

The 8:12 Train

Satire · Monologue · 2 min · Male role · Adult · Intermediate

(Someone waits, seated facing the audience. A suitcase beside them.)

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The 8:12 train is announced with a delay of one whole lifetime. It says so on the board. In very calm letters.

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I asked the board if it was joking. It displayed "no." Then "please wait." I waited. I had a son. He's waiting too.

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The conductor comes by, sometimes. He checks nothing. He just confirms we're still here. We're still here.

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Someone offered me a coffee. I accepted. That was yesterday. The coffee arrives tomorrow.

(He checks a watch with no hands.)

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Right. One more minute. Just one. It's been going since Thursday, but still.

What you can do with it

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