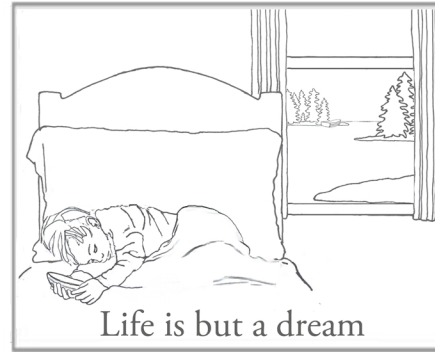


*Merrily ...*

She'd heard in the news someone had recently rowed across the ocean so she could too. Row to strange lands where there were castles, palaces, cathedrals and coliseums. History was her favourite subject because it taught her nothing stays the same.

*... merrily, merrily*

She would see new places, new new people and have adventures. Everything would be different. Maybe find her father. Before they moved, she'd overheard her grandmother say he'd enlisted and gone overseas.



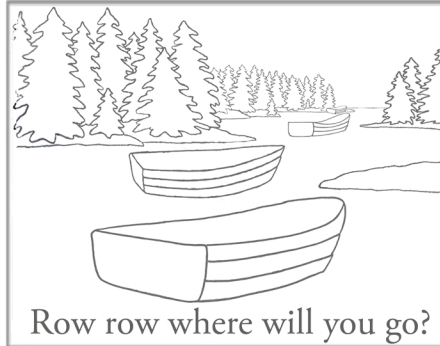
Life is but a dream

*Life is ...*

YEAH, right. She was stuck and she was going to stay stuck. No money, no friends, no dad, no family besides her mom and she was always working and angry. And where would she get a boat? Was there even a stream near town?

*... but a dream.*

FINALLY - the kid's asleep. Susan said to make sure to leave his toy boat next to him so it's there when he wakes up or reaches for it in his sleep. I wonder if his father gave it to him? I still have a picture of my dad my grandmother slipped to me when my mom wasn't looking.



Row row where will you go?

*Row, row ...*

I still have family even if I can't be with them right now. I've seen granma at the Mall. She keeps smiling at me even when my mom walks past her. When I'm older I'll go to the Mall and meet her. And Susan is nice and she told me I'm really good with kids.

*... where will you go?*

My aunt was going to school to learn how to take care of kids. She wanted to be a nanny to some celebrity's kids so she could travel all over the world with them. I'd like to do that too. And I have lots of time to learn and practise while I'm babysitting.