



## Katie Morag and Beaky the missing bird

One <u>blustery</u> day, Katie Morag was posting a letter. She came across Mrs McColl who was tearful, had red eyes and was sniffling. Mrs McColl told Katie that Beaky the yellow bird had been blown away! Kind Katie said that she would find him and so started on her journey.

As Katie <u>wandered</u> across the island, the wind whipped her flame-red hair across her pale face. She wouldn't be able to see anything unless she had some help, so off she trotted to Mr Nosy's house to borrow his <u>binoculars</u>. When she arrived, Mr Nosy was <u>peering</u> round his curtain and blinking at the window. Thankfully, he said he was happy to help.

Katie's long legs were beginning to <u>ache</u> as she reached the fields, when suddenly, through the binoculars, she saw a flash of yellow. It was Beaky! Grinning, Katie leapt over the fence like a frog...until a loud shout stopped her. "Get off my land!" Oh no! It was Mrs Menace, the local farmer who had <u>frizzy</u>, grey hair and a sharp, pointed nose. Katie ran.

Just as tears were beginning to drip down Katie's <u>freckled</u> face, she saw Miss Fisher at the loch. She was wearing green rubber <u>waders</u> and smiling a <u>toothy</u> smile. Katie explained what had happened. All of a sudden, a yellow flash swooped down to the ground. Beaky! Thinking quickly, Miss Fisher <u>scooped</u> him up in her net and handed him to Katie.

When Mrs McColl saw that Beaky was safe, her eyes lit up like stars and she jumped up and down with joy. "Thankyou so much Katie Morag!" she exclaimed. Katie smiled, nodded and wandered home.