

## Grace Darling's dangerous rescue

**Characters:** NARRATOR 1  
NARRATOR 2  
NARRATOR 3  
GRACE DARLING  
WILLIAM DARLING  
SURVIVORS

NARRATOR 1: Early one morning in 1838, a terrible storm raged outside William Darling's lighthouse on Longstone Rock. The cold wind soon woke up his 22 year old daughter, Grace.

GRACE: (shivering) It's so cold and the wind is howling. I feel sorry for anyone out at sea in this weather.

NARRATOR 2: Grace got up and looked out of the window.

GRACE : Oh no, what's that? I can see people in the water. There must have been a shipwreck!

NARRATOR 3: Grace quickly ran to her father's room to wake him.

GRACE: Father, we must hurry. There's been a shipwreck and we need to help the survivors.

WILLIAM: Your older brothers aren't here to help, so can you come with me?

GRACE: Of course! Let's get the boat.

NARRATOR 1: Grace and her father clambered into their small rowing boat and rowed with all their strength through the terrible storm.

WILLIAM: (pointing) Look, a paddle steamer has hit the rocks.

GRACE: The survivors are clinging to the rocks. We must help them.

SURVIVORS (waving to Grace and her father) Please help us! We are so cold and exhausted!

NARRATOR 2: They rowed towards the desperate survivors. Could Grace and her father rescue them?

WILLIAM: I'll climb onto the rocks while you keep the boat steady.

NARRATOR 3: Grace had to work hard to keep the boat near the rocks without crashing.

GRACE: (talking to herself) It's so hard but I must be brave. These people's lives depend on me.

WILLIAM: The survivors need help. They must get onto the boat now. Keep it steady, Grace!

NARRATOR 1: One at a time, Grace's father helped each of the nine survivors onto Grace's boat. They managed to row back to the shore, to the safety of the lighthouse. Here, the Darling family cared for them for three days until the storm was over.

SURVIVORS: (shaking hands with Grace and her father) Thank you with all our hearts! You have saved our lives. You will be remembered as heroes.