1  
One day when Curtis had to change a wheel on the car, I helped him.  
wʌn deɪ wen Cuɻtɪis hæd tʊu ʧeɪnʤ ə wɪiːl ɔn ðə kɑː , ɑɪ helpt hɪm .

2  
‘If you’re an idiot,’ he said angrily, ‘how do you know how to do that?  
ɪf jʊə ən ˈɪdɪət ,’ hɪiː sed ˈæŋgɻɪlɪi , hæʊ dʊu jʊu nəʊ hæʊ tʊu dʊu ðæt ?

3  
’ ‘Maybe I am an idiot,’ I said, ‘but ‘I’m not stupid.  
’ ˈmeɪbɪiː ɑɪ æm ən ˈɪdɪət ,’ ɑɪ sed , bʌt ɑɪm nɔt ˈsʧʊupɪd .

4  
’ I was born an idiot, but ‘I’m cleverer than most people think.  
’ɑɪ wɔz boːn ən ˈɪdɪət , bʌt ɑɪm ˈklevəɻə ðæn məʊst ˈpɪiːpl θɪŋk .

5  
We quickly realize this is true in this wonderfully warm andfunny story about Forrest Gump, a good-hearted young manfrom Alabama in the USA.  
wɪiː ˈkwɪklɪi ˈɻɪəlɑɪz ðɪs ɪz tɻʊu ɪn ðɪs ˈwʌndəfʊlɪi woːm ændˈfʌnɪi ˈstoːɻɪi əˈbæʊt Foɻɻest Gump , ə gʊd-ˈhɑːtɪd jʌŋ mænfɻɔm ˌæləˈbæmə ɪn ðə jʊu-es-eɪ .

6  
He wins a medal for being very brave inthe Vietnam war and meets the President of the United States ofAmerica.  
hɪiː wɪnz ə ˈmedl foː ˈbɪiːɪŋ ˈveɻɪi bɻeɪv ɪnðə ˌvjetˈnɑːm woː ænd mɪiːts ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt ɔv ðə jʊˈnɑɪtɪd steɪts ɔvəˈmeɻɪkə .

7  
He becomes a footballer, a film star, a businessman and hegoes into space.  
hɪiː bɪˈkʌmz ə ˈfʊtboːlə , ə fɪlm stɑː , ə ˈbɪznɪsmən ænd hɪiːgəʊz ˈɪntʊu speɪs .

8  
And his best friend is an ape called Sue!  
ænd hɪz best fɻend ɪz ən eɪp koːld sjʊu !

9  
Forrest Gump is now a film, with Tom Hanks and Sally Field in it.  
Foɻɻest Gump ɪz næʊ ə fɪlm , wɪð tɔm hæŋks ænd ˈsælɪi fɪiːld ɪn ɪt .

10  
Tom Hanks won an Oscar for the film in 1994.  
tɔm hæŋks wʌn ən ˈɔskə foː ðə fɪlm ɪn 1994 .

11  
In its first eighteendays, the film of Forrest Gump took $100 million in Americancinemas — more than any other film that Paramount Pictures hasmade before.  
ɪn ɪts fɜːst ˌeɪˈtɪiːndeɪz , ðə fɪlm ɔv Foɻɻest Gump tʊk $100 ˈmɪljən ɪn əˈmeɻɪkənˈsɪnəməz — moː ðæn ˈenɪi ˈʌðə fɪlm ðæt ˈpæɻəmæʊnt ˈpɪkʧəz hæzmeɪd bɪˈfoː .

12  
Forrest Gump is an unusual man who does a lot ofunusual things.  
Foɻɻest Gump ɪz ən ʌnˈjʊuʒʊəl mæn hʊu dʌz ə lɔt ɔvʌnˈjʊuʒʊəl θɪŋz .

13  
Millions of ordinary Americans liked the film.  
ˈmɪljənz ɔv ˈoːdnɻɪi əˈmeɻɪkənz lɑɪkt ðə fɪlm .

14  
Theyfelt Forrest Gump’s story was also partly a story about themselvesand about America from the 1960s to today.  
ðeɪfelt Foɻɻest Gump's ˈstoːɻɪi wɔz ˈoːlsəʊ ˈpɑːtlɪi ə ˈstoːɻɪi əˈbæʊt ðəmˈselvzænd əˈbæʊt əˈmeɻɪkə fɻɔm ðɪiː 1960es tʊu təˈdeɪ .

15  
Forrest Gump livedthe ‘American Dream’.  
Foɻɻest Gump lɪvdðɪi əˈmeɻɪkən dɻɪiːm .

16  
It doesn’t matter if you are rich or poor, youcan be anything you want to be.  
ɪt dʌznt ˈmætə ɪf jʊu ɑː ɻɪʧ oː pʊə , jʊukæn bɪiː ˈenɪθɪŋ jʊu wɔnt tʊu bɪiː .

17  
Winston Groom’s other books are Better Times Than These,about the war in Vietnam, and As Summers Die.  
ˈwɪnstən gɻʊmz ˈʌðə bʊks ɑː ˈbetə tɑɪmz ðæn ðɪiːz ,əˈbæʊt ðə woː ɪn ˌvjetˈnɑːm , ænd æz ˈsʌməz dɑɪ .

18  
He lives for someof the time in New York City and for the rest of the time in ClearPoint, Alabama.  
hɪiː lɪvz foː sʌmɔv ðə tɑɪm ɪn njʊu joːk ˈsɪtɪi ænd foː ðə ɻest ɔv ðə tɑɪm ɪn klɪəpɔɪnt , ˌæləˈbæmə .

19  
iv Chapter 1 School and FootballI was born an idiot ─ but I’m cleverer than people think.  
ɪivˈʧæptə 1 skʊul ænd ˈfʊtboːlɑɪ wɔz boːn ən ˈɪdɪət ─ bʌt ɑɪm ˈklevəɻə ðæn ˈpɪiːpl θɪŋk .

20  
I can thinkthings OK, but when I have to say them or write them down,sometimes they come out all wrong.  
ɑɪ kæn θɪŋkθɪŋz ˈəʊˈkeɪ , bʌt wen ɑɪ hæv tʊu seɪ ðem oː ɻɑɪt ðem dæʊn ,ˈsʌmtɑɪmz ðeɪ kʌm æʊt oːl ɻɔŋ .

21  
When I was born, my Momnamed me Forrest.  
wen ɑɪ wɔz boːn , mɑɪ mɔmneɪmd mɪiː Foɻɻest .

22  
My daddy died just after I was born.  
mɑɪ ˈdædɪi dɑɪd ʤʌst ˈɑːftə ɑɪ wɔz boːn .

23  
He workedon the ships.  
hɪiː wɜːktɔn ðə ʃɪps .

24  
One day a big box of bananas fell down on my daddyand killed him.  
wʌn deɪ ə bɪg bɔks ɔv bəˈnɑːnəz fel dæʊn ɔn mɑɪ ˈdædɪiænd kɪld hɪm .

25  
I don’t like bananas much.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt lɑɪk bəˈnɑːnəz mʌʧ .

26  
Only banana cake.  
ˈəʊnlɪi bəˈnɑːnə keɪk .

27  
I like that all right.  
ɑɪ lɑɪk ðæt oːl ɻɑɪt .

28  
At first when I was growing up, I played with everybody.  
æt fɜːst wen ɑɪ wɔz ˈgɻəʊɪŋ ʌp , ɑɪ pleɪd wɪð ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi .

29  
Butthen some boys hit me, and my Mom didn’t want me to play withthem again.  
bʌtðen sʌm bɔɪz hɪt mɪiː , ænd mɑɪ mɔm dɪdnt wɔnt mɪiː tʊu pleɪ wɪððem əˈgen .

30  
I tried to play with girls, but they all ran away from me.  
ɑɪ tɻɑɪd tʊu pleɪ wɪð gɜːlz , bʌt ðeɪ oːl ɻæn əˈweɪ fɻɔm mɪiː .

31  
I went to an ordinary school for a year.  
ɑɪ went tʊu ən ˈoːdnɻɪi skʊul foː ə jɪə .

32  
Then the children startedlaughing and running away from me.  
ðen ðə ˈʧɪldɻən ˈstɑːtɪdˈlɑːfɪŋ ænd ˈɻʌnɪŋ əˈweɪ fɻɔm mɪiː .

33  
But one girl, Jenny Curran,didn’t run away, and sometimes she walked home with me.  
bʌt wʌn gɜːl , ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan ,dɪdnt ɻʌn əˈweɪ , ænd ˈsʌmtɑɪmz ʃɪiː woːkt həʊm wɪð mɪiː .

34  
She wasnice.  
ʃɪiː wɔznɑɪs .

35  
Then they put me into another kind of school, and there weresome strange boys there.  
ðen ðeɪ pʊt mɪiː ˈɪntʊu əˈnʌðə kɑɪnd ɔv skʊul , ænd ðeə wɜːsʌm stɻeɪnʤ bɔɪz ðeə .

36  
Some couldn’t eat or go to the toiletwithout help.  
sʌm ˈkʊdnt ɪiːt oː gəʊ tʊu ðə ˈtɔɪlɪtwɪˈðæʊt help .

37  
I stayed in that school for five or six years.  
ɑɪ steɪd ɪn ðæt skʊul foː fɑɪv oː sɪks jɪəz .

38  
But when Iwas thirteen, I grew six inches in six months!  
bʌt wen ɑɪwɔz ˈθɜːˈtɪiːn , ɑɪ gɻʊu sɪks ˈɪnʧɪz ɪn sɪks mʌnθs !

39  
And by the time I wassixteen, I was bigger and heavier than all the other boys in theschool.  
ænd bɑɪ ðə tɑɪm ɑɪ wɔzˈsɪksˈtɪiːn , ɑɪ wɔz ˈbɪgə ænd ˈhevɪə ðæn oːl ðɪi ˈʌðə bɔɪz ɪn ðɪiːskʊul .

40  
One day I was walking home, and a car stopped next to me.  
wʌn deɪ ɑɪ wɔz ˈwoːkɪŋ həʊm , ænd ə kɑː stɔpt nekst tʊu mɪiː .

41  
Thedriver asked me my name, and I told him.  
ðɪiːˈdɻɑɪvə ɑːskt mɪiː mɑɪ neɪm , ænd ɑɪ təʊld hɪm .

42  
‘What school do you goto?  
wɔt skʊul dʊu jʊu gəʊtʊu ?

43  
’ he asked.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt .

44  
I told him about the idiot school.  
ɑɪ təʊld hɪm əˈbæʊt ðɪi ˈɪdɪət skʊul .

45  
‘Do you ever play football?  
dʊu jʊu ˈevə pleɪ ˈfʊtboːl ?

46  
’ he asked.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt .

47  
‘No,’ I told him.  
nəʊ ,’ ɑɪ təʊld hɪm .

48  
‘I see other people playing, but I don’t play andthey never ask me to play with them.  
ɑɪ sɪiː ˈʌðə ˈpɪiːpl ˈpleɪɪŋ , bʌt ɑɪ dəʊnt pleɪ ændðeɪ ˈnevə ɑːsk mɪiː tʊu pleɪ wɪð ðem .

49  
’ ‘OK,’ the man said.  
’ ˈəʊˈkeɪ ,’ ðə mæn sed .

50  
Three days later, the man in the car came and got me out of 1school.  
θɻɪiː deɪz ˈleɪtə , ðə mæn ɪn ðə kɑː keɪm ænd gɔt mɪiː æʊt ɔv 1skʊul .

51  
Mom was there, and they got all the things out of my deskand put them in a brown paper bag.  
mɔm wɔz ðeə , ænd ðeɪ gɔt oːl ðə θɪŋz æʊt ɔv mɑɪ deskænd pʊt ðem ɪn ə bɻæʊn ˈpeɪpə bæg .

52  
Then they told me to saygoodbye to the teacher.  
ðen ðeɪ təʊld mɪiː tʊu seɪgʊdˈbɑɪ tʊu ðə ˈtɪiːʧə .

53  
The man in the car took me and Mom to the new high school.  
ðə mæn ɪn ðə kɑː tʊk mɪiː ænd mɔm tʊu ðə njʊu hɑɪ skʊul .

54  
There, an old man with grey hair asked me lots of questions.  
ðeə , ən əʊld mæn wɪð gɻeɪ heə ɑːskt mɪiː lɔts ɔv ˈkwesʧənz .

55  
But Iknew that they really wanted me to play football.  
bʌt ɑɪnjʊu ðæt ðeɪ ˈɻɪəlɪi ˈwɔntɪd mɪiː tʊu pleɪ ˈfʊtboːl .

56  
The man in the carwas a football coach called Fellers.  
ðə mæn ɪn ðə kɑːwɔz ə ˈfʊtboːl kəʊʧ koːld ˈfeləz .

57  
Coach Fellers asked me to put ona football suit, then asked me to undress and dress again, twentytimes, until I could do it easily.  
kəʊʧ ˈfeləz ɑːskt mɪiː tʊu pʊt ɔnə ˈfʊtboːl sjʊut , ðen ɑːskt mɪiː tʊu ʌnˈdɻes ænd dɻes əˈgen , ˈtwentɪitɑɪmz , ənˈtɪl ɑɪ kʊd dʊu ɪt ˈɪiːzɪlɪi .

58  
I began to play football with the high school team, and CoachFellers helped me.  
ɑɪ bɪˈgæn tʊu pleɪ ˈfʊtboːl wɪð ðə hɑɪ skʊul tɪiːm , ænd kəʊʧˈfeləz helpt mɪiː .

59  
And I went to lessons in the school.  
ænd ɑɪ went tʊu ˈlesnz ɪn ðə skʊul .

60  
One teacher,Miss Henderson, was really nice.  
wʌn ˈtɪiːʧə ,mɪs ˈhendəsən , wɔz ˈɻɪəlɪi nɑɪs .

61  
She taught me to read.  
ʃɪiː toːt mɪiː tʊu ɻɪiːd .

62  
And whodo you think I saw in the school cafe?  
ænd hʊudʊu jʊu θɪŋk ɑɪ soː ɪn ðə skʊul ˈkæfeɪ ?

63  
Jenny Curran!  
ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan !

64  
She was allgrown-up now, with pretty black hair, long legs, and a beautiful face.  
ʃɪiː wɔz oːlˈgɻəʊnʌp næʊ , wɪð ˈpɻɪtɪi blæk heə , lɔŋ legz , ænd ə ˈbjʊutəfʊl feɪs .

65  
I went and sat with her, and she remembered me!  
ɑɪ went ænd sæt wɪð hɜː , ænd ʃɪiː ɻɪˈmembəd mɪiː !

66  
But there was a boy in the cafe who started calling me names, andsaying things like, ‘How’s Stupid?  
bʌt ðeə wɔz ə bɔɪ ɪn ðə ˈkæfeɪ hʊu ˈstɑːtɪd ˈkoːlɪŋ mɪiː neɪmz , ændˈseɪɪŋ θɪŋz lɑɪk , hæʊz ˈsʧʊupɪd ?

67  
’.  
’ .

68  
Then he threw some milk at me,and I jumped out of my chair and ran away.  
ðen hɪiː θɻʊu sʌm mɪlk æt mɪiː ,ænd ɑɪ ʤʌmpt æʊt ɔv mɑɪ ʧeə ænd ɻæn əˈweɪ .

69  
A day or two later, afterschool in the afternoon, he and his friends came up to me andstarted pushing and hitting me.  
ə deɪ oː tʊu ˈleɪtə , ˈɑːftəskʊul ɪn ðɪi ˈɑːftəˈnʊun , hɪiː ænd hɪz fɻendz keɪm ʌp tʊu mɪiː ændˈstɑːtɪd ˈpʊʃɪŋ ænd ˈhɪtɪŋ mɪiː .

70  
Then they ran after me across thefootball field.  
ðen ðeɪ ɻæn ˈɑːftə mɪiː əˈkɻɔs ðɪiːˈfʊtboːl fɪiːld .

71  
I ran away fast!  
ɑɪ ɻæn əˈweɪ fɑːst !

72  
I saw that Coach Fellers was watching me.  
ɑɪ soː ðæt kəʊʧ ˈfeləz wɔz ˈwɔʧɪŋ mɪiː .

73  
He had a strange lookon his face, and he came and told me to put on my football suit.  
hɪiː hæd ə stɻeɪnʤ lʊkɔn hɪz feɪs , ænd hɪiː keɪm ænd təʊld mɪiː tʊu pʊt ɔn mɑɪ ˈfʊtboːl sjʊut .

74  
That afternoon, he gave me the ball to run with.  
ðæt ˈɑːftəˈnʊun , hɪiː geɪv mɪiː ðə boːl tʊu ɻʌn wɪð .

75  
The others startedrunning after me, and I ran as fast as I could.  
ðɪi ˈʌðəz ˈstɑːtɪdˈɻʌnɪŋ ˈɑːftə mɪiː , ænd ɑɪ ɻæn æz fɑːst æz ɑɪ kʊd .

76  
When they caught me,it needed eight of them to pull me down!  
wen ðeɪ koːt mɪiː ,ɪt ˈnɪiːdɪd eɪt ɔv ðem tʊu pʊl mɪiː dæʊn !

77  
Coach Fellers was reallyhappy!  
kəʊʧ ˈfeləz wɔz ˈɻɪəlɪiˈhæpɪi !

78  
He started jumping up and down and laughing.  
hɪiː ˈstɑːtɪd ˈʤʌmpɪŋ ʌp ænd dæʊn ænd ˈlɑːfɪŋ .

79  
And afterthat, everybody liked me.  
ænd ˈɑːftəðæt , ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi lɑɪkt mɪiː .

80  
We had our first game, and I was frightened.  
wɪiː hæd ˈæʊə fɜːst geɪm , ænd ɑɪ wɔz ˈfɻɑɪtnd .

81  
But they gave methe ball, and I ran over the goal line two or three times.  
bʌt ðeɪ geɪv mɪiːðə boːl , ænd ɑɪ ɻæn ˈəʊvə ðə gəʊl lɑɪn tʊu oː θɻɪiː tɑɪmz .

82  
People werereally kind to me after that!  
ˈpɪiːpl wɜːɑːeally kɑɪnd tʊu mɪiː ˈɑːftə ðæt !

83  
Then something happened which was not so good.  
ðen ˈsʌmθɪŋ ˈhæpənd wɪʧ wɔz nɔt səʊ gʊd .

84  
‘I want to take Jenny Curran to the cinema,’ I told Mom one day.  
ɑɪ wɔnt tʊu teɪk ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan tʊu ðə ˈsɪnəmə ,’ ɑɪ təʊld mɔm wʌn deɪ .

85  
2Then he threw some milk at me, and I jumped out of my chair and ran away.  
2ðen hɪiː θɻʊu sʌm mɪlk æt mɪiː , ænd ɑɪ ʤʌmpt æʊtɔv mɑɪ ʧeə ænd ɻæn əˈweɪ .

86  
So she phoned Jenny’s Mom and explained.  
səʊ ʃɪiː fəʊnd ˈʤenɪiz mɔm ænd ɪksˈpleɪnd .

87  
Next evening, Jennyarrived at our house, wearing a white dress, and with a pink flowerin her hair.  
nekst ˈɪiːvnɪŋ , ˈʤenɪiəˈɻɑɪvd æt ˈæʊə hæʊs , ˈweəɻɪŋ ə wɑɪt dɻes , ænd wɪð ə pɪŋk ˈflæʊəɪn hɜː heə .

88  
She was the prettiest thing that I ever saw.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ðə ˈpɻɪtɪɪst θɪŋ ðæt ɑɪ ˈevə soː .

89  
The cinema was not far from our house.  
ðə ˈsɪnəmə wɔz nɔt fɑː fɻɔm ˈæʊə hæʊs .

90  
Jenny got the tickets,and we went inside.  
ˈʤenɪi gɔt ðə ˈtɪkɪts ,ænd wɪiː went ɪnˈsɑɪd .

91  
The film was about a man and a woman,Bonnie and Clyde, and there was a lot of shooting and killing.  
ðə fɪlm wɔz əˈbæʊt ə mæn ænd ə ˈwʊmən ,ˈbɔnɪi ænd klɑɪd , ænd ðeə wɔz ə lɔt ɔv ˈʃʊutɪŋ ænd ˈkɪlɪŋ .

92  
Well,I laughed a lot.  
wel ,ɑɪ lɑːft ə lɔt .

93  
But when I did this, people looked at me, and Jennygot down lower and lower in her place.  
bʌt wen ɑɪ dɪd ðɪs , ˈpɪiːpl lʊkt æt mɪiː , ænd ˈʤenɪigɔt dæʊn ˈləʊə ænd ˈləʊə ɪn hɜː pleɪs .

94  
Once I thought she was onthe floor, and I put my hand on her shoulder to pull her up.  
wʌns ɑɪ θoːt ʃɪiː wɔz ɔnðə floː , ænd ɑɪ pʊt mɑɪ hænd ɔn hɜː ˈʃəʊldə tʊu pʊl hɜː ʌp .

95  
But Ipulled her dress, and it came open, and she screamed.  
bʌt ɑɪpʊld hɜː dɻes , ænd ɪt keɪm ˈəʊpən , ænd ʃɪiː skɻɪiːmd .

96  
I tried to put my hands in front of her, because there were peoplelooking at us.  
ɑɪ tɻɑɪd tʊu pʊt mɑɪ hændz ɪn fɻʌnt ɔv hɜː , bɪˈkɔz ðeə wɜː ˈpɪiːplˈlʊkɪŋ æt ʌs .

97  
Then two men came and took me to an office.  
ðen tʊu men keɪm ænd tʊk mɪiː tʊu ən ˈɔfɪs .

98  
A fewminutes later, four policemen arrived, and took me to the policestation!  
ə fjʊuˈmɪnɪts ˈleɪtə , foː pəˈlɪiːsmən əˈɻɑɪvd , ænd tʊk mɪiː tʊu ðə pəˈlɪiːsˈsteɪʃən !

99  
Mom came to the police station.  
mɔm keɪm tʊu ðə pəˈlɪiːs ˈsteɪʃən .

100  
She was crying, and I knew thatI was in trouble again.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ˈkɻɑɪɪŋ , ænd ɑɪ njʊu ðætɑɪ wɔz ɪn ˈtɻʌbl əˈgen .

101  
And I was in trouble, but I was lucky.  
ænd ɑɪ wɔz ɪn ˈtɻʌbl , bʌt ɑɪ wɔz ˈlʌkɪi .

102  
Nextday, a letter arrived from a university.  
nekstdeɪ , ə ˈletə əˈɻɑɪvd fɻɔm ə ˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi .

103  
It was good news: if I playedin their football team, there was a place for me in school there.  
ɪt wɔz gʊd njʊuz : ɪf ɑɪ pleɪdɪn ðeə ˈfʊtboːl tɪiːm , ðeə wɔz ə pleɪs foː mɪiː ɪn skʊul ðeə .

104  
And the police said, ‘That’s OK with us.  
ænd ðə pəˈlɪiːs sed , ðæts ˈəʊˈkeɪ wɪð ʌs .

105  
Just get out of town!  
ʤʌst get æʊt ɔv tæʊn !

106  
’ So the next morning, Mom put some things into a suitcase forme, and put me on a bus.  
’səʊ ðə nekst ˈmoːnɪŋ , mɔm pʊt sʌm θɪŋz ˈɪntʊu ə ˈsjʊutkeɪs foːmɪiː , ænd pʊt mɪiː ɔn ə bʌs .

107  
She was crying again.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ˈkɻɑɪɪŋ əˈgen .

108  
But they started thebus, and away I went.  
bʌt ðeɪ ˈstɑːtɪd ðɪiːbʌs , ænd əˈweɪ ɑɪ went .

109  
Chapter 2 Life at UniversityWhen we got to the university, Coach Bryant came to talk to us.  
ˈʧæptə 2 lɑɪf æt ˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪiwen wɪiː gɔt tʊu ðə ˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi , kəʊʧ Bɻyant keɪm tʊu toːk tʊu ʌs .

110  
‘Last man to get to the practice field will get a ride there on myshoe!  
lɑːst mæn tʊu get tʊu ðə ˈpɻæktɪs fɪiːld wɪl get ə ɻɑɪd ðeə ɔn mɑɪʃʊu !

111  
’ he shouted at us.  
’ hɪiː ˈʃæʊtɪd æt ʌs .

112  
And he meant it when he said that kind ofthing.  
ænd hɪiː ment ɪt wen hɪiː sed ðæt kɑɪnd ɔvθɪŋ .

113  
We soon learned that.  
wɪiː sʊun lɜːnt ðæt .

114  
The building that I went to live in was nice on the outside butnot on the inside.  
ðə ˈbɪldɪŋ ðæt ɑɪ went tʊu lɪv ɪn wɔz nɑɪs ɔn ðɪi ˌæʊtˈsɑɪd bʌtnɔt ɔn ðɪi ɪnˈsɑɪd .

115  
Most of the doors and windows were broken, andthe floor was dirty.  
məʊst ɔv ðə doːz ænd ˈwɪndəʊz wɜː ˈbɻəʊkən , ændðə floː wɔz ˈdɜːtɪi .

116  
I lived in a room with a man called Curtis.  
ɑɪ lɪvd ɪn ə ɻʊum wɪð ə mæn koːld Cuɻtɪis .

117  
He 4crashed into the room with a wild look in his eyes.  
hɪiː 4kɻæʃt ˈɪntʊu ðə ɻʊum wɪð ə wɑɪld lʊk ɪn hɪz ɑɪz .

118  
He wasn’t verytall, but he was very strong.  
hɪiː wɔznt ˈveɻɪitoːl , bʌt hɪiː wɔz ˈveɻɪi stɻɔŋ .

119  
‘Where are you from?  
weə ɑː jʊu fɻɔm ?

120  
’ he asked.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt .

121  
‘Mobile,’ I told him.  
ˈməʊbɑɪl ,’ ɑɪ təʊld hɪm .

122  
‘That’s a stupid town!  
ðæts ə ˈsʧʊupɪd tæʊn !

123  
’ he said.  
’ hɪiː sed .

124  
And that was all of our conversation for several days.  
ænd ðæt wɔz oːl ɔv ˈæʊə ˌkɔnvəˈseɪʃən foː ˈsevɻəl deɪz .

125  
On the practice field, things didn’t start very well.  
ɔn ðə ˈpɻæktɪs fɪiːld , θɪŋz dɪdnt stɑːt ˈveɻɪi wel .

126  
I got the ball,but I ran the wrong way with it, and everybody got angry andstarted shouting at me.  
ɑɪ gɔt ðə boːl ,bʌt ɑɪ ɻæn ðə ɻɔŋ weɪ wɪð ɪt , ænd ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi gɔt ˈæŋgɻɪi ændˈstɑːtɪd ˈʃæʊtɪŋ æt mɪiː .

127  
But Coach Bryant called me across.  
bʌt kəʊʧ Bɻyant koːld mɪiː əˈkɻɔs .

128  
‘Just get in the line and startcatching the ball,’ he told me.  
ʤʌst get ɪn ðə lɑɪn ænd stɑːtˈkæʧɪŋ ðə boːl ,’ hɪiː təʊld mɪiː .

129  
And then I told him something that he didn’t want to hear.  
ænd ðen ɑɪ təʊld hɪm ˈsʌmθɪŋ ðæt hɪiː dɪdnt wɔnt tʊu hɪə .

130  
‘They never taught me to catch a ball at high school,’ I said.  
ðeɪ ˈnevə toːt mɪiː tʊu kæʧ ə boːl æt hɑɪ skʊul ,’ ɑɪ sed .

131  
‘Itwas difficult enough for me just to remember where our goal linewas.  
ɪtwɔz ˈdɪfɪkəlt ɪˈnʌf foː mɪiː ʤʌst tʊu ɻɪˈmembə weə ˈæʊə gəʊl lɑɪnwɔz .

132  
’ I don’t think he was very pleased.  
’ɑɪ dəʊnt θɪŋk hɪiː wɔz ˈveɻɪi plɪiːzd .

133  
But he started to teach me tocatch.  
bʌt hɪiː ˈstɑːtɪd tʊu tɪiːʧ mɪiː tʊukæʧ .

134  
I wanted my Mom, and I wanted to go home.  
ɑɪ ˈwɔntɪd mɑɪ mɔm , ænd ɑɪ ˈwɔntɪd tʊu gəʊ həʊm .

135  
I didn’t like thatplace.  
ɑɪ dɪdnt lɑɪk ðætpleɪs .

136  
And Curtis was always angry, and I couldn’t understand him.  
ænd Cuɻtɪis wɔz ˈoːlweɪz ˈæŋgɻɪi , ænd ɑɪ ˈkʊdnt ˌʌndəˈstænd hɪm .

137  
Hehad a car, and sometimes he gave me a ride to the practice field.  
hɪiːhæd ə kɑː , ænd ˈsʌmtɑɪmz hɪiː geɪv mɪiː ə ɻɑɪd tʊu ðə ˈpɻæktɪs fɪiːld .

138  
Butone day when he had to change a wheel on the car, I helped him.  
bʌtwʌn deɪ wen hɪiː hæd tʊu ʧeɪnʤ ə wɪiːl ɔn ðə kɑː , ɑɪ helpt hɪm .

139  
‘If you’re an idiot,’ he said, angrily, ‘how do you know how todo that?  
ɪf jʊə ən ˈɪdɪət ,’ hɪiː sed , ˈæŋgɻɪlɪi , hæʊ dʊu jʊu nəʊ hæʊ tʊudʊu ðæt ?

140  
’ ‘Maybe I am an idiot,’ I said, ‘but I’m not stupid.  
’ ˈmeɪbɪiː ɑɪ æm ən ˈɪdɪət ,’ ɑɪ sed , bʌt ɑɪm nɔt ˈsʧʊupɪd .

141  
’ Then Curtis ran after me, and called me all kinds of terriblenames.  
’ðen Cuɻtɪis ɻæn ˈɑːftə mɪiː , ænd koːld mɪiː oːl kɑɪndz ɔv ˈteɻəblneɪmz .

142  
After that, I moved my bed to another room.  
ˈɑːftə ðæt , ɑɪ mʊuvd mɑɪ bed tʊu əˈnʌðə ɻʊum .

143  
♦The first football game was on Saturday.  
♦ðə fɜːst ˈfʊtboːl geɪm wɔz ɔn ˈsætədeɪ .

144  
I ran well, and we won 35to 3.  
ɑɪ ɻæn wel , ænd wɪiː wʌn 35tʊu 3 .

145  
Everybody was pleased with me.  
ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi wɔz plɪiːzd wɪð mɪiː .

146  
I phoned Mom to tell her.  
ɑɪ fəʊnd mɔm tʊu tel hɜː .

147  
‘I heard the game on the radio!  
ɑɪ hɜːd ðə geɪm ɔn ðə ˈɻeɪdɪəʊ !

148  
’ she said.  
’ ʃɪiː sed .

149  
‘I was so happy, Iwanted to cry!  
ɑɪ wɔz səʊ ˈhæpɪi , ɑɪˈwɔntɪd tʊu kɻɑɪ !

150  
’ 5 That night, everybody went to parties, but nobody asked me togo.  
’ 5ðæt nɑɪt , ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi went tʊu ˈpɑːtɪiz , bʌt ˈnəʊbədɪi ɑːskt mɪiː tʊugəʊ .

151  
I went back to my room, but I heard music from somewhereupstairs.  
ɑɪ went bæk tʊu mɑɪ ɻʊum , bʌt ɑɪ hɜːd ˈmjʊuzɪk fɻɔm ˈsʌmweəˌʌpˈsteəz .

152  
I found a young man who was sitting in his room playingthe harmonica.  
ɑɪ fæʊnd ə jʌŋ mæn hʊu wɔz ˈsɪtɪŋ ɪn hɪz ɻʊum ˈpleɪɪŋðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə .

153  
His name was Bubba.  
hɪz neɪm wɔz Bubba .

154  
He broke his foot in football practice andcouldn’t play in the game.  
hɪiː bɻəʊk hɪz fʊt ɪn ˈfʊtboːl ˈpɻæktɪs ændˈkʊdnt pleɪ ɪn ðə geɪm .

155  
I sat and listened to him.  
ɑɪ sæt ænd ˈlɪsnd tʊu hɪm .

156  
We didn’t talk,but after about an hour, I asked, ‘Can I try it?  
wɪiː dɪdnt toːk ,bʌt ˈɑːftə əˈbæʊt ən ˈæʊə , ɑɪ ɑːskt , kæn ɑɪ tɻɑɪ ɪt ?

157  
’ and he said ‘OK’, andgave me the harmonica.  
’ ænd hɪiː sed ˈəʊˈkeɪ , ændgeɪv mɪiː ðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə .

158  
I began to play.  
ɑɪ bɪˈgæn tʊu pleɪ .

159  
After several minutes, Bubba was getting really excited andsaying, ‘Good, good, good!  
ˈɑːftə ˈsevɻəl ˈmɪnɪts , Bubba wɔz ˈgetɪŋ ˈɻɪəlɪi ɪkˈsɑɪtɪd ændˈseɪɪŋ , gʊd , gʊd , gʊd !

160  
’ Then he asked, ‘Where did you learnto play like that?  
’ ðen hɪiː ɑːskt , weə dɪd jʊu lɜːntʊu pleɪ lɑɪk ðæt ?

161  
’ ‘I didn’t learn anywhere,’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ dɪdnt lɜːn ˈenɪweə ,’ ɑɪ sed .

162  
When it got late, he told me to take the harmonica with me, andI played it for a long time in my room.  
wen ɪt gɔt leɪt , hɪiː təʊld mɪiː tʊu teɪk ðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə wɪð mɪiː , ændɑɪ pleɪd ɪt foː ə lɔŋ tɑɪm ɪn mɑɪ ɻʊum .

163  
I found a young man who was sitting in his room playing the harmonica.  
ɑɪ fæʊnd ə jʌŋ mæn hʊu wɔz ˈsɪtɪŋ ɪn hɪz ɻʊumˈpleɪɪŋ ðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə .

164  
6 Next day I took it back to Bubba.  
6nekst deɪ ɑɪ tʊk ɪt bæk tʊu Bubba .

165  
‘Keep it,’ he said.  
kɪiːp ɪt ,’ hɪiː sed .

166  
‘I’ve got another one.  
ɑɪv gɔt əˈnʌðə wʌn .

167  
’ I was really happy, and I went and sat under a tree and played allday.  
’ɑɪ wɔz ˈɻɪəlɪi ˈhæpɪi , ænd ɑɪ went ænd sæt ˈʌndə ə tɻɪiː ænd pleɪd oːldeɪ .

168  
It was late afternoon when I began to walk back to my room.  
ɪt wɔz leɪt ˈɑːftəˈnʊun wen ɑɪ bɪˈgæn tʊu woːk bæk tʊu mɑɪ ɻʊum .

169  
Suddenly, I heard a voice shout, ‘Forrest!  
ˈsʌdnlɪi , ɑɪ hɜːd ə vɔɪs ʃæʊt , 'Foɻɻest !

170  
’ I turned round ─ and sawJenny!  
’ ɑɪ tɜːnd ɻæʊnd ─ ænd soːˈʤenɪi !

171  
She had a big smile on her face, and she held my hand.  
ʃɪiː hæd ə bɪg smɑɪl ɔn hɜː feɪs , ænd ʃɪiː held mɑɪ hænd .

172  
‘I saw you play football yesterday,’ she said.  
ɑɪ soː jʊu pleɪ ˈfʊtboːl ˈjestədeɪ ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

173  
‘You werewonderful!  
jʊu wɜːˈwʌndəfʊl !

174  
’ She wasn’t angry about the cinema, and she asked me to have adrink with her!  
’ʃɪiː wɔznt ˈæŋgɻɪi əˈbæʊt ðə ˈsɪnəmə , ænd ʃɪiː ɑːskt mɪiː tʊu hæv eɪdɻɪŋk wɪð hɜː !

175  
‘I’m taking lessons in music, and I want to be a singer,’ she toldme.  
ɑɪm ˈteɪkɪŋ ˈlesnz ɪn ˈmjʊuzɪk , ænd ɑɪ wɔnt tʊu bɪiː ə ˈsɪŋə ,’ ʃɪiː təʊldmɪiː .

176  
‘I play in a little group.  
ɑɪ pleɪ ɪn ə ˈlɪtl gɻʊup .

177  
We’re playing at the Students’ Centretomorrow night.  
wɪə ˈpleɪɪŋ æt ðə ˈsʧʊudənts ˈsentətəˈmɔɻəʊ nɑɪt .

178  
Why don’t you come and listen?  
wɑɪ dəʊnt jʊu kʌm ænd ˈlɪsn ?

179  
’ ‘OK,’ I said.  
’ ˈəʊˈkeɪ ,’ ɑɪ sed .

180  
Chapter 3 The Big GameOn Friday night, I went to the Students’ Centre.  
ˈʧæptə 3 ðə bɪg geɪmɔn ˈfɻɑɪdeɪ nɑɪt , ɑɪ went tʊu ðə ˈsʧʊudənts ˈsentə .

181  
There were a lot ofpeople there, and Jenny was wearing a long dress and singing.  
ðeə wɜː ə lɔt ɔvˈpɪiːpl ðeə , ænd ˈʤenɪi wɔz ˈweəɻɪŋ ə lɔŋ dɻes ænd ˈsɪŋɪŋ .

182  
Threeor four other people were in the group with her, and they made agood sound.  
θɻɪiːoː foː ˈʌðə ˈpɪiːpl wɜː ɪn ðə gɻʊup wɪð hɜː , ænd ðeɪ meɪd eɪgʊd sæʊnd .

183  
Jenny saw me and smiled, and I sat on the floor andlistened.  
ˈʤenɪi soː mɪiː ænd smɑɪld , ænd ɑɪ sæt ɔn ðə floː ændˈlɪsnd .

184  
It was wonderful.  
ɪt wɔz ˈwʌndəfʊl .

185  
They played for about an hour, and I was lying back with myeyes closed, listening happily.  
ðeɪ pleɪd foː əˈbæʊt ən ˈæʊə , ænd ɑɪ wɔz ˈlɑɪɪŋ bæk wɪð mɑɪɑɪz kləʊzd , ˈlɪsnɪŋ ˈhæpɪlɪi .

186  
How did it happen?  
hæʊ dɪd ɪt ˈhæpən ?

187  
I’m not sure.  
ɑɪm nɔt ʃʊə .

188  
Butsuddenly I found that I was playing my harmonica with them!  
bʌtˈsʌdnlɪi ɑɪ fæʊnd ðæt ɑɪ wɔz ˈpleɪɪŋ mɑɪ hɑːˈmɔnɪkə wɪð ðem !

189  
Jenny stopped singing for a second or two, and the others in thegroup stopped playing.  
ˈʤenɪi stɔpt ˈsɪŋɪŋ foː ə ˈsekənd oː tʊu , ænd ðɪi ˈʌðəz ɪn ðɪiːgɻʊup stɔpt ˈpleɪɪŋ .

190  
Then Jenny laughed and began to sing withmy harmonica, and then everybody was saying ‘Wonderful!  
ðen ˈʤenɪi lɑːft ænd bɪˈgæn tʊu sɪŋ wɪðmɑɪ hɑːˈmɔnɪkə , ænd ðen ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi wɔz ˈseɪɪŋ ˈwʌndəfʊl !

191  
’ to me.  
’ tʊu mɪiː .

192  
Jenny came to see me.  
ˈʤenɪi keɪm tʊu sɪiː mɪiː .

193  
‘Forrest, where did you learn to play thatthing?  
'Foɻɻest , weə dɪd jʊu lɜːn tʊu pleɪ ðætθɪŋ ?

194  
’ 7 ‘I didn’t learn anywhere,’ I told her.  
’ 7 ɑɪ dɪdnt lɜːn ˈenɪweə ,’ ɑɪ təʊld hɜː .

195  
Well, after that, Jenny asked me to play with their group everyFriday, and paid me $25 every time!  
wel , ˈɑːftə ðæt , ˈʤenɪi ɑːskt mɪiː tʊu pleɪ wɪð ðeə gɻʊup ˈevɻɪiˈfɻɑɪdeɪ , ænd peɪd mɪiː $25 ˈevɻɪi tɑɪm !

196  
♦The only other important thing that happened to me at the uni-versity was the Big Game at the Orange Bowl in Miami that year.  
♦ðɪi ˈəʊnlɪi ˈʌðə ɪmˈpoːtənt θɪŋ ðæt ˈhæpənd tʊu mɪiː æt ðə ˈjʊunɪ-veɻsɪity wɔz ðə bɪg geɪm æt ðɪi ˈɔɻɪnʤ bəʊl ɪn mɑɪˈæmɪi ðæt jɪə .

197  
Itwas an important game which Coach Bryant wanted us to win.  
ɪtwɔz ən ɪmˈpoːtənt geɪm wɪʧ kəʊʧ Bɻyant ˈwɔntɪd ʌs tʊu wɪn .

198  
The game started, and the ball came to me.  
ðə geɪm ˈstɑːtɪd , ænd ðə boːl keɪm tʊu mɪiː .

199  
I took it ─ and ranstraight into a group of big men on the other team!  
ɑɪ tʊk ɪt ─ ænd ɻænstɻeɪt ˈɪntʊu ə gɻʊup ɔv bɪg men ɔn ðɪi ˈʌðə tɪiːm !

200  
Crash!  
kɻæʃ !

201  
It waslike that all afternoon.  
ɪt wɔzlɑɪk ðæt oːl ˈɑːftəˈnʊun .

202  
When they were winning 28 to 7, Coach Bryant called meacross.  
wen ðeɪ wɜː ˈwɪnɪŋ 28 tʊu 7 , kəʊʧ Bɻyant koːld mɪiːəˈkɻɔs .

203  
‘Forrest,’ he said, ‘all year we have secretly taught you tocatch the ball and run with it.  
'Foɻɻest ,’ hɪiː sed , oːl jɪə wɪiː hæv ˈsɪiːkɻɪtlɪi toːt jʊu tʊukæʧ ðə boːl ænd ɻʌn wɪð ɪt .

204  
Now you’re going to run like a wildanimal.  
næʊ jʊə ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu ɻʌn lɑɪk ə wɑɪldˈænɪməl .

205  
OK?  
ˈəʊˈkeɪ ?

206  
’ ‘OK, Coach,’ I said.  
’ ˈəʊˈkeɪ , kəʊʧ ,’ ɑɪ sed .

207  
And I did.  
ænd ɑɪ dɪd .

208  
Everybody was surprised to see that I could catch theball.  
ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi wɔz səˈpɻɑɪzd tʊu sɪiː ðæt ɑɪ kʊd kæʧ ðɪiːboːl .

209  
Suddenly it was 28 to 14!  
ˈsʌdnlɪi ɪt wɔz 28 tʊu 14 !

210  
And after I caught it four or fivemore times, it was 28 to 21.  
ænd ˈɑːftə ɑɪ koːt ɪt foː oː fɑɪvmoː tɑɪmz , ɪt wɔz 28 tʊu 21 .

211  
Then the other team got two men torun after me.  
ðen ðɪi ˈʌðə tɪiːm gɔt tʊu men tʊuɻʌn ˈɑːftə mɪiː .

212  
But that meant Gwinn was free to catch the ball, andhe put us on the 15-yard line.  
bʌt ðæt ment Gwɪinn wɔz fɻɪiː tʊu kæʧ ðə boːl , ændhɪiː pʊt ʌs ɔn ðɪiː 15-jɑːd lɑɪn .

213  
Then Weasel, the kicker, got a fieldgoal, and it was 28 to 24!  
ðen ˈwɪiːzl , ðə ˈkɪkə , gɔt ə fɪiːldgəʊl , ænd ɪt wɔz 28 tʊu 24 !

214  
But then things began to go wrong again.  
bʌt ðen θɪŋz bɪˈgæn tʊu gəʊ ɻɔŋ əˈgen .

215  
Weasel made a badmistake ─ and then the game finished, and we were the losers.  
ˈwɪiːzl meɪd ə bædmɪsˈteɪk ─ ænd ðen ðə geɪm ˈfɪnɪʃt , ænd wɪiː wɜː ðə ˈlʊuzəz .

216  
Coach Bryant wasn’t very happy.  
kəʊʧ Bɻyant wɔznt ˈveɻɪi ˈhæpɪi .

217  
‘Well, boys,’ he said, ‘there’salways next year.  
wel , bɔɪz ,’ hɪiː sed , ðeəzˈoːlweɪz nekst jɪə .

218  
’ But not for me.  
’bʌt nɔt foː mɪiː .

219  
I soon learned that.  
ɑɪ sʊun lɜːnt ðæt .

220  
♦I couldn’t stay at the university.  
♦ɑɪ ˈkʊdnt steɪ æt ðə ˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi .

221  
I wasn’t clever enough at thelessons, and there was nothing that anybody could do about it.  
ɑɪ wɔznt ˈklevə ɪˈnʌf æt ðɪiːˈlesnz , ænd ðeə wɔz ˈnʌθɪŋ ðæt ˈenɪˌbɔdɪi kʊd dʊu əˈbæʊt ɪt .

222  
Coach Bryant was very sad.  
kəʊʧ Bɻyant wɔz ˈveɻɪi sæd .

223  
‘I knew this would happen, Forrest,’ he said.  
ɑɪ njʊu ðɪs wʊd ˈhæpən , Foɻɻest ,’ hɪiː sed .

224  
‘But I said to them.  
bʌt ɑɪ sed tʊu ðem .

225  
8I took it ─ and ran straight into a group of big men on the other team!  
8ɑɪ tʊk ɪt ─ ænd ɻæn stɻeɪt ˈɪntʊu ə gɻʊup ɔv bɪg menɔn ðɪi ˈʌðə tɪiːm !

226  
“Just give me that boy in my team for a year!  
“ʤʌst gɪv mɪiː ðæt bɔɪ ɪn mɑɪ tɪiːm foː ə jɪə !

227  
”, and they did.  
” , ænd ðeɪ dɪd .

228  
Andwe had a good year ─ the best year, Forrest!  
ændwɪiː hæd ə gʊd jɪə ─ ðə best jɪə , Foɻɻest !

229  
Good luck, boy!  
gʊd lʌk , bɔɪ !

230  
’ Bubba helped me to put my things in my suitcase, then hewalked to the bus with me to say goodbye.  
’Bubba helpt mɪiː tʊu pʊt mɑɪ θɪŋz ɪn mɑɪ ˈsjʊutkeɪs , ðen hɪiːwoːkt tʊu ðə bʌs wɪð mɪiː tʊu seɪ gʊdˈbɑɪ .

231  
We went past theStudents’ Centre.  
wɪiː went pɑːst ðɪiːˈsʧʊudənts ˈsentə .

232  
But it wasn’t Friday night, and Jenny’s bandwasn’t playing.  
bʌt ɪt wɔznt ˈfɻɑɪdeɪ nɑɪt , ænd ˈʤenɪiz bændwɔznt ˈpleɪɪŋ .

233  
I didn’t know where she was.  
ɑɪ dɪdnt nəʊ weə ʃɪiː wɔz .

234  
It was late when the bus got to Mobile.  
ɪt wɔz leɪt wen ðə bʌs gɔt tʊu ˈməʊbɑɪl .

235  
Mom knew that I wascoming, but she was crying when I got home.  
mɔm njʊu ðæt ɑɪ wɔzˈkʌmɪŋ , bʌt ʃɪiː wɔz ˈkɻɑɪɪŋ wen ɑɪ gɔt həʊm .

236  
‘What’s wrong?  
wɔts ɻɔŋ ?

237  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

238  
‘A letter came,’ she cried.  
ə ˈletə keɪm ,’ ʃɪiː kɻɑɪd .

239  
‘You’ve got to go in the army!  
jʊuv gɔt tʊu gəʊ ɪn ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi !

240  
’ Chapter 4 VietnamAfter I left the idiot school, people were always shouting at me ─Coach Fellers, Coach Bryant, and then the people in the army.  
’ˈʧæptə 4 ˌvjetˈnɑːmˈɑːftə ɑɪ left ðɪi ˈɪdɪət skʊul , ˈpɪiːpl wɜː ˈoːlweɪz ˈʃæʊtɪŋ æt mɪiː ─kəʊʧ ˈfeləz , kəʊʧ Bɻyant , ænd ðen ðə ˈpɪiːpl ɪn ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi .

241  
ButI have to say this: the people in the army shouted louder and longerthan anybody!  
bʌtɑɪ hæv tʊu seɪ ðɪs : ðə ˈpɪiːpl ɪn ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi ˈʃæʊtɪd ˈlæʊdə ænd ˈlɔŋgəðæn ˈenɪˌbɔdɪi !

242  
Fort Benning was in Georgia.  
foːt ˈbenɪŋ wɔz ɪn ˈʤoːʤə .

243  
After about a hundred hours on abus, me and a lot of other new young soldiers arrived there.  
ˈɑːftə əˈbæʊt ə ˈhʌndɻəd ˈæʊəz ɔn eɪbʌs , mɪiː ænd ə lɔt ɔv ˈʌðə njʊu jʌŋ ˈsəʊlʤəz əˈɻɑɪvd ðeə .

244  
Theplace where I had to live was just a bit better than the rooms at theuniversity, but the food was not.  
ðɪiːpleɪs weə ɑɪ hæd tʊu lɪv wɔz ʤʌst ə bɪt ˈbetə ðæn ðə ɻʊumz æt ðɪiːˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi , bʌt ðə fʊud wɔz nɔt .

245  
It was terrible.  
ɪt wɔz ˈteɻəbl .

246  
Then, and in the months to come, I just had to do the things thatI was told to do.  
ðen , ænd ɪn ðə mʌnθs tʊu kʌm , ɑɪ ʤʌst hæd tʊu dʊu ðə θɪŋz ðætɑɪ wɔz təʊld tʊu dʊu .

247  
They taught me how to shoot guns, throw handgrenades, and move along the ground on my stomach.  
ðeɪ toːt mɪiː hæʊ tʊu ʃʊut gʌnz , θɻəʊ hændgɻɪˈneɪdz , ænd mʊuv əˈlɔŋ ðə gɻæʊnd ɔn mɑɪ ˈstʌmək .

248  
One day, the cook was ill, and somebody said, ‘Gump, you’regoing to be the cook today.  
wʌn deɪ , ðə kʊk wɔz ɪl , ænd ˈsʌmbədɪi sed , 'Gump , jʊəˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu bɪiː ðə kʊk təˈdeɪ .

249  
’ ‘What am I going to cook?  
’ wɔt æm ɑɪ ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu kʊk ?

250  
’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ sed .

251  
‘How do I cook?  
hæʊ dʊu ɑɪ kʊk ?

252  
’ ‘It’s easy,’ said one of the men.  
’ ɪts ˈɪiːzɪi ,’ sed wʌn ɔv ðə men .

253  
‘Just put everything that you seein the food cupboard into a big pot and cook it.  
ʤʌst pʊt ˈevɻɪθɪŋ ðæt jʊu sɪiːɪn ðə fʊud ˈkʌbəd ˈɪntʊu ə bɪg pɔt ænd kʊk ɪt .

254  
’ ‘Maybe it won’t taste very good,’ I said.  
’ ˈmeɪbɪiː ɪt wəʊnt teɪst ˈveɻɪi gʊd ,’ ɑɪ sed .

255  
‘Nothing does in this place!  
ˈnʌθɪŋ dʌz ɪn ðɪs pleɪs !

256  
’ he said.  
’ hɪiː sed .

257  
He was right.  
hɪiː wɔz ɻɑɪt .

258  
Well, I got tins of tomatoes, some rice, apples, potatoes, and 10everything that I could find.  
wel , ɑɪ gɔt tɪnz ɔv təˈmɑːtəʊz , sʌm ɻɑɪs , ˈæplz , pəˈteɪtəʊz , ænd 10ˈevɻɪθɪŋ ðæt ɑɪ kʊd fɑɪnd .

259  
‘What am I going to cook it in?  
wɔt æm ɑɪ ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu kʊk ɪt ɪn ?

260  
’ Iasked one of the men.  
’ ɑɪɑːskt wʌn ɔv ðə men .

261  
There are some pots in the cupboard,’ he said.  
ðeə ɑː sʌm pɔts ɪn ðə ˈkʌbəd ,’ hɪiː sed .

262  
But the pots wereonly small.  
bʌt ðə pɔts wɜːˈəʊnlɪi smoːl .

263  
‘You’ve got to find something,’ one of the other men said.  
jʊuv gɔt tʊu fɑɪnd ˈsʌmθɪŋ ,’ wʌn ɔv ðɪi ˈʌðə men sed .

264  
‘What about this?  
wɔt əˈbæʊt ðɪs ?

265  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

266  
There was a big metal thing about sixfeet tall and five feet round, sitting in the corner.  
ðeə wɔz ə bɪg ˈmetl θɪŋ əˈbæʊt sɪksfɪiːt tɑːll ænd fɑɪv fɪiːt ɻæʊnd , ˈsɪtɪŋ ɪn ðə ˈkoːnə .

267  
‘That’s the boiler.  
ðæts ðə ˈbɔɪlə .

268  
You can’t cook anything in that.  
jʊu kɑːnt kʊk ˈenɪθɪŋ ɪn ðæt .

269  
’ ‘Why not?  
’ wɑɪ nɔt ?

270  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

271  
‘It’s hot.  
ɪts hɔt .

272  
It’s got water in it.  
ɪts gɔt ˈwoːtə ɪn ɪt .

273  
’ But the men had other things to do.  
’bʌt ðə men hæd ˈʌðə θɪŋz tʊu dʊu .

274  
‘Do what you like,’ theysaid.  
dʊu wɔt jʊu lɑɪk ,’ ðeɪsed .

275  
So I used the boiler.  
səʊ ɑɪ jʊuzd ðə ˈbɔɪlə .

276  
I put everything in it, and after about an hour you could smellthe cooking.  
ɑɪ pʊt ˈevɻɪθɪŋ ɪn ɪt , ænd ˈɑːftə əˈbæʊt ən ˈæʊə jʊu kʊd smelðə ˈkʊkɪŋ .

277  
It smelled OK.  
ɪt smeld ˈəʊˈkeɪ .

278  
Then the men came back and every-body was waiting for their dinner.  
ðen ðə men keɪm bæk ænd ˈevɻɪi-ˈbɔdɪi wɔz ˈweɪtɪŋ foː ðeə ˈdɪnə .

279  
‘Hurry up with that food, Gump!  
ˈhʌɻɪi ʌp wɪð ðæt fʊud , Gump !

280  
We’re hungry!  
wɪə ˈhʌŋgɻɪi !

281  
’ they shouted.  
’ ðeɪ ˈʃæʊtɪd .

282  
Suddenly, the boiler began to shake and make noises ─ and then itblew up!  
ˈsʌdnlɪi , ðə ˈbɔɪlə bɪˈgæn tʊu ʃeɪk ænd meɪk ˈnɔɪzɪz ─ ænd ðen ɪtblʊu ʌp !

283  
It blew the food all over us ─ me, and all the men who weresitting at the tables.  
ɪt blʊu ðə fʊud oːl ˈəʊvə ʌs ─ mɪiː , ænd oːl ðə men hʊu wɜːˈsɪtɪŋ æt ðə ˈteɪblz .

284  
‘Gump!  
'Gump !

285  
’ they screamed.  
’ ðeɪ skɻɪiːmd .

286  
‘You’re an idiot!  
jʊə ən ˈɪdɪət !

287  
’ But I already knew that.  
’bʌt ɑɪ oːlˈɻedɪi njʊu ðæt .

288  
♦After a year, we went to Vietnam to fight in the war.  
♦ˈɑːftə ə jɪə , wɪiː went tʊu ˌvjetˈnɑːm tʊu fɑɪt ɪn ðə woː .

289  
One even-ing we went to have a shower.  
wʌn ˈɪiːvən-ɪing wɪiː went tʊu hæv ə ˈʃæʊə .

290  
The ‘showers’ were just a longhole in the ground for us to stand in, while somebody threw waterover us.  
ðə ˈʃæʊəz wɜː ʤʌst ə lɔŋhəʊl ɪn ðə gɻæʊnd foː ʌs tʊu stænd ɪn , wɑɪl ˈsʌmbədɪi θɻʊu ˈwoːtəˈəʊvə ʌs .

291  
We were standing in it, when suddenly there was a strangenoise.  
wɪiː wɜː ˈstændɪŋ ɪn ɪt , wen ˈsʌdnlɪi ðeə wɔz ə stɻeɪnʤnɔɪz .

292  
Then the ground began to blow up all round us!  
ðen ðə gɻæʊnd bɪˈgæn tʊu bləʊ ʌp oːl ɻæʊnd ʌs !

293  
We threw ourselves on to the floor of the shower hole, andsomebody started screaming.  
wɪiː θɻʊu ˌæʊəˈselvz ɔn tʊu ðə floː ɔv ðə ˈʃæʊə həʊl , ændˈsʌmbədɪi ˈstɑːtɪd ˈskɻɪiːmɪŋ .

294  
It was some of our men on the far sideof the hole, and there was blood all over them.  
ɪt wɔz sʌm ɔv ˈæʊə men ɔn ðə fɑː sɑɪdɔv ðə həʊl , ænd ðeə wɔz blʌd oːl ˈəʊvə ðem .

295  
Then everything 11went quiet again, and after a minute or two the rest of us climbedup out of the hole.  
ðen ˈevɻɪθɪŋ 11went ˈkwɑɪət əˈgen , ænd ˈɑːftə ə ˈmɪnɪt oː tʊu ðə ɻest ɔv ʌs klɑɪmdʌp æʊt ɔv ðə həʊl .

296  
The enemy soldiers tried to blow us up for the next five nights,then it stopped.  
ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz tɻɑɪd tʊu bləʊ ʌs ʌp foː ðə nekst fɑɪv nɑɪts ,ðen ɪt stɔpt .

297  
But it was time for us to move up north to helpsome of our other men in the jungle.  
bʌt ɪt wɔz tɑɪm foː ʌs tʊu mʊuv ʌp noːθ tʊu helpsʌm ɔv ˈæʊə ˈʌðə men ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl .

298  
We went in helicopters, and there was smoke coming up out ofthe jungle when we got there.  
wɪiː went ɪn ˈhelɪkɔptəz , ænd ðeə wɔz sməʊk ˈkʌmɪŋ ʌp æʊt ɔvðə ˈʤʌŋgl wen wɪiː gɔt ðeə .

299  
The enemy started shooting atus before we got on the ground, and they blew up one of ourhelicopters.  
ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈstɑːtɪd ˈʃʊutɪŋ ætʌs bɪˈfoː wɪiː gɔt ɔn ðə gɻæʊnd , ænd ðeɪ blʊu ʌp wʌn ɔv ˈæʊəˈhelɪkɔptəz .

300  
It was terrible!  
ɪt wɔz ˈteɻəbl !

301  
People on fire, and nothing that wecould do.  
ˈpɪiːpl ɔn ˈfɑɪə , ænd ˈnʌθɪŋ ðæt wɪiːkʊd dʊu .

302  
It was almost night before we found our other soldiersin the jungle.  
ɪt wɔz ˈoːlməʊst nɑɪt bɪˈfoː wɪiː fæʊnd ˈæʊə ˈʌðə ˈsəʊlʤəzɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl .

303  
And who do you think one of them was?  
ænd hʊu dʊu jʊu θɪŋk wʌn ɔv ðem wɔz ?

304  
It was Bubba!  
ɪt wɔz Bubba !

305  
Well, in between the shooting, Bubba told me about himself.  
wel , ɪn bɪˈtwɪiːn ðə ˈʃʊutɪŋ , Bubba təʊld mɪiː əˈbæʊt hɪmˈself .

306  
Hisfoot got too bad to play football, and he had to leave the university.  
hɪzfʊt gɔt tʊu bæd tʊu pleɪ ˈfʊtboːl , ænd hɪiː hæd tʊu lɪiːv ðə ˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi .

307  
But his foot wasn’t too bad for the army to get him ─ and here hewas.  
bʌt hɪz fʊt wɔznt tʊu bæd foː ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi tʊu get hɪm ─ ænd hɪə hɪiːwɔz .

308  
‘What happened to Jenny Curran?  
wɔt ˈhæpənd tʊu ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan ?

309  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

310  
‘She left school and went off with a group of people who wereagainst the war,’ he said.  
ʃɪiː left skʊul ænd went ɔf wɪð ə gɻʊup ɔv ˈpɪiːpl hʊu wɜːəˈgenst ðə woː ,’ hɪiː sed .

311  
Chapter 5 Danger in the JungleThere was a little valley between two hills.  
ˈʧæptə 5 ˈdeɪnʤə ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋglðeə wɔz ə ˈlɪtl ˈvælɪi bɪˈtwɪiːn tʊu hɪlz .

312  
We were on one hill andthe enemy was on the other.  
wɪiː wɜː ɔn wʌn hɪl ændðɪi ˈenɪmɪi wɔz ɔn ðɪi ˈʌðə .

313  
Then we got orders to move themachine gun about fifty metres to the left of the big tree that was inthe middle of the valley, and to find a safe place to put it before theenemy blew us all up.  
ðen wɪiː gɔt ˈoːdəz tʊu mʊuv ðɪiːməˈʃɪiːn gʌn əˈbæʊt ˈfɪftɪi ˈmɪiːtəz tʊu ðə left ɔv ðə bɪg tɻɪiː ðæt wɔz ɪnðə ˈmɪdl ɔv ðə ˈvælɪi , ænd tʊu fɑɪnd ə seɪf pleɪs tʊu pʊt ɪt bɪˈfoː ðɪiːˈenɪmɪi blʊu ʌs oːl ʌp .

314  
We found a place to put the gun and stayed there all night.  
wɪiː fæʊnd ə pleɪs tʊu pʊt ðə gʌn ænd steɪd ðeə oːl nɑɪt .

315  
Wecould hear shooting all round us, but they didn’t hit us.  
wɪiːkʊd hɪə ˈʃʊutɪŋ oːl ɻæʊnd ʌs , bʌt ðeɪ dɪdnt hɪt ʌs .

316  
When it wasday again, our planes came, and they blew up the enemy soldiers.  
wen ɪt wɔzdeɪ əˈgen , ˈæʊə pleɪnz keɪm , ænd ðeɪ blʊu ʌp ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz .

317  
Then we watched while our men moved off the hill and camedown into the valley.  
ðen wɪiː wɔʧt wɑɪl ˈæʊə men mʊuvd ɔf ðə hɪl ænd keɪmdæʊn ˈɪntʊu ðə ˈvælɪi .

318  
12The enemy started shooting at us before we got on the ground, and they blew up one of our helicopters.  
12ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈstɑːtɪd ˈʃʊutɪŋ æt ʌs bɪˈfoː wɪiː gɔt ɔn ðə gɻæʊnd ,ænd ðeɪ blʊu ʌp wʌn ɔv ˈæʊə ˈhelɪkɔptəz .

319  
Suddenly, somebody started shooting at them!  
ˈsʌdnlɪi , ˈsʌmbədɪi ˈstɑːtɪd ˈʃʊutɪŋ æt ðem !

320  
We couldn’t seethe enemy soldiers because the jungle was too thick, but somebodywas shooting at our men.  
wɪiː ˈkʊdnt sɪiːðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz bɪˈkɔz ðə ˈʤʌŋgl wɔz tʊu θɪk , bʌt ˈsʌmbədɪiwɔz ˈʃʊutɪŋ æt ˈæʊə men .

321  
The shooting was in front of us, which meant that the enemysoldiers were in between us and our men.  
ðə ˈʃʊutɪŋ wɔz ɪn fɻʌnt ɔv ʌs , wɪʧ ment ðæt ðɪi ˈenɪmɪiˈsəʊlʤəz wɜː ɪn bɪˈtwɪiːn ʌs ænd ˈæʊə men .

322  
And this meant that theenemy was able to come back and find us, so we had to get out fast.  
ænd ðɪs ment ðæt ðɪiːˈenɪmɪi wɔz ˈeɪbl tʊu kʌm bæk ænd fɑɪnd ʌs , səʊ wɪiː hæd tʊu get æʊt fɑːst .

323  
We began to move back to the hill, but Doyle suddenly saw moreenemy soldiers who were going towards our men!  
wɪiː bɪˈgæn tʊu mʊuv bæk tʊu ðə hɪl , bʌt ˈdɔɪl ˈsʌdnlɪi soː moːˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz hʊu wɜː ˈgəʊɪŋ təˈwoːdz ˈæʊə men !

324  
We waited untilthey got to the top, then Bones began shooting with the machinegun.  
wɪiː ˈweɪtɪd ənˈtɪlðeɪ gɔt tʊu ðə tɔp , ðen bəʊnz bɪˈgæn ˈʃʊutɪŋ wɪð ðə məˈʃɪiːngʌn .

325  
He probably killed ten or fifteen enemy soldiers.  
hɪiː ˈpɻɔbəblɪi kɪld ten oː ˈfɪfˈtɪiːn ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz .

326  
Doyle and Iand the other two men threw grenades, but then an enemy soldiershot Bones in the head.  
ˈdɔɪl ænd ɑɪænd ðɪi ˈʌðə tʊu men θɻʊu gɻɪˈneɪdz , bʌt ðen ən ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəʃɔt bəʊnz ɪn ðə hed .

327  
I pulled the machine gun from his hands,and shouted to Doyle.  
ɑɪ pʊld ðə məˈʃɪiːn gʌn fɻɔm hɪz hændz ,ænd ˈʃæʊtɪd tʊu ˈdɔɪl .

328  
There was no answer.  
ðeə wɔz nəʊ ˈɑːnsə .

329  
Two of them were dead, and Doyle was only just alive.  
tʊu ɔv ðem wɜː ded , ænd ˈdɔɪl wɔz ˈəʊnlɪi ʤʌst əˈlɑɪv .

330  
I picked up Doyle and put him across my shoulders, then Iran towards the hill.  
ɑɪ pɪkt ʌp ˈdɔɪl ænd pʊt hɪm əˈkɻɔs mɑɪ ˈʃəʊldəz , ðen ɑɪɻæn təˈwoːdz ðə hɪl .

331  
There were bullets flying all round me frombehind ─ and then I saw more enemy soldiers in the low grass infront of me!  
ðeə wɜː ˈbʊlɪts ˈflɑɪɪŋ oːl ɻæʊnd mɪiː fɻɔmbɪˈhɑɪnd ─ ænd ðen ɑɪ soː moː ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz ɪn ðə ləʊ gɻɑːs ɪnfɻʌnt ɔv mɪiː !

332  
They were shooting at our men on the hill.  
ðeɪ wɜː ˈʃʊutɪŋ æt ˈæʊə men ɔn ðə hɪl .

333  
I ran fast, shouting and screaming as loudly as I could.  
ɑɪ ɻæn fɑːst , ˈʃæʊtɪŋ ænd ˈskɻɪiːmɪŋ æz ˈlæʊdlɪi æz ɑɪ kʊd .

334  
Andsuddenly I was in the middle of our soldiers, and everybody waspleased and hitting me on the back!  
ændˈsʌdnlɪi ɑɪ wɔz ɪn ðə ˈmɪdl ɔv ˈæʊə ˈsəʊlʤəz , ænd ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi wɔzplɪiːzd ænd ˈhɪtɪŋ mɪiː ɔn ðə bæk !

335  
My shouting and screamingfrightened the enemy soldiers away.  
mɑɪ ˈʃæʊtɪŋ ænd ˈskɻɪiːmɪŋˈfɻɑɪtnd ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz əˈweɪ .

336  
They just ran!  
ðeɪ ʤʌst ɻæn !

337  
♦The weeks went past slowly.  
♦ðə wɪiːks went pɑːst ˈsləʊlɪi .

338  
I got a letter from my Mom, and Iwrote back to her that everything was OK.  
ɑɪ gɔt ə ˈletə fɻɔm mɑɪ mɔm , ænd ɑɪɻəʊt bæk tʊu hɜː ðæt ˈevɻɪθɪŋ wɔz ˈəʊˈkeɪ .

339  
I also wrote a letter toJenny Curran and asked Mom to ask her parents to send it on toher.  
ɑɪ ˈoːlsəʊ ɻəʊt ə ˈletə tʊuˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan ænd ɑːskt mɔm tʊu ɑːsk hɜː ˈpeəɻənts tʊu send ɪt ɔn tʊuhɜː .

340  
But I didn’t get a reply.  
bʌt ɑɪ dɪdnt get ə ɻɪˈplɑɪ .

341  
Bubba and I decided that we would get a shrimp boat when wegot home again, and catch shrimps, and make a lot of money.  
Bubba ænd ɑɪ dɪˈsɑɪdɪd ðæt wɪiː wʊd get ə ʃɻɪmp bəʊt wen wɪiːgɔt həʊm əˈgen , ænd kæʧ ʃɻɪmps , ænd meɪk ə lɔt ɔv ˈmʌnɪi .

342  
Bubbaplanned it all.  
Bubbaplænd ɪt oːl .

343  
It started to rain one day, and it didn’t stop for two months!  
ɪt ˈstɑːtɪd tʊu ɻeɪn wʌn deɪ , ænd ɪt dɪdnt stɔp foː tʊu mʌnθs !

344  
But 14I ran fast, shouting and screaming as loudly as I could.  
bʌt 14ɑɪ ɻæn fɑːst , ˈʃæʊtɪŋ ænd ˈskɻɪiːmɪŋ æz ˈlæʊdlɪi æz ɑɪ kʊd .

345  
we still had to look for enemy soldiers ─ and one day we foundthem.  
wɪiː stɪl hæd tʊu elook foː ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz ─ ænd wʌn deɪ wɪiː fæʊndðem .

346  
We were crossing a rice field when suddenly they startedshooting at us.  
wɪiː wɜː ˈkɻɔsɪŋ ə ɻɑɪs fɪiːld wen ˈsʌdnlɪi ðeɪ ˈstɑːtɪdˈʃʊutɪŋ æt ʌs .

347  
Somebody shouted, ‘Back!  
ˈsʌmbədɪi ˈʃæʊtɪd , bæk !

348  
’ I picked up my machinegun and ran towards some trees.  
’ ɑɪ pɪkt ʌp mɑɪ məˈʃɪiːngʌn ænd ɻæn təˈwoːdz sʌm tɻɪiːz .

349  
I looked round for Bubba, but he wasn’t there.  
ɑɪ lʊkt ɻæʊnd foː Bubba , bʌt hɪiː wɔznt ðeə .

350  
Then I heard thathe was out in the rice field, and he was hurt, so I left my gun by thetrees and ran back into the field.  
ðen ɑɪ hɜːd ðæthɪiː wɔz æʊt ɪn ðə ɻɑɪs fɪiːld , ænd hɪiː wɔz hɜːt , səʊ ɑɪ left mɑɪ gʌn bɑɪ ðɪiːtɻɪiːz ænd ɻæn bæk ˈɪntʊu ðə fɪiːld .

351  
‘Gump!  
'Gump !

352  
You can’t go out there!  
jʊu kɑːnt gəʊ æʊt ðeə !

353  
’somebody shouted.  
’ˈsʌmbədɪi ˈʃæʊtɪd .

354  
But I just ran.  
bʌt ɑɪ ʤʌst ɻæn .

355  
Halfway out, I saw another man who was hurt.  
ˌhɑːfˈweɪ æʊt , ɑɪ soː əˈnʌðə mæn hʊu wɔz hɜːt .

356  
He was holding ahand up to me ─ so I picked him up and ran back to the trees withhim.  
hɪiː wɔz ˈhəʊldɪŋ eɪhænd ʌp tʊu mɪiː ─ səʊ ɑɪ pɪkt hɪm ʌp ænd ɻæn bæk tʊu ðə tɻɪiːz wɪðhɪm .

357  
Then I ran out again and found Bubba.  
ðen ɑɪ ɻæn æʊt əˈgen ænd fæʊnd Bubba .

358  
There was blood allover him and he had two bullets in his stomach.  
ðeə wɔz blʌd oːlˈəʊvə hɪm ænd hɪiː hæd tʊu ˈbʊlɪts ɪn hɪz ˈstʌmək .

359  
He looked up at me, and said, ‘Forrest, why did this happen?  
hɪiː lʊkt ʌp æt mɪiː , ænd sed , 'Foɻɻest , wɑɪ dɪd ðɪs ˈhæpən ?

360  
’What could I say?  
’wɔt kʊd ɑɪ seɪ ?

361  
Then he said, ‘Play me a song on the harmonica,will you?  
ðen hɪiː sed , pleɪ mɪiː ə sɔŋ ɔn ðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə ,wɪl jʊu ?

362  
’ There was still a lot of shooting going on, but I played a song.  
’ðeə wɔz stɪl ə lɔt ɔv ˈʃʊutɪŋ ˈgəʊɪŋ ɔn , bʌt ɑɪ pleɪd ə sɔŋ .

363  
Then all the colour went out of Bubba’s face and he said somethingvery softly: ‘Home.  
ðen oːl ðə ˈkʌlə went æʊt ɔv Bubba's feɪs ænd hɪiː sed ˈsʌmθɪŋˈveɻɪi ˈsɔftlɪi həʊm .

364  
’ And then he died.  
’ænd ðen hɪiː dɑɪd .

365  
And that’s all I’ve got to say about that.  
ænd ðæts oːl ɑɪv gɔt tʊu seɪ əˈbæʊt ðæt .

366  
♦The rest of the night was terrible.  
♦ðə ɻest ɔv ðə nɑɪt wɔz ˈteɻəbl .

367  
The worst night that I’ve everknown.  
ðə wɜːst nɑɪt ðæt ɑɪv ˈevənəʊn .

368  
Nobody could get any help to us, and the enemy soldierswere so near that we could hear them talking.  
ˈnəʊbədɪi kʊd get ˈenɪi help tʊu ʌs , ænd ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəzwɜː səʊ nɪə ðæt wɪiː kʊd hɪə ðem ˈtoːkɪŋ .

369  
Then, when it gotlight, an American plane came and used fire-throwers on theenemy ─ and almost on us!  
ðen , wen ɪt gɔtlɑɪt , ən əˈmeɻɪkən pleɪn keɪm ænd jʊuzd ˈfɑɪə-ˈθɻəʊəz ɔn ðɪiːˈenɪmɪi ─ ænd ˈoːlməʊst ɔn ʌs !

370  
Suddenly the trees were on fire, andmen were running out of the jungle with burned skin andclothes.  
ˈsʌdnlɪi ðə tɻɪiːz wɜː ɔn ˈfɑɪə , ændmen wɜː ˈɻʌnɪŋ æʊt ɔv ðə ˈʤʌŋgl wɪð bɜːnd skɪn ændkləʊðz .

371  
During all of this, somebody shot me in the back of the leg, butI can’t remember when it happened.  
ˈʤʊəɻɪŋ oːl ɔv ðɪs , ˈsʌmbədɪi ʃɔt mɪiː ɪn ðə bæk ɔv ðə leg , bʌtɑɪ kɑːnt ɻɪˈmembə wen ɪt ˈhæpənd .

372  
It didn’t matter.  
ɪt dɪdnt ˈmætə .

373  
Nothingmattered.  
ˈnʌθɪŋˈmætəd .

374  
Bubba was dead, the shrimp business idea was dead withhim.  
Bubba wɔz ded , ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs ɑɪˈdɪə wɔz ded wɪðhɪm .

375  
I just wanted to die, too.  
ɑɪ ʤʌst ˈwɔntɪd tʊu dɑɪ , tʊu .

376  
16 Then our helicopters came, and the enemy soldiers who wereleft ran away.  
16ðen ˈæʊə ˈhelɪkɔptəz keɪm , ænd ðɪi ˈenɪmɪi ˈsəʊlʤəz hʊu wɜːleft ɻæn əˈweɪ .

377  
An hour later, I was out of there and on my way to the hospital inDanang.  
ən ˈæʊə ˈleɪtə , ɑɪ wɔz æʊt ɔv ðeə ænd ɔn mɑɪ weɪ tʊu ðə ˈhɔspɪtl ɪnDanang .

378  
Chapter 6 The White HouseI was at the hospital for two months.  
ˈʧæptə 6 ðə wɑɪt hæʊsɑɪ wɔz æt ðə ˈhɔspɪtl foː tʊu mʌnθs .

379  
After the first few weeks myleg was getting better, and one day I went down into the little town,to the fish market.  
ˈɑːftə ðə fɜːst fjʊu wɪiːks mɑɪleg wɔz ˈgetɪŋ ˈbetə , ænd wʌn deɪ ɑɪ went dæʊn ˈɪntʊu ðə ˈlɪtl tæʊn ,tʊu ðə fɪʃ ˈmɑːkɪt .

380  
I bought some shrimps, and one of the cooks atthe hospital cooked them for me.  
ɑɪ boːt sʌm ʃɻɪmps , ænd wʌn ɔv ðə kʊks ætðə ˈhɔspɪtl kʊkt ðem foː mɪiː .

381  
Two days later, I went back to thefish market and talked to a man who was selling shrimps.  
tʊu deɪz ˈleɪtə , ɑɪ went bæk tʊu ðɪiːfɪʃ ˈmɑːkɪt ænd toːkt tʊu ə mæn hʊu wɔz ˈselɪŋ ʃɻɪmps .

382  
‘Where do you get them?  
weə dʊu jʊu get ðem ?

383  
’ I asked him.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt hɪm .

384  
He immediately started talking fast in a language that I couldn’tunderstand, but he took me somewhere ─ past all the boats and thebeach.  
hɪiː ɪˈmɪiːdɪiətlɪi ˈstɑːtɪd ˈtoːkɪŋ fɑːst ɪn ə ˈlæŋgwɪʤ ðæt ɑɪ ˈkʊdntˌʌndəˈstænd , bʌt hɪiː tʊk mɪiː ˈsʌmweə ─ pɑːst oːl ðə bəʊts ænd ðɪiːbɪiːʧ .

385  
There he took a net and put it in the water.  
ðeə hɪiː tʊk ə net ænd pʊt ɪt ɪn ðə ˈwoːtə .

386  
When he took itout again, it was full of shrimps!  
wen hɪiː tʊk ɪtæʊt əˈgen , ɪt wɔz fʊl ɔv ʃɻɪmps !

387  
Every day for the next few weeks, I went with Mr Chi (that washis name) and watched him while he worked.  
ˈevɻɪi deɪ foː ðə nekst fjʊu wɪiːks , ɑɪ went wɪð M ʧɪiː (ðæt wɔzhɪz neɪm) ænd wɔʧt hɪm wɑɪl hɪiː wɜːkt .

388  
He showed me howto catch shrimps with the net, and it was so easy that an idiot wasable to do it!  
hɪiː ʃəʊd mɪiː hæʊtʊu kæʧ ʃɻɪmps wɪð ðə net , ænd ɪt wɔz səʊ ˈɪiːzɪi ðæt ən ˈɪdɪət wɔzˈeɪbl tʊu dʊu ɪt !

389  
Which I did!  
wɪʧ ɑɪ dɪd !

390  
Then one day I got back to the hospital and a Colonel Goochsaid, ‘Gump, we’re going back to America together!  
ðen wʌn deɪ ɑɪ gɔt bæk tʊu ðə ˈhɔspɪtl ænd ə ˈkɜːnl Goochsed , 'Gump , wɪə ˈgəʊɪŋ bæk tʊu əˈmeɻɪkə təˈgeðə !

391  
You’re goingto see the President of the United States, and he’s going to give youa medal because you were very brave.  
jʊə ˈgəʊɪŋtʊu sɪiː ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt ɔv ðə jʊˈnɑɪtɪd steɪts , ænd hɪiːz ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu gɪv jʊuə ˈmedl bɪˈkɔz jʊu wɜː ˈveɻɪi bɻeɪv .

392  
’ ♦There were about two thousand people waiting for us at San Fran-cisco airport when we got off the plane!  
’ ♦ðeə wɜː əˈbæʊt tʊu ˈθæʊzənd ˈpɪiːpl ˈweɪtɪŋ foː ʌs æt sæn Fɻan-ˈsɪskəʊ ˈeəpoːt wen wɪiː gɔt ɔf ðə pleɪn !

393  
What a surprise!  
wɔt ə səˈpɻɑɪz !

394  
A lot ofthem had beards and long hair.  
ə lɔt ɔvðem hæd bɪədz ænd lɔŋ heə .

395  
I thought perhaps they were there towelcome us, but I was wrong.  
ɑɪ θoːt pəˈhæps ðeɪ wɜː ðeə tʊuˈwelkəm ʌs , bʌt ɑɪ wɔz ɻɔŋ .

396  
They were shouting unpleasant 17He showed me how to catch shrimps with the net, and it was so easy that an idiot was able to do it!  
ðeɪ wɜː ˈʃæʊtɪŋ ʌnˈpleznt 17hɪiː ʃəʊd mɪiː hæʊ tʊu kæʧ ʃɻɪmps wɪð ðə net , ænd ɪt wɔz səʊ ˈɪiːzɪiðæt ən ˈɪdɪət wɔz ˈeɪbl tʊu dʊu ɪt !

397  
things, and then somebody threw a tomato at Colonel Gooch and ithit him in the face.  
θɪŋz , ænd ðen ˈsʌmbədɪi θɻʊu ə təˈmɑːtəʊ æt ˈkɜːnl Gooch ænd ɪthɪt hɪm ɪn ðə feɪs .

398  
He tried to clean it off and not look angry, but Ididn’t want to wait for them to start throwing things at me!  
hɪiː tɻɑɪd tʊu klɪiːn ɪt ɔf ænd nɔt lʊk ˈæŋgɻɪi , bʌt ɑɪdɪdnt wɔnt tʊu weɪt foː ðem tʊu stɑːt ˈθɻəʊɪŋ θɪŋz æt mɪiː !

399  
No sir!  
nəʊ sɜː !

400  
I started running.  
ɑɪ ˈstɑːtɪd ˈɻʌnɪŋ .

401  
The people ran after me ─ all two thousand of them!  
ðə ˈpɪiːpl ɻæn ˈɑːftə mɪiː ─ oːl tʊu ˈθæʊzənd ɔv ðem !

402  
─ but theycouldn’t catch me.  
─ bʌt ðeɪˈkʊdnt kæʧ mɪiː .

403  
I ran all round the airport, and then I ran into atoilet and locked the door.  
ɑɪ ɻæn oːl ɻæʊnd ðɪi ˈeəpoːt , ænd ðen ɑɪ ɻæn ˈɪntʊu eɪˈtɔɪlɪt ænd lɔkt ðə doː .

404  
I waited in there for almost an hourbefore I came out again.  
ɑɪ ˈweɪtɪd ɪn ðeə foː ˈoːlməʊst ən ˈæʊəbɪˈfoː ɑɪ keɪm æʊt əˈgen .

405  
I went to look for Colonel Gooch, and I found him in themiddle of a group of policemen.  
ɑɪ went tʊu lʊk foː ˈkɜːnl Gooch , ænd ɑɪ fæʊnd hɪm ɪn ðɪiːˈmɪdl ɔv ə gɻʊup ɔv pəˈlɪiːsmən .

406  
He was looking very worried untilhe saw me.  
hɪiː wɔz ˈlʊkɪŋ ˈveɻɪi ˈwʌɻɪid ənˈtɪlhɪiː soː mɪiː .

407  
‘Come on, Gump!  
kʌm ɔn , Gump !

408  
’ he said.  
’ hɪiː sed .

409  
‘The plane for Washington is waitingfor us.  
ðə pleɪn foː ˈwɔʃɪŋtən ɪz ˈweɪtɪŋfoː ʌs .

410  
’ The army sent a car to meet us at Washington airport, and wedrove to a really nice hotel.  
’ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi sent ə kɑː tʊu mɪiːt ʌs æt ˈwɔʃɪŋtən ˈeəpoːt , ænd wɪiːdɻəʊv tʊu ə ˈɻɪəlɪi nɑɪs həʊˈtel .

411  
After we put our suitcases in our rooms,the Colonel asked me to go out to a bar with him for a drink.  
ˈɑːftə wɪiː pʊt ˈæʊə ˈsjʊutkeɪsɪz ɪn ˈæʊə ɻʊumz ,ðə ˈkɜːnl ɑːskt mɪiː tʊu gəʊ æʊt tʊu ə bɑː wɪð hɪm foː ə dɻɪŋk .

412  
‘People are different here,’ he told me.  
ˈpɪiːpl ɑː ˈdɪfɻənt hɪə ,’ hɪiː təʊld mɪiː .

413  
‘They aren’t like thepeople in California.  
ðeɪ ɑːnt lɑɪk ðɪiːˈpɪiːpl ɪn ˌkæləˈfoːnɪiə .

414  
’ He was wrong.  
’hɪiː wɔz ɻɔŋ .

415  
When we got there, he bought me a beer, and he was telling meabout the President and my medal when something happened.  
wen wɪiː gɔt ðeə , hɪiː boːt mɪiː ə bɪə , ænd hɪiː wɔz ˈtelɪŋ mɪiːəˈbæʊt ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt ænd mɑɪ ˈmedl wen ˈsʌmθɪŋ ˈhæpənd .

416  
Apretty girl came up to our table, and the Colonel thought she was awaitress.  
eɪˈpɻɪtɪi gɜːl keɪm ʌp tʊu ˈæʊə ˈteɪbl , ænd ðə ˈkɜːnl θoːt ʃɪiː wɔz eɪˈweɪtɻɪs .

417  
‘Get us two more drinks, please,’ he said.  
get ʌs tʊu moː dɻɪŋks , plɪiːz ,’ hɪiː sed .

418  
She looked at him and said, ‘I won’t get you anything ─ not asmuch as a glass of warm river-water, you pig!  
ʃɪiː lʊkt æt hɪm ænd sed , ɑɪ wəʊnt get jʊu ˈenɪθɪŋ ─ nɔt æzmʌʧ æz ə glɑːs ɔv woːm ˈɻɪvə-ˈwoːtə , jʊu pɪg !

419  
’ Then she looked atme and said, ‘And how many babies have you killed today, you bigape?  
’ ðen ʃɪiː lʊkt ætmɪiː ænd sed , ænd hæʊ ˈmenɪi ˈbeɪbɪiz hæv jʊu kɪld təˈdeɪ , jʊu bɪgeɪp ?

420  
’ Well, after that we went back to the hotel.  
’wel , ˈɑːftə ðæt wɪiː went bæk tʊu ðə həʊˈtel .

421  
♦Next morning we got up early and went to the White House,where the President lives.  
♦nekst ˈmoːnɪŋ wɪiː gɔt jʊupɪiː ˈɜːlɪi ænd went tʊu ðə wɑɪt hæʊs ,weə ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt lɪvz .

422  
It’s a really pretty house with a big garden.  
ɪts ə ˈɻɪəlɪi ˈpɻɪtɪi hæʊs wɪð ə bɪg ˈgɑːdn .

423  
19A lot of army people were there, and they immediately startedshaking my hand and telling me that I was a brave man and thatthey were pleased to meet me.  
19ə lɔt ɔv ˈɑːmɪi ˈpɪiːpl wɜː ðeə , ænd ðeɪ ɪˈmɪiːdɪiətlɪi ˈstɑːtɪdˈʃeɪkɪŋ mɑɪ hænd ænd ˈtelɪŋ mɪiː ðæt ɑɪ wɔz ə bɻeɪv mæn ænd ðætðeɪ wɜː plɪiːzd tʊu mɪiːt mɪiː .

424  
The President was a great big old man who talked like somebodyfrom Texas, and there were a lot of people standing round him inthe flower garden.  
ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt wɔz ə gɻeɪt bɪg əʊld mæn hʊu toːkt lɑɪk ˈsʌmbədɪifɻɔm ˈteksəs , ænd ðeə wɜː ə lɔt ɔv ˈpɪiːpl ˈstændɪŋ ɻæʊnd hɪm ɪnðə ˈflæʊə ˈgɑːdn .

425  
Then an army man started to read something, and everybodylistened.  
ðen ən ˈɑːmɪi mæn ˈstɑːtɪd tʊu ɻɪiːd ˈsʌmθɪŋ , ænd ˈevɻɪbɔdɪiˈlɪsnd .

426  
Everybody but me, because I was hungry and wanted somebreakfast.  
ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi bʌt mɪiː , bɪˈkɔz ɑɪ wɔz ˈhʌŋgɻɪi ænd ˈwɔntɪd sʌmˈbɻekfəst .

427  
At last the army man finished reading, and then the Presi-dent came up and gave me the medal.  
æt lɑːst ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi mæn ˈfɪnɪʃt ˈɻɪiːdɪŋ , ænd ðen ðə Pɻesɪi-dent keɪm ʌp ænd geɪv mɪiː ðə ˈmedl .

428  
After that, he began to shakemy hand.  
ˈɑːftə ðæt , hɪiː bɪˈgæn tʊu ʃeɪkmɑɪ hænd .

429  
I was just thinking of getting out of there and having somebreakfast when the President said, ‘Boy, is that your stomach mak-ing that noise?  
ɑɪ wɔz ʤʌst ˈθɪŋkɪŋ ɔv ˈgetɪŋ æʊt ɔv ðeə ænd ˈhævɪŋ sʌmˈbɻekfəst wen ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt sed , bɔɪ , ɪz ðæt joː ˈstʌmək mak-ɪing ðæt nɔɪz ?

430  
’ So I said, ‘Yes,’ and the President said, ‘Well, comeon, boy, let’s go and get something to eat!  
’ səʊ ɑɪ sed , jes ,’ ænd ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt sed , wel , kʌmɔn , bɔɪ , lets gəʊ ænd get ˈsʌmθɪŋ tʊu ɪiːt !

431  
’ And I followed him intothe house, and a waiter got us some breakfast.  
’ ænd ɑɪ ˈfɔləʊd hɪm ˈɪntʊuðə hæʊs , ænd ə ˈweɪtə gɔt ʌs sʌm ˈbɻekfəst .

432  
The President asked me a lot of questions about Vietnam and thearmy, but I just said, ‘Yes, it’s OK’ or shook my head to say no, andafter several minutes of this we were both silent.  
ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt ɑːskt mɪiː ə lɔt ɔv ˈkwesʧənz əˈbæʊt ˌvjetˈnɑːm ænd ðɪiːˈɑːmɪi , bʌt ɑɪ ʤʌst sed , jes , ɪts ˈəʊˈkeɪ oː ʃʊk mɑɪ hed tʊu seɪ nəʊ , ændˈɑːftə ˈsevɻəl ˈmɪnɪts ɔv ðɪs wɪiː wɜː bəʊθ ˈsɑɪlənt .

433  
‘Do you want to watch TV?  
dʊu jʊu wɔnt tʊu wɔʧ ˌtɪiːˈvɪiː ?

434  
’ the President asked suddenly.  
’ ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt ɑːskt ˈsʌdnlɪi .

435  
So me and the President of America watched TV while I ate mybreakfast!  
səʊ mɪiː ænd ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt ɔv əˈmeɻɪkə wɔʧt ˌtɪiːˈvɪiː wɑɪl ɑɪ et mɑɪˈbɻekfəst !

436  
Later, when we were back in the garden, the President said, ‘Youwere hurt, weren’t you, boy?  
ˈleɪtə , wen wɪiː wɜː bæk ɪn ðə ˈgɑːdn , ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt sed , jʊuwɜː hɜːt , wɜːnt jʊu , bɔɪ ?

437  
Well, look at this .  
wel , lʊk æt ðɪs .

438  
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439  
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440  
’ And he pulledup his shirt and showed me the place on his stomach where he washurt once.  
’ ænd hɪiː pʊldʌp hɪz ʃɜːt ænd ʃəʊd mɪiː ðə pleɪs ɔn hɪz ˈstʌmək weə hɪiː wɔzhɜːt wʌns .

441  
‘Where were you hurt?  
weə wɜː jʊu hɜːt ?

442  
’ he asked me.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt mɪiː .

443  
So I pulled down my trousers, turned round and showed him.  
səʊ ɑɪ pʊld dæʊn mɑɪ ˈtɻæʊzəz , tɜːnd ɻæʊnd ænd ʃəʊd hɪm .

444  
Well, lots of newspaper men started taking photographs beforeColonel Gooch could run across and pull me away!  
wel , lɔts ɔv ˈnjʊuzˌpeɪpə men ˈstɑːtɪd ˈteɪkɪŋ ˈfəʊtəgɻɑːfs bɪˈfoːˈkɜːnl Gooch kʊd ɻʌn əˈkɻɔs ænd pʊl mɪiː əˈweɪ !

445  
That afternoon, back at the hotel, he came to my room shoutingand throwing newspapers on to the bed.  
ðæt ˈɑːftəˈnʊun , bæk æt ðə həʊˈtel , hɪiː keɪm tʊu mɑɪ ɻʊum ˈʃæʊtɪŋænd ˈθɻəʊɪŋ ˈnjʊuzˌpeɪpəz ɔn tʊu ðə bed .

446  
And there I was, on thefront page, with my trousers down!  
ænd ðeə ɑɪ wɔz , ɔn ðɪiːfɻʌnt peɪʤ , wɪð mɑɪ ˈtɻæʊzəz dæʊn !

447  
‘Gump, you idiot!  
'Gump , jʊu ˈɪdɪət !

448  
’ shouted Colonel Gooch.  
’ ˈʃæʊtɪd ˈkɜːnl Gooch .

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452  
and then the President came up and gave me the medal.  
ænd ðen ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt keɪm ʌp ænd geɪv mɪiː ðə ˈmedl .

453  
‘Yes, sir,’ I said.  
jes , sɜː ,’ ɑɪ sed .

454  
‘That’s what I am.  
ðæts wɔt ɑɪ æm .

455  
But I just try to do the right thing.  
bʌt ɑɪ ʤʌst tɻɑɪ tʊu dʊu ðə ɻɑɪt θɪŋ .

456  
’ Chapter 7 Meeting Jenny AgainSoon after that, I heard that I was leaving the army early, and theygave me some money for a train ticket to go home.  
’ˈʧæptə 7 ˈmɪiːtɪŋ ˈʤenɪi əˈgensʊun ˈɑːftə ðæt , ɑɪ hɜːd ðæt ɑɪ wɔz ˈlɪiːvɪŋ ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi ˈɜːlɪi , ænd ðeɪgeɪv mɪiː sʌm ˈmʌnɪi foː ə tɻeɪn ˈtɪkɪt tʊu gəʊ həʊm .

457  
But all this time, I was thinking about Jenny Curran.  
bʌt oːl ðɪs tɑɪm , ɑɪ wɔz ˈθɪŋkɪŋ əˈbæʊt ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan .

458  
Just before Ileft the hospital in Danang, I had a letter from her.  
ʤʌst bɪˈfoː ɑɪleft ðə ˈhɔspɪtl ɪn Danang , ɑɪ hæd ə ˈletə fɻɔm hɜː .

459  
She was nowplaying in a group called The Broken Eggs, and they played twonights each week at a place called the Hodaddy Club near HarvardUniversity.  
ʃɪiː wɔz næʊˈpleɪɪŋ ɪn ə gɻʊup koːld ðə ˈbɻəʊkən egz , ænd ðeɪ pleɪd tʊunɑɪts ɪiːʧ wɪiːk æt ə pleɪs koːld ðɪi Hodaddy klʌb nɪə ˈhɑːvədˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi .

460  
Now that I was free from the army, I just wanted to goand see her.  
næʊ ðæt ɑɪ wɔz fɻɪiː fɻɔm ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi , ɑɪ ʤʌst ˈwɔntɪd tʊu gəʊænd sɪiː hɜː .

461  
So I got a ticket for Boston, instead of Mobile.  
səʊ ɑɪ gɔt ə ˈtɪkɪt foː ˈbɔstən , ɪnˈsted ɔv ˈməʊbɑɪl .

462  
I tried to walk to the Hodaddy Club from the train station, but Ilost my way, so I took a taxi.  
ɑɪ tɻɑɪd tʊu woːk tʊu ðɪi Hodaddy klʌb fɻɔm ðə tɻeɪn ˈsteɪʃən , bʌt ɑɪlɔst mɑɪ weɪ , səʊ ɑɪ tʊk ə ˈtæksɪi .

463  
It was in the afternoon, and the manbehind the bar said, Jenny’ll be here about nine o’clock.  
ɪt wɔz ɪn ðɪi ˈɑːftəˈnʊun , ænd ðə mænbɪˈhɑɪnd ðə bɑː sed , Jenny'll bɪiː hɪə əˈbæʊt nɑɪn əˈklɔk .

464  
’ ‘Can I wait?  
’ kæn ɑɪ weɪt ?

465  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

466  
‘OK,’ he said.  
ˈəʊˈkeɪ ,’ hɪiː sed .

467  
So I sat down and waited for five or six hours.  
səʊ ɑɪ sæt dæʊn ænd ˈweɪtɪd foː fɑɪv oː sɪks ˈæʊəz .

468  
Students began to come in, most of them wearing dirty jeans.  
ˈsʧʊudənts bɪˈgæn tʊu kʌm ɪn , məʊst ɔv ðem ˈweəɻɪŋ ˈdɜːtɪi ʤɪiːnz .

469  
The men had beards, and the women had long, untidy hair.  
ðə men hæd bɪədz , ænd ðə ˈwɪmɪn hæd lɔŋ , ʌnˈtɑɪdɪi heə .

470  
Later,the group ─ The Broken Eggs ─ arrived, but I didn’t see Jenny.  
ˈleɪtə ,ðə gɻʊup ─ ðə ˈbɻəʊkən egz ─ əˈɻɑɪvd , bʌt ɑɪ dɪdnt sɪiː ˈʤenɪi .

471  
Then they began to play ─ and they were loud.  
ðen ðeɪ bɪˈgæn tʊu pleɪ ─ ænd ðeɪ wɜː læʊd .

472  
The music soundedlike a plane that was taking off!  
ðə ˈmjʊuzɪk ˈsæʊndɪdlɑɪk ə pleɪn ðæt wɔz ˈteɪkɪŋ ɔf !

473  
But the students loved it.  
bʌt ðə ˈsʧʊudənts lʌvd ɪt .

474  
And then Jenny came on!  
ænd ðen ˈʤenɪi keɪm ɔn !

475  
She was different.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ˈdɪfɻənt .

476  
Her hair was all the way down her back, andshe was wearing sun-glasses ─ at night!  
hɜː heə wɔz oːl ðə weɪ dæʊn hɜː bæk , ændʃɪiː wɔz ˈweəɻɪŋ sʌn-ˈglɑːsɪz ─ æt nɑɪt !

477  
She was wearing blue jeansand a shirt with lots of colours on it.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ˈweəɻɪŋ blʊu ʤɪiːnzænd ə ʃɜːt wɪð lɔts ɔv ˈkʌləz ɔn ɪt .

478  
The group started playingagain and Jenny began to sing.  
ðə gɻʊup ˈstɑːtɪd ˈpleɪɪŋəˈgen ænd ˈʤenɪi bɪˈgæn tʊu sɪŋ .

479  
Later, I went outside and walked round for about half an hour,then went back.  
ˈleɪtə , ɑɪ went ˌæʊtˈsɑɪd ænd woːkt ɻæʊnd foː əˈbæʊt hɑːf ən ˈæʊə ,ðen went bæk .

480  
There were a lot of people waiting to go in, so Iwent round to the back of the place and sat on the ground.  
ðeə wɜː ə lɔt ɔv ˈpɪiːpl ˈweɪtɪŋ tʊu gəʊ ɪn , səʊ ɑɪwent ɻæʊnd tʊu ðə bæk ɔv ðə pleɪs ænd sæt ɔn ðə gɻæʊnd .

481  
I had myharmonica in my pocket, so I took it out and started to play.  
ɑɪ hæd mɑɪhɑːˈmɔnɪkə ɪn mɑɪ ˈpɔkɪt , səʊ ɑɪ tʊk ɪt æʊt ænd ˈstɑːtɪd tʊu pleɪ .

482  
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22ɑɪ hæd mɑɪ hɑːˈmɔnɪkə ɪn mɑɪ ˈpɔkɪt , səʊ ɑɪ tʊk ɪt æʊt ænd ˈstɑːtɪd tʊu pleɪ .

483  
I could hear the music that was playing inside and, after a minuteor two, I began playing with it.  
ɑɪ kʊd hɪə ðə ˈmjʊuzɪk ðæt wɔz ˈpleɪɪŋ ɪnˈsɑɪd ænd , ˈɑːftə ə ˈmɪnɪtoː tʊu , ɑɪ bɪˈgæn ˈpleɪɪŋ wɪð ɪt .

484  
Suddenly, a door behind me opened─ and there was Jenny!  
ˈsʌdnlɪi , ə doː bɪˈhɑɪnd mɪiː ˈəʊpənd─ ænd ðeə wɔz ˈʤenɪi !

485  
‘Who is that playing the harmonica?  
hʊu ɪz ðæt ˈpleɪɪŋ ðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə ?

486  
’ she said.  
’ ʃɪiː sed .

487  
And then she sawme.  
ænd ðen ʃɪiː soːmɪiː .

488  
‘Forrest Gump!  
'Foɻɻest Gump !

489  
’ And she ran out of the door and threw her armsround me.  
’ ænd ʃɪiː ɻæn æʊt ɔv ðə doː ænd θɻʊu hɜː ɑːmzɻæʊnd mɪiː .

490  
♦We talked together until it was time for her to sing again.  
♦wɪiː toːkt təˈgeðə ənˈtɪl ɪt wɔz tɑɪm foː hɜː tʊu sɪŋ əˈgen .

491  
‘I didn’t leave school,’ said Jenny.  
ɑɪ dɪdnt lɪiːv skʊul ,’ sed ˈʤenɪi .

492  
‘They threw me out after theyfound a boy in my room one night.  
ðeɪ θɻʊu mɪiː æʊt ˈɑːftə ðeɪfæʊnd ə bɔɪ ɪn mɑɪ ɻʊum wʌn nɑɪt .

493  
I went to California and stayedthere for some time.  
ɑɪ went tʊu ˌkæləˈfoːnɪiə ænd steɪdðeə foː sʌm tɑɪm .

494  
’ She laughed.  
’ ʃɪiː lɑːft .

495  
‘I wore flowers in my hair, andtalked about love.  
ɑɪ woː ˈflæʊəz ɪn mɑɪ heə , ændtoːkt əˈbæʊt lʌv .

496  
But the people that I was with were strange.  
bʌt ðə ˈpɪiːpl ðæt ɑɪ wɔz wɪð wɜː stɻeɪnʤ .

497  
ThenI met a man, and we came to Boston.  
ðenɑɪ met ə mæn , ænd wɪiː keɪm tʊu ˈbɔstən .

498  
But he was dangerous.  
bʌt hɪiː wɔz ˈdeɪnʤɻəs .

499  
He wasagainst the war, like me, but he blew up buildings and things.  
hɪiː wɔzəˈgenst ðə woː , lɑɪk mɪiː , bʌt hɪiː blʊu ʌp ˈbɪldɪŋz ænd θɪŋz .

500  
I couldn’t stay with him.  
ɑɪ ˈkʊdnt steɪ wɪð hɪm .

501  
Next, I met a teacher from HarvardUniversity, but he was married.  
nekst , ɑɪ met ə ˈtɪiːʧə fɻɔm ˈhɑːvədˌjʊunɪˈvɜːsɪtɪi , bʌt hɪiː wɔz ˈmæɻɪd .

502  
Then I began to sing with TheBroken Eggs.  
ðen ɑɪ bɪˈgæn tʊu sɪŋ wɪð ðɪiːˈbɻəʊkən egz .

503  
’ ‘Where do you live?  
’ weə dʊu jʊu lɪv ?

504  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

505  
‘With my boyfriend,’ she said.  
wɪð mɑɪ ˈbɔɪˌfɻend ,’ ʃɪiː eseɪd .

506  
‘He’s a student.  
hɪiːz ə ˈsʧʊudənt .

507  
You can comeback and stay with us tonight.  
jʊu kæn kʌmbæk ænd steɪ wɪð ʌs təˈnɑɪt .

508  
’ The boyfriend’s name was Rudolph.  
’ðə ˈbɔɪˌfɻendz neɪm wɔz ˈɻʊudɔlf .

509  
He was a little man, and hewas sitting on the floor with his eyes shut when we got to Jenny’s flat.  
hɪiː wɔz ə ˈlɪtl mæn , ænd hɪiːwɔz ˈsɪtɪŋ ɔn ðə floː wɪð hɪz ɑɪz ʃʌt wen wɪiː gɔt tʊu ˈʤenɪiz flæt .

510  
‘Rudolph, this is Forrest,’ Jenny said.  
ˈɻʊudɔlf , ðɪs ɪz Foɻɻest ,’ ˈʤenɪi sed .

511  
‘He’s a friend of mine fromhome, and he’s going to stay with us for a few days.  
hɪiːz ə fɻend ɔv mɑɪn fɻɔmhəʊm , ænd hɪiːz ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu steɪ wɪð ʌs foː ə fjʊu deɪz .

512  
’ Rudolph didn’t speak or open his eyes, but he put up his handand smiled.  
’ˈɻʊudɔlf dɪdnt spɪiːk oː ˈəʊpən hɪz ɑɪz , bʌt hɪiː pʊt ʌp hɪz hændænd smɑɪld .

513  
Next morning, when I got up, Rudolph was still sitting on thefloor with his eyes shut.  
nekst ˈmoːnɪŋ , wen ɑɪ gɔt ʌp , ˈɻʊudɔlf wɔz stɪl ˈsɪtɪŋ ɔn ðɪiːfloː wɪð hɪz ɑɪz ʃʌt .

514  
That afternoon, Jenny took me to meet the other people in thegroup, and that night I began playing my harmonica with them atthe Hodaddy Club.  
ðæt ˈɑːftəˈnʊun , ˈʤenɪi tʊk mɪiː tʊu mɪiːt ðɪi ˈʌðə ˈpɪiːpl ɪn ðɪiːgɻʊup , ænd ðæt nɑɪt ɑɪ bɪˈgæn ˈpleɪɪŋ mɑɪ hɑːˈmɔnɪkə wɪð ðem ætðɪi Hodaddy klʌb .

515  
It went well, and I played with them everynight after that.  
ɪt went wel , ænd ɑɪ pleɪd wɪð ðem ˈevɻɪinɑɪt ˈɑːftə ðæt .

516  
24 Then one day I came back to the flat and Jenny was sitting on thefloor.  
24ðen wʌn deɪ ɑɪ keɪm bæk tʊu ðə flæt ænd ˈʤenɪi wɔz ˈsɪtɪŋ ɔn ðɪiːfloː .

517  
‘Where’s Rudolph?  
weəz ˈɻʊudɔlf ?

518  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

519  
‘Gone,’ she said.  
gɔn ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

520  
‘Walked out, like all the others.  
woːkt æʊt , lɑɪk oːl ðɪi ˈʌðəz .

521  
’ And then shestarted to cry.  
’ ænd ðen ʃɪiːˈstɑːtɪd tʊu kɻɑɪ .

522  
‘Don’t cry, Jenny,’ I said.  
dəʊnt kɻɑɪ , ˈʤenɪi ,’ ɑɪ sed .

523  
And I put my arm round her.  
ænd ɑɪ pʊt mɑɪ ɑːm ɻæʊnd hɜː .

524  
Well, it started like that.  
wel , ɪt ˈstɑːtɪd lɑɪk ðæt .

525  
But the next minute we were kissing andmaking love!  
bʌt ðə nekst ˈmɪnɪt wɪiː wɜː ˈkɪsɪŋ ændˈmeɪkɪŋ lʌv !

526  
And when we finished, Jenny said, ‘Forrest, wherehave you been all this time?  
ænd wen wɪiː ˈfɪnɪʃt , ˈʤenɪi sed , 'Foɻɻest , weəhæv jʊu bɪiːn oːl ðɪs tɑɪm ?

527  
’ Chapter 8 Into SpaceSpring and summer went by, and I continued to play my harmonicawith the group.  
’ˈʧæptə 8 ˈɪntʊu speɪsspɻɪŋ ænd ˈsʌmə went bɑɪ , ænd ɑɪ kənˈtɪnjʊud tʊu pleɪ mɑɪ hɑːˈmɔnɪkəwɪð ðə gɻʊup .

528  
It was my happiest time of all.  
ɪt wɔz mɑɪ ˈhæpɪɪst tɑɪm ɔv oːl .

529  
But ─ you’ve guessedit ─ something went wrong.  
bʌt ─ jʊuv gestɪt ─ ˈsʌmθɪŋ went ɻɔŋ .

530  
How did it happen?  
hæʊ dɪd ɪt ˈhæpən ?

531  
I don’t know.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt nəʊ .

532  
But one night I was sittingoutside the Hodaddy Club, smoking a cigarette, when a girl smiledand came up to me.  
bʌt wʌn nɑɪt ɑɪ wɔz ˈsɪtɪŋˌæʊtˈsɑɪd ðɪi Hodaddy klʌb , ˈsməʊkɪŋ ə ˌsɪgəˈɻet , wen ə gɜːl smɑɪldænd keɪm ʌp tʊu mɪiː .

533  
She sat down across my legs and put her armsround me.  
ʃɪiː sæt dæʊn əˈkɻɔs mɑɪ legz ænd pʊt hɜː ɑːmzɻæʊnd mɪiː .

534  
She was laughing and kissing me, and I didn’t know whatto do.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ˈlɑːfɪŋ ænd ˈkɪsɪŋ mɪiː , ænd ɑɪ dɪdnt nəʊ wɔttʊu dʊu .

535  
Suddenly, the door opened behind me, and there was Jenny.  
ˈsʌdnlɪi , ðə doː ˈəʊpənd bɪˈhɑɪnd mɪiː , ænd ðeə wɔz ˈʤenɪi .

536  
‘Forrest, it’s time to ─’ She stopped when she saw me with thegirl.  
'Foɻɻest , ɪts tɑɪm tʊu ─’ ʃɪiː stɔpt wen ʃɪiː soː mɪiː wɪð ðɪiːgɜːl .

537  
Then she said, ‘Oh, no!  
ðen ʃɪiː sed , əʊ , nəʊ !

538  
Not you, too!  
nɔt jʊu , tʊu !

539  
’ I jumped up and pushed the girl away.  
’ɑɪ ʤʌmpt ʌp ænd pʊʃt ðə gɜːl əˈweɪ .

540  
‘Jenny!  
ˈʤenɪi !

541  
’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ sed .

542  
‘Stay away from me, Forrest!  
steɪ əˈweɪ fɻɔm mɪiː , Foɻɻest !

543  
’ she said.  
’ ʃɪiː sed .

544  
‘You men are all the same!  
jʊu men ɑː oːl ðə seɪm !

545  
Just stay away from me!  
ʤʌst steɪ əˈweɪ fɻɔm mɪiː !

546  
’ She didn’t speak to me again that night.  
’ʃɪiː dɪdnt spɪiːk tʊu mɪiː əˈgen ðæt nɑɪt .

547  
And the next morningshe told me to find another place to live.  
ænd ðə nekst ˈmoːnɪŋʃɪiː təʊld mɪiː tʊu fɑɪnd əˈnʌðə pleɪs tʊu lɪv .

548  
I went to live with Moses, one of the other men in the group, andsoon after that Jenny went to Washington to talk and work againstthe war.  
ɑɪ went tʊu lɪv wɪð ˈməʊzɪz , wʌn ɔv ðɪi ˈʌðə men ɪn ðə gɻʊup , ændsʊun ˈɑːftə ðæt ˈʤenɪi went tʊu ˈwɔʃɪŋtən tʊu toːk ænd wɜːk əˈgenstðə woː .

549  
Moses wrote down the address for me.  
ˈməʊzɪz ɻəʊt dæʊn ðɪi əˈdɻes foː mɪiː .

550  
So I went back to Washington, too.  
səʊ ɑɪ went bæk tʊu ˈwɔʃɪŋtən , tʊu .

551  
25Suddenly Jenny said, ‘Did you know that Forrest won a medal?  
25ˈsʌdnlɪi ˈʤenɪi sed , dɪd jʊu nəʊ ðæt Foɻɻest wʌn ə ˈmedl ?

552  
’ There was a lot of trouble there.  
’ðeə wɔz ə lɔt ɔv ˈtɻʌbl ðeə .

553  
Police were everywhere, andpeople were shouting and throwing things.  
pəˈlɪiːs wɜː ˈevɻɪweə , ændˈpɪiːpl wɜː ˈʃæʊtɪŋ ænd ˈθɻəʊɪŋ θɪŋz .

554  
And the police were taking some of them away.  
ænd ðə pəˈlɪiːs wɜː ˈteɪkɪŋ sʌm ɔv ðem əˈweɪ .

555  
I went to find Jenny’s address, but there was nobody at home.  
ɑɪ went tʊu fɑɪnd ˈʤenɪiz əˈdɻes , bʌt ðeə wɔz ˈnəʊbədɪi æt həʊm .

556  
Iwaited outside for most of the day.  
ɑɪˈweɪtɪd ˌæʊtˈsɑɪd foː məʊst ɔv ðə deɪ .

557  
Then, at about nine o’clock, acar stopped near the house and some people got out.  
ðen , æt əˈbæʊt nɑɪn əˈklɔk , eɪkɑː stɔpt nɪə ðə hæʊs ænd sʌm ˈpɪiːpl gɔt æʊt .

558  
And there shewas!  
ænd ðeə ʃɪiːwɔz !

559  
I started to walk towards her, but she turned and walked away.  
ɑɪ ˈstɑːtɪd tʊu woːk təˈwoːdz hɜː , bʌt ʃɪiː tɜːnd ænd woːkt əˈweɪ .

560  
The other people ─ two men and a girl ─ didn’t know what to say.  
ðɪi ˈʌðə ˈpɪiːpl ─ tʊu men ænd ə gɜːl ─ dɪdnt nəʊ wɔt tʊu seɪ .

561  
‘What’s wrong with her?  
wɔts ɻɔŋ wɪð hɜː ?

562  
’ I asked one of the two men.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt wʌn ɔv ðə tʊu men .

563  
‘She just got out of prison,’ he said.  
ʃɪiː ʤʌst gɔt æʊt ɔv ˈpɻɪzn ,’ hɪiː sed .

564  
‘She was there all nightbefore we could get her out.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ðeə oːl nɑɪtbɪˈfoː wɪiː kʊd get hɜː æʊt .

565  
’ Jenny was in the back of the car now, so I went over and talked toher through the window.  
’ˈʤenɪi wɔz ɪn ðə bæk ɔv ðə kɑː næʊ , səʊ ɑɪ went ˈəʊvə ænd toːkt tʊuhɜː θɻʊu ðə ˈwɪndəʊ .

566  
I told her how I felt ─ I was sorry aboutthe girl, and I didn’t want to play in the group without her.  
ɑɪ təʊld hɜː hæʊ ɑɪ felt ─ ɑɪ wɔz ˈsɔɻɪi əˈbæʊtðə gɜːl , ænd ɑɪ dɪdnt wɔnt tʊu pleɪ ɪn ðə gɻʊup wɪˈðæʊt hɜː .

567  
Shelistened quietly, then opened the car door for me to get in, and wesat and talked.  
ʃɪiːˈlɪsnd ˈkwɑɪətlɪi , ðen ˈəʊpənd ðə kɑː doː foː mɪiː tʊu get ɪn , ænd wɪiːsæt ænd toːkt .

568  
The others were talking about something that would happen thenext day.  
ðɪi ˈʌðəz wɜː ˈtoːkɪŋ əˈbæʊt ˈsʌmθɪŋ ðæt wʊd ˈhæpən ðɪiːnekst deɪ .

569  
Some American soldiers planned to take off their Viet-nam medals and throw them away in front of the crowds of people.  
sʌm əˈmeɻɪkən ˈsəʊlʤəz plænd tʊu teɪk ɔf ðeə Vɪiet-nam ˈmedlz ænd θɻəʊ ðem əˈweɪ ɪn fɻʌnt ɔv ðə kɻæʊdz ɔv ˈpɪiːpl .

570  
Suddenly Jenny said, ‘Did you know that Forrest won a medal?  
ˈsʌdnlɪi ˈʤenɪi sed , dɪd jʊu nəʊ ðæt Foɻɻest wʌn ə ˈmedl ?

571  
’ The others went quiet and looked at me, then looked at Jenny.  
’ðɪi ˈʌðəz went ˈkwɑɪət ænd lʊkt æt mɪiː , ðen lʊkt æt ˈʤenɪi .

572  
♦Next morning, Jenny came into the living-room.  
♦nekst ˈmoːnɪŋ , ˈʤenɪi keɪm ˈɪntʊu ðə ˈlɪvɪŋ-ɻʊum .

573  
I was sleeping onthe floor of their house.  
ɑɪ wɔz ˈslɪiːpɪŋ ɔnðə floː ɔv ðeə hæʊs .

574  
She woke me up.  
ʃɪiː wəʊk mɪiː ʌp .

575  
‘Forrest,’ she said.  
'Foɻɻest ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

576  
‘I want you to do something for me.  
ɑɪ wɔnt jʊu tʊu dʊu ˈsʌmθɪŋ foː mɪiː .

577  
’ ‘What?  
’ wɔt ?

578  
’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ sed .

579  
I want you to come with us today, and I want you to wear yourarmy clothes.  
ɑɪ wɔnt jʊu tʊu kʌm wɪð ʌs təˈdeɪ , ænd ɑɪ wɔnt jʊu tʊu weə joːˈɑːmɪi kləʊðz .

580  
’ ‘Why?  
’ wɑɪ ?

581  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

582  
‘Because you’re going to do something to stop all the killing inVietnam.  
bɪˈkɔz jʊə ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu dʊu ˈsʌmθɪŋ tʊu stɔp oːl ðə ˈkɪlɪŋ ɪnˌvjetˈnɑːm .

583  
’ 27 You can guess what I had to do, can’t you?  
’ 27jʊu kæn ges wɔt ɑɪ hæd tʊu dʊu , kɑːnt jʊu ?

584  
I had to throw awaymy medal with the other American soldiers.  
ɑɪ hæd tʊu θɻəʊ əˈweɪmɑɪ ˈmedl wɪð ðɪi ˈʌðə əˈmeɻɪkən ˈsəʊlʤəz .

585  
But because my medalwas a more famous medal than theirs, it was more important toJenny and her friends.  
bʌt bɪˈkɔz mɑɪ ˈmedlwɔz ə moː ˈfeɪməs ˈmedl ðæn ðeəz , ɪt wɔz moː ɪmˈpoːtənt tʊuˈʤenɪi ænd hɜː fɻendz .

586  
But it got me into more trouble.  
bʌt ɪt gɔt mɪiː ˈɪntʊu moː ˈtɻʌbl .

587  
Oh, I threw my medal away,OK ─ but it hit somebody really important!  
əʊ , ɑɪ θɻʊu mɑɪ ˈmedl əˈweɪ ,ˈəʊˈkeɪ ─ bʌt ɪt hɪt ˈsʌmbədɪi ˈɻɪəlɪi ɪmˈpoːtənt !

588  
One of the President’smen!  
wʌn ɔv ðə ˈpɻezɪdəntsmen !

589  
So they threw me into prison.  
səʊ ðeɪ θɻʊu mɪiː ˈɪntʊu ˈpɻɪzn .

590  
Why do things like that always happen to me?  
wɑɪ dʊu θɪŋz lɑɪk ðæt ˈoːlweɪz ˈhæpən tʊu mɪiː ?

591  
♦As it happened, I didn’t stay in prison long, because they soon real-ized that I was an idiot, and they put me in a special hospital for idiots.  
♦æz ɪt ˈhæpənd , ɑɪ dɪdnt steɪ ɪn ˈpɻɪzn lɔŋ , bɪˈkɔz ðeɪ sʊun ɻɪəl-ɪized ðæt ɑɪ wɔz ən ˈɪdɪət , ænd ðeɪ pʊt mɪiː ɪn ə ˈspeʃəl ˈhɔspɪtl foː ˈɪdɪəts .

592  
It was the doctors at the hospital who decided to send me toNASA ─ that’s the space centre at Houston, in Texas.  
ɪt wɔz ðə ˈdɔktəz æt ðə ˈhɔspɪtl hʊu dɪˈsɑɪdɪd tʊu send mɪiː tʊuˈnæsə ─ ðæts ðə speɪs ˈsentə æt ˈhʊustn , ɪn ˈteksəs .

593  
‘You’re just the kind of person that they’re looking for!  
jʊə ʤʌst ðə kɑɪnd ɔv ˈpɜːsn ðæt ðeə ˈlʊkɪŋ foː !

594  
’ thedoctors told me.  
’ ðɪiːˈdɔktəz təʊld mɪiː .

595  
I soon understood why!  
ɑɪ sʊun ˌʌndəˈstʊd wɑɪ !

596  
NASA sent me on a journey into spacewith a woman and an ape!  
ˈnæsə sent mɪiː ɔn ə ˈʤɜːnɪi ˈɪntʊu speɪswɪð ə ˈwʊmən ænd ən eɪp !

597  
Me, a spaceman!  
mɪiː , eɪ ˈspeɪsmæn !

598  
It was very strange.  
ɪt wɔz ˈveɻɪi stɻeɪnʤ .

599  
All kinds of things went wrong because of that ape.  
oːl kɑɪndz ɔv θɪŋz went ɻɔŋ bɪˈkɔz ɔv ðæt eɪp .

600  
Instead ofcoming down in the sea when we returned, the space ship camedown in the jungle somewhere, and it was four years before theNASA people found us!  
ɪnˈsted ɔvˈkʌmɪŋ dæʊn ɪn ðə sɪiː wen wɪiː ɻɪˈtɜːnd , ðə speɪs ʃɪp keɪmdæʊn ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl ˈsʌmweə , ænd ɪt wɔz foː jɪəz bɪˈfoː ðɪiːˈnæsə ˈpɪiːpl fæʊnd ʌs !

601  
But the ape and I were soon good friends.  
bʌt ðɪi eɪp ænd ɑɪ wɜː sʊun gʊd fɻendz .

602  
His name was Sue (yes, I know it’s a girl’s name, but they sent amale ape up by mistake, and NASA didn’t like to tell the news-papers that).  
hɪz neɪm wɔz sjʊu (jes , ɑɪ nəʊ ɪts ə gɜːlz neɪm , bʌt ðeɪ sent eɪmeɪl eɪp ʌp bɑɪ mɪsˈteɪk , ænd ˈnæsə dɪdnt lɑɪk tʊu tel ðə njʊuz-ˈpeɪpəz ðæt) .

603  
And it was in the jungle that I met Big Sam ─ a manwho taught me to play chess.  
ænd ɪt wɔz ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl ðæt ɑɪ met bɪg sæm ─ ə mænhʊu toːt mɪiː tʊu pleɪ ʧes .

604  
And that was important, as you willsee later.  
ænd ðæt wɔz ɪmˈpoːtənt , æz jʊu wɪlsɪiː ˈleɪtə .

605  
Chapter 9 A Real IdiotOf course, the first thing that I wanted to do when I got back toAmerica was find Jenny.  
ˈʧæptə 9 ə ɻɪəl ˈɪdɪətɔv koːs , ðə fɜːst θɪŋ ðæt ɑɪ ˈwɔntɪd tʊu dʊu wen ɑɪ gɔt bæk tʊuəˈmeɻɪkə wɔz fɑɪnd ˈʤenɪi .

606  
So I phoned Moses in Boston.  
səʊ ɑɪ fəʊnd ˈməʊzɪz ɪn ˈbɔstən .

607  
28 ‘The Broken Eggs group has broken up,’ he told me.  
28 ðə ˈbɻəʊkən egz gɻʊup hæz ˈbɻəʊkən ʌp ,’ hɪiː təʊld mɪiː .

608  
‘I don’tknow what happened to Jenny.  
ɑɪ dəʊntnəʊ wɔt ˈhæpənd tʊu ˈʤenɪi .

609  
I heard that she went to Chicago,but that was five years ago.  
ɑɪ hɜːd ðæt ʃɪiː went tʊu ʃɪˈkɑːgəʊ ,bʌt ðæt wɔz fɑɪv jɪəz əˈgəʊ .

610  
’ ‘Do you have a telephone number, or anything?  
’ dʊu jʊu hæv ə ˈtelɪfəʊn ˈnʌmbə , oː ˈenɪθɪŋ ?

611  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

612  
‘It’s an old number,’ he said, ‘but perhaps she’s still there.  
ɪts ən əʊld ˈnʌmbə ,’ hɪiː sed , bʌt pəˈhæps ʃɪiːz stɪl ðeə .

613  
’ I phoned the number, and she wasn’t.  
’ɑɪ fəʊnd ðə ˈnʌmbə , ænd ʃɪiː wɔznt .

614  
‘Jenny Curran?  
ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan ?

615  
’ a man’s voice said.  
’ ə mænz vɔɪs sed .

616  
‘She went to Indianapolis.  
ʃɪiː went tʊu Indɪianapolɪis .

617  
Got a job at the Temperer factory.  
gɔt ə ʤɔb æt ðə ˈtempəɻə ˈfæktəɻɪi .

618  
’ So I went to Indianapolis on the bus.  
’səʊ ɑɪ went tʊu Indɪianapolɪis ɔn ðə bʌs .

619  
♦The Temperer factory was outside the town.  
♦ðə ˈtempəɻə ˈfæktəɻɪi wɔz ˌæʊtˈsɑɪd ðə tæʊn .

620  
I asked about Jenny atthe office, and the woman said, ‘Yes, she works in here.  
ɑɪ ɑːskt əˈbæʊt ˈʤenɪi ætðɪi ˈɔfɪs , ænd ðə ˈwʊmən sed , jes , ʃɪiː wɜːks ɪn hɪə .

621  
Why don’tyou wait at the side of the factory?  
wɑɪ dəʊntjʊu weɪt æt ðə sɑɪd ɔv ðə ˈfæktəɻɪi ?

622  
It’s almost lunch-time, and she’llprobably come out.  
ɪts ˈoːlməʊst lʌnʧ-tɑɪm , ænd ʃɪiːlˈpɻɔbəblɪi kʌm æʊt .

623  
’ So I did.  
’ səʊ ɑɪ dɪd .

624  
A lot of people came out at lunch-time.  
ə lɔt ɔv ˈpɪiːpl keɪm æʊt æt lʌnʧ-tɑɪm .

625  
Then Jenny came out.  
ðen ˈʤenɪi keɪm æʊt .

626  
She went and sat under a tree on the grass, and began eating anapple.  
ʃɪiː went ænd sæt ˈʌndə ə tɻɪiː ɔn ðə gɻɑːs , ænd bɪˈgæn ˈɪiːtɪŋ ænˈæpl .

627  
I went up behind her and said, ‘That looks like a nice apple.  
ɑɪ went ʌp bɪˈhɑɪnd hɜː ænd sed , ðæt lʊks lɑɪk ə nɑɪs ˈæpl .

628  
’She didn’t look up.  
’ʃɪiː dɪdnt lʊk ʌp .

629  
She just said, ‘Forrest, it has to be you.  
ʃɪiː ʤʌst sed , 'Foɻɻest , ɪt hæz tʊu bɪiː jʊu .

630  
’ A minute later, I had my arms round her and we were bothcrying.  
’ə ˈmɪnɪt ˈleɪtə , ɑɪ hæd mɑɪ ɑːmz ɻæʊnd hɜː ænd wɪiː wɜː bəʊθˈkɻɑɪɪŋ .

631  
People were watching us with strange looks on their faces,but it didn’t matter.  
ˈpɪiːpl wɜː ˈwɔʧɪŋ ʌs wɪð stɻeɪnʤ lʊks ɔn ðeə ˈfeɪsɪz ,bʌt ɪt dɪdnt ˈmætə .

632  
Jenny and me were together again.  
ˈʤenɪi ænd mɪiː wɜː təˈgeðə əˈgen .

633  
‘I finish work in three hours, Forrest,’ Jenny said.  
ɑɪ ˈfɪnɪʃ wɜːk ɪn θɻɪiː ˈæʊəz , Foɻɻest ,’ ˈʤenɪi sed .

634  
‘Why don’t youwait for me in that bar across the street?  
wɑɪ dəʊnt jʊuweɪt foː mɪiː ɪn ðæt bɑː əˈkɻɔs ðə stɻɪiːt ?

635  
Then I’ll take you to myplace.  
ðen ɑɪl teɪk jʊu tʊu mɑɪpleɪs .

636  
’ So I waited in the bar.  
’səʊ ɑɪ ˈweɪtɪd ɪn ðə bɑː .

637  
And I got into the wrestling business.  
ænd ɑɪ gɔt ˈɪntʊu ðə ˈɻeslɪŋ ˈbɪznɪs .

638  
How?  
hæʊ ?

639  
I’ll tell you.  
ɑɪl tel jʊu .

640  
It started when I arm-wrestled a man in the bar, and won somemoney on a bet.  
ɪt ˈstɑːtɪd wen ɑɪ ɑːm-ˈɻesld ə mæn ɪn ðə bɑː , ænd wʌn sʌmˈmʌnɪi ɔn ə bet .

641  
That gave me an idea.  
ðæt geɪv mɪiː ən ɑɪˈdɪə .

642  
But at first I didn’t sayanything to Jenny.  
bʌt æt fɜːst ɑɪ dɪdnt seɪˈenɪθɪŋ tʊu ˈʤenɪi .

643  
She came across to the bar after work, and we had a drink andtalked.  
ʃɪiː keɪm əˈkɻɔs tʊu ðə bɑː ˈɑːftə wɜːk , ænd wɪiː hæd ə dɻɪŋk ændtoːkt .

644  
‘I saw you on TV when you went up into space, Forrest,’ she said.  
ɑɪ soː jʊu ɔn ˌtɪiːˈvɪiː wen jʊu went ʌp ˈɪntʊu speɪs , Foɻɻest ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

645  
29It started when I arm-wrestled a man in the bar, and won some money on a bet.  
29ɪt ˈstɑːtɪd wen ɑɪ ɑːm-ˈɻesld ə mæn ɪn ðə bɑː , ænd wʌn sʌmˈmʌnɪi ɔn ə bet .

646  
And I told her all about that, and about Sue, the ape.  
ænd ɑɪ təʊld hɜː oːl əˈbæʊt ðæt , ænd əˈbæʊt sjʊu , ðɪi eɪp .

647  
‘What happened to him?  
wɔt ˈhæpənd tʊu hɪm ?

648  
’ she asked.  
’ ʃɪiː ɑːskt .

649  
‘I don’t know,’ I said.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt nəʊ ,’ ɑɪ sed .

650  
‘But he was a good friend.  
bʌt hɪiː wɔz ə gʊd fɻend .

651  
’ Later, we went back to Jenny’s flat, and she said, ‘You can stayhere.  
’ˈleɪtə , wɪiː went bæk tʊu ˈʤenɪiz flæt , ænd ʃɪiː sed , jʊu kæn steɪhɪə .

652  
’ Next day, when Jenny went to work, I went back to the bar.  
’nekst deɪ , wen ˈʤenɪi went tʊu wɜːk , ɑɪ went bæk tʊu ðə bɑː .

653  
Several people wanted to try arm-wrestling with me again, and Isaid OK.  
ˈsevɻəl ˈpɪiːpl ˈwɔntɪd tʊu tɻɑɪ ɑːm-ˈɻeslɪŋ wɪð mɪiː əˈgen , ænd ɑɪsed ˈəʊˈkeɪ .

654  
None of them won because 1 was too strong, but plenty ofpeople wanted to try their luck.  
nʌn ɔv ðem wʌn bɪˈkɔz 1 wɔz tʊu stɻɔŋ , bʌt ˈplentɪi ɔvˈpɪiːpl ˈwɔntɪd tʊu tɻɑɪ ðeə lʌk .

655  
After about a month, I was winning nearly two hundred dollars aweek, arm-wrestling.  
ˈɑːftə əˈbæʊt ə mʌnθ , ɑɪ wɔz ˈwɪnɪŋ ˈnɪəlɪi tʊu ˈhʌndɻəd ˈdɔləz eɪwɪiːk , ɑːm-ˈɻeslɪŋ .

656  
Then one day a man called Mike came intothe bar.  
ðen wʌn deɪ ə mæn koːld mɑɪk keɪm ˈɪntʊuðə bɑː .

657  
‘You can make a lot more money,’ he told me.  
jʊu kæn meɪk ə lɔt moː ˈmʌnɪi ,’ hɪiː təʊld mɪiː .

658  
‘How?  
hæʊ ?

659  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

660  
‘Wrestling.  
ˈɻeslɪŋ .

661  
Real wrestling,’ he said.  
ɻɪəl ˈɻeslɪŋ ,’ hɪiː sed .

662  
‘I can teach you.  
ɑɪ kæn tɪiːʧ jʊu .

663  
’ To make a long story short ─ he did.  
’tʊu meɪk ə lɔŋ ˈstoːɻɪi ʃoːt ─ hɪiː dɪd .

664  
Jenny wasn’t happy about the wrestling but I won a lot of money─ sometimes by winning fights, sometimes by losing them becauseMike told me to lose them.  
ˈʤenɪi wɔznt ˈhæpɪi əˈbæʊt ðə ˈɻeslɪŋ bʌt ɑɪ wʌn ə lɔt ɔv ˈmʌnɪi─ ˈsʌmtɑɪmz bɑɪ ˈwɪnɪŋ fɑɪts , ˈsʌmtɑɪmz bɑɪ ˈlʊuzɪŋ ðem bɪˈkɔzmɑɪk təʊld mɪiː tʊu lʊuz ðem .

665  
Yes, that happens, too.  
jes , ðæt ˈhæpənz , tʊu .

666  
But then I didsomething stupid again.  
bʌt ðen ɑɪ dɪdˈsʌmθɪŋ ˈsʧʊupɪd əˈgen .

667  
I bet on myself winning a fight, after Miketold me to lose it.  
ɑɪ bet ɔn mɑɪˈself ˈwɪnɪŋ ə fɑɪt , ˈɑːftə mɑɪktəʊld mɪiː tʊu lʊuz ɪt .

668  
Jenny got really angry.  
ˈʤenɪi gɔt ˈɻɪəlɪi ˈæŋgɻɪi .

669  
‘It isn’t honest,’ she said.  
ɪt ˈɪznt ˈɔnɪst ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

670  
I didn’t listen.  
ɑɪ dɪdnt ˈlɪsn .

671  
I bet all my money on myself to win ─ and then Ilost the fight.  
ɑɪ bet oːl mɑɪ ˈmʌnɪi ɔn mɑɪˈself tʊu wɪn ─ ænd ðen ɑɪlɔst ðə fɑɪt .

672  
But there was worse to come.  
bʌt ðeə wɔz wɜːs tʊu kʌm .

673  
When I got back to the flat, Jennywas gone, and there was a letter waiting for me.  
wen ɑɪ gɔt bæk tʊu ðə flæt , ˈʤenɪiwɔz gɔn , ænd ðeə wɔz ə ˈletə ˈweɪtɪŋ foː mɪiː .

674  
It said:Dear Forrest You’re doing something bad tonight.  
ɪt sed :dɪə Foɻɻestjʊə ˈdʊuɪŋ ˈsʌmθɪŋ bæd təˈnɑɪt .

675  
It isn’t honest, and I cannot go onwith you like this.  
ɪt ˈɪznt ˈɔnɪst , ænd ɑɪ ˈkænɔt gəʊ ɔnwɪð jʊu lɑɪk ðɪs .

676  
I think about having a house and a family and things likethat now.  
ɑɪ θɪŋk əˈbæʊt ˈhævɪŋ ə hæʊs ænd ə ˈfæmɪlɪi ænd θɪŋz lɑɪkðæt næʊ .

677  
I watched you grow up big and strong and good.  
ɑɪ wɔʧt jʊu gɻəʊ ʌp bɪg ænd stɻɔŋ ænd gʊd .

678  
And then, inBoston, I realized that I loved you, and I was the happiest girl in the world.  
ænd ðen , ɪnˈbɔstən , ɑɪ ˈɻɪəlɑɪzd ðæt ɑɪ lʌvd jʊu , ænd ɑɪ wɔz ðə ˈhæpɪɪst gɜːl ɪn ðə wɜːld .

679  
But then there was that girl outside the Hodaddy Club.  
bʌt ðen ðeə wɔz ðæt gɜːl ˌæʊtˈsɑɪd ðɪi Hodaddy klʌb .

680  
Then you went up 31into space and I lost you for four years, and I think you changed.  
ðen jʊu went ʌp 31ˈɪntʊu speɪs ænd ɑɪ lɔst jʊu foː foː jɪəz , ænd ɑɪ θɪŋk jʊu ʧeɪnʤd .

681  
And Ithink perhaps I changed, too.  
ænd ɑɪθɪŋk pəˈhæps ɑɪ ʧeɪnʤd , tʊu .

682  
I just want to live in an ordinary way now.  
ɑɪ ʤʌst wɔnt tʊu lɪv ɪn ən ˈoːdnɻɪi weɪ næʊ .

683  
So,I must go and find it.  
səʊ ,ɑɪ mʌst gəʊ ænd fɑɪnd ɪt .

684  
I am crying while I write this, but please don’t try to find me.  
ɑɪ æm ˈkɻɑɪɪŋ wɑɪl ɑɪ ɻɑɪt ðɪs , bʌt plɪiːz dəʊnt tɻɑɪ tʊu fɑɪnd mɪiː .

685  
Goodbye,my dear.  
gʊdˈbɑɪ ,mɑɪ dɪə .

686  
love, JennyAnd for the first time ever, I knew that I was a real idiot.  
lʌv ,ˈʤenɪiænd foː ðə fɜːst tɑɪm ˈevə , ɑɪ njʊu ðæt ɑɪ wɔz ə ɻɪəl ˈɪdɪət .

687  
Chapter 10 Money for Playing GamesI decided to go home to Mobile, but the bus stopped at Nashvilleon the way and I went into town for a drink and something to eat.  
ˈʧæptə 10 ˈmʌnɪi foː ˈpleɪɪŋ geɪmzɑɪ dɪˈsɑɪdɪd tʊu gəʊ həʊm tʊu ˈməʊbɑɪl , bʌt ðə bʌs stɔpt æt Nashvɪilleɔn ðə weɪ ænd ɑɪ went ˈɪntʊu tæʊn foː ə dɻɪŋk ænd səʊˈmeθɪŋ tʊu ɪiːt .

688  
Iwas going past a hotel when I looked in the window and saw somepeople who were playing chess.  
ɑɪwɔz ˈgəʊɪŋ pɑːst ə həʊˈtel wen ɑɪ lʊkt ɪn ðə ˈwɪndəʊ ænd soː sʌmˈpɪiːpl hʊu wɜː ˈpleɪɪŋ ʧes .

689  
Like I said before, Big Sam taughtme how to play chess when I was in the jungle.  
lɑɪk ɑɪ sed bɪˈfoː , bɪg sæm toːtmɪiː hæʊ tʊu pleɪ ʧes wen ɑɪ wɔz ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl .

690  
Well, I went into thehotel to watch them, but it was a special chess tournament and itcost five dollars to watch, so I didn’t go into the chess room.  
wel , ɑɪ went ˈɪntʊu ðɪiːhəʊˈtel tʊu wɔʧ ðem , bʌt ɪt wɔz ə ˈspeʃəl ʧes ˈtʊənəmənt ænd ɪtkɔst fɑɪv ˈdɔləz tʊu wɔʧ , səʊ ɑɪ dɪdnt gəʊ ˈɪntʊu ðə ʧes ɻʊum .

691  
I was just walking out again when I saw a little old man who wasplaying chess with himself at a table near the door.  
ɑɪ wɔz ʤʌst ˈwoːkɪŋ æʊt əˈgen wen ɑɪ soː ə ˈlɪtl əʊld mæn hʊu wɔzˈpleɪɪŋ ʧes wɪð hɪmˈself æt ə ˈteɪbl nɪə ðə doː .

692  
I had anotherhour before I had to catch the bus again, so I went across andwatched him.  
ɑɪ hæd əˈnʌðəˈæʊə bɪˈfoː ɑɪ hæd tʊu kæʧ ðə bʌs əˈgen , səʊ ɑɪ went əˈkɻɔs ændwɔʧt hɪm .

693  
Then I said, ‘If you make that move, you’ll lose yourqueen.  
ðen ɑɪ sed , ɪf jʊu meɪk ðæt mʊuv , jʊul lʊuz joːkwɪiːn .

694  
’ He didn’t look up but, after a minute, he said, ‘Perhaps you’reright.  
’hɪiː dɪdnt lʊk ʌp bʌt , ˈɑːftə ə ˈmɪnɪt , hɪiː sed , pəˈhæps jʊəɻɑɪt .

695  
’ It was time for me to get back to the bus station, but when Istarted to leave, the old man said, ‘Why don’t you sit down andfinish this game with me?  
’ɪt wɔz tɑɪm foː mɪiː tʊu get bæk tʊu ðə bʌs ˈsteɪʃən , bʌt wen ɑɪˈstɑːtɪd tʊu lɪiːv , ðɪi əʊld mæn sed , wɑɪ dəʊnt jʊu sɪt dæʊn ændˈfɪnɪʃ ðɪs geɪm wɪð mɪiː ?

696  
’ ‘I can’t,’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ kɑːnt ,’ ɑɪ sed .

697  
‘I have to catch a bus.  
ɑɪ hæv tʊu kæʧ ə bʌs .

698  
’ So he waved at me with his hand, and I went back to the busstation.  
’səʊ hɪiː weɪvd æt mɪiː wɪð hɪz hænd , ænd ɑɪ went bæk tʊu ðə bʌsˈsteɪʃən .

699  
32 It took me an hour to win that chess game.  
32ɪt tʊk mɪiː ən ˈæʊə tʊu wɪn ðæt ʧes geɪm .

700  
But I missed the bus that evening, and there wasn’t another oneuntil the next day.  
bʌt ɑɪ mɪst ðə bʌs ðæt ˈɪiːvnɪŋ , ænd ðeə wɔznt əˈnʌðə wʌnənˈtɪl ðə nekst deɪ .

701  
So I walked back to the hotel, and there was thelittle old man, still playing against himself.  
səʊ ɑɪ woːkt bæk tʊu ðə həʊˈtel , ænd ðeə wɔz ðɪiːˈlɪtl əʊld mæn , stɪl ˈpleɪɪŋ əˈgenst hɪmˈself .

702  
He looked up and sawme, and told me to sit down.  
hɪiː lʊkt ʌp ænd soːmɪiː , ænd təʊld mɪiː tʊu sɪt dæʊn .

703  
It took me an hour to win that chess game.  
ɪt tʊk mɪiː ən ˈæʊə tʊu wɪn ðæt ʧes geɪm .

704  
‘Just who are you?  
ʤʌst hʊu ɑː jʊu ?

705  
’ he said after the game.  
’ hɪiː sed ˈɑːftə ðə geɪm .

706  
‘Forrest Gump,’ I said.  
'Foɻɻest Gump ,’ ɑɪ sed .

707  
‘Where did you learn to play chess?  
weə dɪd jʊu lɜːn tʊu pleɪ ʧes ?

708  
’ he asked.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt .

709  
‘In the jungle,’ I told him.  
ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl ,’ ɑɪ təʊld hɪm .

710  
He looked surprised.  
hɪiː lʊkt səˈpɻɑɪzd .

711  
‘Aren’t you in the tournament?  
ɑːnt jʊu ɪn ðə ˈtʊənəmənt ?

712  
’ he asked.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt .

713  
‘No,’ I told him.  
nəʊ ,’ ɑɪ təʊld hɪm .

714  
‘I’m going home, and I’m going to start ashrimp business.  
ɑɪm ˈgəʊɪŋ həʊm , ænd ɑɪm ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu stɑːt eɪʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs .

715  
’ ‘You can make a lot of money from chess,’ he said.  
’ jʊu kæn meɪk ə lɔt ɔv ˈmʌnɪi fɻɔm ʧes ,’ hɪiː sed .

716  
‘You’re verygood.  
jʊə ˈveɻɪigʊd .

717  
’ ‘Am I?  
’ æm ɑɪ ?

718  
’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ sed .

719  
33 The old man’s name was Mr Tribble.  
33ðɪi əʊld mænz neɪm wɔz M Tɻɪibble .

720  
Two days later we were onour way to Los Angeles, to a big chess tournament.  
tʊu deɪz ˈleɪtə wɪiː wɜː ɔnˈæʊə weɪ tʊu Los ˈeɪnʤəlz , tʊu ə bɪg ʧes ˈtʊənəmənt .

721  
♦We were a day or two early for the tournament, and Mr Tribbletook me to see some people who were making a film.  
♦wɪiː wɜː ə deɪ oː tʊu ˈɜːlɪi foː ðə ˈtʊənəmənt , ænd M Tɻɪibbletʊk mɪiː tʊu sɪiː sʌm ˈpɪiːpl hʊu wɜː ˈmeɪkɪŋ ə fɪlm .

722  
They make alot of films in Los Angeles.  
ðeɪ meɪk eɪlɔt ɔv fɪlmz ɪn Los ˈeɪnʤəlz .

723  
We were watching a man who was crash-ing through a window in a film fight, when a man walked over to us.  
wɪiː wɜː ˈwɔʧɪŋ ə mæn hʊu wɔz kɻæʃ-ɪing θɻʊu ə ˈwɪndəʊ ɪn ə fɪlm fɑɪt , wen ə mæn woːkt ˈəʊvə tʊu ʌs .

724  
‘Are you an actor?  
ɑː jʊu ən ˈæktə ?

725  
’ he asked me.  
’ hɪiː ɑːskt mɪiː .

726  
‘Who, me?  
hʊu , mɪiː ?

727  
’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ sed .

728  
‘We’re here for the chess tournament,’ said Mr Tribble.  
wɪə hɪə foː ðə ʧes ˈtʊənəmənt ,’ sed M Tɻɪibble .

729  
But the other man was looking at me.  
bʌt ðɪi ˈʌðə mæn wɔz ˈlʊkɪŋ æt mɪiː .

730  
‘You are a big, strong man,aren’t you?  
jʊu ɑː ə bɪg , stɻɔŋ mæn ,ɑːnt jʊu ?

731  
’ he said.  
’ hɪiː sed .

732  
‘You’re just what I need for a film that I’mmaking.  
jʊə ʤʌst wɔt ɑɪ nɪiːd foː ə fɪlm ðæt ɑɪmˈmeɪkɪŋ .

733  
My name is Felder.  
mɑɪ neɪm ɪz Felde .

734  
’ ‘He has to play chess in a tournament tomorrow,’ said MrTribble.  
’ hɪiː hæz tʊu pleɪ ʧes ɪn ə ˈtʊənəmənt təˈmɔɻəʊ ,’ sed MɻTɻɪibble .

735  
‘He hasn’t got time to be an actor.  
hɪiː ˈhæznt gɔt tɑɪm tʊu bɪiː ən ˈæktə .

736  
’ ‘It won’t take long,’ said Mr Felder.  
’ ɪt wəʊnt teɪk lɔŋ ,’ sed M Felde .

737  
So we went with Mr Felder, and I found myself acting in a filmabout the jungle ─ with Raquel Welch, the famous film star!  
səʊ wɪiː went wɪð M Felde , ænd ɑɪ fæʊnd mɑɪˈself ˈæktɪŋ ɪn ə fɪlməˈbæʊt ðə ˈʤʌŋgl ─ wɪð Raquel welʃ , ðə ˈfeɪməs fɪlm stɑː !

738  
‘Is that really Raquel Welch?  
ɪz ðæt ˈɻɪəlɪi Raquel welʃ ?

739  
’ I asked Mr Felder.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt M Felde .

740  
But things did not go well.  
bʌt θɪŋz dɪd nɔt gəʊ wel .

741  
Somehow, when I was helping MissWelch to escape from the jungle, her dress came off and I had to runinto the trees to hide her.  
ˈsʌmhæʊ , wen ɑɪ wɔz ˈhelpɪŋ mɪswelʃ tʊu ɪsˈkeɪp fɻɔm ðə ˈʤʌŋgl , hɜː dɻes keɪm ɔf ænd ɑɪ hæd tʊu ɻʌnˈɪntʊu ðə tɻɪiːz tʊu hɑɪd hɜː .

742  
But who do you think we met there?  
bʌt hʊu dʊu jʊu θɪŋk wɪiː met ðeə ?

743  
Sue,the ape!  
sjʊu ,ðɪi eɪp !

744  
He was in another film!  
hɪiː wɔz ɪn əˈnʌðə fɪlm !

745  
The three of us ran out of there fast, and Miss Welch shouted andscreamed.  
ðə θɻɪiː ɔv ʌs ɻæn æʊt ɔv ðeə fɑːst , ænd mɪs welʃ ˈʃæʊtɪd ændskɻɪiːmd .

746  
No, things didn’t go very well.  
nəʊ , θɪŋz dɪdnt gəʊ ˈveɻɪi wel .

747  
I wasn’t an actor for very long.  
ɑɪ wɔznt ən ˈæktə foː ˈveɻɪi lɔŋ .

748  
I think Mr Tribble was secretly pleased.  
ɑɪ θɪŋk M Tɻɪibble wɔz ˈsɪiːkɻɪtlɪi plɪiːzd .

749  
I was pleased because I was back with Sue again.  
ɑɪ wɔz plɪiːzd bɪˈkɔz ɑɪ wɔz bæk wɪð sjʊu əˈgen .

750  
♦Back at our hotel, the three of us sat in our room and tried to decidewhat to do.  
♦bæk æt ˈæʊə həʊˈtel , ðə θɻɪiː ɔv ʌs sæt ɪn ˈæʊə ɻʊum ænd tɻɑɪd tʊu dɪˈsɑɪdwɔt tʊu dʊu .

751  
‘It’s going to be difficult travelling with an ape,’ said Mr Tribble.  
ɪts ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu bɪiː ˈdɪfɪkəlt ˈtɻævlɪŋ wɪð ən eɪp ,’ sed M Tɻɪibble .

752  
34 ‘He won’t be any trouble, Mr Tribble,’ I said.  
34 hɪiː wəʊnt bɪiː ˈenɪi ˈtɻʌbl , M Tɻɪibble ,’ ɑɪ sed .

753  
But Mr Tribble seemed worried.  
bʌt M Tɻɪibble sɪiːmd ˈwʌɻɪid .

754  
Next day was the big chess tournament at the Beverly Hills Hotel.  
nekst deɪ wɔz ðə bɪg ʧes ˈtʊənəmənt æt ðə ˈbevəlɪi hɪlz həʊˈtel .

755  
Mr Tribble and I got there early, and I had to play chess all day.  
M Tɻɪibble ænd ɑɪ gɔt ðeə ˈɜːlɪi , ænd ɑɪ hæd tʊu pleɪ ʧes oːl deɪ .

756  
It took me about seven minutes to win the first game, and half anhour to win the next.  
ɪt tʊk mɪiː əˈbæʊt ˈsevn ˈmɪnɪts tʊu wɪn ðə fɜːst geɪm , ænd hɑːf ænˈæʊə tʊu wɪn ðə nekst .

757  
I played all that day, and the next.  
ɑɪ pleɪd oːl ðæt deɪ , ænd ðə nekst .

758  
Andsuddenly I was in the final, playing with a Russian, Honest Ivan, thebest player in the world.  
ændˈsʌdnlɪi ɑɪ wɔz ɪn ðə ˈfɑɪnl , ˈpleɪɪŋ wɪð ə ˈɻʌʃn , ˈɔnɪst ˈɑɪvən , ðɪiːbest ˈpleɪə ɪn ðə wɜːld .

759  
He was a big man, with long black hair, andhe didn’t want to lose!  
hɪiː wɔz ə bɪg mæn , wɪð lɔŋ blæk heə , ændhɪiː dɪdnt wɔnt tʊu lʊuz !

760  
It was a long game.  
ɪt wɔz ə lɔŋ geɪm .

761  
Honest Ivan was good ─ very good.  
ˈɔnɪst ˈɑɪvən wɔz gʊd ─ ˈveɻɪi gʊd .

762  
But justwhen Honest Ivan seemed to be winning, Sue ran across the room andjumped onto the chess table!  
bʌt ʤʌstwen ˈɔnɪst ˈɑɪvən sɪiːmd tʊu bɪiː ˈwɪnɪŋ , sjʊu ɻæn əˈkɻɔs ðə ɻʊum ændʤʌmpt ˈɔntʊ ðə ʧes ˈteɪbl !

763  
Honest Ivan fell off his chair, and everybody started screamingand running everywhere.  
ˈɔnɪst ˈɑɪvən fel ɔf hɪz ʧeə , ænd ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi ˈstɑːtɪd ˈskɻɪiːmɪŋænd ˈɻʌnɪŋ ˈevɻɪweə .

764  
‘Let’s get out of here, Forrest!  
lets get æʊt ɔv hɪə , Foɻɻest !

765  
’ shoutedMr Tribble.  
’ ˈʃæʊtɪdM Tɻɪibble .

766  
We got back to the hotel and hurried up to our room.  
wɪiː gɔt bæk tʊu ðə həʊˈtel ænd ˈhʌɻɪd ʌp tʊu ˈæʊə ɻʊum .

767  
‘Forrest,’ said Mr Tribble, ‘You’re a wonderful chess player, but Inever know what’s going to happen next!  
'Foɻɻest ,’ sed M Tɻɪibble , jʊə ə ˈwʌndəfʊl ʧes ˈpleɪə , bʌt ɑɪˈnevə nəʊ wɔts ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu ˈhæpən nekst !

768  
Here’s half of the moneythat you’ve won ─ it’s almost five thousand dollars.  
hɪəz hɑːf ɔv ðə ˈmʌnɪiðæt jʊuv wʌn ─ ɪts ˈoːlməʊst fɑɪv ˈθæʊzənd ˈdɔləz .

769  
Take Sue backto Alabama with you, and start your shrimp business.  
teɪk sjʊu bæktʊu ˌæləˈbæmə wɪð jʊu , ænd stɑːt joː ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs .

770  
’ He shook myhand and gave me his address.  
’ hɪiː ʃʊk mɑɪhænd ænd geɪv mɪiː hɪz əˈdɻes .

771  
‘Write to me sometimes, Forrest.  
ɻɑɪt tʊu mɪiː ˈsʌmtɑɪmz , Foɻɻest .

772  
Good luck!  
gʊd lʌk !

773  
’ Chapter 11 The Shrimp BusinessWell, I finally went home to Mobile again.  
’ˈʧæptə 11 ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪswel , ɑɪ ˈfɑɪnəlɪi went həʊm tʊu ˈməʊbɑɪl əˈgen .

774  
The train got intoMobile station about three o’clock in the morning, and Sue and Igot off.  
ðə tɻeɪn gɔt ˈɪntʊuˈməʊbɑɪl ˈsteɪʃən əˈbæʊt θɻɪiː əˈklɔk ɪn ðə ˈmoːnɪŋ , ænd sjʊu ænd ɑɪgɔt ɔf .

775  
We walked into the town and finally found a place to sleepin an empty building.  
wɪiː woːkt ˈɪntʊu ðə tæʊn ænd ˈfɑɪnəlɪi fæʊnd ə placɪiː tʊu slɪiːpɪn ən ˈemptɪi ˈbɪldɪŋ .

776  
The next morning I bought some breakfast and got Sue somebananas to eat.  
ðə nekst ˈmoːnɪŋ ɑɪ boːt sʌm ˈbɻekfəst ænd gɔt sjʊu sʌmbəˈnɑːnəz tʊu ɪiːt .

777  
Then we went to see Mom.  
ðen wɪiː went tʊu sɪiː mɔm .

778  
She was pleased to seeme.  
ʃɪiː wɔz plɪiːzd tʊu sɪiːmɪiː .

779  
35Sue ran across the room and jumped onto the chess table!  
35sjʊu ɻæn əˈkɻɔs ðə ɻʊum ænd ʤʌmpt ˈɔntʊ ðə ʧes ˈteɪbl !

780  
‘Oh, Forrest,’ she said, ‘you’re home at last!  
əʊ , Foɻɻest ,’ ʃɪiː sed , jʊə həʊm æt lɑːst !

781  
’ ‘Yes, Mom,’ I said.  
’ jes , mɔm ,’ ɑɪ sed .

782  
But I didn’t stay long.  
bʌt ɑɪ dɪdnt steɪ lɔŋ .

783  
Two days later, Sue and I got the bus toBayou La Batre, where Bubba’s parents lived, and I explained toBubba’s daddy about the shrimp business that Bubba and I plannedto start after we came out of the army.  
tʊu deɪz ˈleɪtə , sjʊu ænd ɑɪ gɔt ðə bʌs tʊuˈbɑɪʊu lɑː Batɻe , weə Bubba's ˈpeəɻənts lɪvd , ænd ɑɪ ɪksˈpleɪnd tʊuBubba's ˈdædɪi əˈbæʊt ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs ðæt Bubba ænd ɑɪ plændtʊu stɑːt ˈɑːftə wɪiː keɪm æʊt ɔv ðɪi ˈɑːmɪi .

784  
He listened, and he was veryinterested.  
hɪiː ˈlɪsnd , ænd hɪiː wɔz ˈveɻɪiˈɪntɻɪstɪd .

785  
And the next day he took Sue and me out in his littleboat, to look for a good place to start the shrimp business.  
ænd ðə nekst deɪ hɪiː tʊk sjʊu ænd mɪiː æʊt ɪn hɪz ˈlɪtlbəʊt , tʊu lʊk foː ə gʊd pleɪs tʊu stɑːt ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs .

786  
It took almost a month to start things up ─ to get nets, and a boat,and everything.  
ɪt tʊk ˈoːlməʊst ə mʌnθ tʊu stɑːt θɪŋz ʌp ─ tʊu get nets , ænd ə bəʊt ,ænd ˈevɻɪθɪŋ .

787  
Finally the day came when Sue and I were ready togo shrimping.  
ˈfɑɪnəlɪi ðə deɪ keɪm wen sjʊu ænd ɑɪ wɜː ˈɻedɪi tʊugəʊ ˈʃɻɪmpɪŋ .

788  
And by that night we had hundreds and hundreds ofshrimps in our nets!  
ænd bɑɪ ðæt nɑɪt wɪiː hæd ˈhʌndɻədz ænd ˈhʌndɻədz ɔvʃɻɪmps ɪn ˈæʊə nets !

789  
It was the beginning of my shrimp business.  
ɪt wɔz ðə bɪˈgɪnɪŋ ɔv mɑɪ ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs .

790  
We worked hard, allthat summer, and that autumn and winter and the next spring.  
wɪiː wɜːkt hɑːd , oːlðæt ˈsʌmə , ænd ðæt ˈoːtəm ænd ˈwɪntə ænd ðə nekst spɻɪŋ .

791  
Andafter a year, Mom was working for me, and Mr Tribble, and Curtis(my old football friend), and Bubba’s daddy.  
ændˈɑːftə ə jɪə , mɔm wɔz ˈwɜːkɪŋ foː mɪiː , ænd M Tɻɪibble , ænd Cuɻtɪis(mɑɪ əʊld ˈfʊtboːl fɻend) , ænd Bubba's ˈdædɪi .

792  
At the end of that year, we had thirty thousand dollars!  
æt ðɪi end ɔv ðæt jɪə , wɪiː hæd ˈθɜːtɪi ˈθæʊzənd ˈdɔləz !

793  
Everybody was very happy.  
ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi wɔz ˈveɻɪi ˈhæpɪi .

794  
But me?  
bʌt mɪiː ?

795  
I was chinking of Jenny, ofcourse.  
ɑɪ wɔz ˈʧɪŋkɪŋ ɔv ˈʤenɪi , ɔvkoːs .

796  
I wanted to find her again.  
ɑɪ ˈwɔntɪd tʊu fɑɪnd hɜː əˈgen .

797  
And one day I dressed in my bestclothes and got the bus to Mobile, and I went to Jenny’s Mom’shouse.  
ænd wʌn deɪ ɑɪ dɻest ɪn mɑɪ bestkləʊðz ænd gɔt ðə bʌs tʊu ˈməʊbɑɪl , ænd ɑɪ went tʊu ˈʤenɪiz mɔmzhæʊs .

798  
‘Forrest Gump!  
'Foɻɻest Gump !

799  
’ she said, when she saw me.  
’ ʃɪiː sed , wen ʃɪiː soː mɪiː .

800  
‘Come on in!  
kʌm ɔn ɪn !

801  
’ Well, we talked about Mom and the shrimp business and every-thing.  
’wel , wɪiː toːkt əˈbæʊt mɔm ænd ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs ænd ˈevɻɪi-θɪŋ .

802  
Then I asked about Jenny.  
ðen ɑɪ ɑːskt əˈbæʊt ˈʤenɪi .

803  
‘I don’t hear from her very often,’ she said.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt hɪə fɻɔm hɜː ˈveɻɪi ˈɔfn ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

804  
‘I think they livesomewhere in North Carolina now.  
ɑɪ θɪŋk ðeɪ lɪvˈsʌmweə ɪn noːθ kæɻəˈlɑɪnə næʊ .

805  
’ ‘They?  
’ ðeɪ ?

806  
’ I said.  
’ ɑɪ sed .

807  
Didn’t you know?  
dɪdnt jʊu nəʊ ?

808  
’ she said.  
’ ʃɪiː sed .

809  
‘Jenny married two years ago; ♦Why wasn’t I ready for that news?  
ˈʤenɪi ˈmæɻɪd tʊu jɪəz əˈgəʊ ; ♦wɑɪ wɔznt ɑɪ ˈɻedɪi foː ðæt njʊuz ?

810  
I don’t know, but I wasn’t.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt nəʊ , bʌt ɑɪ wɔznt .

811  
Andpart of me seemed to die when I heard it.  
ændpɑːt ɔv mɪiː sɪiːmd tʊu dɑɪ wen ɑɪ hɜːd ɪt .

812  
But Jenny only did whatshe had to do.  
bʌt ˈʤenɪi ˈəʊnlɪi dɪd wɔtʃɪiː hæd tʊu dʊu .

813  
Because I’m an idiot.  
bɪˈkɔz ɑɪm ən ˈɪdɪət .

814  
A lot of people say that they 37married an idiot, but they don’t know what it’s like to marry a realone.  
ə lɔt ɔv ˈpɪiːpl seɪ ðæt ðeɪ 37ˈmæɻɪd ən ˈɪdɪət , bʌt ðeɪ dəʊnt nəʊ wɔt ɪts lɑɪk tʊu ˈmæɻɪi ə ɻɪəlwʌn .

815  
I cried that night, but it didn’t help.  
ɑɪ kɻɑɪd ðæt nɑɪt , bʌt ɪt dɪdnt help .

816  
‘I’m just going to work hard,’ I told myself.  
ɑɪm ʤʌst ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu wɜːk hɑːd ,’ ɑɪ təʊld mɑɪˈself .

817  
‘It’s all I can do.  
ɪts oːl ɑɪ kæn dʊu .

818  
’ And I did.  
’ænd ɑɪ dɪd .

819  
And at the end of that year we had seventy-fivethousand dollars.  
ænd æt ðɪi end ɔv ðæt jɪə wɪiː hæd ˈsevntɪi-fɑɪvˈθæʊzənd ˈdɔləz .

820  
♦Time went on.  
♦tɑɪm went ɔn .

821  
I looked in the mirror and saw lines on my face andgrey in my hair.  
ɑɪ lʊkt ɪn ðə ˈmɪɻə ænd soː lɑɪnz ɔn mɑɪ feɪs ændgɻeɪ ɪn mɑɪ heə .

822  
The business was doing well, but I asked myself,‘What are you doing all this for?  
ðə ˈbɪznɪs wɔz ˈdʊuɪŋ wel , bʌt ɑɪ ɑːskt mɑɪˈself ,wɔt ɑː jʊu ˈdʊuɪŋ oːl ðɪs foː ?

823  
’ And I knew that I had to get away.  
’ ænd ɑɪ njʊu ðæt ɑɪ hæd tʊu get əˈweɪ .

824  
Mr Tribble understood.  
M Tɻɪibble ˌʌndəˈstʊd .

825  
‘Why don’t you tell everybody thatyou’re taking a long holiday, Forrest?  
wɑɪ dəʊnt jʊu tel ˈevɻɪbɔdɪi ðætjʊə ˈteɪkɪŋ ə lɔŋ ˈhɔlədeɪ , Foɻɻest ?

826  
’ he said.  
’ hɪiː sed .

827  
‘The business will behere when you want it again.  
ðə ˈbɪznɪs wɪl bɪiːhɪə wen jʊu wɔnt ɪt əˈgen .

828  
’ So I did.  
’səʊ ɑɪ dɪd .

829  
Sue came with me, and we went to the bus station.  
sjʊu keɪm wɪð mɪiː , ænd wɪiː went tʊu ðə bʌs ˈsteɪʃən .

830  
‘Where do you want to go?  
weə dʊu jʊu wɔnt tʊu gəʊ ?

831  
’ the woman in the ticket office asked.  
’ ðə ˈwʊmən ɪn ðə ˈtɪkɪt ˈɔfɪs ɑːskt .

832  
‘I don’t know,’ I said.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt nəʊ ,’ ɑɪ sed .

833  
‘Why don’t you go to Savannah?  
wɑɪ dəʊnt jʊu gəʊ tʊu səˈvænə ?

834  
’ she said.  
’ ʃɪiː sed .

835  
‘It’s a nice town.  
ɪts ə nɑɪs tæʊn .

836  
’ ‘OK,’ I said.  
’ ˈəʊˈkeɪ ,’ ɑɪ sed .

837  
Chapter 12 Little ForrestSue and I got off the bus at Savannah, then I went and got a cup ofcoffee and sat outside the bus station.  
ˈʧæptə 12 ˈlɪtl Foɻɻestsjʊu ænd ɑɪ gɔt ɔf ðə bʌs æt səˈvænə , ðen ɑɪ went ænd gɔt ə kʌp ɔvˈkɔfɪi ænd sæt ˌæʊtˈsɑɪd ðə bʌs ˈsteɪʃən .

838  
What could I do next?  
wɔt kʊd ɑɪ dʊu nekst ?

839  
I didn’tknow.  
ɑɪ dɪdntnəʊ .

840  
So after I finished my cup of coffee, I took out my harmonicaand began to play.  
səʊ ˈɑːftə ɑɪ ˈfɪnɪʃt mɑɪ kʌp ɔv ˈkɔfɪi , ɑɪ tʊk æʊt mɑɪ hɑːˈmɔnɪkəænd bɪˈgæn tʊu pleɪ .

841  
I played two songs ─ and a man walked past andthrew some money into my empty coffee cup!  
ɑɪ pleɪd tʊu sɔŋz ─ ænd ə mæn woːkt pɑːst ændθɻʊu sʌm ˈmʌnɪi ˈɪntʊu mɑɪ ˈemptɪi ˈkɔfɪi kʌp !

842  
I played two moresongs, and soon the cup was half full of money!  
ɑɪ pleɪd tʊu moːsɔŋz , ænd sʊun ðə kʌp wɔz hɑːf fʊl ɔv ˈmʌnɪi !

843  
By the end of the next week, we were getting ten dollars a day.  
bɑɪ ðɪi end ɔv ðə nekst wɪiːk , wɪiː wɜː ˈgetɪŋ ten ˈdɔləz ə deɪ .

844  
Then, one afternoon when I was playing to some people in thepark, I noticed that a little boy was watching me carefully.  
ðen , wʌn ˈɑːftəˈnʊun wen ɑɪ wɔz ˈpleɪɪŋ tʊu sʌm ˈpɪiːpl ɪn ðɪiːpɑːk , ɑɪ ˈnəʊtɪst ðæt ə ˈlɪtl bɔɪ wɔz ˈwɔʧɪŋ mɪiː ˈkeəflɪi .

845  
Then Ilooked up and saw a woman who was standing near him.  
ðen ɑɪlʊkt ʌp ænd soː ə ˈwʊmən hʊu wɔz ˈstændɪŋ nɪə hɪm .

846  
It was Jenny Curran.  
ɪt wɔz ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan .

847  
Her hair was different, and she looked a bit older, and a bit 38Then I looked up and saw a woman who was standing near the boy.  
hɜː heə wɔz ˈdɪfɻənt , ænd ʃɪiː lʊkt ə bɪt ˈəʊldə , ænd ə bɪt 38ðen ɑɪ lʊkt ʌp ænd soː ə ˈwʊmən hʊu wɔz ˈstændɪŋ nɪə ðə bɔɪ .

848  
It was Jenny Curran.  
ɪt wɔz ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan .

849  
tired, but it was her all right.  
ˈtɑɪəd , bʌt ɪt wɔz hɜː oːl ɻɑɪt .

850  
And when I finished playing, she heldthe little boy’s hand and came across.  
ænd wen ɑɪ ˈfɪnɪʃt ˈpleɪɪŋ , ʃɪiː heldðə ˈlɪtl bɔɪz hænd ænd keɪm əˈkɻɔs .

851  
She was smiling.  
ʃɪiː wɔz ˈsmɑɪlɪŋ .

852  
‘Oh, Forrest, I knew it was you when I heardthat harmonica.  
əʊ , Foɻɻest , ɑɪ njʊu ɪt wɔz jʊu wen ɑɪ hɜːdðæt hɑːˈmɔnɪkə .

853  
Nobody plays the harmonica like you do.  
ˈnəʊbədɪi pleɪz ðə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə lɑɪk jʊu dʊu .

854  
’ ‘What are you doing here?  
’ wɔt ɑː jʊu ˈdʊuɪŋ hɪə ?

855  
’ I asked her.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt hɜː .

856  
‘We live here now,’ she said.  
wɪiː lɪv hɪə næʊ ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

857  
‘Donald works in a business here inSavannah.  
ˈdɔnəld wɜːks ɪn ə ˈbɪznɪs hɪə ɪnsəˈvænə .

858  
We came here about three years ago.  
wɪiː keɪm hɪə əˈbæʊt θɻɪiː jɪəz əˈgəʊ .

859  
’ When I stopped playing, the rest of the people walkedaway.  
’wen ɑɪ stɔpt ˈpleɪɪŋ , ðə ɻest ɔv ðə ˈpɪiːpl woːktəˈweɪ .

860  
Jenny sat next to me while the little boy started playing withSue.  
ˈʤenɪi sæt nekst tʊu mɪiː wɑɪl ðə ˈlɪtl bɔɪ ˈstɑːtɪd ˈpleɪɪŋ wɪðsjʊu .

861  
‘Why are you playing your harmonica in the park?  
wɑɪ ɑː jʊu ˈpleɪɪŋ joː hɑːˈmɔnɪkə ɪn ðə pɑːk ?

862  
’ asked Jenny.  
’ ɑːskt ˈʤenɪi .

863  
‘Mom wrote and told me about your shrimp business, and how richyou were.  
mɔm ɻəʊt ænd təʊld mɪiː əˈbæʊt joː ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs , ænd hæʊ ɻɪʧjʊu wɜː .

864  
’ ‘It’s a long story,’ I said.  
’ ɪts ə lɔŋ ˈstoːɻɪi ,’ ɑɪ sed .

865  
‘Is that your little boy?  
ɪz ðæt joː ˈlɪtl bɔɪ ?

866  
’ ‘Yes,’ she said.  
’ jes ,’ ʃɪiː sed .

867  
‘What do you call him?  
wɔt dʊu jʊu koːl hɪm ?

868  
’ ‘His name is Forrest,’ she said quietly.  
’ hɪz neɪm ɪz Foɻɻest ,’ ʃɪiː sed ˈkwɑɪətlɪi .

869  
Then she went on, ‘He’shalf yours.  
ðen ʃɪiː went ɔn , hɪiːzhɑːf joːz .

870  
He’s your son, Forrest.  
hɪiːz joː sʌn , Foɻɻest .

871  
’ I looked at the boy, who was still playing with Sue.  
’ɑɪ lʊkt æt ðə bɔɪ , hʊu wɔz stɪl ˈpleɪɪŋ wɪð sjʊu .

872  
‘My .  
mɑɪ .

873  
.  
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874  
.  
.

875  
son?  
sʌn ?

876  
’ ‘I knew that a baby was on the way when I left Indianapolis,’ saidJenny, ‘but I didn’t want to say anything.  
’ ɑɪ njʊu ðæt ə ˈbeɪbɪi wɔz ɔn ðə weɪ wen ɑɪ left Indɪianapolɪis ,’ sedˈʤenɪi , bʌt ɑɪ dɪdnt wɔnt tʊu seɪ ˈenɪθɪŋ .

877  
I don’t know why.  
ɑɪ dəʊnt nəʊ wɑɪ .

878  
I wasworried that perhaps ─’ ‘Perhaps he would be an idiot,’ I finished for her.  
ɑɪ wɔzˈwʌɻɪid ðæt pəˈhæps ─’ pəˈhæps hɪiː wʊd bɪiː ən ˈɪdɪət ,’ ɑɪ ˈfɪnɪʃt foː hɜː .

879  
‘Yes.  
jes .

880  
But Forrest, he’s not an idiot, he’s really clever.  
bʌt Foɻɻest , hɪiːz nɔt ən ˈɪdɪət , hɪiːz ˈɻɪəlɪi ˈklevə .

881  
’ ‘Are you sure that he’s mine?  
’ ɑː jʊu ʃʊə ðæt hɪiːz mɑɪn ?

882  
’ I asked.  
’ ɑɪ ɑːskt .

883  
‘I’m sure,’ said Jenny.  
ɑɪm ʃʊə ,’ sed ˈʤenɪi .

884  
‘He wants to be a football player.  
hɪiː wɔnts tʊu bɪiː ə ˈfʊtboːl ˈpleɪə .

885  
’ I looked at the boy.  
’ɑɪ lʊkt æt ðə bɔɪ .

886  
‘Can I see him for a minute or two?  
kæn ɑɪ sɪiː hɪm foː ə ˈmɪnɪt oː tʊu ?

887  
’ ‘Of course,’ said Jenny, and she called to him.  
’ ɔv koːs ,’ sed ˈʤenɪi , ænd ʃɪiː koːld tʊu hɪm .

888  
‘Forrest, I want youto meet another Forrest.  
'Foɻɻest , ɑɪ wɔnt jʊutʊu mɪiːt əˈnʌðə Foɻɻest .

889  
He’s an old friend of mine.  
hɪiːz ən əʊld fɻend ɔv mɑɪn .

890  
’ The boy came and sat down.  
’ðə bɔɪ keɪm ænd sæt dæʊn .

891  
‘What a funny animal you’ve got,’he said.  
wɔt ə ˈfʌnɪi ˈænɪməl jʊuv gɔt ,’hɪiː sed .

892  
‘He’s an ape,’ I said.  
hɪiːz ən eɪp ,’ ɑɪ sed .

893  
‘His name is Sue.  
hɪz neɪm ɪz sjʊu .

894  
’ ‘Why is it called Sue if it’s a he?  
’ wɑɪ ɪz ɪt koːld sjʊu ɪf ɪts ə hɪiː ?

895  
’ 40 I knew then that I didn’t have an idiot for a son.  
’ 40ɑɪ njʊu ðen ðæt ɑɪ dɪdnt hæv ən ˈɪdɪət foː ə sʌn .

896  
‘Your Mom tellsme that you want to be a football player.  
joː mɔm telzmɪiː ðæt jʊu wɔnt tʊu bɪiː ə ˈfʊtboːl ˈpleɪə .

897  
’ ‘Yes,’ he said.  
’ jes ,’ hɪiː sed .

898  
‘Do you know anything about football?  
dʊu jʊu nəʊ ˈenɪθɪŋ əˈbæʊt ˈfʊtboːl ?

899  
’ ‘A bit,’ I said.  
’ ə bɪt ,’ ɑɪ sed .

900  
‘But ask your daddy.  
bʌt ɑːsk joː ˈdædɪi .

901  
He’ll know more than me.  
hɪiːl nəʊ moː ðæn mɪiː .

902  
’ He put his arms round me for a second, then went off to playwith Sue again.  
’hɪiː pʊt hɪz ɑːmz ɻæʊnd mɪiː foː ə ˈsekənd , ðen went ɔf tʊu pleɪwɪð sjʊu əˈgen .

903  
Jenny looked at me.  
ˈʤenɪi lʊkt æt mɪiː .

904  
‘How long have we been friends, Forrest?  
hæʊ lɔŋ hæv wɪiː bɪiːn fɻendz , Foɻɻest ?

905  
Thirty years?  
ˈθɜːtɪi jɪəz ?

906  
Sometimes it doesn’t seem true.  
ˈsʌmtɑɪmz ɪt dʌznt sɪiːm tɻʊu .

907  
’ She moved nearer,and gave me a kiss.  
’ ʃɪiː mʊuvd ˈnɪəɻə ,ænd geɪv mɪiː ə kɪs .

908  
‘Idiots,’ said Jenny.  
ˈɪdɪəts ,’ sed ˈʤenɪi .

909  
‘Who isn’t an idiot?  
hʊu ˈɪznt ən ˈɪdɪət ?

910  
’ Then she got up and held little Forrest’s hand, and they walkedaway.  
’ðen ʃɪiː gɔt ʌp ænd held ˈlɪtl Foɻɻest's hænd , ænd ðeɪ woːktəˈweɪ .

911  
♦Well, after that, I did a few things.  
♦wel , ˈɑːftə ðæt , ɑɪ dɪd ə fjʊu θɪŋz .

912  
First I phoned Mr Tribble andtold him to give some of my money from the shrimp business to myMom, and some to Bubba’s daddy.  
fɜːst ɑɪ fəʊnd M Tɻɪibble ændtəʊld hɪm tʊu gɪv sʌm ɔv mɑɪ ˈmʌnɪi fɻɔm ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs tʊu mɑɪmɔm , ænd sʌm tʊu Bubba's ˈdædɪi .

913  
‘Then send the rest to Jenny and little Forrest,’ I said.  
ðen send ðə ɻest tʊu ˈʤenɪi ænd ˈlɪtl Foɻɻest ,’ ɑɪ sed .

914  
That night I sat up thinking.  
ðæt nɑɪt ɑɪ sæt ʌp ˈθɪŋkɪŋ .

915  
‘Perhaps I can put things right withJenny,’ I thought, ‘now that I’ve found her again.  
pəˈhæps ɑɪ kæn pʊt θɪŋz ɻɑɪt wɪðˈʤenɪi ,’ ɑɪ θoːt , næʊ ðæt ɑɪv fæʊnd hɜː əˈgen .

916  
’ But the more Ithought about it, the more I finally understood that it was better forthe boy to be with Jenny and her husband, and not to have an idiotfor a father.  
’ bʌt ðə moː ɑɪθoːt əˈbæʊt ɪt , ðə moː ɑɪ ˈfɑɪnəlɪi ˌʌndəˈstʊd ðæt ɪt wɔz ˈbetə foːðə bɔɪ tʊu bɪiː wɪð ˈʤenɪi ænd hɜː ˈhʌzbənd , ænd nɔt tʊu hæv ən ˈɪdɪətfoː ə ˈfɑːðə .

917  
An idiot?  
ən ˈɪdɪət ?

918  
Yes, I’m an idiot.  
jes , ɑɪm ən ˈɪdɪət .

919  
But most of the time I just try to dothe right thing.  
bʌt məʊst ɔv ðə tɑɪm ɑɪ ʤʌst tɻɑɪ tʊu dʊuðə ɻɑɪt θɪŋ .

920  
ACTIVITIESChapters 1─4Before you read1 Look at the picture on the front of this book.  
ækˈtɪvɪtɪizˈʧæptəz 1─4bɪˈfoː jʊu ɻɪiːd1 lʊk æt ðə ˈpɪkʧə ɔn ðə fɻʌnt ɔv ðɪs bʊk .

921  
Where do you think the man is sitting, and why?  
weə dʊu jʊu θɪŋk ðɪiːmæn ɪz ˈsɪtɪŋ , ænd wɑɪ ?

922  
What do you think he is going to do?  
wɔt dʊu jʊu θɪŋk hɪiː ɪz ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu dʊu ?

923  
2 Check these words in your dictionary.  
2 ʧek ðɪiːz wɜːdz ɪn joː ˈdɪkʃnɻɪi .

924  
Make sure you understand them all.  
meɪk ʃʊə jʊu ˌʌndəˈstændðem oːl .

925  
army boiler coach goal grenade harmonica idiot jungle Find the right word(s) for these sentences.  
ˈɑːmɪi ˈbɔɪlə kəʊʧ gəʊl gɻɪˈneɪd hɑːˈmɔnɪkə ˈɪdɪət ˈʤʌŋglfɑɪnd ðə ɻɑɪt wɜːd(es) foː ðɪiːz ˈsentənsɪz .

926  
a A group of people who fight to protect their country.  
ə ə gɻʊup ɔv ˈpɪiːpl hʊu fɑɪt tʊu pɻəˈtekt ðeə ˈkʌntɻɪi .

927  
b Two words you can use in a conversation about football.  
bɪiː tʊu wɜːdz jʊu kæn jʊuz ɪn ə ˌkɔnvəˈseɪʃən əˈbæʊt ˈfʊtboːl .

928  
c A stupid person.  
sɪiː ə ˈsʧʊupɪd ˈpɜːsn .

929  
d Something that can get very hot.  
dɪiː ˈsʌmθɪŋ ðæt kæn get ˈveɻɪi hɔt .

930  
e Something that can kill people.  
ɪiː ˈsʌmθɪŋ ðæt kæn kɪl ˈpɪiːpl .

931  
3 Find the picture where you can see a a harmonica b a jungleAfter you read4 Where do these sentences come in the story?  
3 fɑɪnd ðə ˈpɪkʧə weə jʊu kæn sɪiːə ə hɑːˈmɔnɪkə bɪiː ə ˈʤʌŋglˈɑːftə jʊu ɻɪiːd4 weə dʊu ðɪiːz ˈsentənsɪz kʌm ɪn ðə ˈstoːɻɪi ?

932  
Put them in the right order.  
pʊt ðem ɪn ðə ɻɑɪtˈoːdə .

933  
a Jenny arrived at our house wearing a white dress, and with a pink flower in her hair.  
ə ˈʤenɪi əˈɻɑɪvd æt ˈæʊə hæʊs ˈweəɻɪŋ ə wɑɪt dɻes , ænd wɪð ə pɪŋkˈflæʊə ɪn hɜː heə .

934  
b Jenny stopped singing for a second or two, and the others in the group stopped playing.  
bɪiː ˈʤenɪi stɔpt ˈsɪŋɪŋ foː ə ˈsekənd oː tʊu , ænd ðɪi ˈʌðəz ɪn ðɪiːgɻʊup stɔpt ˈpleɪɪŋ .

935  
c But one girl, Jenny Curran, didn’t run away, and sometimes she walked home with me.  
sɪiː bʌt wʌn gɜːl , ˈʤenɪi Cuɻɻan , dɪdnt ɻʌn əˈweɪ , ænd ˈsʌmtɑɪmz ʃɪiːwoːkt həʊm wɪð mɪiː .

936  
d Jenny saw me and smiled, and I sat on the floor and listened.  
dɪiː ˈʤenɪi soː mɪiː ænd smɑɪld , ænd ɑɪ sæt ɔn ðə floː ænd ˈlɪsnd .

937  
e But it wasn’t Friday night and Jenny’s band weren’t playing.  
ɪiː bʌt ɪt wɔznt ˈfɻɑɪdeɪ nɑɪt ænd ˈʤenɪiz bænd wɜːnt ˈpleɪɪŋ .

938  
5 Forrest and Bubba have just met again in the jungle in Vietnam.  
5 Foɻɻest ænd Bubba hæv ʤʌst met əˈgen ɪn ðə ˈʤʌŋgl ɪn ˌvjetˈnɑːm .

939  
Act out their conversation.  
æktæʊt ðeə ˌkɔnvəˈseɪʃən .

940  
Student A: You are Forrest.  
ˈsʧʊudənt eɪ : jʊu ɑː Foɻɻest .

941  
Student B: You are Bubba.  
ˈsʧʊudənt bɪiː : jʊu ɑː Bubba .

942  
42Chapters 5─8Before you read 6 Do you think Forrest and Jenny will meet again?  
42ˈʧæptəz 5─8bɪˈfoː jʊu ɻɪiːd 6 dʊu jʊu θɪŋk Foɻɻest ænd ˈʤenɪi wɪl mɪiːt əˈgen ?

943  
How and where?  
hæʊ ænd weə ?

944  
7 Do you think Forrest and Bubba will stay together in Vietnam?  
7 dʊu jʊu θɪŋk Foɻɻest ænd Bubba wɪl steɪ təˈgeðə ɪn ˌvjetˈnɑːm ?

945  
Why or why not?  
wɑɪ oːwɑɪ nɔt ?

946  
8 Check these words in your dictionary.  
8 ʧek ðɪiːz wɜːdz ɪn joː ˈdɪkʃnɻɪi .

947  
Make sure you understand them all.  
meɪk ʃʊə jʊu ˌʌndəˈstændðem oːl .

948  
chess medal shrimp Put the words in the right groups: a game/play/queen/king b brave/gold/best c water/catch/food 9 Find these words in your dictionary.  
ʧes ˈmedl ʃɻɪmppʊt ðə wɜːdz ɪn ðə ɻɑɪt gɻʊups :ə geɪm/pleɪ/kwɪiːn/kɪŋ bɪiː bɻeɪv/gəʊld/best sɪiː ˈwoːtə/kæʧ/fʊud 9 fɑɪnd ðɪiːz wɜːdz ɪn joː ˈdɪkʃnɻɪi .

949  
ape net Look at the pictures in the book.  
eɪp netlʊk æt ðə ˈpɪkʧəz ɪn ðə bʊk .

950  
Find the pictures where you can see: a a net b an ape10 Find the word colonel in your dictionary.  
fɑɪnd ðə ˈpɪkʧəz weə jʊu kænsɪiː :ə ə net bɪiː ən eɪp10 fɑɪnd ðə wɜːd ˈkɜːnl ɪn joː ˈdɪkʃnɻɪi .

951  
Finish this sentence: A colonel is one of the top men or women in the .  
ˈfɪnɪʃ ðɪs ˈsentəns :ə ˈkɜːnl ɪz wʌn ɔv ðə tɔp men oː ˈwɪmɪn ɪn ðɪiː .

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958  
After you read11 What happens to Bubba?  
ˈɑːftə jʊu ɻɪiːd11 wɔt ˈhæpənz tʊu Bubba ?

959  
12 Who shows Forrest how to catch shrimps?  
12 hʊu ʃəʊz Foɻɻest hæʊ tʊu kæʧ ʃɻɪmps ?

960  
13 Why are there two thousand people waiting at San Francisco airport for Forrest and the Colonel?  
13 wɑɪ ɑː ðeə tʊu ˈθæʊzənd ˈpɪiːpl ˈweɪtɪŋ æt sæn fɻɑːnˈsɪiːskəʊ ˈeəpoːtfoː Foɻɻest ænd ðə ˈkɜːnl ?

961  
14 What do Forrest and the President do in the White House?  
14 wɔt dʊu Foɻɻest ænd ðə ˈpɻezɪdənt dʊu ɪn ðə wɑɪt hæʊs ?

962  
15 Why does Forrest go to these places?  
15 wɑɪ dʌz Foɻɻest gəʊ tʊu ðɪiːz ˈpleɪsɪz ?

963  
a Boston b Washington c HoustonChapters 9─12Before you read16 Why do you think chess is going to be important in Forrest’s life?  
ə ˈbɔstən bɪiː ˈwɔʃɪŋtən sɪiː ˈhʊustnˈʧæptəz 9─12bɪˈfoː jʊu ɻɪiːd16 wɑɪ dʊu jʊu θɪŋk ʧes ɪz ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu bɪiː ɪmˈpoːtənt ɪn Foɻɻest's lɑɪf ?

964  
17 How do you think Forrest will find Jenny again?  
17 hæʊ dʊu jʊu θɪŋk Foɻɻest wɪl fɑɪnd ˈʤenɪi əˈgen ?

965  
18 Check the meaning of these words in your dictionary.  
18 ʧek ðə ˈmɪiːnɪŋ ɔv ðɪiːz wɜːdz ɪn joː ˈdɪkʃnɻɪi .

966  
actor bet tournament wrestling Now write a sentence for each word to show the meaning clearly.  
ˈæktə bet ˈtʊənəmənt ˈɻeslɪŋnæʊ ɻɑɪt ə ˈsentəns foː ɪiːʧ wɜːd tʊu ʃəʊ ðə ˈmɪiːnɪŋ ˈklɪəlɪi .

967  
43After you read19 Who says these things?  
43ˈɑːftə jʊu ɻɪiːd19 hʊu sez ðɪiːz θɪŋz ?

968  
a That looks like a nice apple.  
ə ðæt lʊks lɑɪk ə nɑɪs ˈæpl .

969  
’ b ‘If you make that move you'll lose your queen.  
’bɪiː ɪf jʊu meɪk ðæt mʊuv jʊul lʊuz joː kwɪiːn .

970  
’ c ‘It’s going to be difficult travelling with an ape.  
’sɪiː ɪts ˈgəʊɪŋ tʊu bɪiː ˈdɪfɪkəlt ˈtɻævlɪŋ wɪð ən eɪp .

971  
’ d Take Sue back to Alabama with you, and start your shrimp business.  
’dɪiː teɪk sjʊu bæk tʊu ˌæləˈbæmə wɪð jʊu , ænd stɑːt joː ʃɻɪmpˈbɪznɪs .

972  
’20 Who tells Forrest that Jenny is married?  
’20 hʊu telz Foɻɻest ðæt ˈʤenɪi ɪz ˈmæɻɪd ?

973  
21 Why does Forrest go to Savannah?  
21 wɑɪ dʌz Foɻɻest gəʊ tʊu səˈvænə ?

974  
22 What is Forrest doing in the park when Jenny and her son see him?  
22 wɔt ɪz Foɻɻest ˈdʊuɪŋ ɪn ðə pɑːk wen ˈʤenɪi ænd hɜː sʌn sɪiː hɪm ?

975  
23 What does little Forrest want to be?  
23 wɔt dʌz ˈlɪtl Foɻɻest wɔnt tʊu bɪiː ?

976  
24 What does Forrest do with the money from the shrimp business?  
24 wɔt dʌz Foɻɻest dʊu wɪð ðə ˈmʌnɪi fɻɔm ðə ʃɻɪmp ˈbɪznɪs ?

977  
Writing25 Which part of this story do you find the saddest?  
ˈɻɑɪtɪŋ25 wɪʧ pɑːt ɔv ðɪs ˈstoːɻɪi dʊu jʊu fɑɪnd ðə ˈsædɪst ?

978  
Explain why.  
ɪksˈpleɪn wɑɪ .

979  
26 Forrest Gump does a lot of very different things.  
26 Foɻɻest Gump dʌz ə lɔt ɔv ˈveɻɪi ˈdɪfɻənt θɪŋz .

980  
Which would you most like to do, and why?  
wɪʧ wʊd jʊuməʊst lɑɪk tʊu dʊu , ænd wɑɪ ?

981  
Which would you not like to do?  
wɪʧ wʊd jʊu nɔt lɑɪk tʊu dʊu ?

982  
Why not?  
wɑɪ nɔt ?

983  
27 Look at the picture on page 26.  
27 lʊk æt ðə ˈpɪkʧə ɔn peɪʤ 26 .

984  
Write about the people in the picture – their faces and their clothes.  
ɻɑɪt əˈbæʊt ðə ˈpɪiːpl ɪn ðə ˈpɪkʧə –ðeə ˈfeɪsɪz ænd ðeə kləʊðz .

985  
28 It is six months after the end of this story.  
28 ɪt ɪz sɪks mʌnθs ˈɑːftə ðɪi end ɔv ðɪs ˈstoːɻɪi .

986  
Write a letter from Forrest to Mr Tribble.  
ɻɑɪt ə ˈletə fɻɔm Foɻɻest tʊuM Tɻɪibble .

987  
Tell him what you are doing now.  
tel hɪm wɔt jʊu ɑː ˈdʊuɪŋ næʊ .

988  
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