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BLUE SERIES
FIRST LINES CHALLENGE . 1

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<p>‘A lovely scent of flowers filled the studio. The light summer wind blew through the trees in the garden, and in through the open door. Lord Henry Wotton was lying on the divan.’</p>	<p>‘Buck did not read the newspapers. So he did not know that there was trouble ahead. Trouble for every dog with strong muscles and warm long hair, from Seattle to southern California.’</p>	<p>‘It was raining heavily and very cold outside. My aunt, Mrs Reed, was lying on a sofa in front of the fire in the drawing room. Her three children Eliza, John, and Georgiana were sitting around her but she didn’t want me there.’</p>
<p>‘Night was falling. We were sitting on the <i>Nellie</i>, a sailing boat. We were anchored in the Thames in London, waiting for the tide to change so that we could leave. The air was dark, and there was a great gloom all over the city. All five of us were experienced sailors and old friends, and we were relaxed together. As the darkness increased, we saw more and more lights on the small boats going backwards and forwards across the river.’</p>	<p>‘The Carraways have been a respected family for three generations in the Midwestern city where we live. My father runs a hardware business that has been in the family since 1851. I graduated from Yale University in 1915, and then fought in World War I. After that I decided to go to New York to work in the finance business. It was 1922.’</p>	<p>“‘Yes, of course, if it’s fine tomorrow,’ said Mrs Ramsay. “But you’ll have to get up very early,’ she added. These words made her six-year-old son very happy. It was settled. The expedition was going to take place. He had looked forward to this adventure for years and years. And after a night’s darkness and a day’s sail, it was finally going to happen.’</p>

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