

The guests, father, mother and their daughter come in; the first two sit on the remaining chairs and the third one sits on the floor next to the son.

SINGING CHORUS

...and see us
and they talk
to Mummy
and Daddy.

MOTHER HOSTESS

How is your daughter getting on at school?...

MOTHER GUEST

Quite well, quite well...

FATHER GUEST

How's your job?...

FATHER HOST

There's too little, there's too little...

DAUGHTER

You the husband, I the wife...

SON

Oh how nice, oh how nice...

THE THREE HOSTS AND THE THREE GUESTS

We can't go on like this!

MOTHER HOSTESS

But...

FATHER GUEST

You're right...

MOTHER GUEST

Who knows...

FATHER HOST

What can we do...

SON

You the wife, I the husband...

DAUGHTER

Oh how awful, oh ow awful...

FATHER HOST

How's your job going?...

FATHER GUEST

There's too much, there's too much...

MOTHER GUEST

How's your son getting on at school?...

MOTHER HOSTESS

Badly, badly...

THE THREE HOSTS AND THE THREE GUESTS

I don't know where it'll all end!

SINGING CHORUS

Guests
sometimes
come...

The three guests, the three hosts and the four chairs go out.

SINGING CHORUS

...and see us
and they talk until
and they talk until
and they talk until
they don't go.

15. The voices of grown ups

"Chi" goes to its bed and sits on the edge.

"CHI"

The voices of grown ups
I can hear them everywhere;
I hear them...
on trams
on buses
in the street
and in cars
on trains
on terraces
even on a boat
and in caravans
on jeeps
in motor boats