



**in the picture:**  
"a state of being fully informed or noticed"  
The Concise Oxford Dictionary

Time to get equal

**scope**  
About cerebral palsy.  
For disabled people achieving equality.

# Lost

P1

My brothers are very sporty

But I'm not...

My name is Susan.

Running is difficult for me because one of my legs is longer than the other one and it makes me wonky.

P2

Bill said "Let's visit Grandmother".

So we walked down to the bus station, but just as we arrived we could see our bus leaving.

"Quick, shouted John. "If we run we might still catch it!"

My brothers managed to get on, making me cross because they left me on my own.

"We'll see you at Grandmother's house", yelled Bill as the bus driver drove off in the distance.

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I stood at the bus stop with my leg aching and still feeling angry with my brothers for leaving me behind. Most of the time they are kind but sometimes they forget I cannot run fast.

At last the bus arrived and I rested my leg until it was time to get off.

I stared at the various roads - most of them looked the same and I realised that I wasn't sure which one led to Grandmother's house!

With a sinking heart I chose one and set off..

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Now what shall I do? I had been walking for some time and didn't know where I was.

Just then I glimpsed the spire of a church peeking out of a small wood across the fields.

I think that church is near Grandmother's house.

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I walked carefully down the path, which skirted the dark wood, being anxious not to trip over the tangles tree roots, which crossed the path.

"Hello", came a voice from the gloom.

There, standing just inside the wood was an elf!

Dressed in a brown and green tunic he was nearly invisible against the backdrop of trees.

A small dog was sitting at his feet.

"This is my dog, Patch", said the elf. And my name is Henry. Where are you going?

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When I had explained why I was there, Henry responded "Why, I know a short cut to that church!"

So Henry, Patch and I started down a woodland path which led into the wood.

The most astonishing thing was that Henry and Patch both had wonky legs, just like me!

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After we had stumbled along for a while, we came to a small cottage in a glade.

"Shall we call and tell my wife, Henrietta, where we are going?" said Henry.

Henry's wife opened the door with a beaming smile.

"Come in, come in" she ordered, as she backed away down the hall. "You'll have some tea?"

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"I couldn't run fast enough to catch the bus with my brothers". I explained to Henrietta. "Then I got lost and Henry and Patch found me".

“Now”, said Henry “We must get you to that church, and remember Time stands still while you’re in this wood. So your brothers won’t have been too long at your Grandmother’s house.”

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“Goodbye Henrietta. Thank you for tea.”

I followed Henry and Patch along another winding path out of the wood and across the field to the church.

“Take care, Susan” said Henry.

“Goodbye Henry, I replied and walked slowly down the lane.

“Bill! John!” I shouted as I turned the corner. My two brothers were sitting on the Village Hall Green, not daring to approach Grandmother’s house until I arrived.

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Grandmother was sitting in her garden when we arrived.

“Hello, my dears.”

“Hello Grandmother.” We responded as we rushed up the path.

And we all kept the secret of Henry and his home in the wood.

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