

## Matinee Manners

This is not a T.V. show  
Please don't wander to and fro.  
Sit back and enjoy the play  
The actors bring to you today.

The theatre is no place for lunch.  
Who can hear when you "crunch!"  
We should wear our neatest clothes  
When we go to Theatre Shows.

Do not talk to one another  
(That means friends or even Mother)  
When you go to see a show,  
Otherwise, you'll never know  
What the play is all about.  
And you'll make the actors shout  
To let you hear the lines they say.  
So be still...enjoy the play.

A program has a special use  
So do not treat it with abuse!  
Its purpose is to let us know  
Exactly who is in the show...  
And who has helped to bring the play  
That you enjoy this very day.

Keep your hands upon your lap.  
But if you like something, you clap.  
If a scene is bright and sunny  
And you think something is funny,  
Laugh...Performers love this laughter!  
But be quiet from thereafter.

Don't kick chairs or pound your feet  
And do not stand up in your seat.  
And when the final curtain falls  
The actors take their Curtain calls.  
That means they curtsey or they bow  
And you applaud, which tells them how  
You liked their work and liked the show.  
Then when the lights come on, you go  
Back up the aisle and walk...don't run.  
Out to the lobby, everyone.

The theatre is a special treat  
And not a place to talk or eat.  
If you behave the proper way  
You really will enjoy the play.