

# A Hundred Challenging Things a Boy Can Do

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It was a coal town. He spent his whole life in a hole in  
the ground smashing pieces of earth.  
He never really saw the sky.  
It was a hard life. But little black rocks make the televisions  
work and put food on the table.  
Until the unions cast him aside.  
Now there's a hundred challenging things a boy can do.  
And you've waved goodbye and held more tears in  
than anyone ever should.  
And all my sorrows pale to insignificance.  
That's why I love you.

She was in a strange land. She taught herself to read  
from doing crosswords and hiding her accent.  
She cast her dreams aside.  
She had a spark in her eye.  
She never saw her son on his wedding day.  
Or our cherry blossoms falling down from the sky  
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No coal mines.  
No not a trace.  
Now shopping malls take their place.  
No picket lines.

The sacrifice.  
Dreams overrun.  
Hopes for a future for her son in Ollerton.  
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Wave goodbye.  
Wave goodbye  
A hundred challenging  
Say goodbye to you.