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One morning
we found some photographs.
One morning
these girls stood on lawns.
We looked at the pictures,
and we got to work.

There's no use standing around.
You should do something.

This is the whole thing.





Someone has asked us to
do this, but we can say no.

But why say no?

We want to stand where
we are standing.
We want to, or we would not
be standing here.



Meet me on the lawn,
I want to take
a picture of you.



Her sister asked her, maybe.
I am making things up. A brother,
a sweetheart. He told her how
pretty she looks there on the lawn.



He's not in the picture now.



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