

**Welcome All**

by J. Richards

Parents, children, welcome all!  
 To this very special show  
 When I look back I can't believe  
 How years just come and go.

Was it not yesterday that they were  
 Small and quite shy, too?  
 But now the class is ready  
 To move on to pastures new.

Now, mobile phones are useful  
 And we like to keep in touch,  
 But, please, ring tones in the middle  
 Will not help us very much.

So, Mums and Dads, just sit right back,  
 Watch, listen and enjoy  
 And don't forget to video  
 Your precious girl or boy.

But do be careful as you move around  
 The crowded hall  
 Our Infant folk might trip you up  
 They're really very small!

And children, you'll be on the stage  
 In just a little while  
 But don't forget, when it's your turn  
 To sing out loud, and smile!

And if you should fall off the stage  
 Do land without a noise  
 And we've run out of plasters  
 So please aim for the soft toys.

Right, we will soon be starting  
 But I've one more thing to say:  
 Our music teacher's ill  
 So no accordion today.

But, not to worry,  
 Mr. James will play kazoo and spoons  
 I'm told he's pretty good  
 As long as he knows all the tunes!

Oh, parents, do forgive me,  
 It's been such a busy week  
 We've had no dress rehearsal  
 So, ignore me if I speak;

If children stumble on their lines  
 I may help with a word  
 But, never mind, just tell yourself  
 It was your child you heard!

There will be a short break  
 To let us take care of our needs,  
 But go around the workmen  
 And don't trip on any leads.

Although grown-ups are welcome  
 To take coffee from the pot  
 For health and safety reasons  
 It will not be very hot

The cartons are for pupils  
 But not every child will get –  
 We ordered more this morning  
 But they've not delivered yet.

Oh, the caretaker has asked  
 That if you're sitting by the stairs  
 Could you make sure that before you go  
 You stack up all the chairs.

Now, I shall divulge a secret  
 There may be a little pause  
 And if you hear a constant bell  
 Please use the fire doors.

Well, enjoy the show, what? Oh –  
 A big four by four you say  
 Has been parked just by the entrance  
 In a very awkward way

Right, not another word from me  
 Except that when your children sing...  
 The microphone is faulty  
 And you may not hear a thing!