

## Bye Bye Baby - Script Extract

### MUSIC CUE BACKGROUND MUSIC

**Dad:** *(Read from book. Enter Baby walking, carrying bucket which he places under table.)* There was once a baby who had no mummy. This baby lived in a little house all by himself. He fed himself *(Baby does this)* and he bathed himself. *(Baby does this)* He even changed his own nappy.

*(Baby feels 'wet nappy'. Shakes head looks worried. Takes bucket from under table moves upstage undoing button on dungarees. Takes sponge, powder, cream from bucket and disappears behind set leaving bucket to one side of flat. Drops 'wet nappy' in bucket from behind flat. Emerges other side of flat doing up dungarees, smiling. Climbs into chair, takes bread and milk from table)*

**Dad:** It was very sad!

### MUSIC CUE BABY'S SONG

**Baby:** *(sings)*

I'm a baby living by myself  
All alone each day  
Little baby living by myself  
Never time to play

I make myself my breakfast -  
Eat up my milk and bread -  
In the evening - living by myself-  
Put myself to bed

**Others:**

He's a baby living by himself  
All alone each day

He brushes and he washes  
Tries to be clean and neat  
In the evening - living by himself-  
Sings himself to sleep

Little baby living by himself  
All alone each day

**Party Child 2:** Oooh. Poor Baby!

**Dad:** I know. So this is what happened next. One night, when the baby was putting himself to bed, he thought

**Baby:** I am too young to be doing this! I need a mummy! (*Begins to cry*)

**All Children:** Oh no. Don't cry. Baby please don't cry!

**Dad:** So! Early the next morning the Baby got out his little suitcase. He opened it up and popped a bottle of milk and a clean nappy inside. He waved bye bye to his little house

**Baby:** Bye bye little house.

**Dad:** And off he went to look for a Mummy.

**Party Child 4:** But there's no one to say bye bye to the baby.

**Party Child 5:** So there isn't. What shall we do, Dad?

**Dad:** Shall we do it for him? Wave bye bye to the baby? Bye bye baby! (*To Audience and Party Children*) You do it too!

**All with Audience:** Bye bye Baby!

**Baby:** Bye!

(**Baby** walks, follows dialogue with action through this whole passage. **Bigger Children** move chair, table to one side)

**Dad:** So the baby set off down the road to find a mummy. He could not walk very far without resting. (**Baby rest.**) He could not walk far without falling over. (**Baby fall over**) But he kept going just the same.

**MUSIC CUE BYE BYE BABY** (*Short version*)

(*Introduction*)1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8

**All:** (*Sing*)

See him walk along by bye baby (1234)

See him walk along can he go so far – by bye baby

See him walk along by bye baby (1234)

See him walk along can he go so far – by bye baby

Step by step he's walking on

He isn't looking very strong

Little legs are failing him

The road is very long

We will help him on - by bye baby

We will help him on - can he go so far !

**Dad:** After a while the Baby met a little pussy cat. (**Little Cat** appears from behind wall..)

**Dad:** The cat was sitting on a wall washing herself behind her ears.

( **Little Cat** sits on wall, washes herself)

**Baby:** Hallo pussy cat. (*Baby stroke Little Cat.*)

**Dad:** - said the Baby.

**Baby:** I am a little Baby with no Mummy. Will you be my Mummy?

**Dad:** But the little cat said -

**Little Cat :** No.

**Baby:** (*Disappointed*) Oh.

**Little Cat:** (*Slips down off wall*) I am a little cat. I do not need a mummy to be happy. All I need is a nice patch of warm sunshine.

### **MUSIC CUE LITTLE CAT'S SONG**

(*Introduction count 8*)

I'm always happy on my own  
I'm always happy as can be  
I'm always happy on my own  
I don't ne-ed company

A little cat can walk alone  
A little cat likes to be free  
A little cat can walk alone  
She don't ne-ed company

May be  
Some day I'll  
Creep into-oo yo-ur home  
May be - just wait and see

May be some day I'll sit  
Bes-ide your fire  
And we'll be (*pause*) the best company

I'm always happy on my own  
I'm always happy as can be  
I'm always happy on my own  
I don't ne-ed company

(1)

Don't need *company*

(12345)

No I don't need company! (**Little Cat** runs away at end of song)