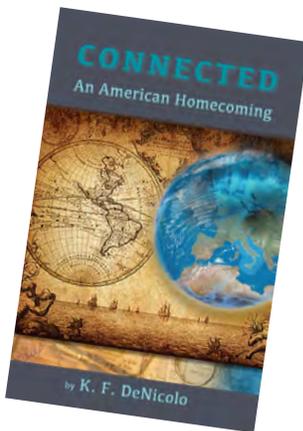


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Communication: "Changes: Slow Road"

Prologue:

Did you ever want to escape, fall asleep, wake up and be just perfect? Sometimes, dreams just have to give way to alarm clocks, long lines, and noise. Listen to what happens as days and weeks pass and Josephine settles into her neighborhood somewhere in America.

Off the train, through the station, people speaking, some are staring, no words of understanding. Hold onto mama. Jump into a car. Stop in front of a house. Climb the stairs. Step into a room. Open the suitcase. Find a nightgown. Go to sleep. Wake up and go to school. Everything new! What a fool to come here. These were the thoughts of a little girl called Jo.

Jo was very nervous about the first day of school. What were parents and other children thinking? Surely there have been other people not knowing what to say or how. Might people wonder still how to be like others in a neighborhood? Do clothes betray me? Does my hair look too different? Do I have the right words and say them correctly. Do my parents look like other adults? Do they act like everyone else? Why do I have to go to a place called school when I don't know the language?

Who are this little boy and his friend? Why are they laughing and pushing me? Why did my father bring me here, leave me in this field and walk into that building. When will he be back and what next? This place is so very different. I feel so alone, but the sun warms me in this park. I am comfortable with the sunshine. There's a small piece of candy in my pocket. I eat it and it soothes my mouth. The tree is a beautiful green and the sky is as blue as the seas of home. Who is that lady coming toward me? She smiles and guides me to a circle of young girls. One of the girls speaks to me and I understand a word or two.

My papa comes over to me. He adjusts my jacket and scarf, "This is it Jo, you're in a new school to learn some English. You'll come here every day. Mama will walk you here and take you home. This is your start! We're going to keep working at it. Everything will be just perfect." Now let's go home, no time to talk now!"

Readers' Guide: Summary:

Many children have similar stories today about a new school, country or groups of friends. **Readers' Guide: Exercise & Activities:** Have you ever welcomed a newcomer? Did you learn something from this story? Write an invitation welcoming someone.