

**Class 4<sup>th</sup>      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



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**.

vain: arrogant; extremely proud  
zoology: the scientific study of animals  
empty apology: saying sorry without meaning it

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.



   
ceased: stopped  
splendid: wonderful

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