

# BOUNTY DAE

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Amy Iarnen d' story

I ya myse Mum beloën gen me en myse sesta Ruth. Shi wunt wi kum look een ar box f' whuthen el fet ucklun f' wi wear f' Bounty. Dem klorth f' Ruth was kine-a shortun en Mum hawa let ett down. I se groe dar much I hawa putt orn wun dem lorng black skirt bin ess myse Mums when shi ess young-un. Dars houw oel sum dem klorth een ar box side wi yoosa keep orl dem Bounty klorth! Myse sesta en me dig a bouwt f' wun wi white shirt enna shawl f' wear lorngfet. Jess es wal Mum se lors waet en se morga gae, shi ell fet back een hers Bounty klorth en nor hawa wear dar big ugly dress shi had orn lars year. Dad nawa yoosa chaenge whuthen hi wear so hi gude f' klorth. Myse hat ooni jes ell fet, but ell do f' des year.

Ess winter ya orn Norf'k en June ess uckluns month f' haw Bounty Day. Orn d' 8<sup>th</sup> ess d' daet dem Pitcainners arriwe ya een 1856. Dem

ess uckluns ancesters en wi yoosa celebraet dar daet ewry year. Soon ess June begin myse Mum ell start a fret f' maek sure orl dem thing se ready furret. Ent ooni uckluns klorth – ess a wettles too. Dad hawa keep a plun furret – green plun f' ripen f' eena fruit salad en oewa ripe plun f' maek a pilhi. Hi hawa dig a sweet taety f' sweet taety pilhi en f' wi maek a anna. Lucky wi gutt plenty mash pumken se freeze ett, koss nor gutt dar much pumken rounn jes nouw, so wi ell use dar f' maek a pumken pilhi. Dad yoosa maek sure hi ketch sum fish furret too, koss dar Bounty taeble kardoo nor gutta Tahitian fish, or so hi tull. Ess myse fairmly yoosa maek orl dem ilen dish f' uckluns taeble. Wi yoosa tek a pilhi, koknut bread, anna, Tahitian fish en sum sweets enna ilen pie too. Mum haet a hihi, so wi nor maek dar pie.

Me en Ruth hawa halp maek dem pilhi enna pie. Mum bin get wi halp cook sens wi ess ooni iwi-un. F' Bounty wun ucklun hawa maek dem plun enna pumken pilhi. Dem plun pilhi orlwiss taest batta ef putt wun plun leaf een d' baes f' dar dish, kine-a semmes hawen a baek paper under ett. F' dem sweet taety pilhi enna anna wi hawa waet f' Mum peel dem sweet taety, en bile ett f' dem anna, for wi ell start a maek ett. Sometime wi ell hilli for shi se ready, en sneak wae, en poor Mum hawa maek ett her worn. But wi ent f' start tull wi se dun dem koknut bread. Dem ess easy-un f' maek en Ruth en I yoosa do one dem each. Wi yoosa maek dem pilhi enna bread 2 ulla 3 daes for Bounty.

D' dae for Bounty wi still gutt sum more wettles f' maek – se time f' wi maek dem ilen pie. Myse Mum ell maek dem pastry en wi yoosa tek a tun f' roel ett ouwt. Shi soona putt dem pastry een dem dish herself, wi too umma-oola. Shi doomine wi do ett any tadda time, but nort f' Bounty. I kar foot shi nor like dem fat pastry I yoosa maek, nouw unae! When wi se dun she yoosa bline baek ett short little, den wi ell putt een dem fillen wi bin maek furret. I like-a do dem passionfruit pie, Ruth soona do dem lemun, en Mum yoosa maek dem koknut side gutt more f' do f' maek ett. Mum yoosa saew a porpae eena freezer, so shi yoosa maek wun o' dem pie too. By d' time wi se dun semmes a thing gutt nuff wettles f' feed wun army, but doomine, dar d' wae f' Bounty.

Orn Bounty Dae orl ucklun ilen fairmly yoosa dress up eena traditional klorth en meet Down a Town orna pier. Dar pier ell full up f' sullun se dress up. Soon ess wi orna pier myse sesta en me yoosa look f' uwus maets. Dad orlwiss larna ucklun for wi start; wi ess f' walk orn ar march, wi ent f' run, en eff wi do wi gwen hawa kum walk lorng f' dem. Wal dar g' een wun ear en ouwt ar tadda unae! Wi tek orf for hi ell tull anymore. I si plenty myse fren starnen eena circle so tek orf

lorng f' dem. Wun dem dair larnen wun funny story en orl ucklun tickle furret. True sum dem gairl houw mard... I luw ett!

Sum dem maen yoosa putt wun boet eena water en dem yoosa tek lorng f' dem sum teen sullun enna gairl. I orlwiss wish ess me dem pick f' g' lorng f' dem, but myse Mum ell fret en orlwiss gutt sum reason foot I ent f'. I yoosa watch dem maen tek ar boat en roe ett bouwt lorngside ar pier f' maek ouwt semmes dem Pitcairners when fuss kum ya. When dem pull back lorngside ar pier, dar Parsen en his wife meet dem, dem se dress ett semmes Captain Dennison en his wife. Dem yoosa walkum dem Pitcairners t' Norfolk Island f' maek ett dems new hoem. Sumtime I hawa push bouwt d' sulun f' ell see gutt dar much sullun dair.

Arfta dar wi orl yoosa march t'gadda een wun procession up ar Cenotaph. Up dair wi sing ar National Anthem en wun nadda uklun's hymns, den d' oel sullun yoosa lae d' wreath. Den wi keep gwen gaen t' dar Cemetery. Up ar Cemetary wi yoosa sing sum hymn en tull sum prayer. Sullun who like, yoosa tek a fluwa een en putt ett orn d' graew f' dems luw wuns se daed.

Orna wae back wi yoosa run krors ar golf course t' Government House en head straet f' dems hill. Orl dem lettle sullun yoosa roel douwn ett en sometime dem big sullun too! Sum dem maen ell do mard en trip up a gairl en tek dem fly tare douwna hill. Deers d' wun dae myse Mum nor yoosa mard f' ucklun gutta hoowi-hoowi klorth. Dem white calico ell staen up f' grass enna mud but wi doomine – wi nor gwen ketchet. I watch Ruth g' douwn but thort I se too big f' goe en meana jess walk ett, but wun dem boys grab me en plunt me en hem eena dot en o'er en o'er wi go t' dar bottum. By dar time hi se bairng me bouwt en I se gutta bruise orl bouwt but was dar fun I doomine. I lae douwn a bottom f' dar hill en laugh tull I se kly.

Den se time f' wi goe ooda All Saints f' wun wi drink en kaek enna besket. Yipee! Me en myse frens yoosa fly tare dair so wi ell get fuss een line furret. Soon dem grouwns se full up f' sullun from orl dem ilen fairmly en sullun sti een dems fairmly group. Gutta Christian, Adams, Buffett, Evans, Quintal, Nobbs, McCoy enna Youngs. Orl ucklun glaird f' get wun wi cuppa tea ulla coel drink en wun wi besket. Ell het d' spot! Arfta short time wi line up een fairmly groups f' tek a picture en f' dem judge whutta fairmly se dress ett d' bas. I thort ess myse fairmly orta win so I putt myse noes up en act wharwuha! Nawa halp – ent ucklun, gaen! O' wal, doomine!

Den wi start krors ar common f' haw lunch een ar Compound. Semmes a thing tek hours f' 12.30pm kum, gutta sullun darns en sing, den wi sing graes so wi ell eat. Jess ess wal sum dem lettle sullun bin tek wun ball so orl ucklun lettle sullun ell plae t'gadda lorngfet.

Dad tull wi hawa dun when dem sing en darns en g' watch dem en sti dair f' dem speech en sing graes. Enihouw, wi wunt f' be cloes gen ar table f' when wi se ell itt! Yoo nawa bin si d' wettles semmes... gutta hoel sucking pig, gutt orl kine-a meats, gutt dem Tahitian fish f' uckluns. Gutta baek fish, hihi pie en plenty salad. Two full taeble o'saewri wettles en nadda wun f' pudding. I thort I like-a start orn dem pudding but myse Dad tull I ent f', en f' get sum more I lunch fuss. Orl dem wettles dar sweet I doomine really. I skip through dar en den loed up myse plett f' orl kine-a pudding. Gutta pie, mousse, kresmes pudding enna custard, cheese kaek.. yoo name ett! I ooni wish I gutt two baly f' I itt orl! By d' time I se dun I se daa balfull I hardly ell sheff en se wish I nor bin haw any. I wunt Mum en Dad f' tek me hoem. Se time f' baly up!

When wi se hoem en put wae dem wettles en dunna clean up I g' touw. I baly up lorng time en waek up still feel semmes wun fat horg. Myse hilli nor se wear orf too. Ess ooni early en Mum larna ucklun kum f' supper, but I dar full I kar itt, en arsa dem ef I ell g' orna baird en g' touw.