

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY

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This sketch is on the theme of 'acceptance'. It can be used to illustrate the fact that God accepts us just as we are. This unconditional love is paralleled in two characters, Harry and Sally who are not happy with themselves – until they are accepted by the other.

CAST

Narrator The narration could be split into two (male and female) if sufficient performers are available

Harry Needs to be male, short and bald! Should be wearing clothing that clearly does not match.

Sally Needs to be female, short, dark haired and not too thin!

Harry and Sally mime most of the action. Some movements are suggested but others can be improvised.

Narrator This is the story of Harry [*Enter Harry. Stands stage left*]

And Sally. [*Enter Sally. Stands stage right apart from Harry*]

Harry was vertically challenged. [*Looks up and down*]

Or, to put it another way, - he was short. [*Looks angrily at narrator*]

Harry wished he were taller. [*Tries to stand up tall – then sighs dejectedly*]

Sally was equatorially challenged. [*Looks puzzled – indicating circle with hands*]

Or, to put it another way, - her waist was not as thin as it used to be. [*Looks angrily at narrator*]

Sally wished she were thinner. [*Holds waist in, turns as if looking at self in a mirror and sighs*]

Harry was follically challenged. [*Looks puzzled*]

Or, to put it another way, - he was bald. [*Looks angrily at narrator*]

Harry wished he had a full head of hair. [*Smooths down imaginary hair – then sighs*]

Sally had dark hair. [*Brushes hair with hands*]

But she had heard that gentlemen prefer blondes. [*Looks wistfully*]

Sally wished she had blonde hair. [*Sighs*]

Harry was very clever. At school he always came top of the class. [*Looks intelligent, keen schoolboy, holds hand up etc*]

This meant that he got teased a lot. His schoolmates called him names like “The Nerd”. [*Harry cowers, holds hands over his ears, looks sad*]

Sally was not very clever. At school she always came bottom of the class. *[Thinks very hard, not understanding, etc]*
This meant that she got teased a lot. Her schoolmates called her names like “Thicko”. *[Cowers, holds hands over ears, cries]*

Harry loved football. He dreamed of being a star player like David Beckham. *[Practices footballing skills on imaginary ball]*
But Harry wasn’t very good at football *[Loses control of ‘ball’ which flies into audience]*
So he never got picked for the team. *[Harry looks sad at rejection]*

Sally loved singing. She dreamed of being a pop star like Kylie Minogue. *[Sally sings and dances – e.g. ‘Locomotion’ or other suitable Kylie song]*
But Sally wasn’t very good at singing. *[Sally goes out of tune]*
So she never got picked after an audition. Next! *[Sally stops singing and looks sad]*

Harry tried to make friends by going to the pub with his workmates. *[Lifts glass, etc]*
But Harry had no head for alcohol. *[Looks drunk]*
After just a pint or two he would feel ill and have to go home. *[Throws up]*
This made his workmates laugh at him. *[Cowers, looks sad]*

Sally tried to make friends by going clubbing with her workmates. *[She dances]*
But Sally couldn’t cope with the loud music and flashing lights. *[Shields eyes, covers ears]*
Quickly she would develop a splitting headache and have to go home. *[Holds head as if in agony]*
This made her workmates laugh at her. *[Cowers, looks sad]*

Harry was sad and lonely. He wished he was somebody else. *[Looks down dejectedly]*

Sally was sad and lonely. She wished she was somebody else. *[Looks down dejectedly]*

Then ... Harry met Sally. *[They look across at each other]*

Sally was glad Harry was short. She was short too, so he was just the right height for her. *[They move together centre stage]*

Harry was glad Sally’s waist was ample. It gave him something to get hold of. *[He puts arm round her waist]*

Sally was glad that Harry was bald. She had heard that bald men were more masculine. *[She feels his biceps. He looks macho]*

Harry was glad Sally had dark hair. He too had heard that gentlemen prefer blondes – but he was no gentleman! *[He puts both arms around her and leers. She pushes him away looking shocked but pleased!]*

Sally was glad that Harry was clever. This meant that he had a nice, safe , steady job. *[She leans on his shoulder]*

Harry did not mind that Sally was not very clever. In fact he found that she was very good at all sorts of things at which he was utterly clueless: such as choosing clothes to wear that actually matched each other. *[Sally points to what Harry is wearing and shakes her head. He shrugs his shoulders]*

Sally was glad that Harry was not good enough at football ever to get picked for any team. It meant that he had more time to go shopping with her at weekends. *[She put her arm in his as if leading him]*

Harry loved to hear Sally sing in the shower. He said her singing was much better than Kylie's. *[They smile at each other]*

Harry no longer wanted to go to the pub with his workmates. *[Lifts glass – then shakes head]*

Sally no longer wanted to go clubbing with her workmates. *[Holds hands over ears and shakes head]*

They were both much happier spending time at home together. *[Harry puts arm round Sally's shoulder, she puts arm around his waist]*
Knowing that each accepted the other – just as they were.

THE END