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.
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Going Home
(English)

Why is the little girl in a hurry to get home? Find out in this sweet story.

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