

Sabad

ਕਬੀਰ ਚੰਦਨ ਕਾ ਬਿਰਵਾ ਭਲਾ ਬੇੜਿਓ ਢਾਕ ਪਲਾਸ ॥ ਓਇ ਭੀ ਚੰਦਨੁ ਹੋਇ ਰਹੇ ਬਸੇ ਜੁ ਚੰਦਨ ਪਾਸਿ ॥

kabīr candan kā birvā bhalā beṛīo ḍhāk palās. oī bhī candan hoī rahe base ju candan pāsi.
Oh Kabīr, consider the sandalwood to be much better, though it is surrounded by much larger and greater trees. All those other trees also become like sandalwood that remain in the company of sandalwood.

ਕਬੀਰ ਸਾਕਤ ਸੰਗੁ ਨ ਕੀਜੀਐ ਦੂਰਹਿ ਜਾਈਐ ਭਾਗਿ ॥ ਬਾਸਨੁ ਕਾਰੋ ਪਰਸੀਐ ਤਉ ਕਛੁ ਲਾਗੈ ਦਾਗੁ ॥

kabīr sākat saṅgu na kījīai dūrahi jāīai bhāgi. bāsanu kāro parsīai taū kachu lāgai dāgu.
Oh Kabīr, be not in the company of those who are gone astray, stay far away from them.

SKIT 1

Manjit (Age 5 to 14)

SCENE 1

Manjit is just finishing the Mūl Mantr (with Mom listening) before breakfast. He/she is very excited to attend the first day at kindergarten.

Manjit: Mom! I want to eat cheerios. Can I?

Mom: Only after you eat your fruit first.

Manjit: (Sighs) OK.

Mom: Hurry we have to go soon. You don't want to be late on the first day.

Manjit and Mom leave for school. As they are leaving Mom also mentions:

Mom: You also have kīrtan class in the evening today.

SCENE 2

Manjit and Mom are walking back into the house after school.

Manjit: Mom I had so much fun! We have so many toys at school.

Mom: You play with your toys at home too. Did you do anything else in class?

Manjit: We also sang a song, about the days of the week. You know what else Mom? Somebody asked me why I have long hair.

Mom: So what did you say?

Manjit: I told them it's because I'm a Sikh. It's my religion. The kids

didn't say anything they just started playing with the toys.

Mom: That's good Manjit.

Manjit: The teacher took us outside too. I saw some kids teasing and swearing. They were bad. I wouldn't do that.

A couple of hours later they are going for kīrtan class.

Manjit: I hope I get to do Visar Nāhi Dātār. I want to learn how to play tablā too.

SCENE 3

Five years later, it is the first day of school for the year and Manjit is now going into fifth grade.

Mom: Manjit, you're taking too long in the bathroom. You still have to do pāṭh.

Manjit comes out.

Manjit: Do I have to do all 15 paūrīs? Can I just do the first paūrīs five times.

Mom: No! You should do all of it. Otherwise you're going to forget them.

Manjit: (To him/her self) I'm not going to forget it. I already know it.

Manjit finishes the 15 paūrīs and sits at the breakfast table.

Manjit: Can you give me some cereal? And I don't want any fruit.

Mom: (as she gives the cereal to Manjit) I think you're old enough to do some of this yourself now, but since you're running late I'll help you out.

Manjit quickly eats and gets up and runs out to school.

SCENE 4

During recess, Manjit is playing basketball. Manjit is paired up with John. Bob and Mike are on the other team. (Bob is the basketball star and he has a habit of swearing... Mike and John follow everything that Bob does.) Bob starts swearing at Mike because they are losing.

Bob: BEEP! you. You can't even pass.

Manjit: Why are you swearing at him? It's not a big deal!

Bob: What's wrong with it? Everyone swears. My older brother swears. Even my parents swear.

Everyone looks at Manjit and Manjit shrugs his shoulders and kicks the ground.

SCENE 5

After school all four boys are walking home. They are approached by two kids from seventh grade. The older kids offer the four of them a cigarette. Bob is hesitant, but because he is the leader of the group he accepts it.

Older kid 1: Have you ever smoked?

Bob: (Hesitantly) Yeah. Everyone does it.

Older Kid 2: So you want to join us behind the school? Nobody will see us there.

Bob, Mike and the older kids start walking towards the school. While Manjit and John stand there confused and decide to turn towards home.

Manjit thinks out loud: *Bob probably won't play with me any more. I wonder if I should have gone.*

John: I wonder if Bob is mad at us.

Manjit: (Hesitantly) My mom would kill me if she ever caught me.

John: But, Bob might never talk to us again.

SCENE 6

Three years later, Manjit and his friends are offered to attend a party held by Bob during the eighth grade graduation reception. Bob approaches Manjit, John and Mike.

Bob: What's up guys?

Manjit, John and Mike: Nothing much.

Bob: So are you guys going to stay at this boring party or come to my place?

Manjit: (Hesitantly) We're not sure Bob. We have to be home by nine o'clock.

Bob: Bunch of cry babies. This is your night, so what if you go home a little late? I'm only inviting the cool people to the party and I also have the key to my dad's drawer, where he keeps his cigarettes. Doesn't that sound cool?

John: That's amazing. How'd you get the key?

Bob: Don't worry about that. So are you guys going to come or not?

Mike: I'll come. It doesn't really matter if I go home a bit late.
Come on Manjit, you'll have fun and your parents won't mind at all.

Manjit: Ok, if you guys say so.

SKIT 2

Same as skit 1 until end of scene 3

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Mike: Hey Bob, I don't think that's such a good idea man.

Older Kid 1: Bob, you coming or what? Or you gonna listen to those sissies?

Manjit and John stand there confused and wait for Mike as they decide to turn towards home.

Mike thinks out loud: *Bob probably won't play with me any more. I wonder if I should have gone.*

Manjit: Hey Mike, that was good that you didn't go with Bob. You know that it's the wrong thing. Smoking isn't right!

John: I wonder if Bob is mad at us.

Mike: Well, even if he is, we had to make the right decision. If we went along with him, it would've been our fault. I just wish he could understand that that's bad for him

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John: But Bob might never talk to us again.

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Mike: Come on Bob, you know that's not right. For one, you know that smoking isn't right and then on top of that, you're stealing from your own dad. What kind of person are you man? Think about it.

John: Yeah Bob, really think about it. It's not good for you

Manjit: We're your friend Bob, we don't want you to do all that. We want to hang out with you and we don't want you to do that.

Bob: I like you guys too, but it's cool to do that stuff.

Manjit: Well, I think it's even cooler to say, "no."

Bob thinks for a minute

Bob: You know what you guys are right, why don't you guys come over tomorrow afternoon for lunch and we'll play that new Playstation my cousin got me for my birthday. What do you guys say?

John: That's so awesome dude, I've been wanting to play that new game

Mike: Yeah, that's great

Manjit: I'm definitely in. I don't think I have plans tomorrow

Bob: Cool guys, this is pretty great! See you all tomorrow

End Skit