The Long Grass

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Don't go into the long grass, said Alice's mother.
It's dangerous, and you might get lost, or stung by a snake.
But Alice's friend Peter said, Come on! You'll be all right with me! I'll take you to see the Queen of Hearts; we can show her our lovely dance.
So Alice went into the long grass,
and all through the woods,
until she came to the house where the Queen of Hearts lived.
Welcome to my home, said the Queen of Hearts. How brave of you to come! Aren't you naughty!
So then Alice and Peter danced their beautiful dance.
But a snake came and stung Peter,
and the Queen of Hearts began to laugh a horrible laugh,
and she laughed and laughed until Alice ran away, back through the woods, and got completely lost.
She ran and ran through tangles and brambles, weeks and months, until at last she found her way back home.
But everything was different.
It's all right, said her mother, I forgive you.

Everything's going to be just the same.
But it wasn't the same,
and after that Alice had to be the mother.
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