





May I Bring a Friend?

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Characters: Narrator, Boy, King, Queen, Animals/Guests

Opening Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/photo-album

NARRATOR:

Once upon a time in a faraway land lived a King and a Queen, known for their love for their people and for endless kindness.

Kings and Queens sometimes live in big castles and have busy lives.

They have work to do because good Kings and Queens should always think about their people and the land where they live.

This King and the Queen were joyful hosts who loved to entertain new guests in their castle.

They deeply appreciated people's graciousness and good manners.

Good manners were very important to the King and Queen.

Through one of the big windows of the castle they used to see children playing nearby. They were impressed by one very kind boy who was always nice to his friends. The King and the Queen noticed how helpful the boy was and how much his friends loved playing with him.

One day they decided to invite the boy to join them for tea.

	BOY:	
The King and Queen		
Invited me		
To come to their house		
On Sunday for tea.		
I told the Queen		
And the Queen told the King		
I had a friend		
I wanted to bring		
	KING:	
(Looking at the Queen)		
"My dear, my dear,		
Any friend of our friend		
Is welcome here."		
	BOY:	
So I brought my friend		

Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/smile

(Boy walks in pulling a giraffe.)
KING:
Hello! How do you do?
QUEEN:
Well! Fancy meeting you!
BOY:
My friend sat down
Right next to me.
Then everyone had
A cup of tea.
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/smile
(Giraffe leaves.)
KING and QUEEN:
We are having stew
On Monday for dinner.
And we want you to come.
BOY:
I told the Queen
And the Queen told the King
I had a friend

I wanted to bring.
KING:
(Looking at the Queen)
My dear, my dear.
Any friend of your friend
Is welcome here.
BOY:
So I brought my friend
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/retro-soul
(Boy walks in pulling a hippopotamus.)
My friend cat down
My friend sat down
Next to the King
And when dinner was over
There wasn't a thing left to eat.
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/retro-soul
(Hippopotamus leaves.)
The King and Queen
Sent me a card.

KING AND QUEEN

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(In unison.)
Come for lunch on Tuesday.
Please try hard to come.
BOY:
So I sent a card:
"Dear Queen and King,
I have a friend
I want to bring."
The King and Queen
Sent me a letter.
KING AND QUEEN:
(In unison.)
The more friends
You bring the better.
BOY:
So I brought more friends
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/hey-happy-cheerful
(Boy walks in followed by monkeys.)

KING:

Hello!
QUEEN:
What monkey business is this?
NARRATOR:
They hang from the roof.
They sat on the floor.
They ate and they ate
Till there wasn't any more to eat.
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/hey-happy-cheerful
(Monkeys leave.)
BOY:
The King and Queen
Sent a man with a horn
To ask me to come
On Wednesday morn
For breakfast.
I told the man
To tell the King
I had a friend
I'd like to bring.

KING:

Please tell my dear
Friend that his friend
Is welcome here.
BOY:
So I brought my friend
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/the-duel
(Boy walks in pulling an elephant.)
KING:
Hello!
QUEEN:
I don't know where
Your friend can sit down.
BOY:
So we sat on my friend.
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/the-duel
(Elephant leaves.)
KING:

Please	
	QUEEN:
Please	
	KING and QUEEN:
Come on Thursday	
For Halloween	
And we want you to know	
You can bring any friends	
You would like to bring.	
	BOY:
So I came and brought my friends	
Music: https://w	ww.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/4
(Boy walks in pulling a lion.)	
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	KING and QUEEN:
Hello!	
Now who can this be?	
	BOY:
Then the lions roared	
And they knew I was me.	

Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/4

(Lions leave.)	
	QUEEN:
Do come on Friday.	QUEEN.
	KING:
Yes, it's Apple Pie Day.	
	BOY:
Will you tell the King	
I have a friend	
I want to bring?	
(Queen tells the King.)	
	KING:
My dear,	
Any friend of our friend	
Is welcome here."	
	BOY:
So I brought my friend	

Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/fun-day

(Boy walks in pulling a seal.)
KING:
Hello.
QUEEN:
Wheeee!
Let's hear you play
Oh-Say-Can-You-See
BOY:
My friend played a song
Called Long Live Apple Pie
Then the King played a while
And so did I.
Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/fun-day
(Seal leaves.)
The King and Queen
Invited me
To come on Saturday
For tea.

No, no! My friends want you, instead.

To come and visit them.

So that's why...

The King and Queen

And I and all

My friends were seen

On Saturday at half-past two

Having tea at the City Zoo.

NARRATOR:

The King and the Queen continued leading their people by example, showing them that making friends is a wonderful thing. Friends of friends, of all shapes and sizes, of all colors and walks of life were welcome in the castle. They learned something new from each of them and they all became better people because of the new friendships!

The King and the Queen often reminded the people in the kingdom that if you are a good friend, you will have great friends.

We hope you remember that too.

Closing Music: https://www.bensound.com/royalty-free-music/track/buddy