



THE BUS STOP

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This sketch is ostensibly about the elderly and loneliness. Two ladies meet at a bus stop and start up a conversation. The audience could be asked beforehand to consider which of the two ladies is the most lonely, whether they think Barbara will show up at their next arranged meeting or any other points that may arise.

Cast list

Jean, aged over 70, chatty

Barbara, aged over 70, a bit sad and shy

Barbara's husband has recently died, She is waiting at the bus stop to go to town. Jean walks to the bus stop, stops to wait for the bus, starts to chat. The script relates to a district in Exeter, Devon. The location and street and cafe names could be changed to relate to other areas. There are a series of questions at the end of the sketch which bring out certain aspects of what has been going on.

Jean: Hallo, isn't it a lovely day? I don't think I've ever seen you at this bus stop before, have I? Have you just moved into St. Thomas?

Barbara: No, I've lived here for the last twenty years.

Jean: Really, how come this is the first time I've bumped into you do you think, I always catch this bus in to town, it's the first one after 9.30.

Barbara: Well, I've always travelled in the car with my husband before, I've only just got my bus pass, I haven't needed it before so I thought I'd give it a try. I've been rather upset for a while but I've realised that I've got to start making the effort to get out and about again.

Jean: Sounds serious, what's happened?

Barbara: Sadly, my husband, Jack, died suddenly of a heart attack three months ago and it hit me very badly, we'd been married for forty two years. It's been very difficult.

Jean: Oh, , how sad, I'm so sorry to hear that, oh, here comes the bus, let's sit together and we can have a little chat.

Barbara: Ok.