

# You're not alone



When Daisy knew that they would be leaving their home and moving to America with her mother, she was very dejected. She was afraid that she didn't know anybody in America and would be all alone. Though her mother assured Daisy that it was going to be a thrilling adventure and that she would meet lots of new friends when she started school in America, Daisy was not convinced by her mother's kind words and was still very sad over the news. The news really made her downcast. Her mother's ideas are beyond her grasp. She really wished with all of her heart that she could stay home.

It was a long journey and Daisy was overwhelmed by the big aeroplane and all of the people rushing about in the airport. When the family finally arrived in America, everything seemed queer to Daisy. She did not feel at home at all. The first month passed in a flash, but still she felt almost intolerably lonely. Even though her mother took her out exploring, she was still depressed. She missed her friends and could not help feeling that she was all alone in the new city. At night she would cry in her bed and would even dream that her mother would wake her the next day and tell her that they were going to return home. But each morning was despair to her.

One morning, when Daisy's mother told her that she would be going to college and would be meeting new acquaintances, there was a mournful expression on her face. She was scared of going to college, she didn't speak much English which she knew that she would be having a very hard time.

Daisy and her mother walked along hand in hand to the school gates where they were welcomed by an amiable teacher. The morning passed in a blur as Daisy was introduced to more teachers and students who all smiled and said hello. In the afternoon, Daisy was already very tired from such a long day of meeting strangers. When she walked into another classroom, she was greeted with a big smile by Mrs. Goni who was from Japan. Daisy noticed that all of the students in the classroom were very different from one another. And to her surprise, sitting at the back of the classroom, was a young girl called Marianne who was also from Macao. Marianne welcomed Daisy with a smile and handed her a beautiful tulip. Daisy found a small note 'You're not alone!' inside the flower. The two girls became instant friends.

That afternoon, Daisy talked to every one of the students in the class. Though she could not always comprehend what they were saying, she knew that they had come to America to start a new life. She got to know that though it was sometimes scary to be in a new place where you did not speak the language, there would always be somebody around who would help. And no matter where you went in the world, you would always find a friend. Daisy realized that she would never be alone. That night, her mother asked, 'My sweetie, how's your day?' Daisy responded merrily, 'I got the most beautiful tulip today. America is now my new home and I am going to make the best of it no matter what. The most difficult days are really over.'