



THEY SAID

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They said you can do anything
you like. They said drink tea
if you're sick. They said eat when
you're hungry. Take a deep breath
if scared. They said you never lose,
you're always a winner for trying.
They said bullies are not bullies,
they are just people that got hurt before.
They said money is not happiness.
They said just because we are
not rich doesn't mean we are not rich
of kindness and love. They did things
I thought that would hurt me
but it was for my own good. They
hid their feeling to keep me happy.
They told lies to keep me safe.
They did all they could to keep me
healthy.