

**ubi est mater mea?** A little puppet play by Helen Forte

Introduction	salvete, omnes. expectatissimi estis. Minimus et Vibrissa fabulam narrant.	<i>Hello, everyone. You are very welcome. Minimus and Vibrissa are telling a story,</i>
Minimus	Minimus sum.	<i>I am Minimus</i>
Vibrissa	Vibrissa sum.	<i>I am Vibrissa</i>
Minimus	fabulam narramus.	<i>We are telling a story</i>
Vibrissa	ecce ovum.	<i>Here is an egg.</i>
Minimus	ovum fractum est.	<i>The egg is broken.</i>
Vibrissa	ex ovo pullus excludit.	<i>Out of the egg a chick hatches.</i>
Pullus	ubi est mater mea?	<i>Where is my mother?</i>
Minimus	pullus matrem quaerit.	<i>The chick looks for his mother.</i>
Vibrissa	mox pullus corvum videt. corvus in ovo sedet.	<i>Soon the chick sees a crow. The crow is sitting on an egg.</i>
Pullus	nonne tu mater mea es?	<i>Are you my mother?</i>
Corvus	minime! ego corvus sum. filius meus etiam in ovo est.	<i>No! I am a crow. My son is still in the egg.</i>
Pullus	vale!	<i>Goodbye!</i>
Minimus	pullus iterum matrem quaerit.	<i>The chick looks for his mother again.</i>
Vibrissa	mox pullus porcum videt. porcus dormit.	<i>Soon the chick sees a pig. The pig is sleeping.</i>
Pullus	salve! nonne tu mater mea es?	<i>Hello! Are you my mother?</i>
Porcus	minime! ego porcus sum. ecce filia mea.	<i>No! I am a pig. Here is my daughter</i>
Pullus	quam formosus est!	<i>How handsome he is!</i>
Porcus	gratias tibi ago!	<i>Thank you!</i>
Minimus	pullus iterum matrem quaerit.	<i>The chick looks for his mother again.</i>

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Vibrissa	mox pullus ranam videt. rana saltat.	<i>Soon the chick sees a frog. The frog is jumping.</i>
Pullus	nonne tu mater mea es?	<i>Are you my mother?</i>
Rana	minime! ego rana sum. ecce filii mei!	<i>No! I am a frog. Here are my sons!</i>
Pullus	multos filios habes!	<i>You have many sons!</i>
Rana	certe!	<i>Yes!</i>
Minimus	nunc pullus anxius est.	<i>Now the chick is worried.</i>
Vibrissa	pullus vespam videt. vespa maligne bombitat.	<i>The chick sees a wasp. The wasp buzzes nastily.</i>
Pullus	nonne tu mater mea es?	<i>Are you my mother?</i>
Vespa	minime! ego vespa sum.	<i>No! I am a wasp.</i>
Pullus	sed ubi est mater mea?	<i>But where is my mother?</i>
Vespa	nescio. tu molestus es. te mordeo!	<i>I don't know. You are a nuisance. I shall sting you.</i>
Minimus	vespa ferociter bombitat. pullus lacrimat.	<i>The wasp buzzes fiercely. The chick cries.</i>
Pullus	eheu! o mater!	<i>Oh no! Oh mother!</i>
Vibrissa	subito gallina advenit. gallina vespam vellicat.	<i>Suddenly the hen arrives. The hen pecks the wasp.</i>
Gallina	noli pullum meum tangere! improba vespa es!	<i>Don't touch my chick! You are a naughty wasp!</i>
Vespa	o subligaria!	<i>Oh knickers!</i>
Minimus	vespa celeriter fugit.	<i>The wasp flees quickly.</i>
Pullus	nonne tu mater me es?	<i>Are you my mother?</i>
Gallina	certe!	<i>Yes!</i>
Pullus	euge!	<i>Hooray!</i>
Min. & Vib.	valete!	<i>Goodbye!</i>