



Time for a story
That shows us God's
ways

A story that Jesus
told in the old days

But listen in well
It is still good as new
And this story includes
A place for you too.



The story begins
with a very rich man
With a very large
house
And very large plan
For his very large door
To be opened up wide
for all of his friends
To be welcomed inside

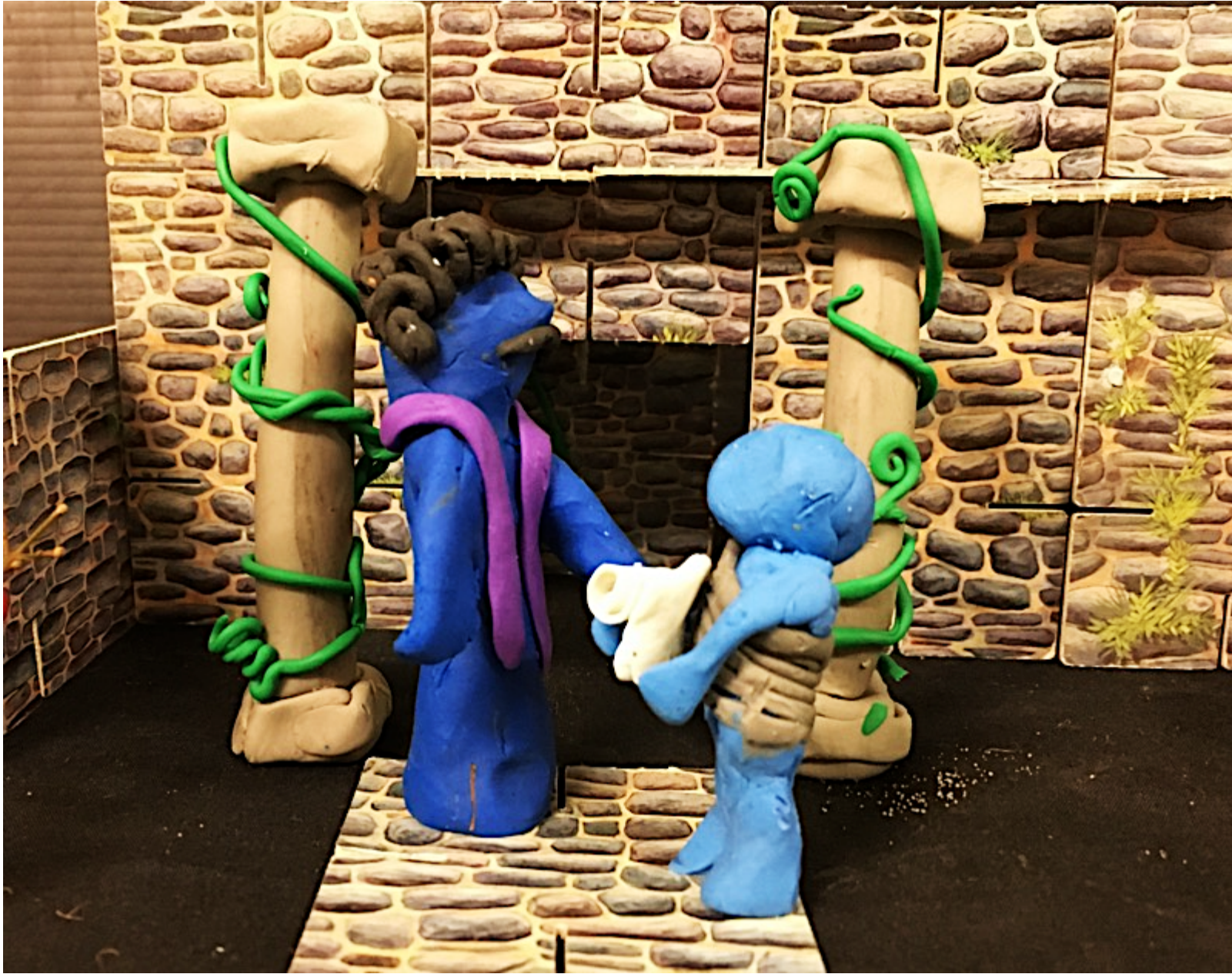


To his very large table
Set with food
so delicious
Then he called in
his servants
And told them
his wishes



I want the room full
I want the place
rocking
So invite all my
friends
Go! Begin your
Door-knocking.

Everyone?
Everyone!!
Everyone?
Yes!!!



His servants set out
And delivered it
straight
“Listen up friends!
Here’s a word from
your mate:



Let's all be together
Let's share the good
stuff
It's easy to see
There is more than
enough



There's plenty
of room
And there's plenty
of food
And music
and dancing
a full party mood"



But can you believe it
That all his friends said
There's something
I'd rather be doing
instead:



I've got a wife
and she wants
me at home



I've got some cows
I can't let them roam



I've got a field
and I must take a look
We're sorry –
but give our regards
to the cook



The servants return
to bring the bad news
And explain to the Rich man
why each one refused
One's getting married –
that's a feast of its own
And one is cow farming –
there's so much to be done
And one is more interested
in watching grass grow
We're sorry to say
that they all replied "No!"

Everyone?
Everyone!!
Everyone?
Yes!!!



What shall I do
with all of this food?
My friends have refused me
They've been rather rude



The cook
has been cooking
The music
is ready
The dancers
have practiced
And their steps
are all steady



The man scratched his head
and thought for a bit
He looked at the places
his friends were to sit.

“I don’t want this food
to all go to waste
It’s healthy, delicious,
with wonderful taste.
Servants! come quickly!
I’ve had an idea
Go out to the streets
invite everyone here!

Everyone?
Everyone!!
Everyone?
Yes!!!



There's plenty of room
And there's plenty of food
And music and dancing
a full party mood
I want the room full
I want the place rocking
So here is the plan
I know it is shocking



Go out and invite
Just whoever you find
They don't need to be
A particular kind
My friends have refused
my inviting letter
now strangers can join
somehow that's even better



The sick
and the strange
and the
stragglers
and strugglers
The slaves
and the sad
and the sinners
and smugglers



The schemers,
the salty,
the scoundrels,
the swears
The suckers,
the scum,
the soldiers,
the scary,
The starved
and the sore,
the simple,
the shady
Sneaky tax snatcher
and scandalous lady



Bring them all in
give them all
comfy seats
Make them
all welcome
And let them all eat



Everyone?
Everyone!!
Everyone?
Yes!!!



Let's all be together
Let's share
the good stuff
Let's take care
to see
That we all
have enough

Everyone?
Everyone!!
Everyone?
Yes!!!



Jesus looked
at the faces
His story now ended
He saw
the strict snobs
Were all
quite offended



But Jesus is certain
that this is God's way
A wide and warm
welcome
to come and to stay
To share all God's
given
in plain thankfulness
God is listening
for everyone's
loud hearty "Yes!"