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It was a warm spring day at the lake. Mrs Dipper was teaching her new hatchlings to dive for food. But her big children, Deb, Des, Del and Dan Dipper, were making too much noise.

"Children," said Mrs Dipper, "you're big, now. And you're noisy. It's time for you to leave home."

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"Mum's right," said Deb. "We are big and there are enough of us to make a flock. It's time to find a new place to live!"

The Dipper flock began to make plans. "Our new home must have lots of water," said Dan. "And it must be safe, clean and quiet."

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Del said, "We need a home that's not too hot and not too cold. And I must have a place where I can make a nest."

"Our new home must have plenty of food for us to eat," said Dan. Des said nothing. He was worried.

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The Dipper flock flew until they found a big blue pool. But it was no place for ducks.

"It's not safe here!" said Deb. "It's too noisy, and the water makes me feel sick."

"It's too hot," said Del. "And there's nowhere to make a nest."

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