

READER'S THEATER BASED ON
Paul Meets Bernadette
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Characters:

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Paul

Bernadette

Props: Glass fishbowl; 2 bananas on a plate; a vase of colorful flowers; Large, green clock; newspaper; blue and white teapot; 2 or 3 teacups; a pair of glasses; a jug of orange juice and a carton of milk; 2 fried eggs; large paper star that reads, "And you, Bernadette are my star;" a spoon

Paul: Paul...

Bernadette: Meets Bernadette!

Narrators 1 and 2: Written and illustrated by Rosy Lamb.

Narrator 1: Paul used to go around in circles in his round, glass fishbowl.

Narrator 2: He made big circles...

Narrator 1: And little circles.

Narrator 2: He circled from left to right...

Narrator 1: And from right to left.

Narrator 2: He circled from top to bottom...

Narrator 1: And from bottom to top.

Narrators 1 and 2: And then one day Bernadette dropped in!

Bernadette: What are you doing, Paul?

Paul: I'm going round and round. What else is there to do?

Bernadette: Haven't you ever noticed that there's a whole world out there?
There are so many things to see. Come look over here.

(Narrator 2 holds up two bananas on a plate.)

Bernadette: "What do you think that yellow thing is?"

Paul: Hum de dum.

Bernadette: *That...* is a boat!

(Paul marvels at the "boat.")

Bernadette: Paul, come over here.

(Narrator 1 holds up a vase of colorful flowers.)

Bernadette: Do you see the forest with trees of every color?

Paul: Yes, I do. How enchanting!

Bernadette: Do you see that round thing in the distance? What do you think that is?

Paul: I just can't think.

(Narrator 2 holds up a large green clock.)

Bernadette: *That...* is a cactus!

Paul: Aha! And what is that draped up there?

(Narrator 1 holds up a newspaper page.)

Bernadette: Why that is a lady's *dress*!

Paul: Oh, that is a dress! Of course, of course. What else could it be? (pause) I think that dress would look very pretty on you!

(Narrator 2 holds up a blue and white teapot.)

Paul: What is that?

Bernadette: It's an elephant!

Paul: Is she a dangerous elephant?

Bernadette: She is not *too* dangerous. But you must not disturb her when she is feeding her babies.

(Narrator 2 pours tea into teacups)

Bernadette: (excitedly) Look up, over there!

(Narrator 1 holds up a pair of glasses.)

Bernadette: A lunetta butterfly!

Paul: (to himself) Bernadette is so lovely.

Bernadette: And do you see the tall buildings over there?

(Narrator 1 and 2 hold up a carton of milk and a jug of orange juice.)

Bernadette: That's a city.

Paul: What is the name of the city?

Bernadette: Milkwaukee.

Paul: Are those two bright-yellow circles down there fried eggs?

(Narrator 1 holds up 2 fried eggs.)

Bernadette: Are you crazy? Of course they are not fried eggs! That is the sun and the moon!

Paul: (to himself) They are the sun and the moon. And you, Bernadette, are my star.

(Narrator 2 holds up the paper star.)

Bernadette: There is just one more thing in the whole world.

Paul: What is it?

Bernadette: (Motioning downward) It's a... fish!

Narrator 2: Bernadette has shown Paul the whole world...

Narrator 1: And so Paul doesn't go around in circles anymore.

Narrator 2: He has something so much better to do.

Narrators 1 and 2: Now Paul goes around Bernadette.