Class 4th subject English 12.05.2021

In the previous online class you have understood the summary of the poem The fox wedding. Today I am giving you complete poem. Read it and remember.

READING

There is a common folklore in the Indian subcontinent, many African countries, Brazil, France, and Japan that when the sun shines during the rain, a fox gets married. Let's read this folk poem by Harindranath Chattopadhyay about a fox's wedding and find out who all attend it.

> The cloud is dropping It's rain in the sun, For the Fox's wedding Has just begun.

From forest and plain And mountainside, Guests bring gifts For the Fox and the bride.

Here comes the first: A grinning hyena, Who brings a charming Bowl from China.

Here comes the second: A lion bold, Whose gift is a mirror Of African gold.

Here comes the third: A crocodile, Whose gift is a silver Cup from the Nile.

Here comes the fourth: A long-necked camel, Whose gift is a casket Of Indian enamel. grinning: smiling broadly casket: a small box or chest for keeping jewels, letters, or valued objects enamel: a glossy substance applied on metallic or hard surfaces as a protective coating

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proud zoology: the scientific study of animals empty apology: saying sorry without meaning it

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Here comes the fifth: A monkey who writes, His gift is a book, *The Arabian Nights*.

Here comes the sixth: A she-wolf vain, Who brings for the bride A scarf from Spain.

Here comes the seventh: A polar bear, Whose gift is a beautiful Russian chair.

Here comes the eighth To the Fox's marriage: A horse who has brought him A five-wheeled carriage.

Here comes the ninth: A jackal who brings The bride and the bridegroom Two diamond rings.

Here comes the tenth: If you please, uninvited; The guests at the wedding Are getting excited.

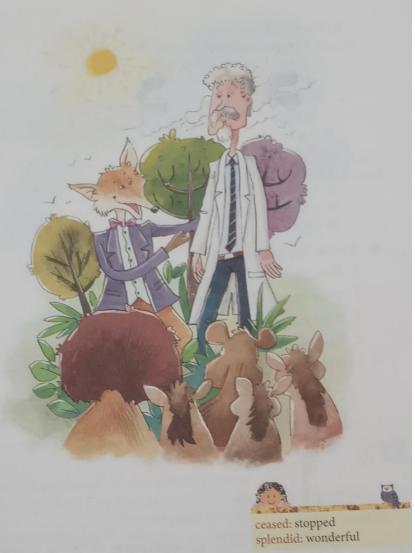
He comes from somewhere And teaches zoology. What is his gift? An empty apology. But why has he come To the Fox's feast? It is most ill-mannered To say the least.

The Fox then addressed The guests who were present: 'Let us be friendly, Let us be pleasant.

> 'Let us be civil And not make a fuss Since Man, after all, Is a beast like us.'

The guests of a sudden, Ceased to complain; The clouds of a sudden, Forgot to rain.

The sun came out Both gay and splendid; The Fox's wedding Was happily ended.



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