

# HARVEST HOPE

*[ISABEL and FRIENDS sit at the centre table. Two places are saved for TEHYA & MILO. TEHYA enters ahead of MILO and shouts at him over her shoulder.]*

TEHYA *(irritated)* Come on, MILO, we're late!

*[MILO enters, eating a biscuit.]*

MILO *(with mouth full)* I'm coming!

TEHYA Oi! Don't eat the harvest food!

MILO It's only one biscuit, and I'm starving!

TEHYA No you're not, you're just greedy!

*[HUGHIE stands at centre table and shouts across to them.]*

HUGHIE *(beckoning)* Come on you two! Stop arguing.

MILEY The party's about to start.

TEHYA *(moving towards table)* Ok, we're just coming.

*[MILO & TEHYA go to put their Harvest things on the table as the CALLERS take their places on the lower stage block.]*

VINNIE/JOE *(spoken)* Welcome to the Harvest dance!  
Have a go! Here's your chance!  
Keep in time, tap your feet!  
Clap along to the Harvest beat!

## **EVERYBODY COME TO THE HARVEST FAIR**

*[DANCERS & CALLERS return to places as the song ends.  
COMEDIANS move to lower stage block.]*

JESSICA Look at all this lovely food!

AVA *(rubbing tummy eagerly)* We'll be eating it soon!

MILO I can't wait. I'm still hungry!

VINNIE/JOE Now it's time to play a game  
How many foods can you name  
That all begin with 'C'!

*[As each character speaks, he/she picks up the appropriate item from the harvest goods on the table. The lines for FRIENDS 1,2,3 & 4 could be taken by chorus members.]*

TEHYA Well, there's cabbage and carrots...

HUGHIE And cauliflower...

MILEY There's cucumber and courgettes...

JESSICA And chilli peppers...

AVA There's cress and cherries...

ISABEL And chives...

HUGHIE And cornflakes... which are made from corn like this!

MILO *(picking up a chocolate cake)* What about chocolate?

ALL *(excited)* Ooh! Chocolate!

*[As the dialogue continues, MILO stuffs the chocolate cake into his mouth. Those near him react with disgust as he eats messily and greedily.]*

MILEY *(knowingly)* And chocolate is made from cocoa - which also begins with 'C'.

TEHYA Did you know that cocoa is made from beans?

*[Some nod, others shake their heads.]*

JESSICA What, baked beans?

AVA No! Cocoa beans, silly!

TEHYA We've got so many things beginning with 'C'!

MILO *(grabbing greedily at a banana)* Never mind 'C', what about 'B'!

*[MILO peels the banana very obviously.]*

ISABEL *(ignoring MILO)* We've got so much food... but did you see the news about the children in Africa?

MILO *(rudely interrupting)* Whatever! Let's eat!

*[MILO stuffs a huge bite of banana into his mouth.]*

TEHYA *(disgusted)* MILO! That's gross!

ALL *(disgusted)* Eurgh!  
ISABEL *(to TEHYA)* I'm glad he's not my brother!  
TEHYA *(embarrassed)* He's so embarrassing.

*[MILO splutters as if choking.]*

HUGHIE *(patting MILO on the back)* Serves you right.  
MILEY Greedy-guts!  
JESSICA Leave some for the rest of us!  
AVA Good job there's enough for everyone!

*[ALL freeze until the end of the next song. AFRICAN CHILD 1 and 2 stand to sing, then return to base positions at the end.]*

### **CAN YOU HEAR ME? (A)**

MILO *(shouting out – a signal for everyone to unfreeze)* Hey, ISABEL, chuck me some bread will you? I'm starving!

*[COMEDIANS make their way to the centre blocks followed by the BAKERS.]*

ISABEL *(patiently)* No you're not! Proper starving is like those children I was telling you about...

MILO *(interrupting)* Shush! Be quiet, or we'll miss the jokes!

BOBBY I say, I say, I say...Why couldn't the baker make a loaf for a pound?

LEE I don't know... Why couldn't the baker make a loaf for a pound?

BOBBY Because he didn't have enough dough!

*[ALL groan.]*

### **THE BREAD SONG**

*[Insert jokes during song.]*

LEE I say, I say, I say... Why can't I tell you the joke about the bread and butter?

EVAN I don't know... Why can't you tell me the joke about the bread and butter?

LEE Because you might spread it!

*[COMEDIAN 2 and some bystanders groan.]*

EVAN I say, I say, I say... why did the boy throw his toast?

HARRY P I don't know... why did the boy throw his toast?

EVAN Because he wanted to see the butter fly!

*[COMEDIAN 2 and some bystanders groan.]*

*[ALL freeze on the word, STOP, at end of song, apart from INDIAN CHILD AND BURMESE CHILD who stand to sing.]*

## **CAN YOU HEAR ME? (B)**

*[ALL 'unfreeze' at the end of the song. COMEDIANS return to places. HUGHIE picks up Harvest loaf.]*

HUGHIE *(smelling the bread)* This bread smells really good!  
MILEY I helped my mum to make it!  
JESSICA *(impressed)* Really? That's amazing!  
MILO *(interrupting)* Anyone got cheese to go with my bread?  
AVA Bread and cheese! That's a ploughman's lunch.  
MILO A ploughman's lunch? What's that?  
AVA Bread and cheese! I just told you!  
MILO *(stands and shouts around the room)* Anyone got some cheese? I want some cheese!

*[MILO makes his way to the lower stage block to sing. 'CHEESES' prepare to hold up cut-outs during song.]*

## **THE CHEESE SONG**

*[ALL return to places.]*

TEHYA At least MILO is quiet for once!  
HUGHIE He'll probably be sick after all that lot!  
ISABEL Yeah, but not properly sick, like children who don't get enough to eat. I've seen pictures of them - tummies out to here. *(indicating)*  
MILEY How can they be fat if they're starving?  
ISABEL They're not fat. Their arms and legs are like sticks.  
JESSICA So why are their tummies so big?  
ISABEL They swell up 'cos they haven't got the right vitamins.  
AVA I bet it hurts. I'm glad that doesn't happen to us.  
TEHYA We're so lucky to have enough food...  
MILO Yeah, it's great! I might just have room for one more biscuit...  
ISABEL *(crossly, folding arms)* Haven't you had enough?

*[MILO puts on a 'who, me?' expression, then shrugs.]*

TEHYA Harvest is a time to be grateful, not greedy!

*[During first chorus, MILO & ISABEL move to lower stage block, MILO with food in hand, to eat when not speaking.]*

### **HARVEST TIME IS HERE AGAIN**

MILEY Look at all this wonderful food.

JESSICA It's much more than we need. AVA  
There has to be a way we can share.

MILO *(groaning)* I wish Id shared... I've eaten too much.

HUGHIE *(holds up carrots)* We've got loads of vegetables - we could send some of them to Africa!

ALL *(shaking heads)* That won't do.

HUGHIE Why not?

ISABEL They'd be mouldy by the time they got there.

MILEY *(holds up bread)* We've got far too much bread - we could send some of that.

ALL *(shaking heads)* That won't do.

MILEY Why not?

TEHYA It'd be stale by the time it got there.

JESSICA *(holds up biscuits)* We've got loads of biscuits - we could send some of them.

ALL *(shaking heads)* That won't do.

JESSICA Why not? They'd last the journey.

AVA But it wouldn't take long to eat them, and then they'd be gone.

MILO *(clutching tummy)* Please stop talking about food!

HUGHIE *(opening hands out)* But we're trying to find a way to share!

MILO What about seeds?

ALL *(looking amazed at MILO's idea)* Seeds!

MILO *(encouraged)* And we could help them buy tools to plant the seeds!

TEHYA Good idea, MILO!

MILEY *(to MILO)* But they'd need water...

JESSICA *(nodding)* To make the seeds grow.

MILO *(scratching head)* Well... *(opening hands out)* well...

ALL

*(putting thumbs up)* Wells!

TEHYA

Another good idea, MILO!

ISABEL

There's hope for you after all!

*[ALL join in singing the final song. During the song the children pick up handfuls of food and take it to the third world children. MILO watches what is happening. He begins to get the idea.]*

## ONLY ONE WORLD

