



# Away in a Mango Video Auditions



Dear Pearl Student,

This Christmas, Pearl will be filming a virtual musical play called “Away in a Mango” about some passengers on a festive holiday cruise aboard the SS Mango. However, they are caught in an unexpected storm and are washed ashore on a deserted island. Deserted, that is, except for the island’s lone inhabitant, Johnny (Jamie) Coconut, marooned there years before. Who is Johnny (Jamie) Coconut? Will they be found in time for the ship’s big Christmas Concert? (hint: yes, they will!) All aboard for a totally fresh, totally fun Christmas adventure for kids as they join the intrepid castaways of the SS Mango.

If you are a 4th or 5th grader, you will have the opportunity to audition for a speaking part. Because this is a “Virtual” production, auditions will be submitted on video. I have attached a short excerpt from the script and am asking you to memorize the lines and perform them on video. Costumes are encouraged, but not mandatory for auditions. You do need to act out your part though. Have a parent or other helper read the other lines off camera. Remember to react to the lines as they are read as well as act out your own lines. Most importantly make sure you speak clearly with expression. Don’t forget your facial expression, too!

**Parts for Tryouts-All parts can be played by a girl or boy**

Billy (Brianna) -First mate of the SS Mango

Sophie (Sam) - Vacationer of the SS Mango

Johnny (Jamie) Coconut– Castaway on the island

Good Luck!  
Mrs. Moore

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade    4    5 (circle one)

I will memorize the lines for the following part(s) and turn in an audioton video(s):  
(circle one or more)

Billy (Brianna)

Sophie (Sam)

Johnny (Jamie)

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Videos are due by Friday, October 2nd**

**Email or share the Google Drive with Mrs. Moore at [LMoore@pearlprep.org](mailto:LMoore@pearlprep.org)**

**Another option is to turn in a flash drive with the video when you do Friday Drop-off**

Please Note: The Spring Play is open to all 4th & 5th graders and will not involve tryouts.

## Away in a Mango

### Excerpt from Scene 2

BILLY: **Great news everyone!**

SOPHIE: **What is it, Billy? Are the rescuers here.**

*(everyone gathers around)*

BILLY: **No, but I finally remembered what I forgot!** *(seeming pleased with himself)* **I forgot to send that S.O.S. when the storm hit.**

ALL: *(ad lib., "Oh, no!" "What?" etc.)*

BILLY: **I'm so relieved. That was driving me crazy.**

SOPHIE: **No S.O.S.? No rescuers?**

BILLY: **No problem. I've already got that taken care of. Check this out ... I found just one bottle washed up on shore.**

*(Billy walks downstage to the edge of the screen and appears to place the bottle in the "ocean,"*

SOPHIE: **A message in a bottle? It's already floating away! Did you write down our position accurately?**

*(Billy smirks confidently and pulls a piece of paper out of his pocket.)*

BILLY: **Of course I did. Got it right here.** *(reading)* **"Help. Crew and passengers of S.S. Mango shipwrecked! Need rescue!" I mean,** *(points to the piece of paper)* **there's the latitude and longitude. Check it yourself.**

SOPHIE: **And what did you put in the bottle?**

BILLY: **What do you mean? This message right here!**

SOPHIE: **Uh, that *exact* one?**

BILLY: *(acts out what he is describing)* **Yeah! You write the message, cork the bottle, throw the bottle into the ocean, then put the message ...** *(slowing down as he realizes)* **in the bottle ...**

SOPHIE: *(groaning)* **Oh no ...**

*(As the group watches the bottle float away, Johnny Coconut walks on stage, curious about the people he's seeing.)*

JOHNNY: **You know ... the proper procedure for a message in a bottle is to put the message *in* the bottle before you throw it in the water! I should know.**

*(Everyone is startled and turn around quickly.)*

SOPHIE: **Who are you?**

JOHNNY: **The name's Johnny. Johnny Coconut. I'm what ya call the resident of this island.**

SOPHIE: **Resident? You live here? On purpose?**

JOHNNY: **On purpose?** *(laughs)* **No. Out of no other choice! I was sailing 'round the world solo in my sailboat, when I got into a ferocious storm! Been here ever since.**

SOPHIE: **How long have you been here?**

JOHNNY: **Well, not too sure, really. I left in 1998. Think I'll make it home before 2000?**

SOPHIE: *(groaning)* **Oh no ...**

*(Everybody's hope visibly fades.)*

BILLY: **Is your name *really* Johnny Coconut? That's just the super-*duperest* name! You are just a *hoot*!**

JOHNNY: **I must say, I thought this day would never come. I can't believe I'm finally being rescued!**