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# To The Ferry

By B.J. Lee

Down we go to Shawshung ferry  
just beyond Van Doren's dairy.  
The man says, "It'll be awhile,"  
so into the dairy we all pile  
and have ourselves an ice cream cone.



That's when we hear the ferry's drone.  
We run outside down to the slip.  
The ferry's gone; we've missed our trip.  
Our mouths turn down; it's been our dream,  
then we go have some more ice cream.

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  - d. because they want to see Mr. Van Doren
  
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  - b. a place where ice cream and milk products are made or sold
  - c. a large steamboat
  - d. a place where a ferry stops
  
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  - b. an ice cream shop near water
  - c. a boat that brings food
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**A group of people are running to catch a ferry. Someone tells them the ferry will be late, so they get ice cream while they wait. While they are eating the ferry comes, so they run to the dock. They miss the ferry and decide to eat more ice cream.**