

LITERATURE:

ROSIE IS VERY SICK. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT
it now. She's thinner every day. She's stopped
milking entirely. We sell what we can - a little to
everyone. Until now the cows always made enough
milk for the whole island. We're the only people with
milking cows. They rely on us for their milk - they
always have done. Now with Molly gone and Rosie
poorly we just haven't got enough to go around.

Who is Rosie?

I long for Mother to tell me that everything will
be all right, even if she doesn't mean it. But she's
stopped saying anything. I think maybe she's dying
inside.

What is wrong with Laura's mother?

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I tried to make my eyes see over the horizon as far as America. It's the closest I can get to Billy. He was out there somewhere on that sea. I could feel it. I could feel he was still alive and I was suddenly happy in spite of everything. I just wish he would come back home. If only he would, then everything would be all right again. I'm sure of it.

Do you think Billy is alive?

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