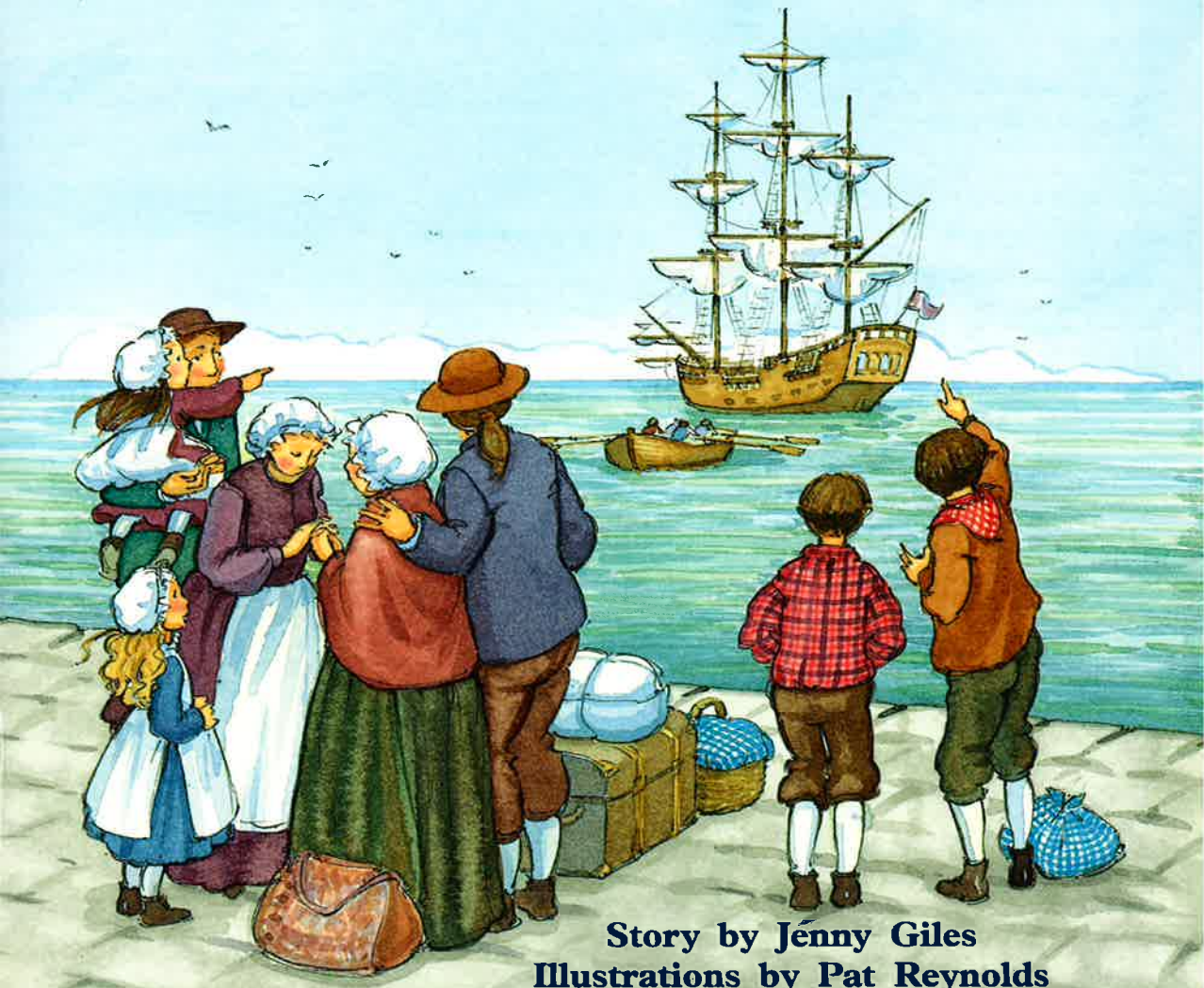
Sailing to a New Land

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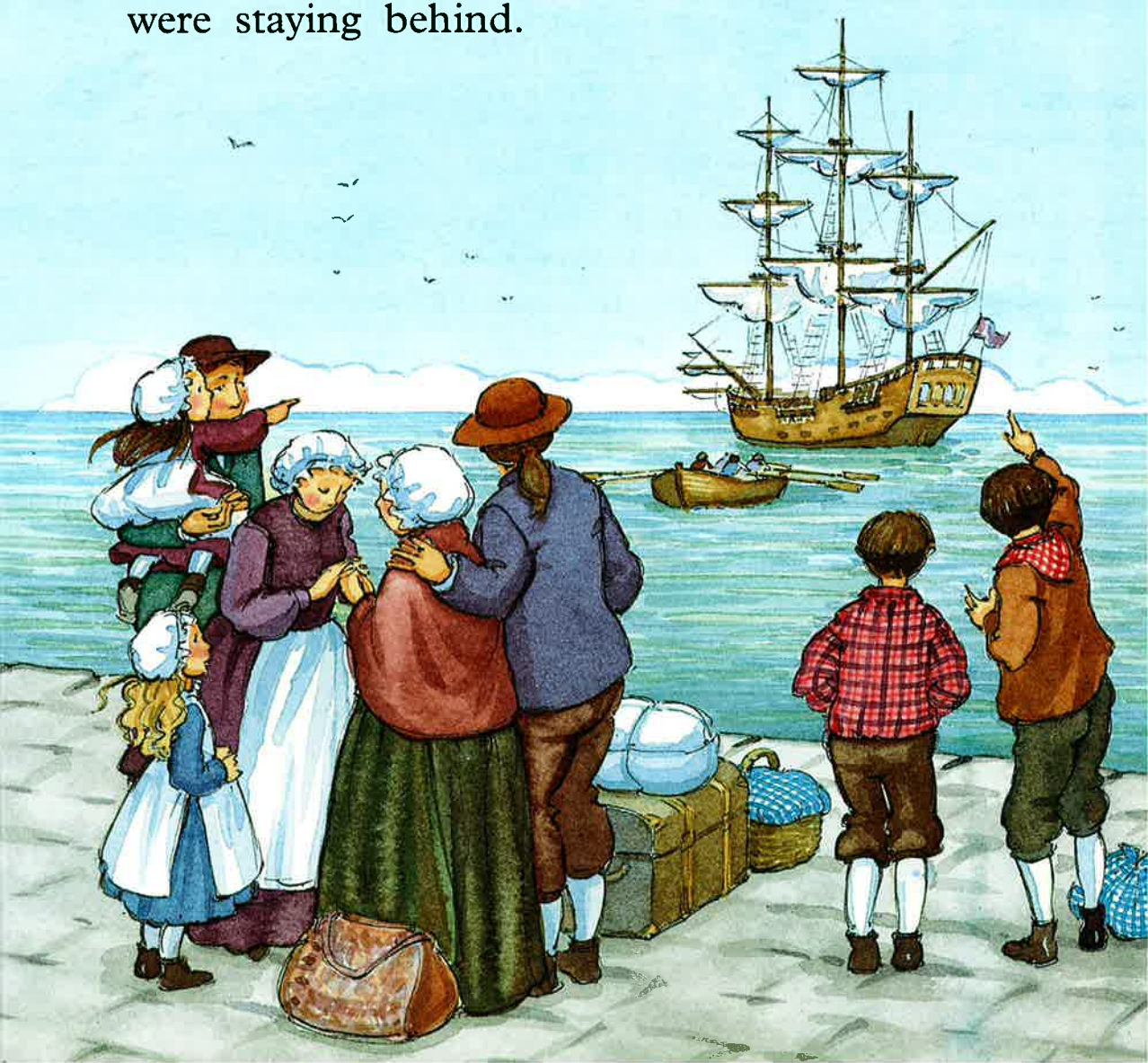
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Samuel Clark stood on the wharf
with his cousin Edward.
They could see a rowing boat
coming towards them.

A sailing ship with tall masts
was anchored in the harbour.
Samuel thought it was a beautiful ship.
He wanted to go sailing
across the sea on it.



But he had come to say goodbye to Edward,
who was sailing away to a new land
with his parents.
Samuel and his family
were staying behind.



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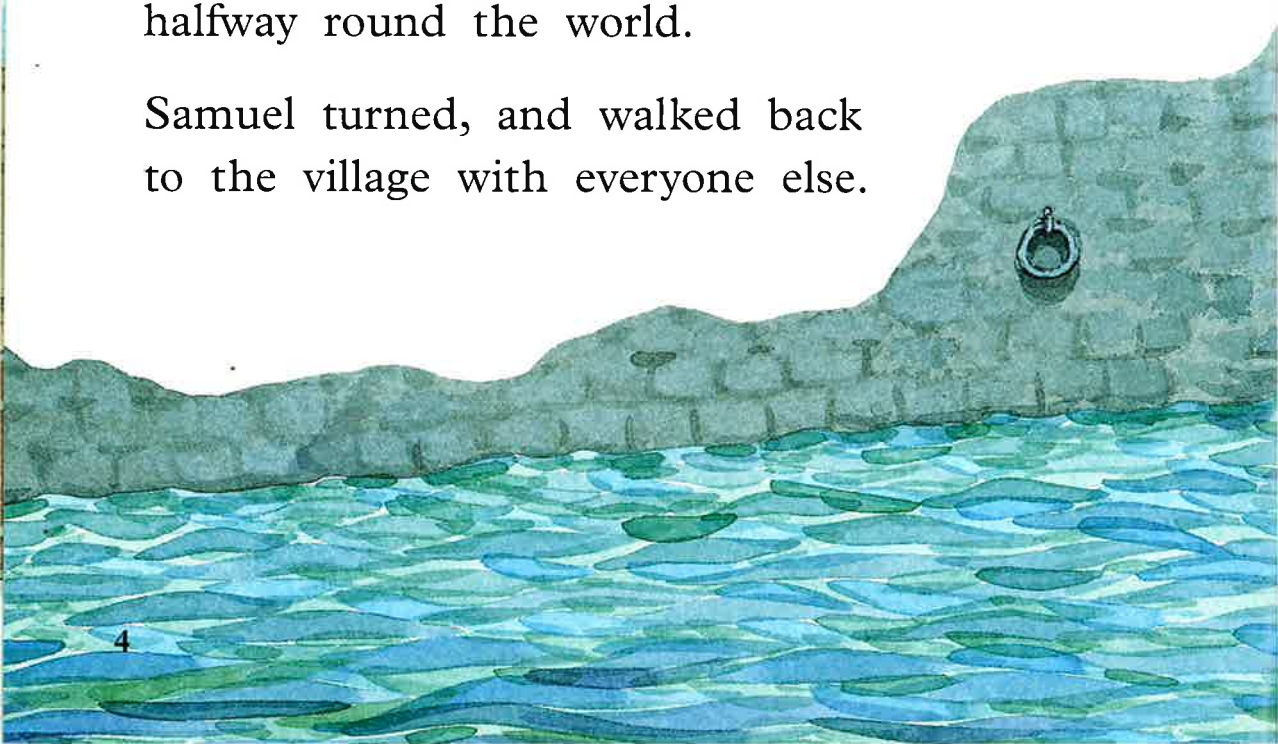
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Edward went down the steps
and sat in the rowing boat,
which would take him out to the ship.
Samuel waved to him
as he stood on the wharf
with his parents and his sisters.

They watched until the ship
had disappeared into the distance.

Samuel wished that he was sailing away, too.
But his father didn't want to take the family
halfway round the world.

Samuel turned, and walked back
to the village with everyone else.





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During the months that followed,
Samuel missed his cousin Edward.
The two boys had been like brothers.
They had often played and worked together.

Sometimes Samuel wondered
what Edward was doing
now that he was living so far away.

Then one evening, Samuel's father came home
and said that he could no longer
find work in the village.
He was worried.
He told his family that from now on,
life was going to be very hard.

