

*Thoughts and Smiles... Monday, December 19, 2022*

Some people appear in  
your life when you need  
them most.

They love you and lift  
you up, reminding you  
of the best, even when  
you're going through the  
worst.

These people are not  
just friends, they are  
Earth angels ..

~ Anna Grace Taylor ~



*Artist Credit : Bernie Anderson*

There's actually no such thing as an adult.  
That word is a placeholder.  
We never grow up. We're not supposed to.  
We're born and that's it. We get bigger.

We live through great storms.  
We get soaked to the bone.  
We realize we're waterproof.  
We strive for calm.

We discover what makes us feel good.  
We do those things over and over.  
We learn what doesn't feel good.  
We avoid those things at all cost.

Sometimes we come together: huge groups  
in agreement. Sometimes we clap and  
dance.  
Sometimes we look like a migration of birds.  
We need to remind ourselves - each other -  
that we're mere breaths.

But, and this is important, sometimes we  
can be magnificent, to one person, even for  
a short time, like the perfect touch - the  
first time you see the ocean from the  
middle.

Like every time you see the low, full moon.  
We keep on eating: chewing, pretending we know what's going on.  
The secret is that we don't. We don't, and don't, and don't.  
Each day we're infants: plucking flower petals, full of wonder.

~ Micah Ling ~



Artist Credit : Brandi Hickman



**Rowan Atkinson** (Mr. Bean) – was born into a middle-class family and suffered terribly as a child because of his stuttering. He was also teased and bullied at school because of his looks. His bullies thought he looked like an alien. He was soon marked as strange and became a timid, withdrawn kid who didn't have many friends, so he dived into science. One of his teachers said, *"Nothing was outstanding about him. I did not expect him to be a brilliant scientist, but he has proved everyone wrong."* Admitted to Oxford University, he started falling in love with acting but couldn't perform due to his speaking disorder.



He got his master's degree in electrical engineering before appearing in any movie or TV show. After earning his degree, he decided to pursue his dream of becoming an actor, so he enrolled in a comedy group but again, his stammering got in the way. Many TV shows rejected him, and he felt devastated despite the many rejections. He never stopped believing in himself. He had a great passion for making people laugh and knew he was very good at it. He started focusing more and more on his original comedy

sketches and soon realized that he could speak fluently whenever he played some character. He found a way to overcome his stuttering and used this as an inspiration for his acting. While studying for his master's, Rowan Atkinson co-created the strange, surreal, and now-speaking character known as Mr. Bean.

He succeeded with other shows, but Mr. Bean made him globally famous. Despite all the obstacles he faced because of his looks and speaking disorder, he proved that even without a heroic body or a Hollywood face, he could become one of the world's most loved and respected actors. The success story



of Rowan Atkinson is inspiring because it teaches us that to be successful in life, the most important things are passion, hard work, dedication, and even recognizing our shortcomings and weaknesses to be our special gifts!

*Moral of the story:*

*No one is born perfect. Don't be afraid. People can accomplish amazing things every day despite their weaknesses and failures. So go and do your best with the one life you've got.*



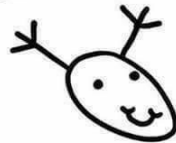


# How to Draw a Reindeer

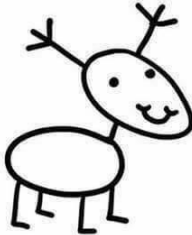
1 Draw a circle for the head



2 Add the antlers and face



3 Draw the body, neck and legs



4 Add fine details and shading



To the person who wrote '12 days of Christmas':

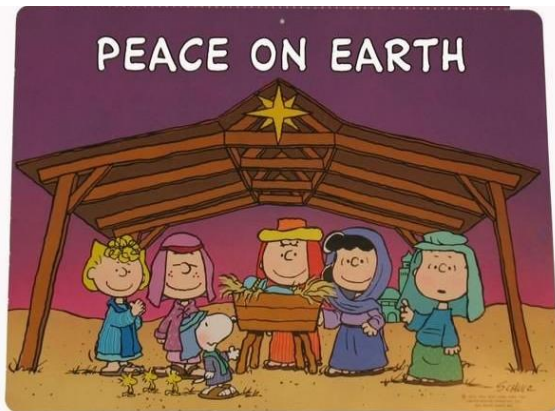
- Birds are a terrible present
- Why do you have access to so many birds
- Stop sending people birds
- 12 drummers at once is too many drummers
- Just get someone socks stop this

Dave



Have a terrific week!





***Blessings to you all!***

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<https://saubleunitedchurch.ca/category/davids-blog/>

Catch last Sunday's SBUC service at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIXVYP4Trus>

And if you watch the service, this link will make sense...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-WXwF7JVil>

(Thank you, Kate Z.)

Or the St. Andrew's service at:

[https://youtu.be/ZB\\_bjP0OR1Q](https://youtu.be/ZB_bjP0OR1Q)

