

Chapter I: In the Far South  
*Canoemates:*  
*A Story of the Florida Reef and Everglades*

In this chapter, Mrs. Rankin tells her son that, “it is ever so much harder to be satisfied with the things we have than to obtain those for which we long, no matter how far beyond our reach they may seem.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Write an essay, using examples from your own experiences, as well as from the text, for support.