In Love with Becky

From: Mark Twain

Tom was late for school.

The teacher was angry and said, "Thomas Sawyer! Why are you late again?"

Suddenly Tom saw a new girl in the classroom.

She had blue eyes and long blonde hair.

She was very beautiful.

Tom looked at her.

He was in love!

There was a free chair next to her and Tom wanted to sit there.

But how?

Tom thought quickly and said, "I stopped to talk to Huckleberry Finn."

The teacher was very angry.

"You know you must never talk to that boy!"

The teacher took his stick and hit Tom.

"Now go and sit with the girls!" said the teacher.

The children laughed at Tom.

He sat down next to the new girl.

He looked at her.

Then he drew a picture of a house.

"Let me see it," she whispered.

Tom put the picture in front of her.

"It's nice. Draw a man," she said.

Tom drew a man near the house.

It was a terrible picture, but the girl liked it.

"You draw beautifully. I can't draw,"said the girl.

"I can teach you after school," said Tom.

"Oh, thank you!"

"What's your name?" Tom asked.

"Becky Thatcher. I know your name. It's Tom Sawyer."

That night Tom and Sid were in bed at half past nine.

Sid was soon asleep but Tom was not.

At eleven o'clock he heard Huck meow.

He dressed quickly and went out of the bedroom window.

"Let's go!" whispered Huck.

He had his dead cat.

Tom and Huck walked down the dark road.

They walked for about half an hour.

The graveyard was on a hill.

There were a lot of trees and a lot of graves; everything was dark and scary.

The wind made strange noises and dark clouds covered the moon.

"Are the ghosts making these noises?" thought Tom. He was afraid but he said nothing.

"Now let's find the grave of Hoss Williams," said Huck.

They soon found the grave.

"Here it is. He died last week," said Huck.

"Do you think Hoss Williams can hear us?" asked Tom.

"Well, I think his ghost can hear us," said Huck.

"Then let's call him Mr. Williams," said Tom.

"Alright," said Huck, "But everybody called him Hoss."

"Sh!"

"What is it, Tom?" asked Huck.

"Do you hear the noise? Look over there, Huck! Oh, no!" said Tom.