

## It's So Cold Out . . . Bonus Puppet play

Here's one play we wrote that's a crowd pleaser. It adapts easily to whatever puppets you have.

Synopsis. A (singing) Bear is cold. Other animals come along dressed in a piece of winter-wear. Each gives their piece of clothing to Bear. Bear is grateful.

Puppets: Bear and (4) other woodland animals

Props: scarf, mittens, hat, socks. They don't have to really fit. It's funnier if they don't.

\*Bear: (*Sing to Frere Jacques*) Sings grumpily. Might have a vaguely Nordic accent!

It's so cold out - - - It's so cold out

What shall I wear? - - - What shall I wear?

It's so very cold out - - - It's so very cold out

softer Grumbled the bear - - - grumbled the bear . . . fades away

Animal: Bear, why are you standing outside of your lair?

Bear: *complaining* My (neck is) cold. (Toes are ) (paws are ) (head is)

Animal: I think your fine brown coat should be enough, but if you're still cold, here, take my (scarf) (socks) (mittens) (hat)

Bear: Thank you, \_\_\_\_\_. You're a good friend.\*

Other animal disappears. Bear puts on clothing. Talks to self.

Repeat between \*s. Bear sings song. New animal friend arrives. Pass off clothing and so forth until bear is dressed for winter. Then bear sings.

Bear:

I am warm now I am warm now

Thank you Friends Thank you Friends

You are very generous You are very generous

This is 'The End' This is 'The End'

We ad lib in addition to the script. For instance, an approaching badger might complain as she appears, "Bear, you are making too much noise. I can't sleep. What's the matter?" and after passing off the hat, might say, "Brrr, it IS cold out. I'm headed back to my burrow. By Bear."

While Bear is dressing herself she might comment on how hard the socks are to get on her back paws or what a lovely red the hat is.

Enjoy! Adapt!