

**The Water Gun Song**

A Free Play for two by Idris Goodwin

SAM - Around 7 years old, brown skinned

JULES - The Parent, Adult, brown skinned

Any gender may play these parts

*Please perform the lines as written. Do not add or subtract, alter or repeat. Feel free however to emphasize, speed up, slow down--to feel it from the bottom of your feet.*

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SAM

Are you listening?

JULES

Uh huh

SAM:

You just press this button and it takes off like - *FOOSH!*

Just by pressing a button. Cindy has the *best* toys!

JULES:

That's great Sam.

SAM

Yeah, so so awesome, so awesome!

And that's not all! That's not all!

JULES:

No?

SAM:

They have a dog and a cat and an iguana. Can you believe that?

JULES:

And an iguana?

SAM:

Yup

Yup

His name is Ivan. Ivan Iguana.

and guess what the cat's name is?

JULES?:

Yeah that's real nice.

SAM

Are you listening?

JULES

I am. Yes I am.

SAM

I asked if you could guess the cat's name and you said "That's real nice."

JULES

I misunderstood you. I'm listening.

See I put my phone down.

SAM

The cat's name. Guess.

JULES

What is the cat's name?

SAM

Try and guess

JULES

Uh...Furball?

SAM

No!

JULES

Well?

SAM

Obama

JULES

Really?

SAM

Yup

JULES

That's so cute

SAM

Yeah because he is half black and half white

JULES

I'm sorry, what?

SAM

Some of the cat's fur is black and some is...

JULES

Sure. Yea I get it.

SAM

It's so much fun at Cindy's house

JULES

Mmm hmhhh

How are Cindy's Parents toward you?

SAM

What do you mean?

JULES

How do they treat you?

SAM

What do you mean?

JULES

Are they nice to you?

SAM

Of course they're nice to me.

JULES

Do they...ever say anything that makes you uncomfortable ?

SAM

No. Cindy is my friend.

JULES

Because you can tell me if they do.

Matter fact I *need* you to tell me if they do.

SAM

Its okay. We just have fun

Hey

Hey you know what else?

JULES

What else?

SAM

We had a huuuuuge water fight!

JULES

Oh yea?

SAM

It was so cool. Cindy's mom filled this bucket with water balloons and buckets and you know what else?

JULES

What else?

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SAM

Uh

JULES

What else?

SAM

Ooh nothing

JULES

Well now you got me all curious

Tell me

SAM

Nothing...

JULES

Was it water guns?

Was it water guns Sam?

Hey it's okay. I'm not mad.

SAM

You're not?

JULES

No I understand. You were having fun.

SAM

IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!

JULES

And when you're at someone else's house that's fine.

SAM

It was so much fun. Cindy has this one that shoots water soooooo far

JULES

Oh yeah?

SAM

So FAR!

JULES

But Cindy knows that when she comes here we don't do that right?

SAM

I told her that

JULES

Oh yeah?

SAM

Yeah I told her and her mom and her dad.

JULES

And what'd they say?

SAM

They didn't say anything.

JULES

Nothing?

SAM

Nope

Just did like this

Sam nods

JULES

Well what did *you* say?

SAM

I said we can't play water guns at my house.

JULES

Did you say why?

SAM

No.

JULES

Well Sam you have to say why!

SAM

I don't *know* why.

JULES

Of course you know why

SAM

I don't know why.

JULES

Sam, come on, we talked about this

SAM

But I don't understand. A water gun is plastic and its colorful and it's just water and it's not for real

JULES

But it's a gun.

SAM

For water

There are guns that light up and make noise, guns that're like space alien guns

JULES

You remember when it was our days to bring snack to your whole class?  
We made sure to find something everyone could eat right?

SAM

Yes

JULES

Why did we do that?

SAM

Because some kids couldn't have dairy or gluten or meat

JULES



We did that to be considerate of other people's allergies.  
You know what happens when people's allergies act up?

SAM

They don't feel good?

JULES

Right--they don't feel good. They get sick

Well guns make *me* feel a little sick.

Even if it's a toy gun, if it has a barrel and a trigger -- I have a reaction

SAM

What kind?

JULES

You know how some nights you have bad dreams?

SAM

Yes

JULES

I have them sometimes, in the day time, even when I am awake and when I think of you with guns, even toys I have quick bad dreams in my head.

SAM

What kind?

JULES

--something happens when toys are in the hands of children.  
Especially little brown skin children like you

SAM

What happens to them?

JULES

Sometimes grown ups can't tell the difference between something being a toy and being real, even if you're playing . Not everybody is in on the game.

SAM

Oh

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I have an idea

JULES

What's your idea?

SAM

To let everyone know, we're just playing, we can sing a song.

JULES

What kind of song?

SAM

The Water Gun song.

JULES

How's the Water Gun Song go?

SAM

*Water Gun*

*Water Gun*

*It's so fun*

*It's so fun*

Sing it with me!

Sing it with me!

JULES & SAM

*Water Gun*

*Water Gun*

*It's so fun*

*It's so fun*

SAM

*It's just a game*

*It's not real*

*It's just pretend*

*Its not real*

JULES & SAM

*It's just a game*

*Its not real*

*It's just pretend*

*It's not real*

SAM

What about that? Maybe that would help?

JULES

Maybe---either way I like it.

SAM

When you get the bad dreams you can sing that song.

JULES

Okay.

SAM

Oh! You know what else---

JULES

Hey--You know that Obama, the person not the cat, is more than just his colors right?

SAM

Of course.

JULES

Okay - just making sure.

SAM

How bout nunchucks? Can I have nunchucks in the house?

JULES

We'll talk about it

SAM

Hey!

You know what else...?

END OF PLAY