

Stone Soup, A Readers Theater Script

Characters:

- Kind Woman
- Hungry Man

Hungry Man: I am a very poor man. But I can get soup from a stone, so I don't go hungry. Now this is the way I do it: I pick up a stone from the roadway. Then I knock at a door, like this. Good morning to you, Kind Woman!

Kind Woman: Good morning to you.

Hungry Man: Have you ever seen a stone like this before?

Kind Woman: No, what is it?

Hungry Man: Oh, it's my soup stone.

Kind Woman: What is a soup stone?

Hungry Man: It's a stone for making soup, of course.

Kind Woman: Oh no, no, no, no! A stone can't make soup.

Hungry Man: Oh yes it can! A soup-stone like this can make really good soup. You may never have, heard of such a thing, but I can tell you, a soup stone like this can make really good soup.

Kind Woman: Oh no, no, no! A soup stone can't make good soup.

Hungry Man: Oh yes it can! It makes wonderful soup. I'll tell you what. If you will let me come in and lend me a pan, I'll show you how to do it.

Kind Woman: Come in. Come in and I'll lend you a pan. Here you are, but a soup stone can't make good soup.

Hungry Man: Well, you have to put the stone at the bottom of the pan like this, and cover it with water like this. Help me to stir, Hmm! Hmm! Lovely, lovely soup! Boil away, soup, boil away. Don't worry, Kind Woman, it will soon be ready.

Kind Woman: Oh no, no! A soup-stone can't make good soup. Is it ready yet?

Hungry Man: Oh no, not yet, but it's going to be gorgeous soup. It will be the most delicious soup you have ever tasted. Just one thing. Have you got such a thing as a carrot?

Kind Woman: Yes, I have. I've got a carrot.

Hungry Man: Well, if you put it in the soup, it will bring out the flavor.

Kind Woman: I will go and get the carrot. Here it is.

Hungry Man: Help me to stir, Hmm! Hmm! Lovely, lovely soup. Boil away soup, boil away. Don't worry, Kind Woman, it will soon be ready.

Kind Woman: Is it ready yet?

Hungry Man: Oh no, but it's going to be gorgeous soup. It's going to be the most delicious soup you ever tasted. Just one thing. Have you got such a thing as an onion?

Kind Woman: Yes, I have. I've got an onion.

Hungry Man: Well, an onion would make it better still. It's gorgeous soup, but an onion would bring out the full flavor.

Hungry Man: Help me to stir, Hmm! Hmm! Lovely, lovely soup. Boil away, soup, boil away. Don't worry, Kind Woman, it will soon be ready.

Kind Woman: Is it ready yet?

Hungry Man: Nearly! Take a good smell. Doesn't it smell good?

Kind Woman: It smells good, Yes it smells good.

Hungry Man: Put some pepper and salt in. Go on, shake in lots of pepper and salt.

Kind Woman: It smells good. It must be ready now.

Hungry Man: No! Just one more thing. It's gorgeous soup. It will be the most delicious soup you have ever tasted, if you put in one last thing . . . have you got such a thing as a chicken?

Kind Woman: Yes, I have. I've got a chicken.

Hungry Man: Well, a chicken would make it better still. It's gorgeous, delicious soup, but a chicken would bring out the full flavor.

Kind Woman: I will go and get the chicken. Here it is.

Hungry Man: Let's stir together. Hmm! Hmm! Lovely soup! You have a stir on your own.

Kind Woman: Hmm! Hmm! Lovely soup!

Hungry Man: Now then, we'll take out the chicken bones, and leave the soup a little longer. The soup stone has to boil just that little bit longer, because as I said, it's the stone that really brings out the proper flavor.

Kind Woman: It smells good. I wish I had a soup-stone like that.

Hungry Man: Let's taste it. You taste it first. I bet it tastes wonderful.

Kind Woman: Hmm! Hmm! It tastes wonderful. I do wish I had a soup stone like that.