

JACKSON



by Tom Hughes

**This is dedicated to my
Grandma**

A short kid named Jackson sat at his desk looking out the window of his new house into his new town.



Jackson was a kid that used to live in Africa, he was an elephant tamer. He missed that life so much.



Jackson heard a voice say, "time to go to school Jackson." It was his mum, summoning him from the door.



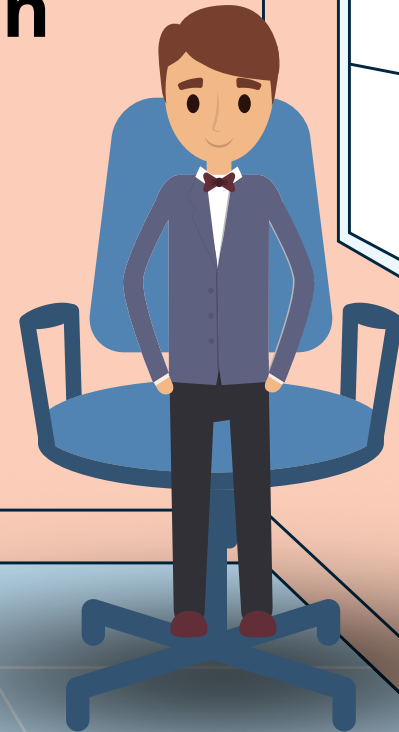
It was his first day at school and he did not know how it was going to turn out, but he was so excited.



**When he arrived at school everyone was
staring at him, like he had something
wrong with his face.**




When he got to class, he sat on a chair that was in the centre of the classroom. All the kids around him moved their desks to the side of the room, leaving Jackson alone.

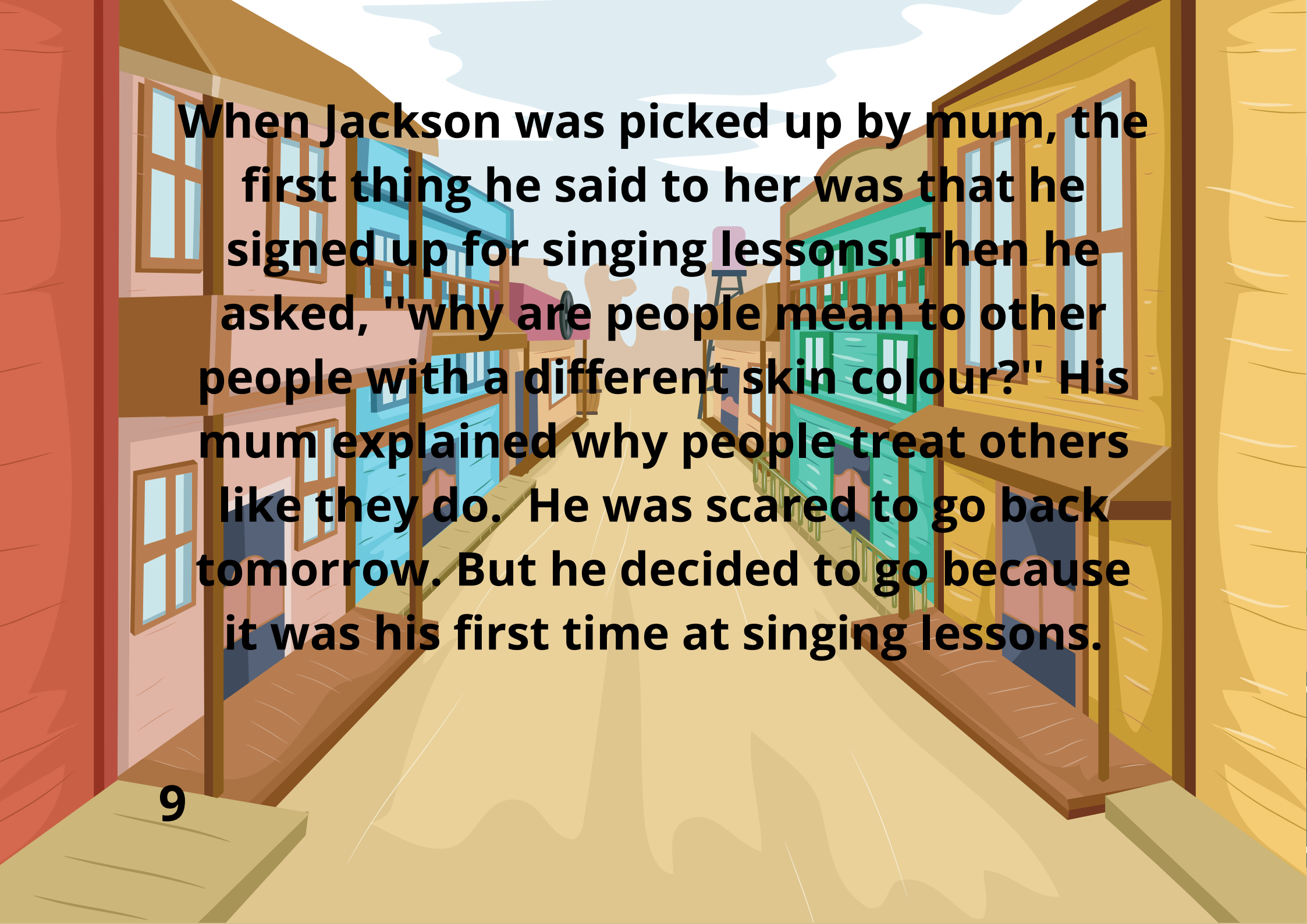


After class, Jackson saw that there was a sign up sheet for singing lessons. He signed himself up, and continued to walk to lunch.




An illustration of a living room scene. In the center, a young boy with brown hair, wearing a white shirt, red shorts, and a blue backpack, stands holding a large pile of spaghetti and a yellow plate. He looks surprised. To his left, two boys are bullying him; one is pointing his finger and the other is laughing. To his right, another boy in a pink shirt and blue shorts is laughing with his arms outstretched. In the background, there is a teal sofa with yellow and orange pillows, a yellow lamp, a clock on the wall, and several framed pictures. A cactus sits on a table to the left.

When he sat down for lunch, he saw three kids walking over to him. They stopped and said, “you know you don’t belong here, why did you walk in this school today?” Jackson said, “what do you mean? I’m just trying to eat my lunch.” The bullies said, “nice top where did you get it from, the trash?” Jackson was about to speak but the bullies walked away spilling his spaghetti onto his new top.

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a street scene. On the left, a red brick building with several windows is visible. On the right, a yellow building with large windows and a balcony is shown. The street is paved with light-colored tiles and has a yellow curb. In the background, a person is walking away from the viewer. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

When Jackson was picked up by mum, the first thing he said to her was that he signed up for singing lessons. Then he asked, "why are people mean to other people with a different skin colour?" His mum explained why people treat others like they do. He was scared to go back tomorrow. But he decided to go because it was his first time at singing lessons.

The next day when Jackson was at school, the three kids that were mean to him did it again. Jackson is still very upset about it.



After his second day at school, he was auditioning for the prize of singing at the Sydney Opera House in 10 days. He was so good that as soon as he finished the teacher gave him the invitation.



He was so happy he could not talk. But he was not the only one that was happy, his mum was tickled pink with joy.



**It was 10 days later and
Jackson was so excited.**

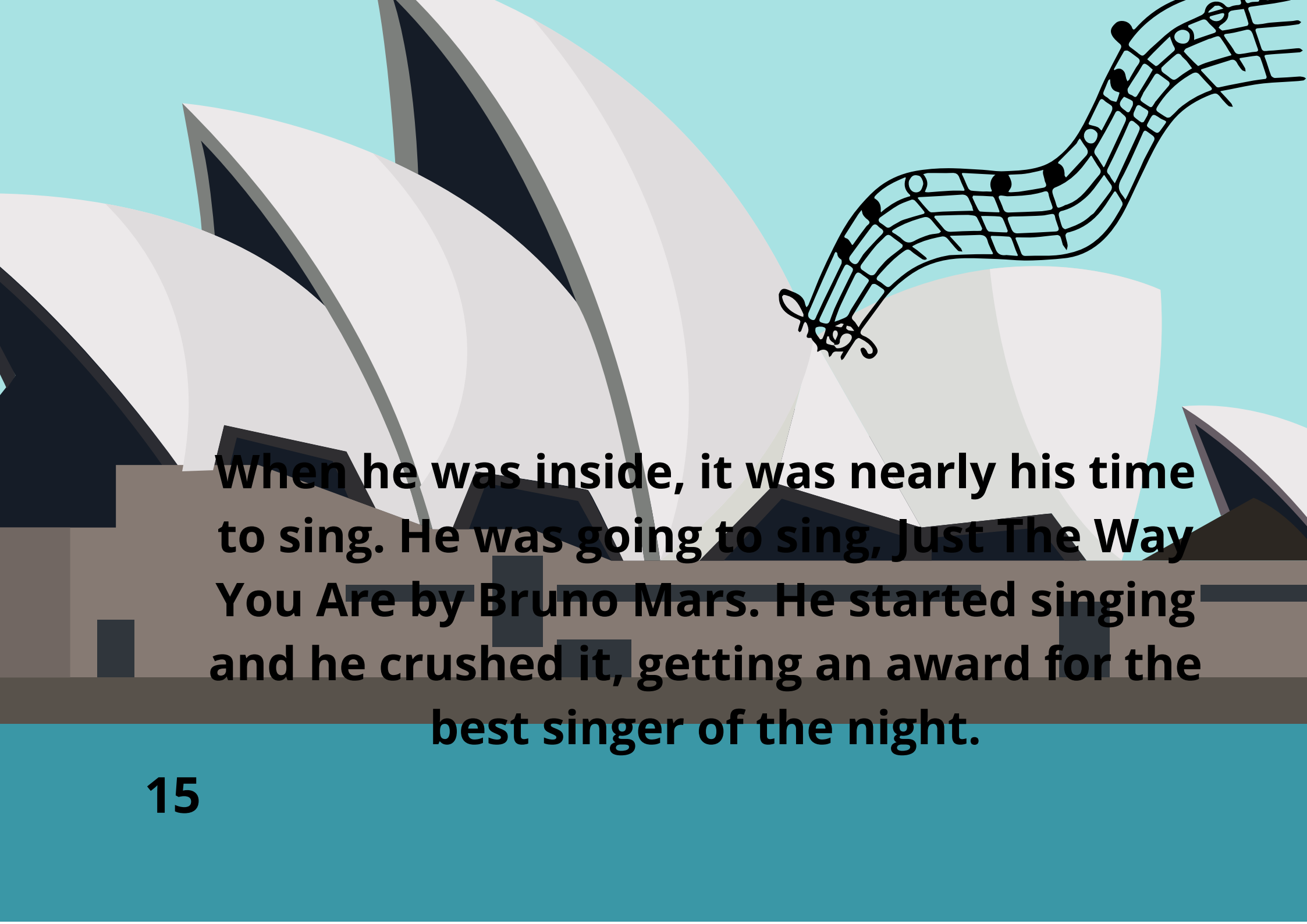
**They were in a taxi on
the way to the Sydney
Opera House.**

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When they arrived everyone was taking pictures of him, which made him happy.



The background of the slide is a stylized illustration of the Sydney Opera House. The white, sail-like shells of the building are prominent against a light blue sky. A series of black musical notes and a treble clef are shown flowing out from the top right of the building, curving upwards and to the right. The foreground consists of a dark brown base representing the ground and a teal blue area at the bottom representing the water.

When he was inside, it was nearly his time to sing. He was going to sing, Just The Way You Are by Bruno Mars. He started singing and he crushed it, getting an award for the best singer of the night.

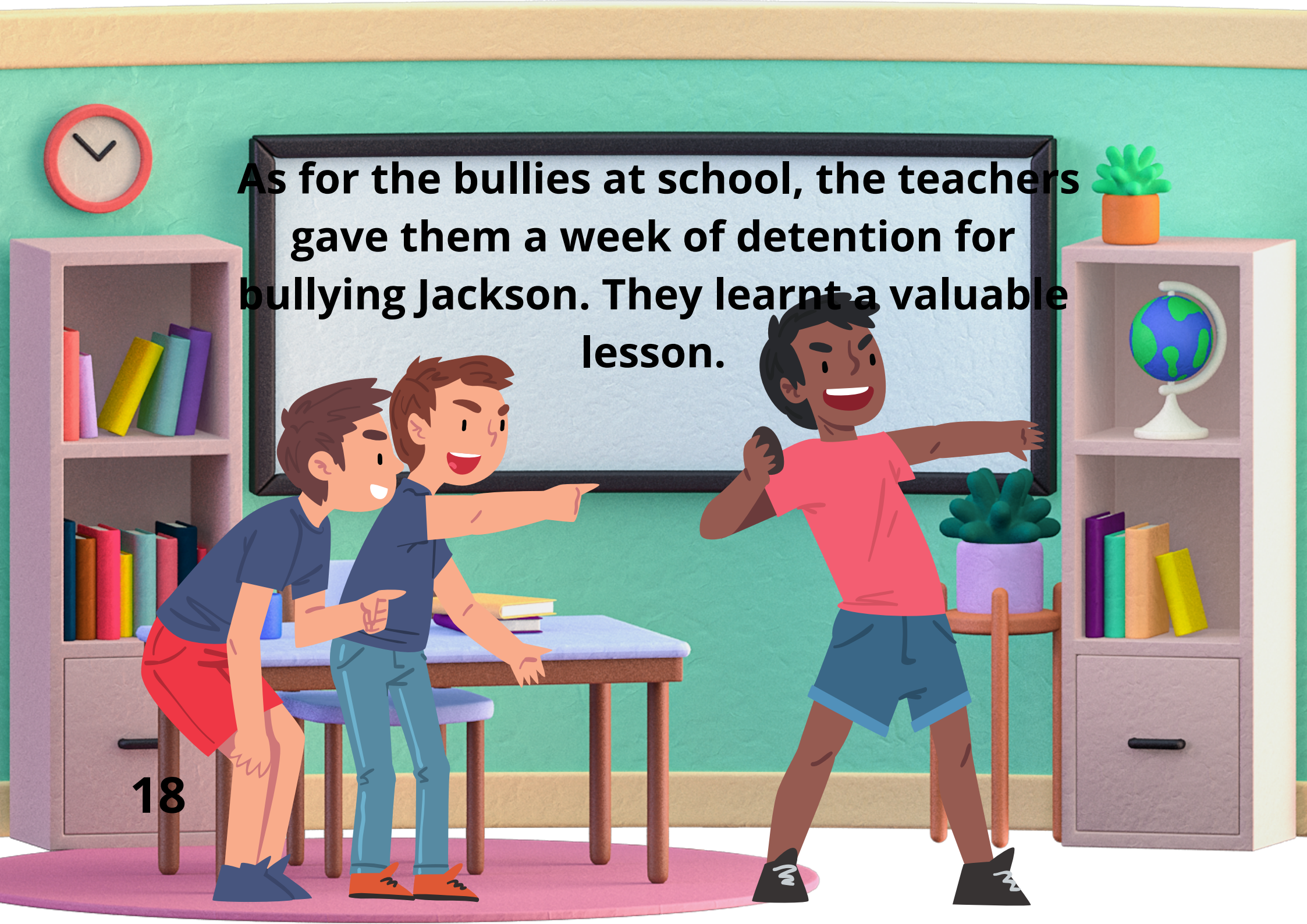
**After a few weeks he was famous, getting
comments from people all around the
world. They all loved him.**



Jackson and his mum lived a happy life in their town in the city without any racist comments.




As for the bullies at school, the teachers gave them a week of detention for bullying Jackson. They learnt a valuable lesson.



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My name is Tom. I am 12 years old and I was born in England then moved to Australia. I was inspired to write a book because I like writing stories and sharing them with other people. In my spare time, I play under 13s football for the Fair Park Lions and I like playing mine craft. My dreams for the future are to live in a world without racism, pollution and war. I hope you enjoyed my book called Jackson.

Jackson is about a kid who has not yet realised he's in a town of racist people that think he's a bad person because of his skin colour. This makes him upset and it all turns around when the people hear his voice. My book is special because it teaches kids about these problems in life, and it helps us to remember that racism is unacceptable, and to treat people for how they treat you and respect you.

