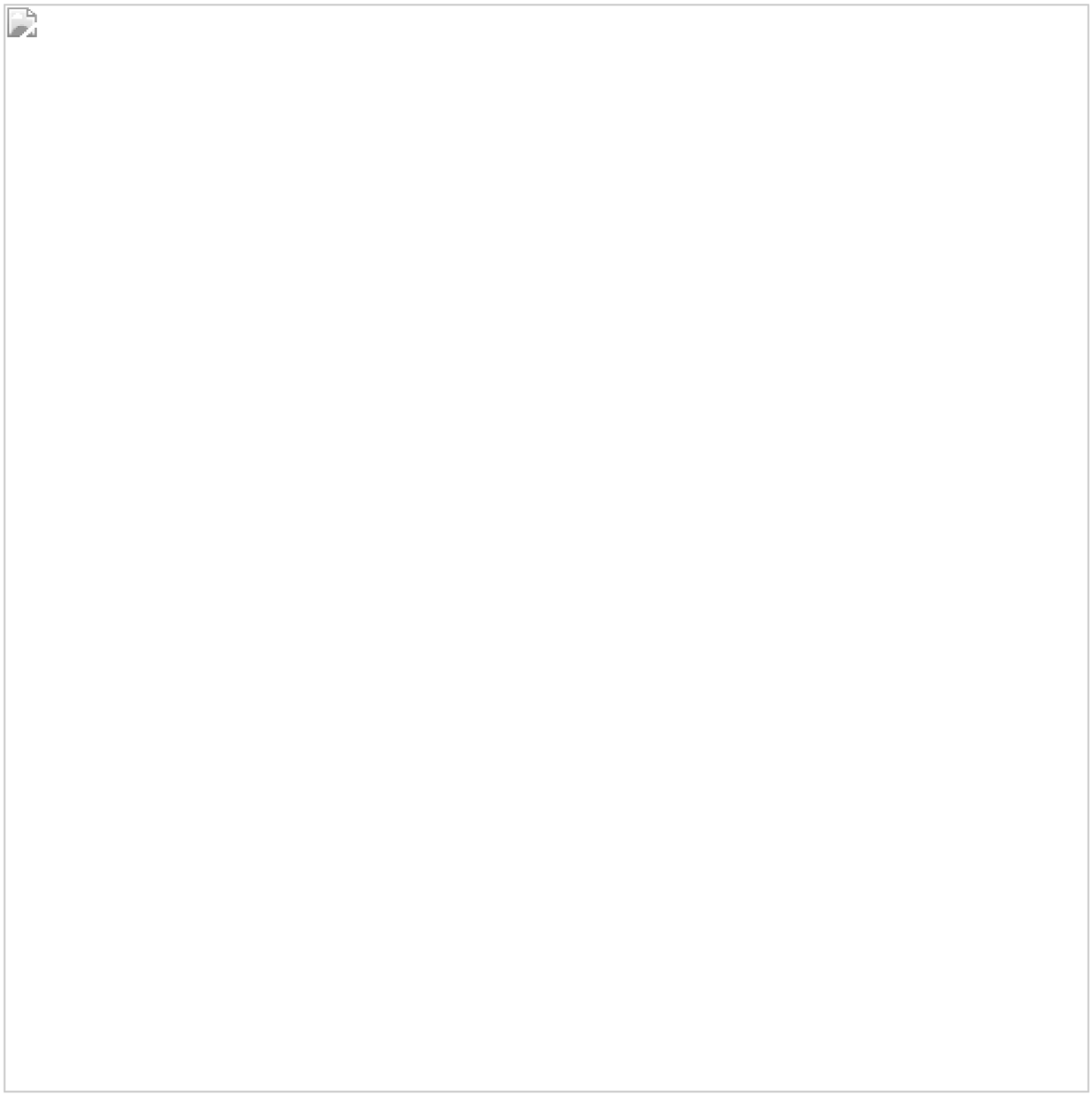
1. What did Anne think was in the bottle?

- ○ Raspberry cordial
- ○ Lemonade
- ○ Milk

2. Did Anne know it was the wrong bottle?

- ○ No, she never tasted it
- ○ Yes, she did it on purpose
- ○ She had hidden it

Gilbert and the Slate



At the Avonlea school, a boy named Gilbert Blythe wanted Anne to look at him. She would not. So Gilbert reached over, picked up the end of her long red braid, and whispered, “Carrots! Carrots!”

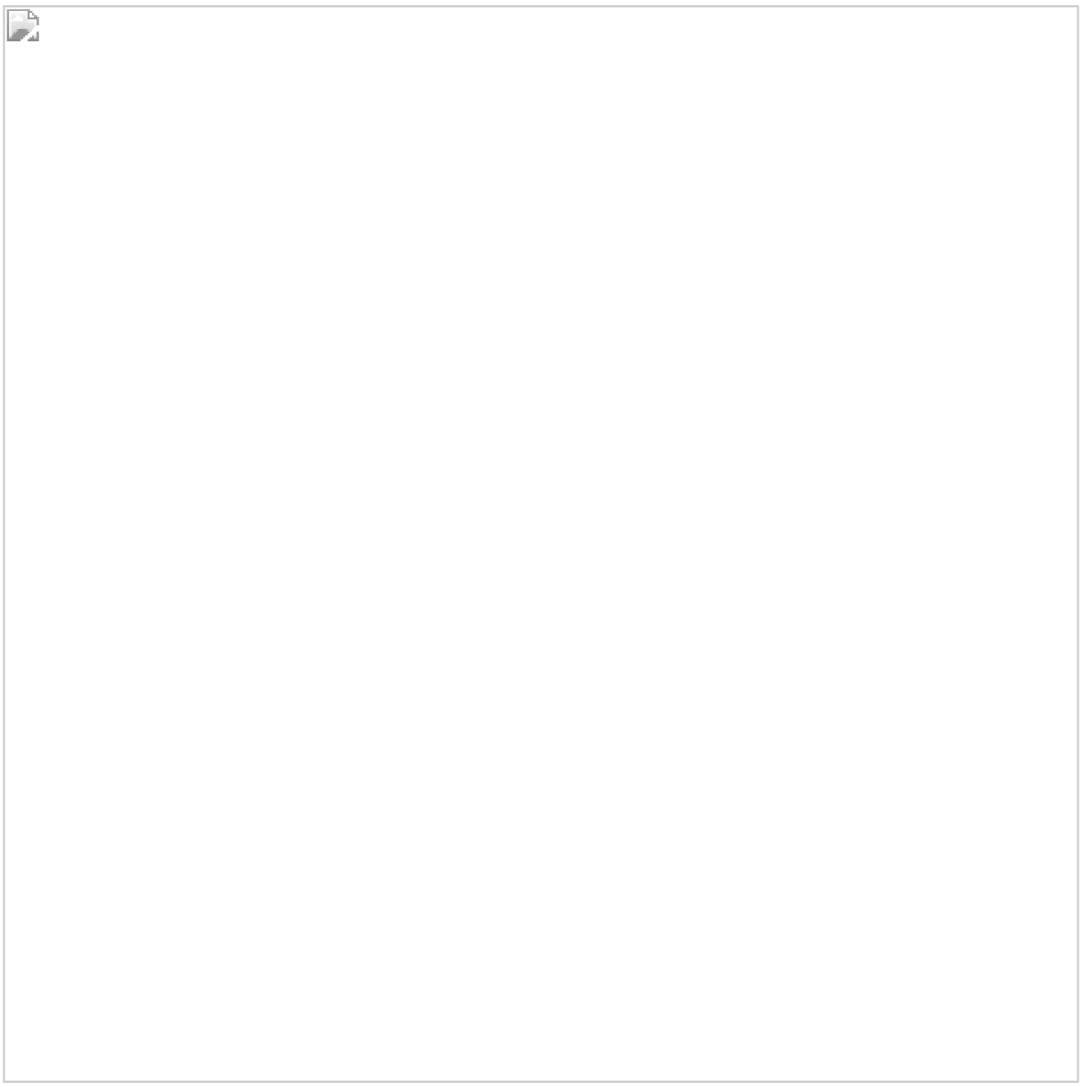
Anne jumped to her feet. She brought her slate down on his head, and it cracked clear across, the slate and not his head. The whole school gasped.

Gilbert spoke up for her. “It was my fault Mr. Phillips. I teased her.” But the teacher still made Anne stand at the front of the room. Anne decided she would never forgive Gilbert Blythe.

TALK ABOUT IT

Gilbert teased Anne, and Anne hit back. What else could each of them have done?

Gilbert and the Slate · another picture



Think about it

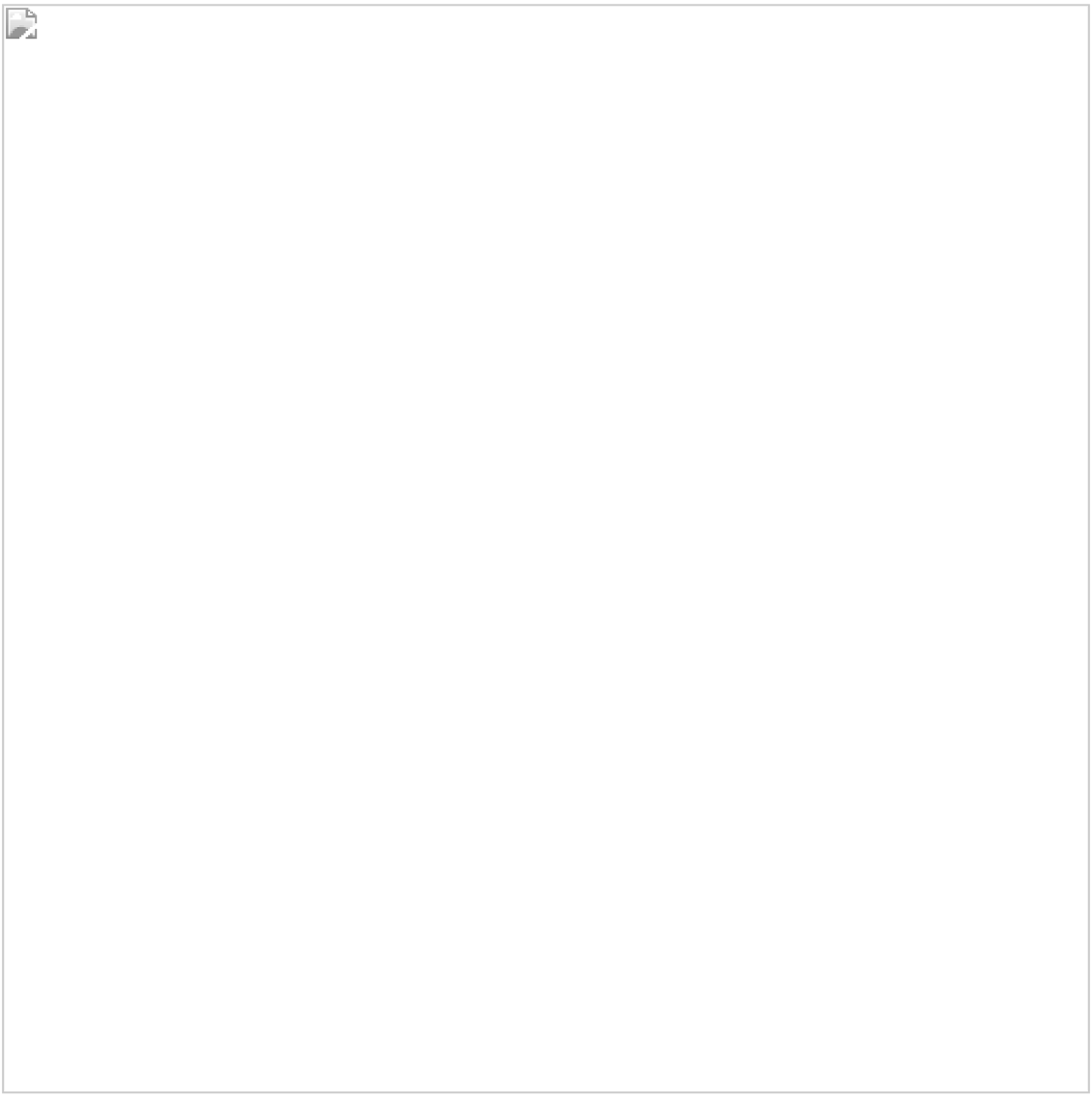
1. What did Gilbert call Anne?

- ○ Carrots
- ○ Pumpkin
- ○ Freckles

2. What did Anne crack?

- ○ Her slate
- ○ A window
- ○ A teacup

A Night to Help



One winter night, while Marilla was away, Diana came running through the dark. “Oh, Anne, do come quick,” she cried. Her little sister Minnie May was very sick with croup, and her parents were away.

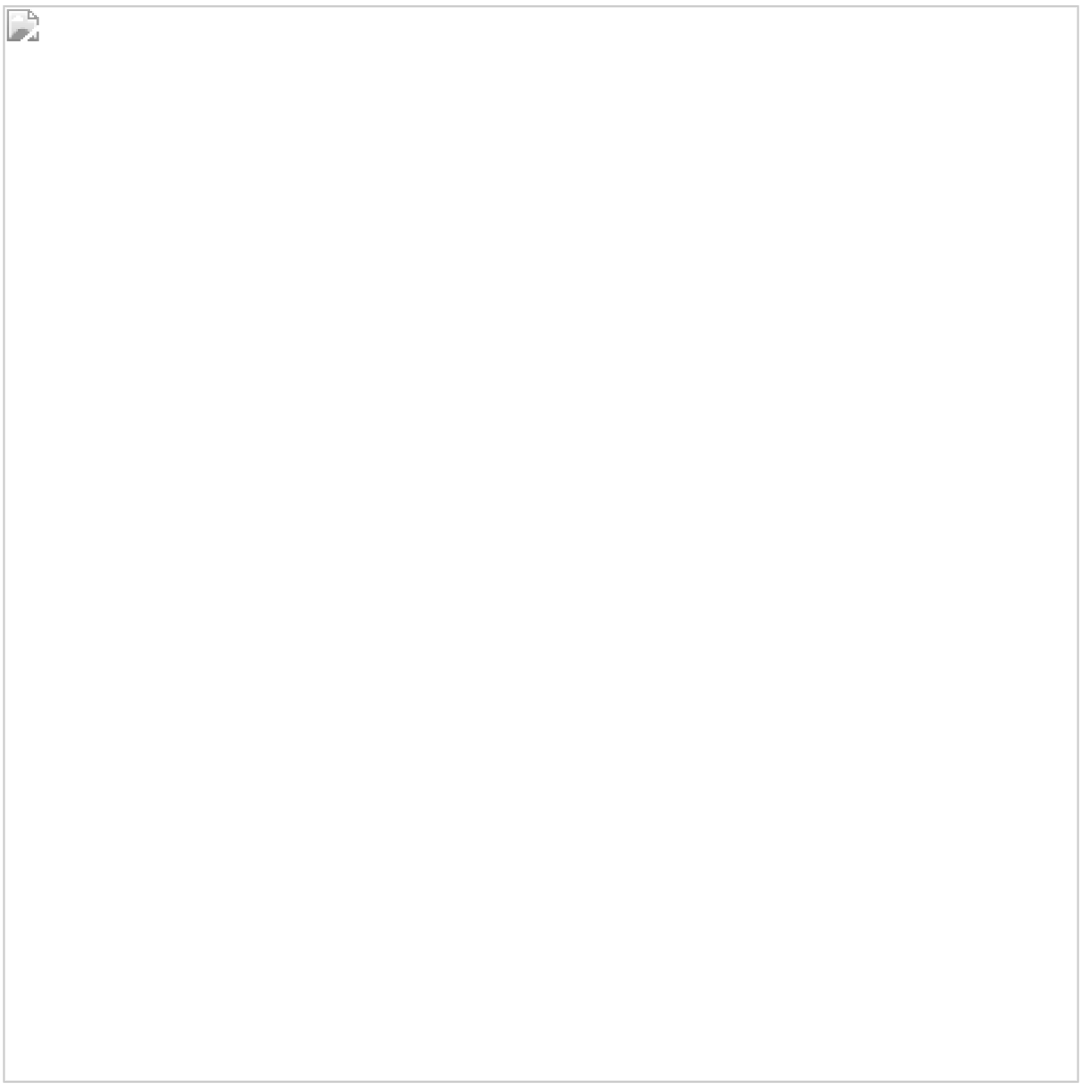
Anne had once helped look after babies, so she knew what to do. “Don’t cry, Di,” she said, grabbing her coat. All night the girls worked over Minnie May, while Matthew went for the doctor.

By morning Minnie May was better. The doctor said Anne had saved her life. Diana’s mother said she was sorry. “She says you saved Minnie May’s life,” Marilla told Anne. The girls were friends again.

TALK ABOUT IT

What was it like for Anne to be needed? Has anyone ever needed your help?

A Night to Help · another picture



Think about it

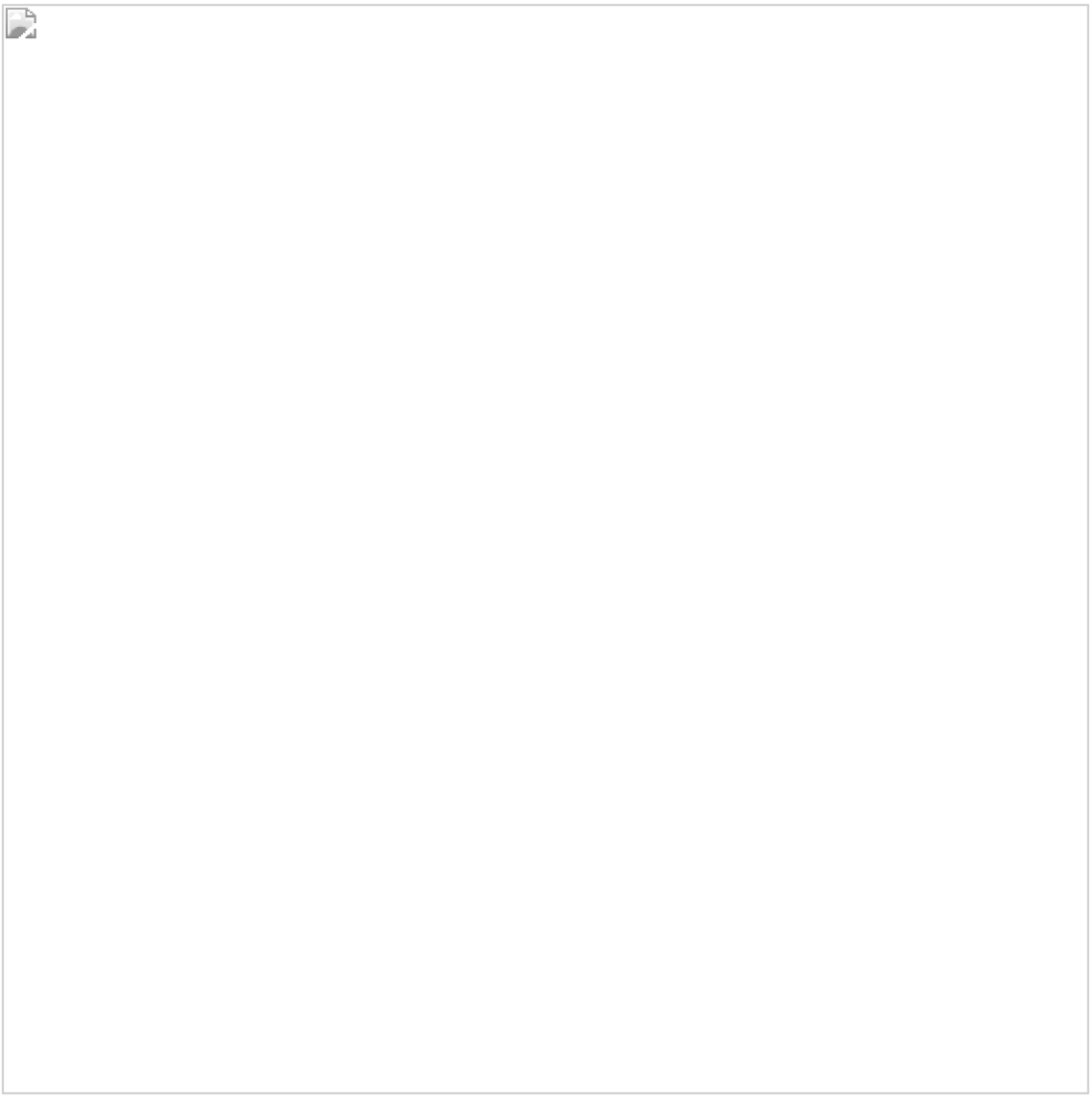
1. Who was sick with croup?

- ○ Minnie May
- ○ Marilla
- ○ Matthew

2. What happened between Diana and Anne after that night?

- ○ They were friends again
- ○ They moved away
- ○ They stopped talking forever

Puffed Sleeves



Anne was growing up. She wanted so much to have a dress with puffed sleeves like the other girls, though Marilla only sewed her plain, sensible ones.

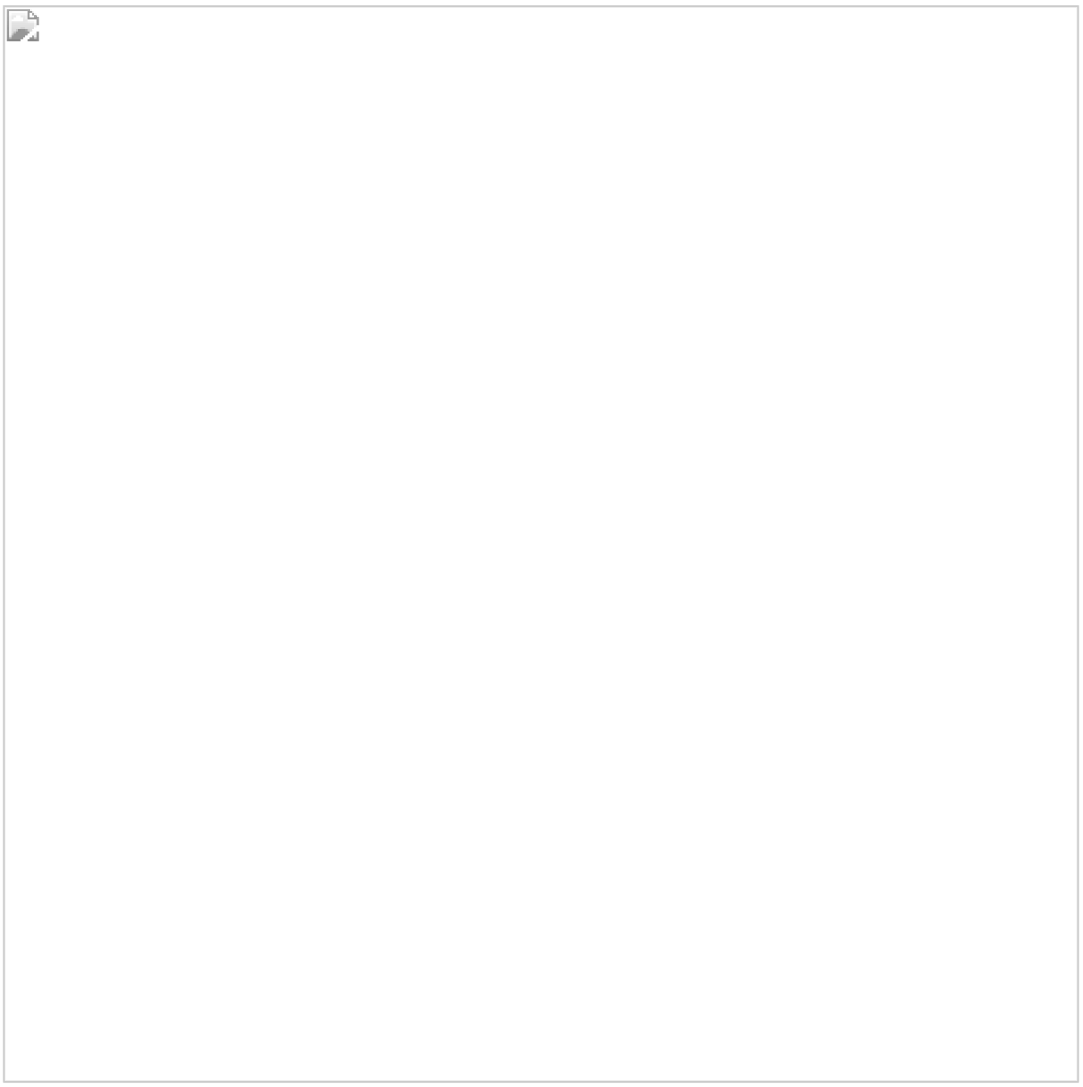
Shy Matthew noticed. He went all the way to the store, got into a muddle trying to ask for a dress, and finally asked Mrs. Lynde to find one and make it with puffed sleeves.

On Christmas morning, Matthew handed Anne a package. She opened it and saw a soft brown dress with puffed sleeves. “Matthew, is that for me? Oh, Matthew!” she said. “Matthew, it’s perfectly exquisite.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Matthew did not say much, but he paid close attention. What is a quiet way people show they care?

Puffed Sleeves · another picture



Think about it

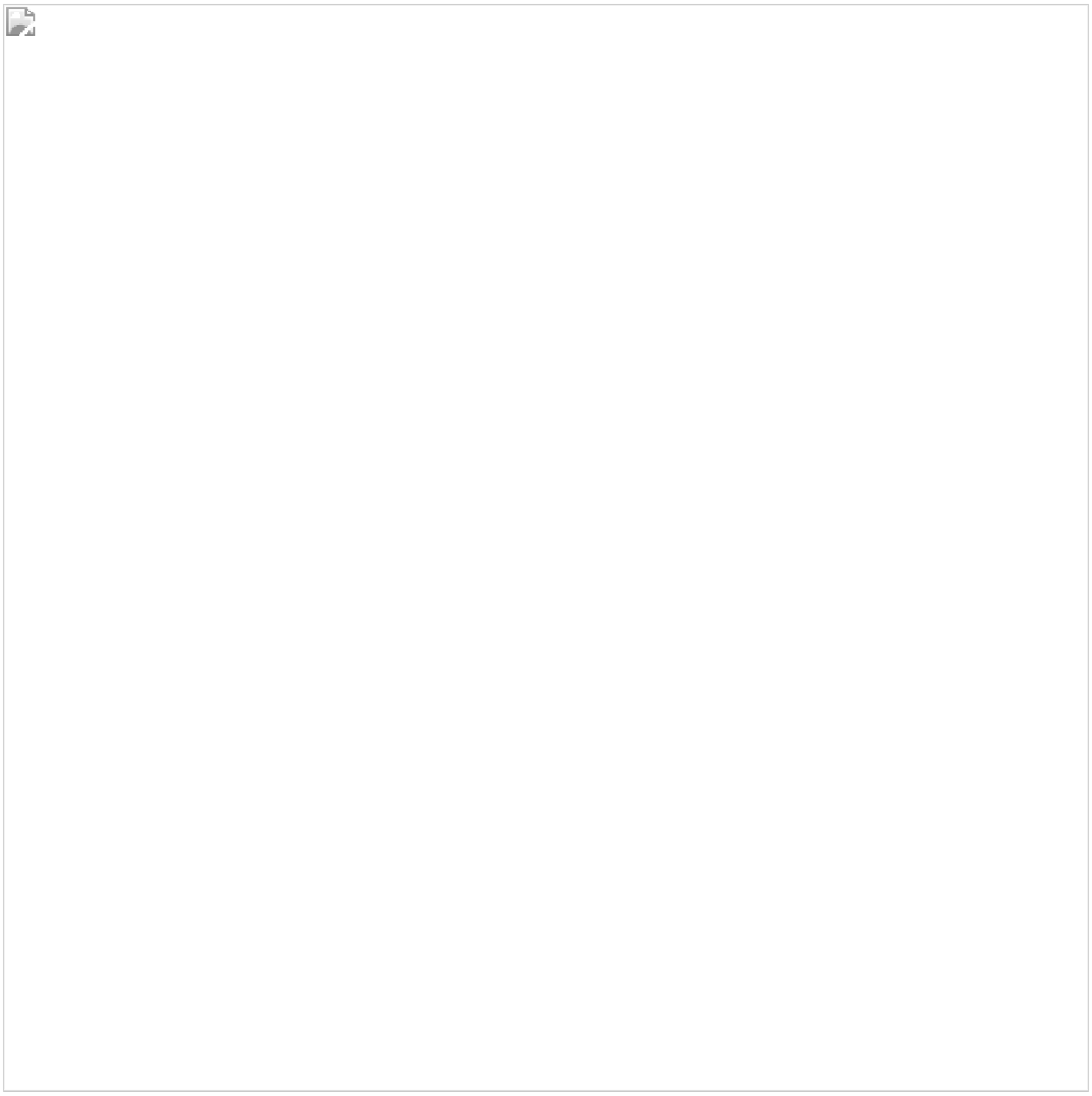
1. What was special about the dress?

- ○ It had puffed sleeves
- ○ It had a long red tail
- ○ It was bright green

2. Who gave Anne the dress?

- ○ Matthew
- ○ Diana
- ○ Mrs. Barry

The Lily Maid



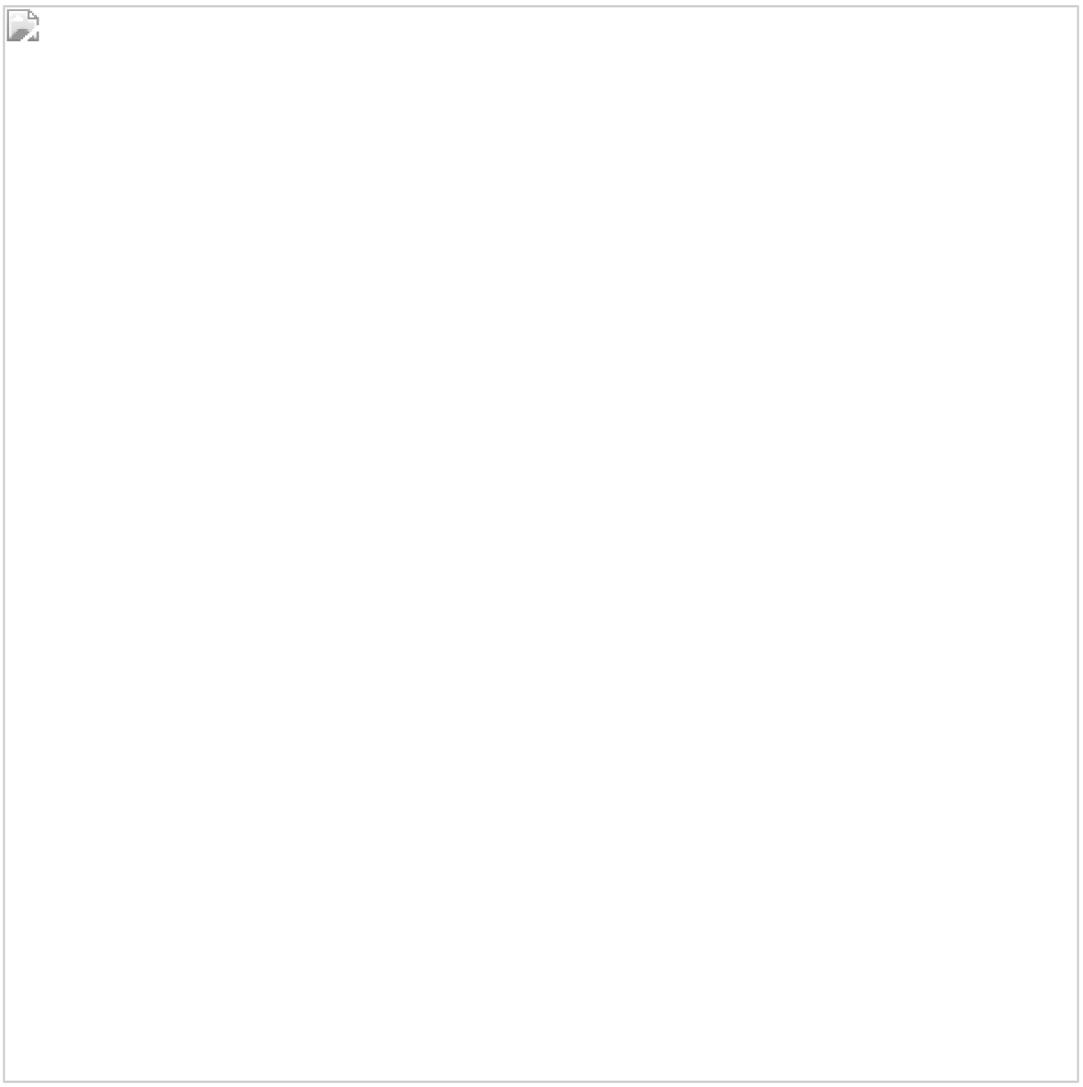
One summer day, Anne and her friends acted out a poem about Elaine, the lily maid, who floated down a river in a boat. “I’d love to be Elaine,” said Anne.

They spread a black shawl over an old flat boat, and Anne lay in it with a flower in her hand. Her friends pushed it off and ran to meet her at the far end.

Then water began pouring in through a leak! “Dear God, please take the flat close to a pile and I’ll do the rest,” Anne prayed. Near the bridge, she grabbed a post just as the boat sank.

TALK ABOUT IT

What would you do if you were stuck like Anne?



Think about it

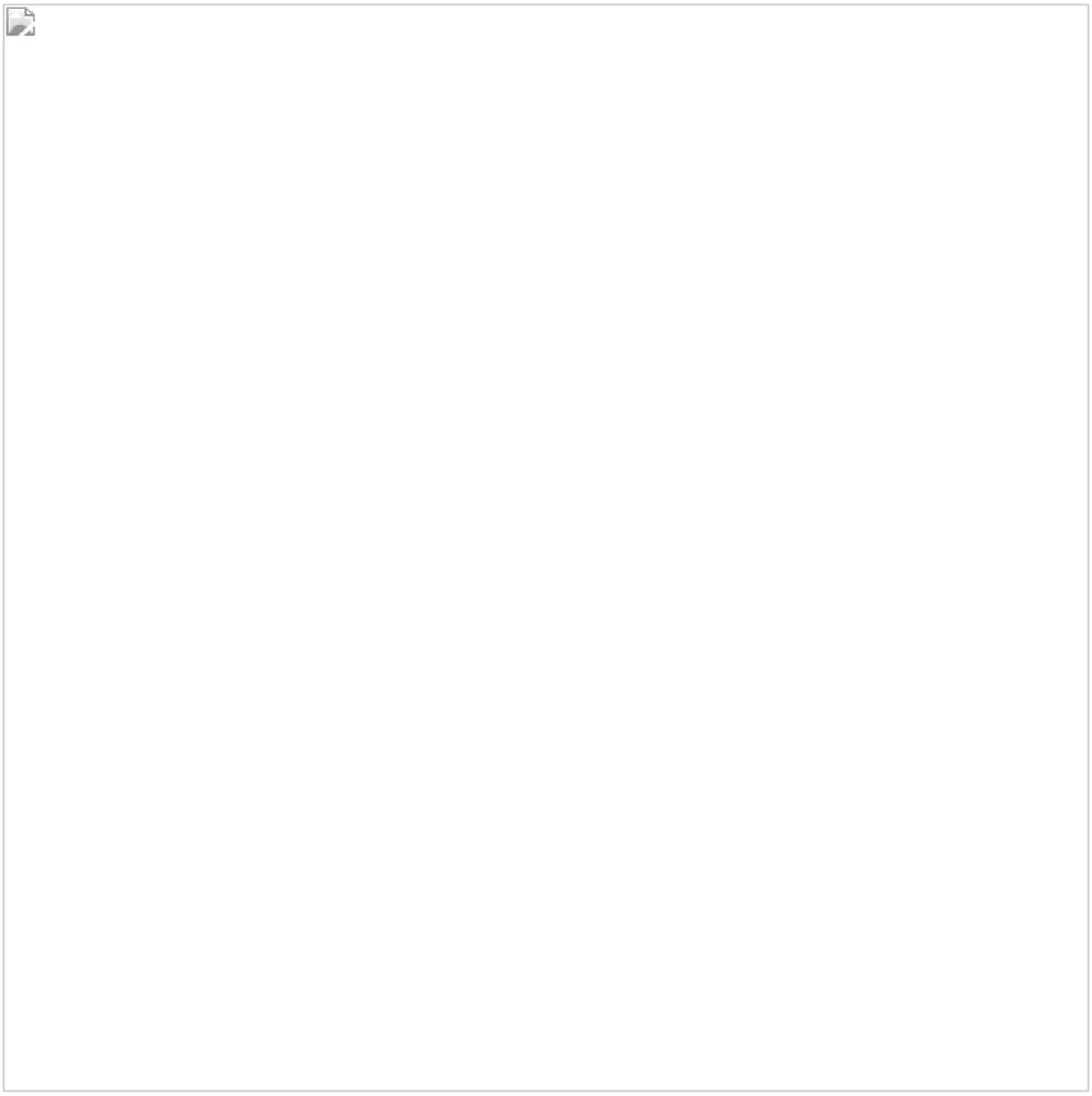
1. What were the girls pretending to be?

- ○ Characters in a poem about Elaine
- ○ Pirates
- ○ Farmers

2. What went wrong with the boat?

- ○ It sprang a leak
- ○ The oars floated away
- ○ It hit a tree

Gilbert to the Rescue



Anne clung to the post for what felt like a very long time. Then Gilbert Blythe came rowing under the bridge. “Anne Shirley! How on earth did you get there?”

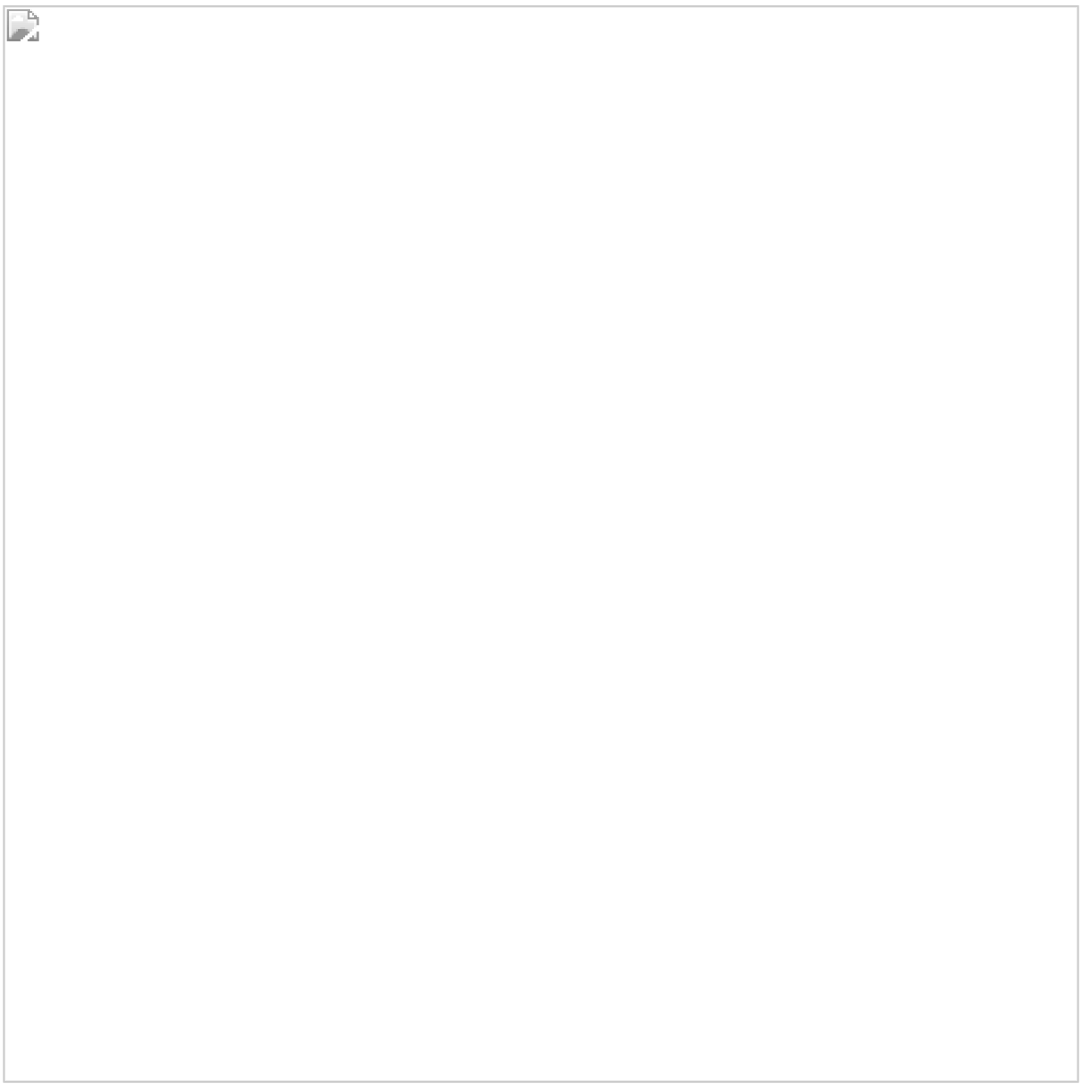
He helped her into his boat and rowed her to the landing. He was sorry, he said, that he had teased her about her hair. “Can’t we be good friends?”

Anne was still so cross that she said, “No,” and then, “I shall never be friends with you, Gilbert Blythe; and I don’t want to be!” But as she walked away, she felt an odd little sorry feeling.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think it can be hard to forgive someone, even when they are sorry?

Gilbert to the Rescue · another picture



Think about it

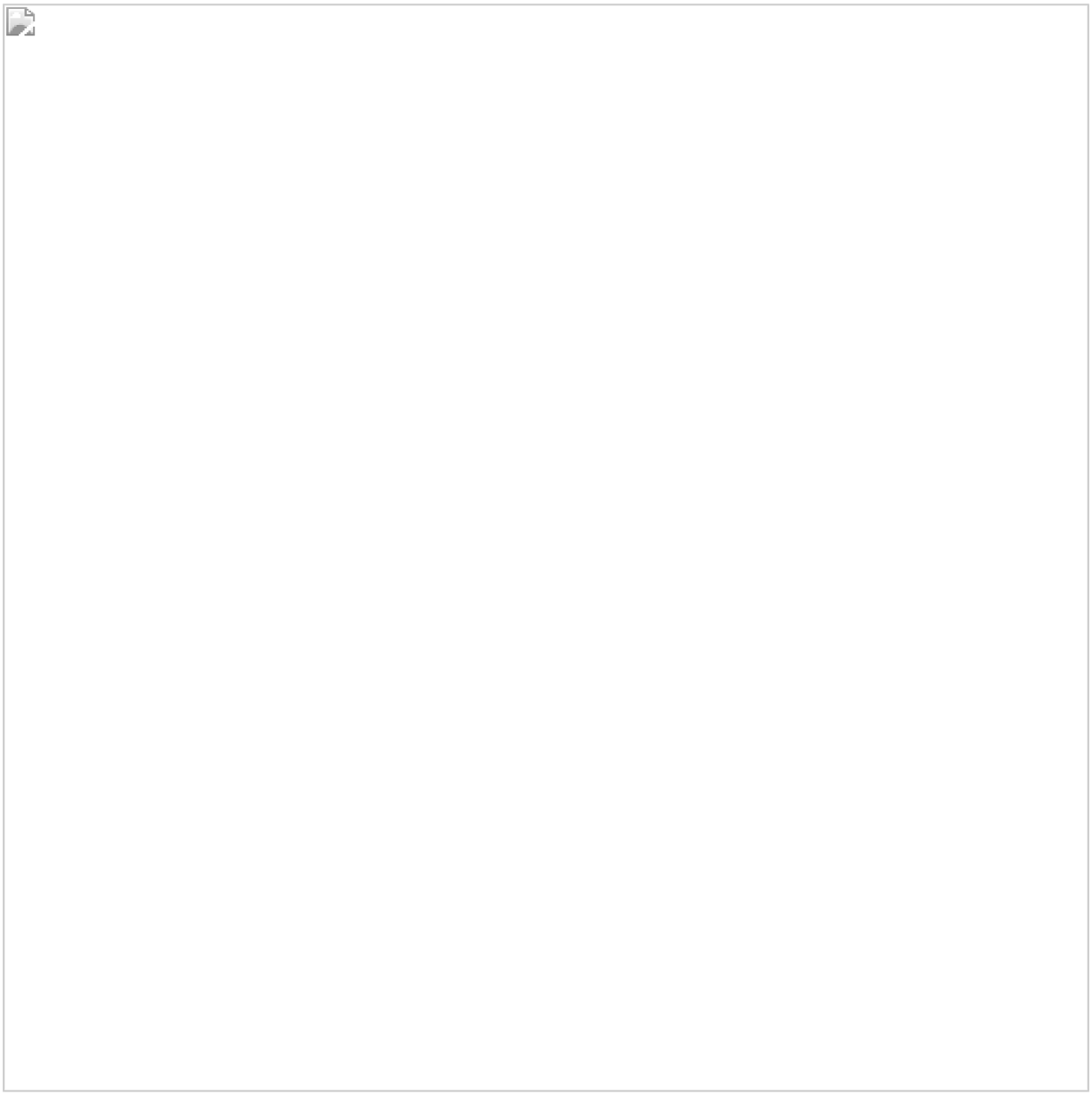
1. Who rescued Anne?

- ○ Gilbert Blythe
- ○ Matthew
- ○ Mr. Phillips

2. What did Gilbert ask Anne?

- ○ If they could be good friends
- ○ If she could row
- ○ If she wanted to race

Anne Goes to Queen's



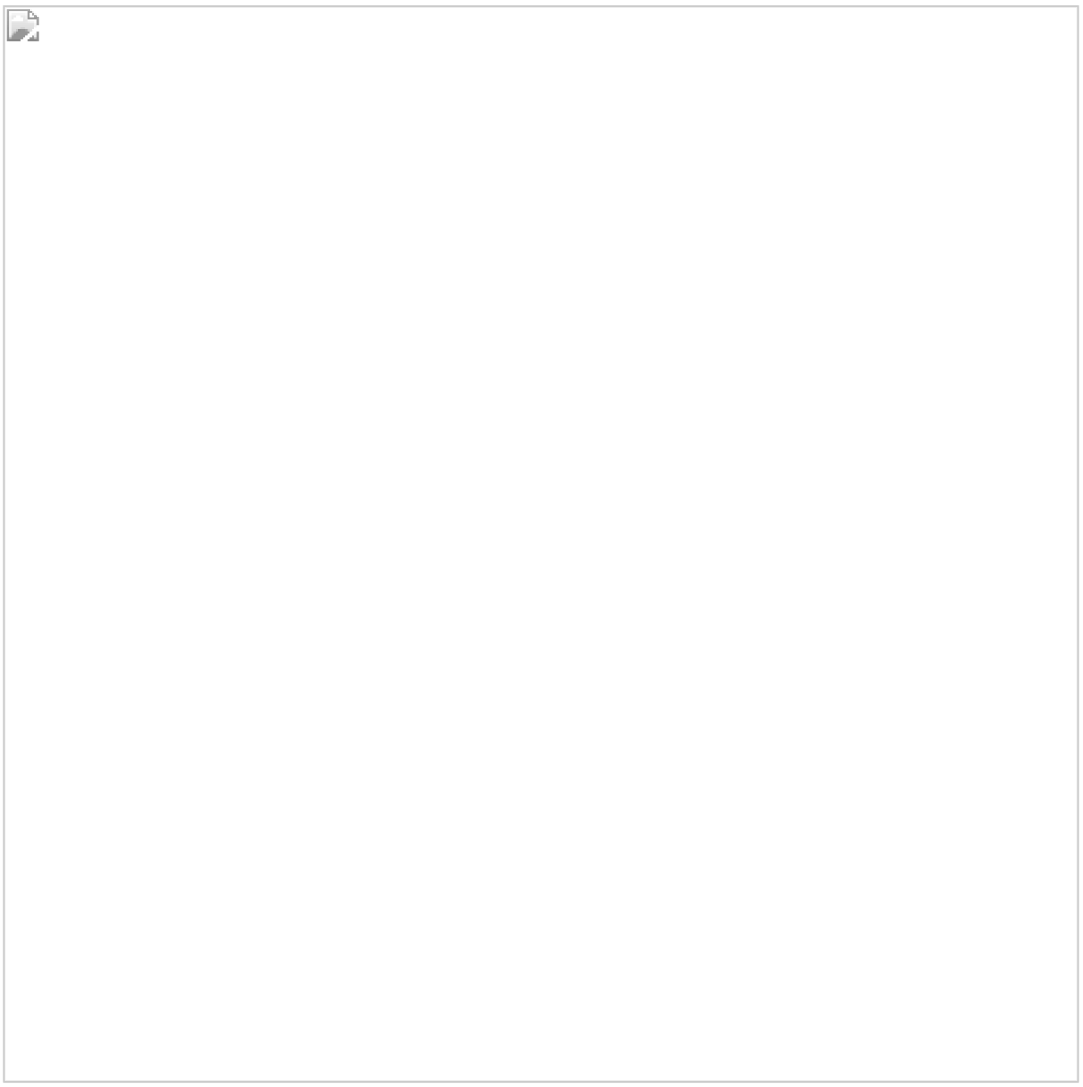
The years went by, and Anne studied very hard. She went to Queen's Academy to learn to be a teacher, and she did so well that she won a scholarship to go to college.

One evening, as they brought the cows home, Anne told Matthew that she wished she had been the boy they sent for, so she could help him more. Matthew patted her hand. "I'd rather have you than a dozen boys, Anne."

He smiled his shy smile. "It was a girl," he said, "my girl that I'm proud of."

TALK ABOUT IT

Matthew told Anne how he felt about her. Who would you like to tell that kind of thing to?



Think about it

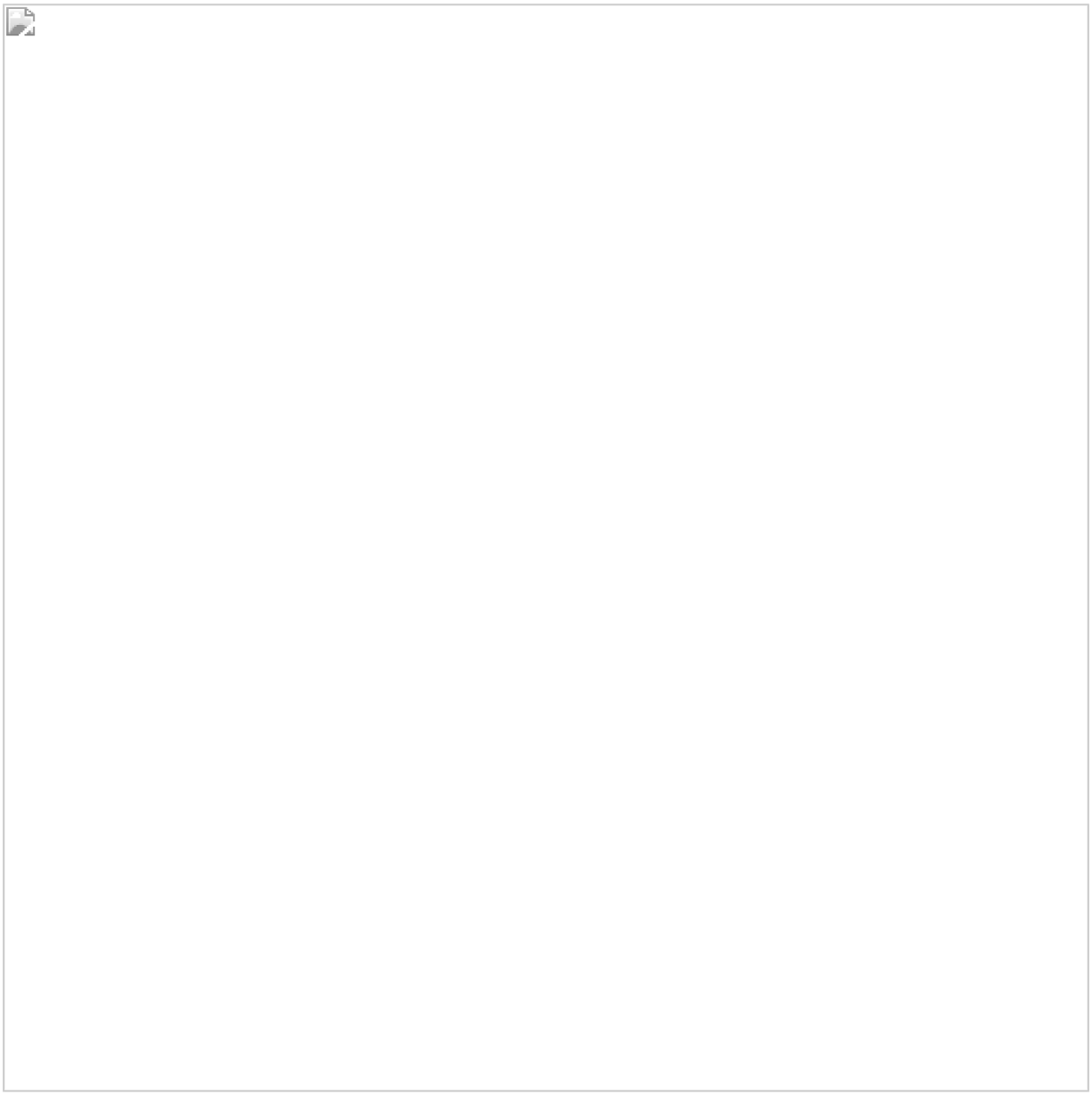
1. Where did Anne go to learn to be a teacher?

- ○ Queen's Academy
- ○ The Lily Pond
- ○ The White Way

2. What did Matthew say he would rather have than a dozen boys?

- ○ Anne
- ○ A new horse
- ○ A bigger farm

Matthew



The next day, quiet Matthew Cuthbert died suddenly at the door of Green Gables, and it did not hurt him.

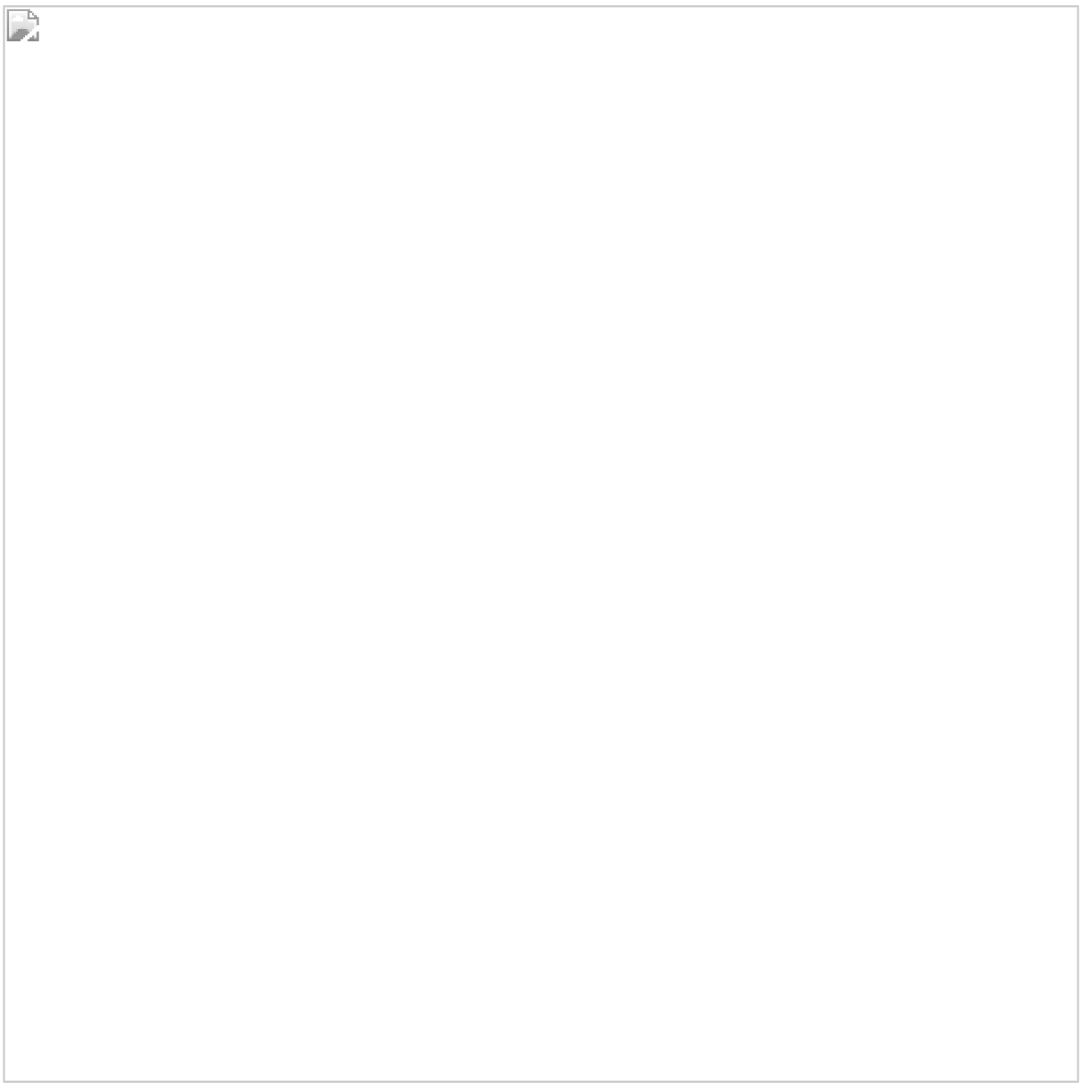
All the neighbors came to help. That night, Anne cried and cried. Marilla came in and held her. “We’ve got each other, Anne,” she said. “I don’t know what I’d do if you weren’t here.”

Later, Anne planted a slip of a little white rosebush on Matthew’s grave, one that his mother had brought from Scotland.

TALK ABOUT IT

Who helps you when you feel very sad?

Matthew · another picture



Think about it

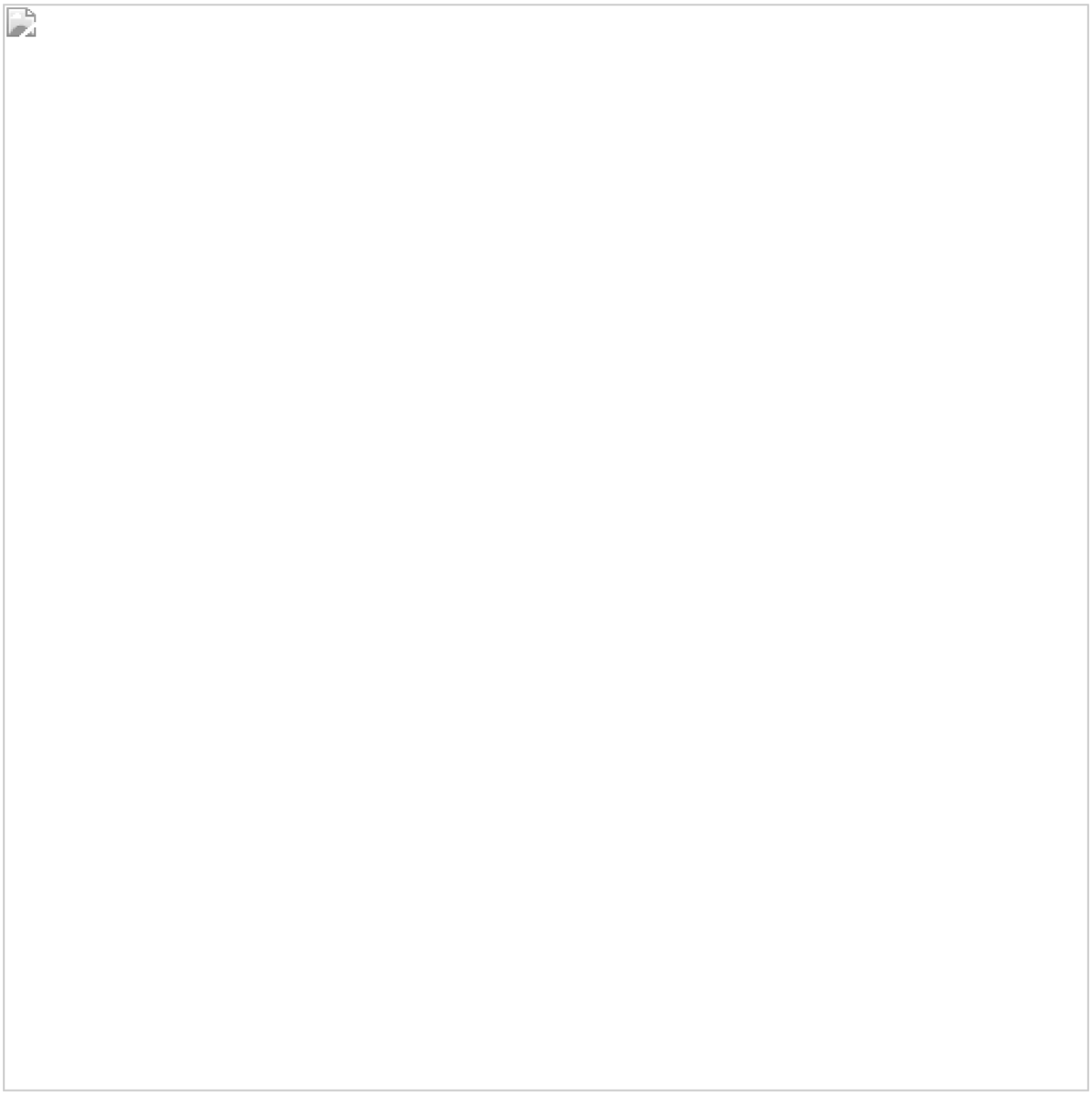
1. Who came to comfort Anne in the night?

- ○ Marilla
- ○ Diana
- ○ Mrs. Lynde

2. What did Anne plant by Matthew's grave?

- ○ A white rosebush
- ○ An apple tree
- ○ A row of carrots

A Bend in the Road



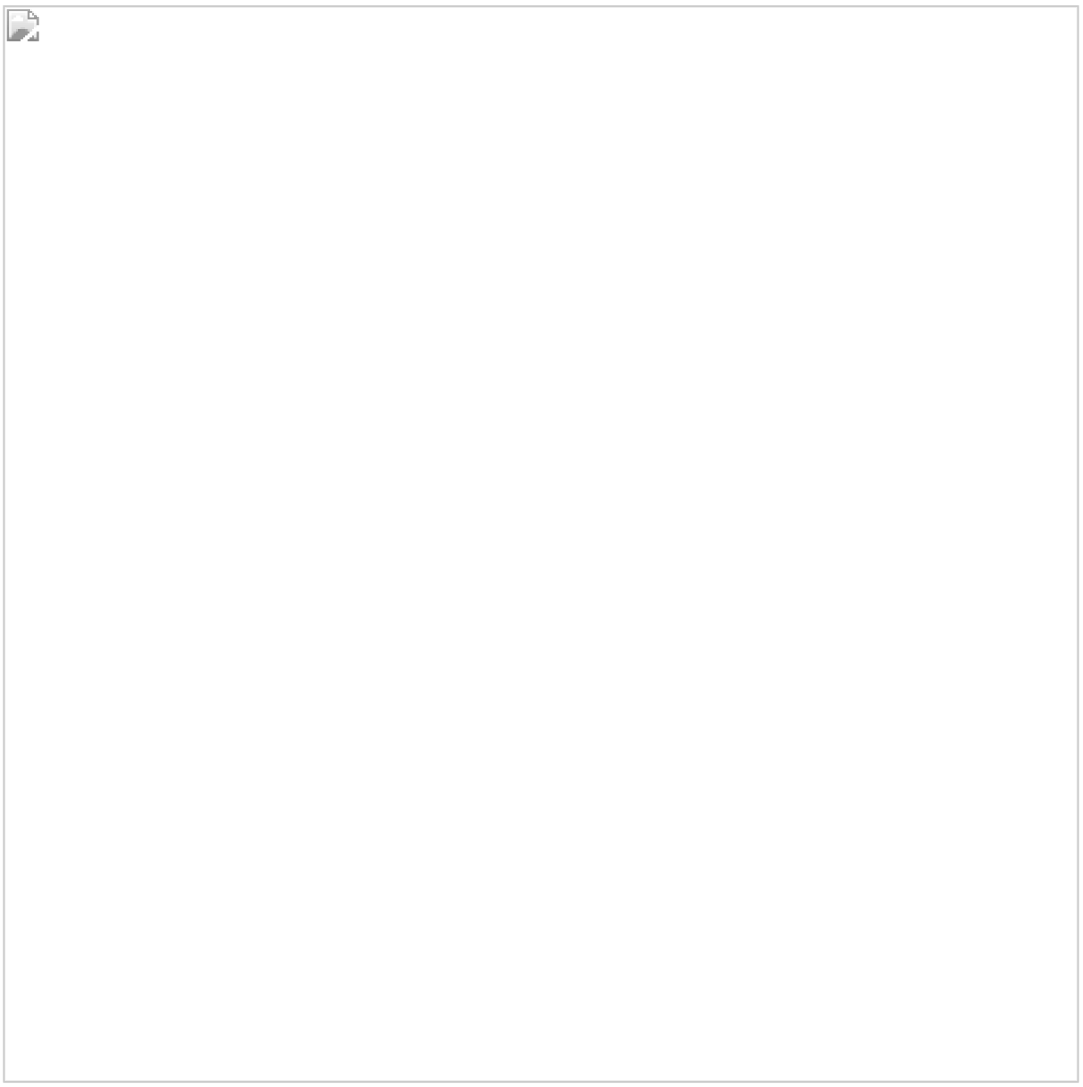
Marilla's eyes were getting weak, and she thought she would have to sell Green Gables. "You mustn't sell Green Gables," said Anne.

Anne had decided not to go away to college. "I'm not going to Redmond," she said. She would teach school close to home and look after Marilla, and the two of them would keep Green Gables.

"I don't know what lies around the bend, but I'm going to believe that the best does," Anne said. "You blessed girl!" said Marilla.

TALK ABOUT IT

Anne chose to stay with Marilla. What is something you have given up for someone you love?



Think about it

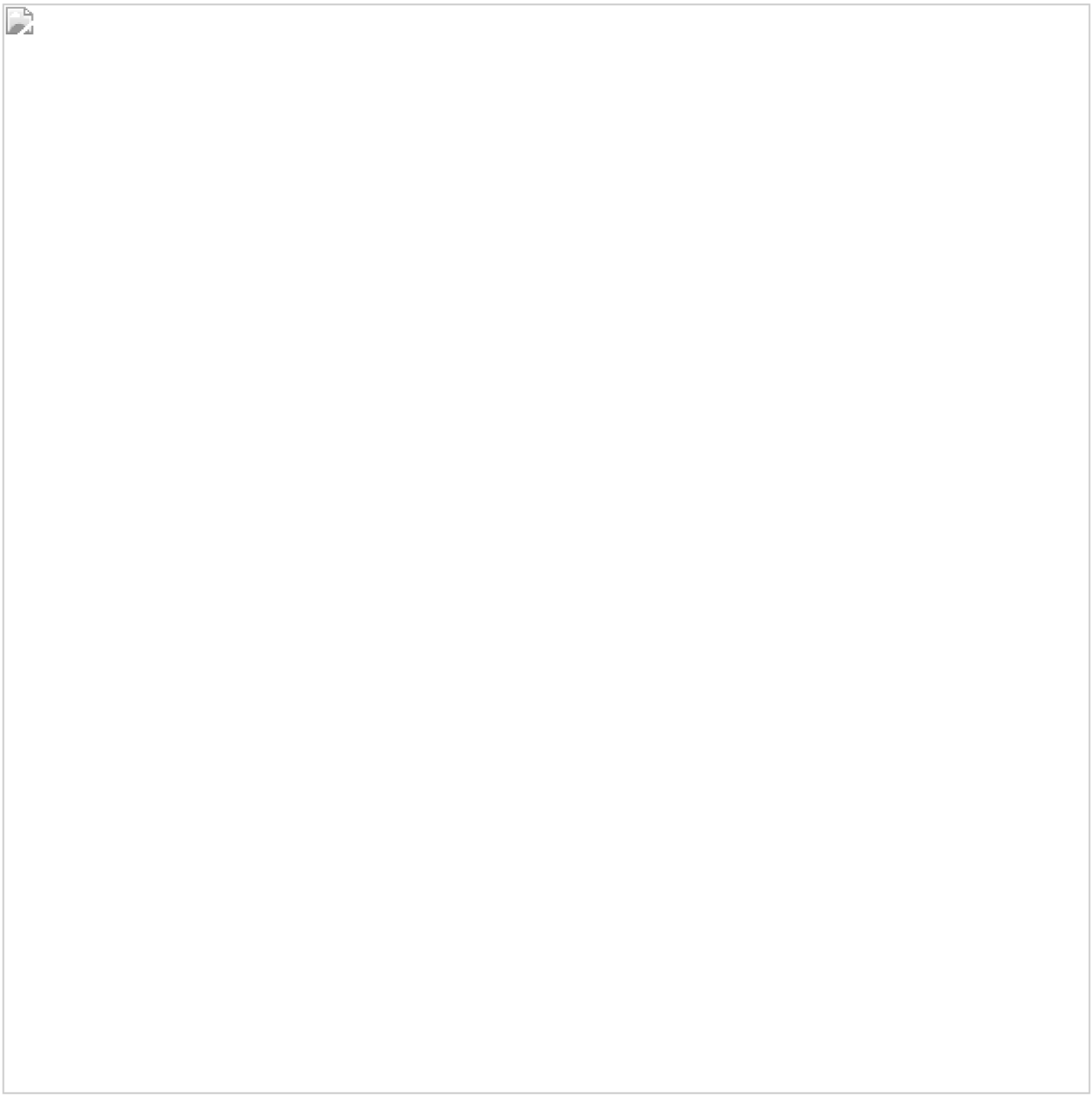
1. What did Anne tell Marilla not to do?

- ○ Sell Green Gables
- ○ Cook supper
- ○ Go to town

2. What did Anne decide to do instead of going to college?

- ○ Stay home and teach school
- ○ Join a circus
- ○ Move to town

All's Right with the World



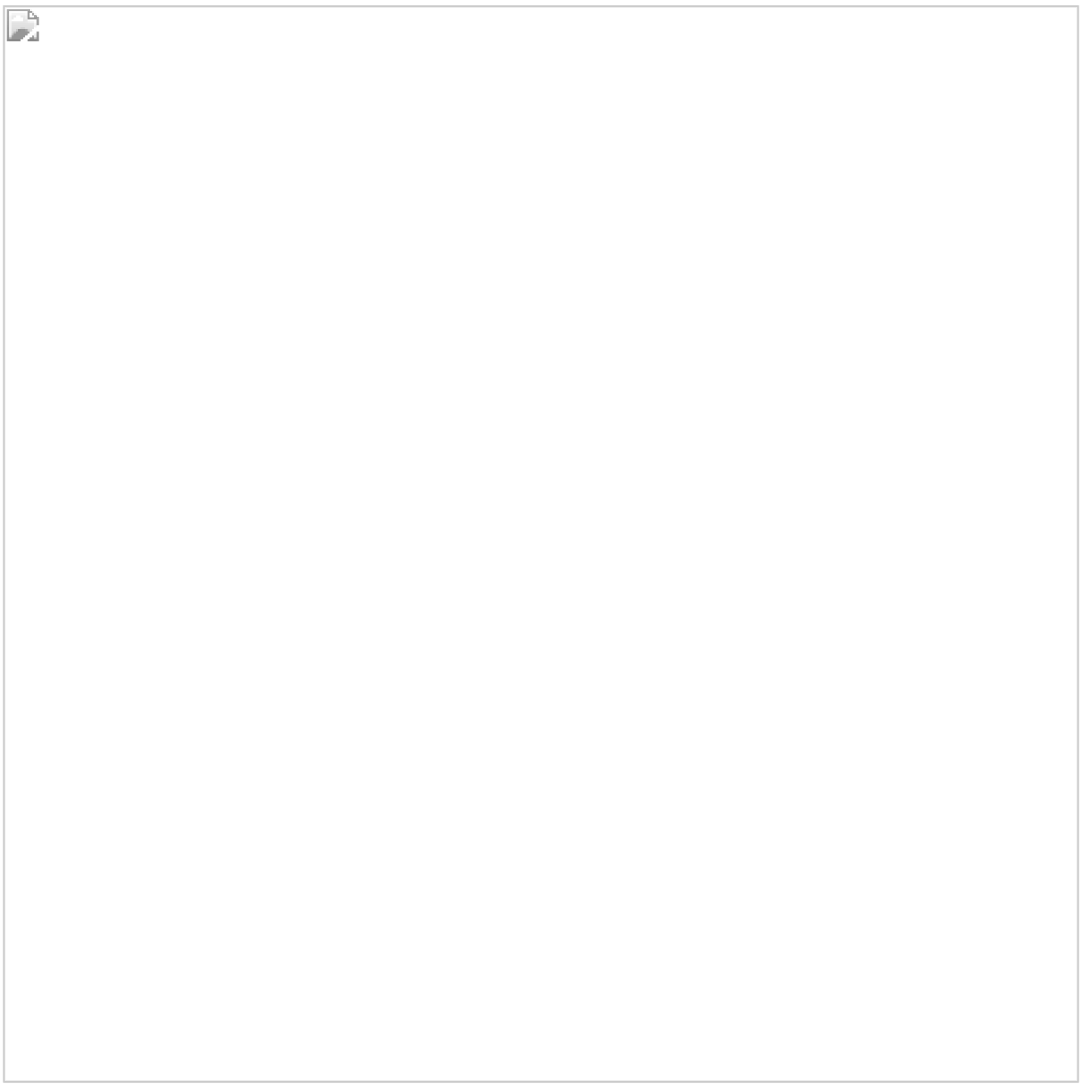
Gilbert Blythe gave up his place at the Avonlea school so that Anne could have it and stay near Marilla. Anne walked down the hill to thank him.

"We are going to be the best of friends," said Gilbert. Anne told him she had been sorry ever since that day at the pond.

That night, Anne sat by her window and looked at the stars over the firs. "'God's in his heaven, all's right with the world,'" whispered Anne softly.

TALK ABOUT IT

What would you like to whisper to the night sky?



Think about it

1. What did Gilbert give up so Anne could have it?

- ○ The Avonlea school job
- ○ His horse
- ○ His boat

2. What did Anne whisper at the end?

- ○ "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world."
- ○ "Good night, Matthew."
- ○ "I never want to leave."

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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