

THE ANTS AND THE GRASSHOPPER

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A short play

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GRASSHOPPER is big. ANT is small.

Bespectacled Ant is at home reading his Bible. There is a knock at the door.

ANT

Go away.

GRASSHOPPER

Hey, Ant, it's me, Grasshopper.

ANT

I know who it is. Now, go away.

GRASSHOPPER

Ah, come on man, let me in will you, I'm freezing my butt off out here.

ANT

I told you, I'm not letting you in.

GRASSHOPPER

Just for a minute. I just want to talk.

ANT

I know what you want.

GRASSHOPPER

Look, if you don't let me in, I'm going to die out here. You don't want to find a dead grasshopper on your doorstep. Just five minutes, then I'm gone, I swear.

ANT

Alright, I'm letting you in, just for five minutes.

Ant opens the door and lets Grasshopper in. Grasshopper is carrying a violin case.

ANT (CONT'D)

Five minutes, that's all.

GRASSHOPPER

Man, I'm starving, you got anything to eat?

ANT

Look, we went through all of this last year.

GRASSHOPPER

I know - you let me stay with you. And very comfortable it was too...

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ANT

...only because you promised that come this year...

GRASSHOPPER

You got any corn, just a kernel will do. I haven't eaten a thing in...

ANT

I told you. I'm not feeding you and looking after you again. Been there - done that. Especially as you promised me faithfully you'd help with the planting and the harvesting and what did you do, same as you always do, you danced around, playing music, singing songs, cracking jokes...

GRASSHOPPER

Yea, yea, yea. Come on man, while you was doing all that work - I was working too man, I was working on my art. I'm an artist. Those songs don't compose themselves you know.

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