**The Sound of Hope**

From: Mark Twain

That morning all the people of St. Petersburg knew about Tom and Becky and they were very worried.

Where were they?

Tom and Becky were lost in McDougal's Cave.

They did not know what to do.

They were both afraid.

Tom took Becky's hand.

They walked and walked.

Tom wanted to find the entrance of the cave, but he couldn't.

Tom and Becky entered a big room with a lot of black bats.

It was terrible.

The bats flew over their heads and when Tom and Becky ran away the bats followed them.

Finally the bats went away.

Becky looked at Tom and said, "Tom, where are we?"

"I don't know, Becky."

They continued walking in the dark tunnels.

They were both tired and hungry.

Becky started crying.

"No one will ever find us, Tom. There are too many tunnels and rooms. Oh, we're going to die here!"

"We'll get out of this cave, Becky, you'll see." said Tom.

They ate their last piece of cake.

Soon their last candle went out.

Everything was dark.

What time was it?

What day was it?

They didn't know.

They were tired and slept.

When they woke up they were very hungry.

Suddenly, Tom heard a noise.

"Listen, Becky! Did you hear a noise? Someone is looking for us!"

Becky looked at Tom and smiled.

"I'm going to see. You stay here, Becky!" said Tom.