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## If God Went on Holiday

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**ERUCH:** So Judith, what news from Avatar's abode?

**JUDITH:** Well we have a drought. Which is news, because now it's, when I left it was 57 days without rain, which was a record for over 150 years.

**ERUCH:** Wonderful! Good news. [sound of pilgrims laughing]

**JUDITH:** It just looked like Meherabad in the old days. [Eruch laughs]. You know when it was bare and brown and the grass crackles on when you walk on it. [sound of pilgrims laughing] Very scary for the fire danger. Lot of bush fires all around, Brisbane and around that area too.

**ERUCH:** But how about your sources for water then? Drinking water.

**JUDITH:** Well, some are all right but all the Meher Road people have been buying water for about few weeks and we have the big dam on the property and a lot of the general use water comes from there.

My cottage for instance, everything except for drinking and cooking, I draw of from the big dam. So I'm very fortunate I've got drinking water for my own little cottage.

But with the gardens around Baba's house, they're starting, oh no, they've kept them

going but they are starting now to think of being a little more careful with the water, because its forecast that it'll probably continue like this for at least until the end of the year and maybe into next year.

So I don't quite know what Baba's doing, but it's very unusual. Because we are right at the, at the lower end of the sub tropical area in Queensland and normally we should get quite a bit of rain during the year.

**ERUCH:** Devana, please get that plaque. She wants to know what Baba's going to do. [sound of pilgrims laughing]. Because Baba has answered it.

**MANI:** Eruch said something to me this morning which made me very happy.

**ERUCH:** What is that?

**MANI:** Made me realise how slim I'm getting. He said when you come in the Hall, I don't see you. I don't know, you must say "I'm here." [sound of pilgrims laughing].

**PILGRIM # :** It's true that you are here.

**ERUCH:** Here Judith, this is the answer from Baba.

**JUDITH:** Uh huh.

**ERUCH:** Loudly

**DEVANA:** If God went on strike.

It's just a good thing God above,  
has never gone on strike,  
because He wasn't treated fair,  
on things He didn't like.

If He had ever once sat down and said,  
"That's it. I am through.  
I have had enough of those on earth,  
So this is what I'll do,

I'll give my orders to the Sun,  
cut off your heat supply.  
And to the moon,  
give no more light and run those oceans dry.

Then, just to make it really tough,  
and to put the pressure on,  
turn off the oxygen and air,  
till every breath is gone.

Do you know He'd be justified,  
if fairness was the game,  
for none has been more abused,  
and treated with disdain,  
than God.

And yet, He carries on,  
supplying you and me,  
with all the favours of His Grace,  
and everything is for free.

Men say they want a better deal,  
and so on strike they go.  
But what a deal we've given God,  
to whom everything we owe.

We don't care whom we hurt or harm,

to gain the things we like.  
But what a mess we'd all be in,  
if God were to go on strike.

[sound of pilgrims laughing].

**ERUCH:** So.

**JUDITH:** Where did that come from?

**DEVANA:** It's an anonymous poem. That it came from someone in Canada.

**MANI:** Uh huh. The best parts are anonymous.

**PILGRIM # 1:** Yes, hmm, hmm.

**MANI:** I've found that. Two other favourite ones we have, anonymous.

**JUDITH:** Doesn't get coloured in any way either, does it? [inaudible]

**PILGRIM #2:** [laughs].

**ERUCH:** So there is still hope. There is still hope. There is still hope.

**JUDITH:** Yeah, we still have one year.

**ERUCH:** He's not gone on strike yet.

**JUDITH:** But all the way from Poona here.

**MANI:** Not only on strike, He has never gone on a holiday. Baba Himself said, "Look at me, I can never go on a holiday. God can never go on a holiday."