

Madam Rides the Bus



Class 10

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Vallikkannan

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Introduction

- It is a story about an 8 year old girl's first bus journey into the world outside her village. It is also an introduction into the mystery of life and death .
- The little girl Valliammai sees the gap between our knowing that there is death and our understanding of it.

Valli's favourite Pastime

- Her favourite pastime was standing in the front doorway of her house watching what was happening outside.
- Watching the streets gave her endless joy .
- She looked at the new set of passengers each time bus crossed by.
- Gradually a tiny wish crept into her mind she wanted to ride on the bus that passed every hour.
- Soon wish turned into a desire and therefore she made it a mission to full fill it.

Valli's favourite Pastime

- She started listening to the conversations between her neighbours who frequently travelled by a bus.
- Just like this she knew that the town is six miles away from her village and it took the bus forty –five minutes to travel one side
- The one sided fare was 30 paise
- She needed to save the money which was not easy as she had to resist the temptation of candy pepper mint and merry go round .

Valli's Ride

- Finally she saved enough money and one fine day the brave 8 year old took the bus during it's not very busy hours .
- She refused to take any help from the conductor or fellow passengers
- She behaved like an adult .
- The counductor of joking sort and thus refered to valli as grown up madam

Valli an adult

- Finally , Valli boarded the bus
- Short heighted Valli would stand on her seat to be able to see clear from window while every one advised her to sit for her own safety.



Valli an adult

- Each time someone would poke their nose in her business Valli would get annoyed because she did not consider her self a child.
- She did not want to be friend with an elderly lady who was worried about her because she thought she was not socially capable enough.
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