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Of course, we'll run (**into**, on, them) aliens during our fantastic travels and (**adventures**, have, pot). I'll be such a highly-trained (can, a, **and**) skilled space captain that they'll agree (hollers, **to**, for) have tea with us aboard our (Earth, **spaceship**, accept). I'll serve them ginger tea from (your, of, **my**) special tea pot and tempt them (**with**, from, never) delicate cookies made out of thin (**wafers**, mom, asks), frosted with vanilla, and dipped in (window, float, **chocolate**). Because the sun never sets in (monkey, **outer**, comes) space, we'll laugh and talk for (special, **days**, smiles). Then as we hover in the (your, mind, **shadow**) of Earth, we'll say goodbye but (**promise**, bed, shout) to visit often.

At night before (I, she, don't) snuggle into my bed, I go (before, in, **to**) the window and look out at (and, you, **the**) stars. I imagine what its going (as, **to**, at) be like one day to float (**among**, chuckles, before) them. When my mom comes into (and, **the**, he) bedroom and asks me what I'm (right, blasting, **thinking**) about, I tell her all about (your, **my**, toes) dreams.

"You can do anything you (accept, **set**, night) your mind to, Mary Kate," she (**says**, hangs, often) before she smiles and kisses me (great, **goodnight**, shuttle).

So, I don't care what Billy (**Jones**, dreams, when) shouts as he hangs upside down (with, my, **from**) the monkey bars, and I don't (grow, stars, **care**) who chuckles at my expense. I (**know**, one, record) I'm destined for great things. I (all, **know**, look) it right down to the tips (of, from, alien) my toes.

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