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I know that loneliness is what everybody tries to avoid suffering from but sometimes this feeling is so overwhelming that you can't find a way to get rid of it easily. I remember that it was the end of an amazing summer and I was getting anxious about my last school year. I was dreading the idea of going back home and the only thing I cared about was leaving school as soon as possible.

That first day of the fall term was really unbearable. My dad drove me to school. At first, he'd try to have a conversation with me, talking softly but I could only mumble short answers. He knew I wasn't happy. I'm not an outgoing person and, at the time, I didn't have anyone who I felt totally comfortable with. My classmates saw me as a loner, so I was left out of many after school gatherings. All I could think of was how lousy the year was going to be. It was a very hot day. The air was oppressive and I was making a real effort to focus on what was going on around me. We were, I think, over 900 students, gathered in the entrance hall when the bell rang. The principal was getting ready to start his welcoming speech when Miley suddenly approached me. She was one of those warm and friendly people who attended some of my classes but who actually never noticed me before. Anyhow, she came up to me and kissed me on the cheek. At first, I was completely confused but I was also surprisingly glad. She looked at me and without hesitating said 'hello'. I timidly said 'hello' back. Since then, we have been best friends. Her attitude changed my life and I am still grateful to her.

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