

Fom *Huckleberry Finn*

"I got hurt a little, en couldn't swim fas', so I wuz a considable ways behine you towards de las'; when you landed I reck'ned I could ketch up wid you on de lan' 'dout havin' to shout at you, but when I see dat house I begin to go slow. I 'uz off too fur to hear what dey say to you- I wuz 'fraid o' de dogs; but when it 'uz all quiet agin I knowed you's in de house, so I struck out for de woods to wait for day..."¹

'Where've you been, May,' asked Mrs Arkwright, wiping her hand on a dishcloth, 'not seen hide of you in a month.'

'I've been in Blackpool.'

'Ho, come in at some money have you?'

'It were at Bingo 'ousie 'ousie three times.'²

¹ This is from a section called "Miss Charlotte." I quoted the online e-text at <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/etcbin/browse-mixed-new?id=Twa2Huc&tag=public&images=image/s/modeng&data=/texts/english/modeng/parsed>

² Jeanette Winterson , *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* (New York: Grove Press: 1985), p.14.