

Title: Bien
Length: 7 mins.
Format: Radio Drama

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MUSIC: FADE IN “AT THE BEGINNING (INSTRUMENTAL) BY DONNA LEWIS AND RICHARD MARX”, FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN FADE UNDER FOR

V/O: Children have indeed the primary right to live in a clean and safe environment. People are blessed by nature to have an environment to live in.. just like Bien’s family who live near a river. Bien’s Father is a fisherman; they are embracing the blessings of Mother Nature.

MUSIC: FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 3 SECONDS THEN FADE OUT.
SOUND EFFECT: OPENING OF THE DOOR

RONALDO: Clarita, my wife, I am going now to catch fish for our meals. You take care of our son Bien. I will be working hard for you and for Bien.

SOUND EFFECT: LAUGH OF AN INFANT

CLARITA: You take care of your self.

SOUND EFFECTS: KISS ON THE FOREHEAD
SOUND EFFECTS: STEPS WALKING AWAY (ON MIKE TO OFF MIKE)

MUSIC: FADE IN “LULLABY”, FADE UP SUSTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN FADE UNDER FOR

CLARITA: Bien, my son, me and your father is dreaming of a good future for you. A good life for you, a good peaceful and clean surrounding where you can play safely and you will grow with other children. Sleep now baby and dream of your future...

MUSIC: FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 3 SECONDS THEN SEGUE TO
SOUND EFFECTS: CHIMES THE SEGUE TO
MUSIC: FADE IN, “JOURNEY BY LEA SALONGA”, FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN FADE UNDER FOR

SOUND EFFECTS: CHILDREN’S PLAYING AND LAUGHING
SOUND EFFECTS: SWING, SLIDES AND SEESAW IN A PLAY GROUND

BIEN: Wow! I see many children... playing, running and laughing all around. I can feel the cool breeze, I can smell the fresh air and I see a clean and green surrounding.. amazing! Yes, I am on my dream! And this is my future world! Ohh.. I cant wait to grow up now. This is a wonderful dream...

SOUND EFFECTS: THROWING OF STONES IN THE RIVER
SOUND EFFECTS: CHILDREN’S LAUGHING

BIEN: Oh there, I see more children playing near the river. I go with them..

SOUND EFFECTS: FEET RUNNING

BIEN: Hi! How are you? My name is Bien.

CHILD 1: We are fine. I'm Carlos

CHILD 2: I'm Miguel. Our father is a fisherman and we are waiting for him.

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BIEN: My father is a fisherman too! And I he also catches fish in this river.

CHILD 1: Hey! That's father. Father is arriving...

CHILD 2: Father...Father..

SOUND EFFECTS: ARRIVING ENGINE BOAT

FATHER: (surprise) Oh children, you waited for me here.

(dismay)Here are the fish I caught, but its not as many and as big as what we have before.

BIEN: Why? This river has many and big fish for the people.

FATHER: The people are starting to dump their garbage everywhere including this river, I am afraid time will come, the river will be polluted and it will harm our health.

SOUND EFFECTS: STEPS (WALKING AWAY)

SOUND EFFECTS: CHIMES

SOUND EFFECTS: INFANT CRYING

SOUN EFFECTS: STEPS RUSHING

CLARITA: Oh my baby, you're crying..ssshhhh....(Sing lullaby)

SOUNDS EFFECTS: STEPS (WALKING TOWARDS)

SOUND EFFECTS: INFANT CRYING (CONTINUOUS)

RONALDO: Clarita, I'm here now. What happened to Bien? Here, these are the fish I caught.
Not as big and many as what we have before.

CLARITA: Just put it in the table first. Bien has been crying since he woke up.

(worried) Maybe there's something wrong. Maybe he's not feeling well.

RONALDO: Just take care of Bien, I'll be the one to cook the meal for us.

CLARITA: Thank you and please fetch water from the deep-well too. We don't have water to drink.

(sing lullaby for Bien)

(Bien stops from crying)

PARENT 1: Help! Please help us! My child!

SOUND EFFECTS: PEOPLE RUSHING

SOUND EFFECTS: CHILDREN CRYING

PARENT 2: Ohhh.. please help my child! Help!

RONALDO: (OFF MIKE) Clarita! Clarita!

CLARITA: Why Ronaldo? Why are you shouting? Something wrong?

RONALDO: (hardly breathing) Clarita, look at the window. Our neighbors are cramming;
children need to bring to the hospital!

CLARITA: What happened to these children?

SOUND EFFECTS: INFANT CRYING (CONTINUOUS)

CLARITA: Bien, my child. Ronaldo, I'm afraid our child may also suffer the same as with those children. (worried) Oh, Bien!

RONALDO: Clarita, Bien is hot. He has fever! Let's bring him to the hospital,

CLARITA: Bien, my child!

MUSIC: FADE IN "THE PRAYER BY ANDREA BOCELLI FEAT CELINE DEON (INSTRUMENTAL)", FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN FADE UNDER FOR

V/O: Like the many other parents, Bien's parents would like to care and protect their children from all illness, but they are not aware of the unsafe water and environment surrounding their children.

MUSIC: FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 3 SECONDS THEN FADE OUT.

CLARITA: Doctor, what is happening to our child?

DOCTOR: He is suffering from severe diarrhea. This is because of the unclean water he drinks. There are bacteria that damaged his stomach. The drinking water from the deep-well may not be safe for children; like the other children who were brought here, your child was also infected; and I am afraid to say this, at his early age he may develop an asthma. May I know what surrounds your house?

RONALDO: (sad) We are leaving near the river. And it's getting polluted now because of the garbage that the village people are dumping. Yes, the air is also getting polluted.

SOUND EFFECTS: SNEAK IN FOOT STEPS APPROACHING

TEACHER: Yes, those are the causes. Doctor, allow me to join to your conversation. I am teacher Samelo, the school head where these children are schooling. We have to educate the parents on the safety of the drinking water they are giving to their children as well as the harmful effect of the unclean surroundings.

DOCTOR: I agree. We need to tell this problem to the office of the mayor; we need to work together. We cannot afford to have more children suffering.

MUSIC: FADE IN "SOGNO (DREAM) BY ANDREA BOCELLI", FADE UP SUTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN SEGUE TO

SOUND EFFECTS: HEART BEAT

CLARITA: (shocked) Bien! (panic) Doctor! Help us...! What is happening to my child?

SOUND EFFECTS: FOOT STEPS RUNNING TOWARDS

DOCTOR: I am sorry. There's nothing more we can do, your son's immune system became weak. I'm sorry. He's dead.

RONALDO: (shouting) No! my son!!!

CLARITA: (crying)

MUSIC: FADE IN “SOGNO (DREAM) BY ANDREA BOCELLI”, FADE UP SUTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN OUT.

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RONALDO: (On a megaphone) My neighbors, let us not wait for another child to die because of our being illiterate on the proper and safe drinking water and clean environment for our children; we already lost Bien. You are parents too, and I am sure that you are dreaming of a good future for your children. We must work together to make our village clean and let us be educated on the safe drinking water procedures.

PARENT 1: (shouting) yes, I agree with that..

PEOPLE: (shouting) YES! YES! YES!

DOCTOR: Our dear village people, before giving drinking water to your children, make sure that you boil it. Boiling is one way of eliminating the bacteria from the water. Please make sure also that your containers are clean. Our mayor pledge to allocate a budget for safe water connection, and you can all access to this.

SOUND EFFECTS: HANDS CLAPPING

DOCTOR: One more important thing also, do not dump your garbage everywhere, especially on the river. We will be making trash bins where we can segregate our garbage, from non-biodegradable to biodegradable. This means that the non-biodegradable are the one reusable or recyclable and the biodegradable are the degradable one such as your banana split or fish bones.

PARENT 2: (shouting) from now on, let us make this place safe for our children!

PEOPLE: (shouting) Yes! Yes to clean surrounding!

MUSIC: FADE IN “THE PRAYER BY ANDREA BOCELLI FEAT CELINE DEON (INSTRUMENTAL)”, FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 5 SECONDS THEN FADE UNDER FOR

V/O: From then on the village people worked together for a safe environment for children. They educate themselves and cooperate for the good of their community. We must bear in mind that our children have the right to be born and live in a clean and safe environment.

MUSIC: FADE UP, SUSTAIN FOR 3 SECONDS THEN FADE OUT.

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