



13. Twimfina Arrives at Garden School

(morning in the schoolyard; children are playing; Baba arrives with Twimfina, who is asleep in the cart; the fascinated children crowd around and stare; Guru rings outside bell with rope from inside; Twimfina is startled awake; the children laugh)

SCOUT

(to Twimfina)

Who are you?

BABA

This is Guru's friend. She's had a long journey and she'll need some rest. Now all of you better get inside – Guru's already rung the bell!

TWIMFINA

Baba, if I may, I'd like to go in with them.

BABA

(chuckling)

Twimfina, you don't need my permission for anything. You're our guest. You do whatever you want.

CHILDREN

(excited)

Come with us! We'll surprise him!

(Guru rings the bell again. They all walk up to the door and open it.)

GURU

(writing on board - not looking back)

Where have you slowpokes been? You're late for science class! When I ring the bell, I expect you to...

(Guru freezes mid-sentence as he looks back and sees Twimfina; the children laugh)



TWIMFINA

(cheerfully)

Good morning, Guru! May I join your class?

GURU

Twimfina!

(to children)

Class, we have a very special guest. Her name is Twimfina. She's travelled a long, long way to visit us. Let's make her feel welcome.

(Children all excitedly greet her with hugs and handshakes)

GURU (CONT'D)

Twimfina is going to teach you subjects that I don't know how to teach – like music.

CHILDREN

Music!

SCOUT

Can you teach us a song to sing?
(*the other children concur excitedly*)

TWIMFINA

Right now? Well, since this is Science class, we could sing one about being scientists.

(*children are excited; music begins*)

I'll go first.

(*singing*)

I AM A SCIENTIST IN E'VRY LITTLE THING I DO
I AM A SCIENTIST BECAUSE I LOOK FOR WHAT IS TRUE
AND 'CAUSE I TEST AND TEST AND TEST AND TEST
UNTIL THE THINGS I DO I DO MY BEST
I AM A SCIENTIST!

THINGS TO LEARN AND THINGS TO DO AND FRIENDSHIPS TO BE MADE.
DIFF'RENT PEOPLE, DIFF'RENT PLACES, I AM NOT AFRAID!

I AM A SCIENTIST IN E'VRY LITTLE THING I DO
I AM A SCIENTIST BECAUSE I LOOK FOR WHAT IS TRUE

AND 'CAUSE I TEST AND TEST AND TEST AND TEST
UNTIL THE THINGS I DO I DO MY BEST
I AM A SCIENTIST!

TWIMFINA (CONT'D)

Now it's your turn, Guru!

GURU

(*singing*)

I AM A SCIENTIST IN ALL THE TEACHING THAT I DO
I AM A SCIENTIST BECAUSE I LOOK FOR WHAT IS TRUE
AND 'CAUSE I TEST AND TEST AND TEST AND TEST
UNTIL MY STUDENTS ALL CAN BE THEIR BEST
I AM A SCIENTIST!

TYRANNY IN EDUCATION – THIS I WILL REJECT
I WANT PEACEFUL, THINKING STUDENTS – PEOPLE I RESPECT!

I AM A SCIENTIST IN ALL THE TEACHING THAT I DO
I AM A SCIENTIST BECAUSE I LOOK FOR WHAT IS TRUE
AND 'CAUSE I TEST AND TEST AND TEST AND TEST
UNTIL MY STUDENTS ALL CAN BE THEIR BEST
I AM A SCIENTIST!

TWIMFINA
Now it's everybody's turn!

CHILDREN, TWIMFINA and GURU
(*singing*)

WE ARE THE SCIENTISTS IN E'VRY LITTLE THING WE DO
WE ARE THE SCIENTISTS BECAUSE WE LOOK FOR WHAT IS TRUE
AND 'CAUSE WE TEST AND TEST AND TEST AND TEST
UNTIL THE THINGS WE DO WE DO OUR BEST
WE ARE THE SCIENTISTS!

THINGS TO LEARN AND THINGS TO DO AND FRIENDSHIPS TO BE MADE.
DIFF'RENT PEOPLE, DIFF'RENT PLACES, WE ARE NOT AFRAID!

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