

Play name: Rangi Learns to Shine

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Players: 5

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Yr Level: 2 / 3

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Length: 5 – 7 mins

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Genre: Drama/Pacifica.

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### Character List

Rangi – boy aged 7/9

Sefina– girl aged 11 +

Storm – girl aged 11 +

Awa – boy aged 11 +

Charlie – boy aged 11 +

**Notes:** Rangi can be male or female and the name changed. The other four characters can either be older children or the same age actors, acting older.

## SCENE 1

*Rangi stands on the left of stage talking to the audience. Awa and Charlie are frozen, stage right, in a dance pose.*

RANGI                    My auntie Talia is getting married in one week's time and everybody in my family is going to perform something special at the wedding feast. I'm not sure what I will do! I can hear them practicing. I will go and see for myself! (*Rangi turns to watch the older boys dancing and they come to life.*)

*The two older boys rehearse their dance moves.*

RANGI                    Awa, Charlie, what dance are you doing? Can I join in?

AWA                      We are practicing the Meke.

CHARLIE                Go away Rangi! You are too small to join in.

AWA                      You will get the moves wrong. This is for us big boys.

*Rangi watches for a while then moves away. Awa and Charlie freeze, then exit.*

RANGI                    How can I learn if they don't let me practice too? I don't feel so happy.

*Sefina and Storm appear on stage and take up a frozen hula position.*

Can you hear that, it sounds amazing! (*Rangi moves towards the older girls.*)

*The older girls start to practice their hula.*

RANGI                    Sefina, Storm, what dance are you doing? Can I join in? (*Tries to join in.*)

SEFINA                  We are practicing the hula.

STORM                  Go away Rangi, this is for girls only.

SEFINA                  You will get the moves wrong! A boy cannot wriggle their hips! (*Both girls laugh and push Rangi out of the way. Then, freeze, then exit.*)

RANGI                    I can so wriggle my hips, they just didn't want to watch me. I don't feel so happy.

*Awa and Charlie return and take up frozen positions with drums or ukuleles.*

RANGI Can you hear that? Wow, I can feel my feet wanting to stomp!  
(*Rangi moves towards the older boys.*)

*The older boys begin to play.*

Those instruments sound awesome! Can I join in?

AWA We have been learning to play for a long time. You do not know the rhythms.

CHARLIE Yeah, you will get it wrong and miss the beats. We can be so fast. You are too young to keep up!

RANGI But if you help me to learn then I could be fast too!

*The boys play loud over Rangi's words. Rangi walks away. The boys exit.*

RANGI If they would only let me practice too, then I could learn the rhythm! I don't feel good at all!

*Sefina and Storm take up their frozen position ready to sing.*

Can you hear that? The voices are so tuneful like a honeybird!  
(*Rangi moves towards the older girls.*)

*The girls begin to practice singing.*

You sound so beautiful. Can I join in?

SEFINA We have been practicing these songs a long time. We can sound really loud and very high, now.

STORM You do not know the words, you will get them wrong. Everyone would laugh at us. You are not good enough to stay in tune!

*The girls sing showing off. Freeze, then exit.*

RANGI They are wrong! They are all wrong. I am not too small, I can wriggle my hips. I can learn the beat and the words! No one will let me join in and now I have nothing to perform at my auntie's wedding feast. I feel terrible!

*Rangi exits.*

## SCENE 2

*The cast prepare the acting space to set up for a wedding celebration. Then they take up their frozen positions with the older children ready to perform and Rangi watching.*

AWA                      To celebrate your wedding Auntie Talia, Charlie and I have prepared a Meke.

*Awa and Charlie start to perform their dance, Rangi puts on a piece of costume and joins them. He dances very well. They all bow.*

CHARLIE                You were very good at dancing. How did you know what to do?

RANGI                   I learned from you two. I watched and listened from the doorway.

AWA                      We are sorry Rangi, you are not too small to learn. We should have helped you. Why don't you come to practice next week?

RANGI                   Maybe, I'll think about it!

*The boys sit down to watch the girls.*

SEFINA                   To celebrate your wedding, Storm and I have prepared a song.

*Sefina and storm start to perform their dance, Rangi puts on a piece of costume and joins them. He sings a boys' part to the girls, very well. They all bow.*

STORM                   You were very good at singing. How did you know the words?

RANGI                   I learned from you two. I watched and listened from the doorway.

AWA                      We are sorry Rangi, you are not too young to learn. We should have helped you. Why don't you come to practice next week?

RANGI                   Maybe, I'll think about it! Wow, look at that dessert over there! I bet I can get to it first. I am small and I can duck under the tables. I am young and can weave fast through the crowd. I can you show the way through if you want to follow me?

*They all prepare to follow Rangi and race off through the crowd. Freeze. Exit.*