My Red T-shirt

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This is me, Aman. This is my T-shirt. It is bright red. I love my red T-shirt.
My red T-shirt is very old. I got it when I was small.

It has become dirty many times. It has been washed again and again. Now, it has three holes in it! Or maybe more. But my T-shirt is so soft. It fits me just as I like it to fit me.
This is my Ma. I love her very much. She loves me too.

She gives me chocolates. She helps me with my school work. If I let her, she combs my hair.
Ma hates my red T-shirt. She wants to throw it away. “I will buy you a nice new one,” she says. I keep quiet.

“I will not wash this T-shirt again,” she says loudly.
“You cannot throw my T-shirt away,” I say even more loudly.
Ma glares at me. I frown at her. We do not talk to each other. I say “NO” to the jalebis she gets for me. Janu didi eats up my share of jalebis.
It is evening. My friends are playing cricket. I do not feel like playing. I just sit and watch. Many children are wearing old T-shirts. Look, some have holes in them.
It is getting chilly. I will go home now. Here is Boo-boo, our street dog. Poor dog. He must be so cold.
Ma is waiting for me at home. She hugs me when I walk in. “I will wear this T-shirt for three more days,” I tell her. “Then I will give it to Boo-boo. It will keep him warm in the winter. May I, Ma? Please?” “Yes, you may,” Ma laughs.
I love my red T-shirt.
I think Boo-boo loves it too.

Maybe he will share it with me sometimes?
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(English)

Aman loves his red T-shirt, because it is so bright and so soft. His Ma hates it, because it is old and has holes in it. She wants to throw it away. He wants to keep it. What is Aman going to do?

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