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## White roses



**I**t's August. Anna is playing her guitar on the balcony of her new apartment. 'I like it here,' she thinks.

Then her phone rings. It's her friend Vicki.

'I'm coming now, Anna. It's Grandview Apartments, Charlton, isn't it?'

'That's right. See you soon.'

Anna takes her guitar and goes out of her apartment. She goes down in the elevator and goes outside.

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Anna is waiting outside the apartment building.

A young man is walking along the street. He is carrying a bunch of white roses.

Anna looks at them. ‘What beautiful roses!’ she thinks. Then she looks at the young man. ‘He’s nice too!’ she thinks.

The young man looks at her and smiles, and suddenly Anna’s face is pink.



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Will is walking along the street, when he sees a young woman with a guitar.

‘Hmm – a guitar!’ he thinks. ‘I must play my guitar more often.’

Then he looks at the young woman.

‘She’s nice!’ he thinks, and he smiles at her.

Anna’s face is pink, and she looks away. Will goes into Grandview Apartments.



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Just then, Vicki arrives in her car.

‘Hello, Anna,’ she says. ‘Are you OK? Your face is a bit pink. What’s the matter?’

‘Oh – er – nothing,’ says Anna.

They drive away. Vicki talks to Anna, but Anna is thinking about the young man.

‘Who is he?’ she thinks. ‘Does he live in the building? Who are the roses for? His wife? His girlfriend? His mother?’



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‘Anna? Are you listening?’ says Vicki.

‘Oh! Sorry, Vicki,’ says Anna. Her face is red now.

‘What are you thinking about?’ says Vicki. ‘Tell me!’

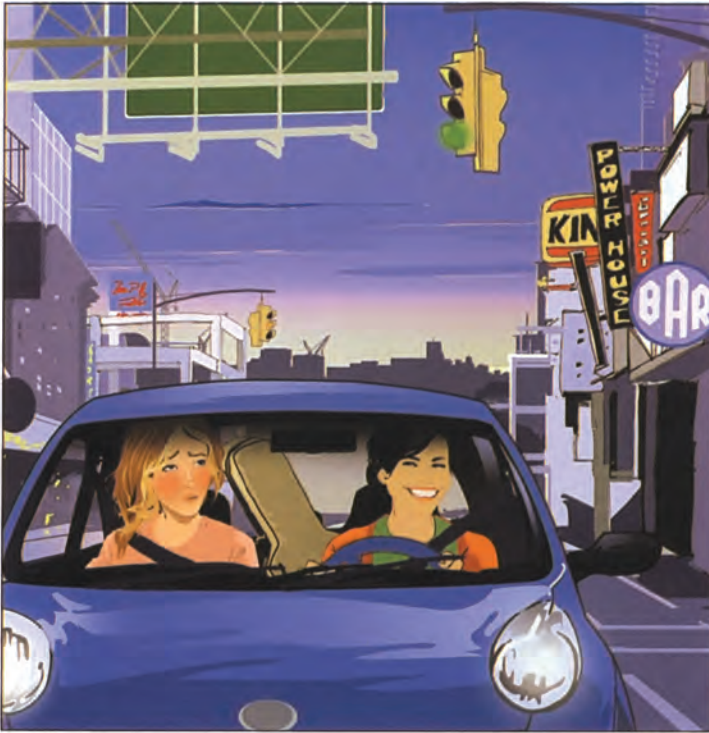
‘Well, I’m thinking about a bunch of roses,’ says Anna.

‘And a man.’

‘Aha! Who is he?’ says Vicki.

‘I don’t know,’ says Anna.

‘But I want to know,’ she thinks.



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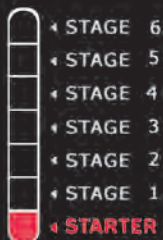
'Who is the man with the roses in his hand?' thinks Anna. 'I want to meet him.'

'Who is the girl with the guitar?' thinks Will. 'I like her. I want to meet her.'

But they do not meet.

'There are lots of men!' says Anna's friend Vicki, but Anna cannot forget Will. And then one rainy day . . .

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