

Enriching the Feasts

We should always be trying to improve our Feasts.
You can help by preparing properly for the Feast, being very friendly and kind to everyone there, and by joining in.
Here are 4 plays, that could be performed at the social part of the Feast.



A Day at the Seaside by Ian Fosdar

Cast: Sam
Mai
The railway buffet car waiter
The boy on the beach.

Narrator: *This is a story about selflessness.*

Mai : *(Speaking to Sam)* Sam, how about having a day at the seaside ?

Sam : *(Pleased)* Oh, what a good idea, Mai ! What a lovely day for it.

Mai : Let's go by train - It will be nice and relaxing.

Sam : Good idea ! I'll quickly make some sandwiches for lunch on the train. *(Starts making sandwich)*

Mai : *(Loudly)* Oh no, I'm not eating sandwiches - I'm treating myself to lunch in the buffet car.

Sam : Well, I'm not - It's always so expensive.

Mai : Please yourself - But lets get started, or we'll both miss the train.

Narrator: *After a short walk they were at the station.*

Mai : Here we are at the station - I'm going to pamper myself and go first class.

Sam : Well, I'm not going first class - I don't think there's any need for it, and you never know, I may need the money later.

Narrator: *Mai and Sam boarded the train. (Mai and Sam sit in chairs quite far apart)*

Sam : I've been travelling on the train for quite a while now, so I think I'll have my sandwiches. I wish Mai was with me to share them.

Mai : *(In a different carriage)* Waiter, I'd like to order my lunch please.

Waiter: Of course, Madam. May I recommend our house speciality - Bread and chips ?

Mai : No, thank you - I think I'll instead have Roast Beef and Yorkshire pudding.

Waiter: No, no, I think you'd like bread and chips a lot more.

Mai : *(Impatiently)* No, thank you - Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding please.

Waiter: *(Embarrassed)* Well Madam, the truth of the matter is that our cook only knows how to make chips. By next week he'll have learned how to make chipsteaks too, but this week he only

Mai : Okay, okay, okay.....I'll have the bread and chips.

Waiter: *(Puts plate in front of Mai)* Here you are - That'll be £ 11.99 please.

Mai : *(Angry)* £ 11.99 ??? And you even serve it on a plastic plate ?

Waiter: Well, I could serve it on a proper plate, but then it'll cost £ 15.99.

Mai : *(Gives up, hands across money)* Okay, okay, here's your £11.99.

(Speaking to audience) I wish I'd gone with Sam - this wasn't such a good idea after all. All my money has gone on the first class ticket and this bread and chips.

Narrator: *Finally the train arrived at the famous Isle of Dogs seaside resort, and the two disembarked*

Sam : It's so nice walking along the beach and paddling in the water.

Mai : Yes, you're right. Oh look, there's a boy crying. Lets go and see what's wrong.

Narrator: *The two quickly ran to help the boy who was crying on the beach.*

- Sam** : *(Speaking to the boy, who was crying)* Please tell us what's wrong.
- Boy** : *(Showing them a hole in his pocket)* I've lost all my money through this hole in my pocket. I'm supposed to be buying food for the rest of my family, for dinner tonight.
- Mai** : *(Concerned)* Can't you go home for some more money.
- Boy** : No, we are very poor and that was all the money we had for this week.
- Sam** : Oh, you poor thing. We'll help you by giving what money we've got.... Won't we, Mai ?
- Mai** : *(Embarrassed)* Well, actually I haven't got any money left because I spent it all on the first class ticket and lunch in the buffet car.

(The boy begins to cry again)

- Sam** : *(Giving money to The Boy)* Don't cry ! Here ! Take my money and buy the food for your family.
- Boy** : *(Grateful)* Thank you so much...You are so kind. *(The Boy goes off)*
- Mai** : I feel so selfish about spending all my money on myself, on things that don't matter.
- Sam** : *(Being nice about it)* Don't worry, I'm sure it won't happen again. Come on, let's carry on down the beach !! *(Sam and Mai walk off down the beach)*

Narrator: *The little boy was lucky that Sam hadn't spent all his money on himself - Mai has also learned an important lesson for next time - that helping other people is much more satisfying than looking after yourself.*

Baha'u'llah says,

**'The pure heart is the one that is entirely cut off from self.
To be selfless is to be pure'.**

The End

