

***Return to the Village***  
**Script**



Initial welcome

Villager 1: Welcome to our village.  
Villager 2: Where have you come from?

*An audience member steps forward with a scroll given to them upon arrival.*

Villager 1 (*reading*): We have travelled long and far. We left our home in the middle of the night. It was no longer a safe or happy place to live. We come from (*gasps*) the Place of Shadows.

*The villagers look at each other uneasily. As they talk, they begin to weave around the audience.*

Villager 1: We've met others like you. We know where you've come from.  
Villager 2: A place of darkness.  
Villager 1: A place of drought.  
Villager 2: Where the concrete has sprawled so far for so long that it has begun to decay.  
Villager 1: And destroy all that is good around it. But things are different here.  
Villager 2: We will take you somewhere you can rest.  
Villager 1: Our home is yours to share for the night.

Farewell message (after they have built their village)

Gatekeeper:

I am the gatekeeper.

I am here to help you start your journey to your new home.

A place where the natural world can breathe and grow.

We came here together but now we must scatter from this place and take what we've learnt.

Out into the world beyond.

For each of us has the heart and soul to make any place our home.

Please return to your huts. Take a moment to say goodbye, take a photo and farewell your neighbours. Then come and find me.

I will show you the secret gateway to your new world.

