

Waiting After a Test- A Stylistic Imitation of *Waiting for Godot*

**Act I**

*(Students sitting in desks quietly after taking a test. One student is still working on the test. Teacher sits in front of the plain white room. No papers or posters hang on the walls. Sara and Cate sit in a row of desks. Sara sits in front of Cate. The students cannot talk to each other until the last test is turned in.)*

CATE: *(sighs and taps pencil on her desk out of boredom. Picks up a blank piece of paper and flips it over again and again as if some words would have magically appeared for her to read to ease her boredom.)* Psst! Hey, Sara!

SARA: Yes?

CATE: I'm sooo bored. Let's just talk. Who cares about getting in trouble? That kid needs to finish his test. It's annoying!

SARA: We can't talk!

CATE: Why?

SARA: We have to wait.

CATE: For what?

SARA: For the kid to finish his test!

CATE: Ugh!

SARA: I'm going to go to sleep to pass the time.

CATE: *(Flips over blank piece of paper again and again)* Psst! Sara!

SARA: What! Why won't you let me sleep?

CATE: I was bored and lonesome.

MIKE: *(sitting in front of Cate and Sara. Turns towards them)* Hey.

CATE: Umm hi.

MIKE: *(When saying you, he points his pencil at the two girls)* So I should be doing other things, but I *guess* I can talk to you.... I'm Mike. It is hard to believe we are in the same class when my G.P.A is 4.5.... But I guess I can do you the honor of having the opportunity to talk to me.

CATE: Okay...?

MIKE: *(Turns to his side to look at his cell phone watch, then looks at a small boy wearing old, tattered clothes)* Fausto! Give me another pencil! *(Fausto does not move)*

MIKE: Wake up, dog!!

*(Fausto is dozing off while holding a pile of about 10 pencils)*

MIKE: Well, Fausto doesn't appear to hear me. You hear and see me, right?

SARA: Yes.

*(Fausto is startled then he carefully removes one and hands it to Mike.)*

SARA: *(whispers very quietly)* What is the matter with him?

CATE: Who?

SARA: The creature thing.

CATE: He looks stupid.

SARA: Very stupid.

CATE: And tired.

SARA: I wonder if he ever sleeps.

CATE: I would doubt it if he is always being woken up by that creep.

SARA: True story.

CATE: I wonder why he doesn't put the pile of pencils down.

SARA: Well, I am quite bored. Nothing exciting has happened so far, has it?

TEACHER: *(looking around)* Is everyone done with their test?

THE KID: *(raises hand)* I'm not done yet.

*(Sara and Cate sigh)*

CATE: I'm going to sleep.

SARA: Me too.

*(The two girls fall asleep. Lights blackout)*

## **Act II**

*(Lights on. Girls wake up. Mike and Fausto have gone to get a drink of water. The kid is still taking his test so the class remains quiet)*

SARA: Well I can't remember a thing.

CATE: Things have changed since we last fell asleep! There are posters on the walls.

SARA: There were not posters on the walls earlier?

CATE: No!

SARA: Do you remember the weird boy named Mike? And Fausto?

CATE: Mike and Fausto?

*(Mike and Fausto enter the classroom. Mike and Fausto resume their seats)*

MIKE: My cell phone is gone. I do not know the time now. I cannot text anymore!

CATE: Since when?

MIKE: I don't know! I had it, then I went to look for it in my pocket and it has disappeared! What time is it? I can't tell the difference between the hands on the wall clock.

CATE: I don't know. Either 12:05 or 1:00. Are you Mike.

MIKE: Yes I am Mike.

CATE: The same Mike as earlier in the day?

MIKE: Earlier?

CATE: Yes. We were talking a few minutes ago.

MIKE: I don't remember talking to anyone a few minutes ago. Come, dog! I am leaving the classroom again! He is so dumb! He can't even hand me a pencil!

CATE: When did this happen!

MIKE: One day it happened! One day I lost my cell phone! Come, dog!

*(Fausto and Mike get up out of their seats and leave the room again.)*

SARA: I'm going to sleep to pass the time.  
*(Teacher begins to look around the room again.)*

CATE: *(To teacher)* Why are you looking around the room again? The kid still has not turned in his test. Do you not remember seeing if everyone was done with their test earlier?

TEACHER: No I do not remember.

CATE: You have never looked to see if everyone is done with their test before today.

TEACHER: Correct.

CATE: You are looking around the room to see if we are allowed to talk now.

TEACHER: Yes.

CATE: And the kid is still not done with his test.

TEACHER: Correct.

CATE. Okay....

*(Sara wakes up)*

SARA: I'm tired of talking quietly. Let's just talk out loud.

CATE: We can't

SARA: Why not?

CATE: We have to wait.

SARA: For what?

CATE: For the kid to finish his test!

SARA: Ohh.

CATE: Let's just talk out loud.

SARA: Okay.

*(Nobody talks)*