



# the girl who left david behind

**T**he sound of the bell echoed throughout the halls and once again the school grounds were filled with students as another school day came to a close.

David put his books down and stood by the bench, waiting for Renay to come out of her classroom. Three weeks had passed since he had seen Renay for the first time and everyday they waited for one an-

other after school.

They had met at the "back to school" dance and since then, they would meet at recess, eat their lunch together and walk home together. David lived about 8 blocks from her, but he didn't mind the walk, just as long as she could walk part of it with him.

As he waited for her, David's thoughts went back to their first

meeting. She had looked so pretty sitting alone as the other kids danced by her. He had looked at her from across the room and as her glance met his, he knew that somehow he wanted to be near her.

Perhaps it was because he saw in her the shyness that was within himself, or maybe it was the sparkle in her eyes and the happy smile she flashed at him. He had crossed the