



**H** E'S LEAVING HOME. Takin' off for college. It's a helluva thing. A good thing. Sure glad he's got the chance. He's earned it. Yeah, he's a good boy, Always worked hard. Always there when I needed him. Cost us a lot of sweat for what we got here.

We had good times, though. He'll have 'em in college, too. I know he will. Just hope he don't forget his roots. He won't. No way. He's got a good head on his shoulders. I think we taught him the right values. Expect now he'll come back and teach his old man somethin'.

Told him I was real proud he earned his way. Told him to pick out a cycle, whatever he liked. I wanted to send him off right.

Kid sure is practical minded. Got himself that new KZ400. Damn good transportation. Ain't gunna break him. Ain't gunna break down on him. Real well-built machine. And real smart lookin'.

Pretty smart engine too . . . 398cc, 4-stroke twin. Even got 'lectric starter, disc brake up front. Mileage alone is somethin' else. Didn't know they made cycles like that for the money. Yeah, he's got himself a winner. He's gunna have fun gettin' to school, and he'll do fine there.

It'll be tough I guess. But he's not afraid of pushin' himself. Sometimes I wonder if he don't push himself a little too hard—like his mom did. I dunno. It's too late for wonderin'. Just can't believe he's grown up already. Time passes so quick . . . so quick.

**Kawasaki**  
lets the good times roll.

Good times include riding safely. We recommend wearing a helmet and eye protection, keeping lights on and checking local laws before you ride. Luggage rack optional.

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