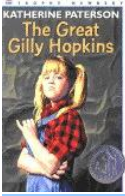


# Passages

## Reading Level 6



**Title:** The Great Gilly Hopkins

**Author:** Katherine Paterson

### Sample From The Book

“Gilly,” said Miss Ellis with a shake of her long blonde hair toward the passenger in the back seat. “I need to feel that you are willing to make some effort.”

Galadriel Hopkins shifted her bubble gum to the front of her mouth and began to blow gently. She blew until she could barely see the shape of the social worker’s head through the pink bubble.

“This will be your third home in less than three years.” Miss Ellis swept her golden head left to right and then began to turn the wheel in a cautious maneuver to the left. “I would be the last person to say it was all your fault. The Dixons’ move to Florida, for example. Just one of those unfortunate things. And Mrs. Richmond having to go into the hospital” – it seemed to Gilly that there was a long, thoughtful pause before the caseworker went on – “for her nerves.”

Pop!

Miss Ellis flinched and glanced in the rear-view mirror but continued to talk in her calm, professional voice while Gilly picked at the bits of gum stuck in her straggly bangs and on her cheeks and chin.



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