Going Home

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School is over.
Children are leaving.
Teachers are leaving.
Everyone is going home.
I come out of the gate.
  I am in a hurry.
I do not have time to play.
I do not have time to talk.
I want to get home fast.
I walk down the lane.

It is a narrow lane.

I can see crowds up ahead.

There is a big road there.
The big road has lots of traffic. Cars, trucks and cycles, motorcycles, scooters and auto rickshaws. Some are going this way. Some are going that way. I know how to find the gap and run to the other side.
I have reached the divider.
There is traffic in front.
There is traffic behind.
I must be careful.
I am on the other side.
I almost crash into the ‘chanawallah’.
He growls. I say “Sorry,” and run along.
I walk past the shops.
People are buying all kinds of things.
There is a toyshop.
I cannot stop.
I walk faster and faster.
Now there are fish shops.
Big fish, small fish,
long fish, flat fish.
Shiny fish, dull fish.
So many fish in every shop.
Now I must run.
Past the video shops,
past the barber shop,
past the cloth shop,
past the pan shop.
Running, running,
running down the lane.
Finally I reach home.
Oh, good! I am not late.
My father goes to work in the afternoon.
He has not left as yet.
His cycle is still here.
My father comes outside,
my mother is behind him.
I give my father a big hug.
My father gives me a big hug.
Then he goes to work.
Now there is no hurry.
I have lots of time.
Why is the little girl in a hurry to get home?
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