Blue is back home again. Mummy empties his fridge and cupboards whilst Daddy empties his water tanks. Mummy says she will empty the toilet but Daddy is kind and does it for her because it is heavy and smelly.

Blue is all clean inside and outside. He is ready for another trip but first he needs a good nights sleep after his adventures.



Goodníght Blue

Blue goes camping

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Blue the camper van is at home, he is getting very excited. His Mummy and Daddy are getting him ready to go somewhere. But where? Blue is watching the packing and trying to guess where he is going. There are trousers and shorts and jumpers and t-shirts, fleeces and waterproofs, gloves and sunhats. No clues there.





On the way home Blue sees Norbert . Norbert is French and talks funny. He is very polite he always says "Bonjour Monsieur Blue" that means Hello Mr Blue. Blue replies "Bonjour Monsieur Norbert" Blue likes learning French from Norbert le camion. Blue knows le camion means the lorry. Next year Blue is going to go to France and visit Norbert so he is trying to learn as much as he can about France. He will have to go on a ferry boat to get there Blue can see all the way to the Island of Mull from this campsite. He has never been to Mull and knows that he will have to go on a Ferry boat to get there. From the campsite he can see the Ferries going over the water. They are carrying cars and camper vans and small lorries. They will all need a wash when they get home. He will go there one day but not this holiday.





He knows he is going away because his fridge has been turned on, his water tank filled up, and his cupboards filled with all the things his family need while they are away.

Blue sees Mummy packing the walking boots. He can feel his wheels twitching with excitement, are they going to the mountains?



Blue loves the mountains and so do his friends Red Stumpy and Yellow Stumpy .They are loaded on his special rack. Blue knows he has to watch out for bumps when he is carrying them. They like being outside, and don't mind the cold or the rain, they are mountain bikes.

Blue hopes they are going North, he doesn't like going around the M25. It is too busy and some of the car are rude and pushy. They are camped at the sea side. Blue loves the smell of the salty seaweed. But he knows he will have to have a good wash when he gets home. Daddy says the salt will make him rusty if it is left on.

Early in the morning before the people get up, Blue sees otters swimming along the shore. He often sees rabbits and deer on camp sites when it is quiet.





The next day they go out for a drive, the roads are very steep there are no white lines on the road like at home, to tell him where to go and Blue has to watch he doesn't put a wheel over the edge. He also has to be very careful to watch out for sheep who wander across the road in front of him. Blue remembers how he was boasting to Molly last night, about being brave, he doesn't feel quite so brave now. But soon they are on top of the mountain, it was worth the climb the view from the top is wonderful Yes ,they are going North up the A1, first stop is the Quernhow Café Blue is delighted to see his friend Eddie the Artic.

Blue doesn't need breakfast his diesel will lasts him for a long way yet so he can chat to Eddie while Mummy and Daddy have breakfast.

Eddie carries loads all over the country. He tells Blue lovely stories about his travels and warns him about road works and pot holes in the roads





At the camp site Blue gets comfy, he has some ramps to make sure everything inside is level, otherwise Mummy and Daddy might roll out of bed. Blue has a long orange cable to plug him into the electricity on this campsite. He doesn't always have this., sometimes when in Scotland they go wild camping and don't stay on a campsite at all but find somewhere quiet to stop over night. Once settled, blue looks around to see who else is staying. Sometimes he sees other vans he knows, there is usually someone to chat with whilst Mummy and Daddy go out cycling. Blue looks after things whilst they are away.

Today there is a big camper called Molly staying. Blue tells her about his trip and how steady his wheels were on the narrow twisty roads

