

Dim Sum, or, One in a Minyan

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I was in a Chinese restaurant on a wintry
afternoon
The dim sum gals were making their rounds,
calling out their dim sum tune
I was just about to choose a dish and pour
myself some tea
When a *Chassid* came in, looked around,
then he walked right up to me.

He said, "I know you're Jewish, I see the
kugel in your face
"And I know you're wondering what a Jew
like me is doing in this place
"I'm not here to give you grief about what
you do or how
"I've just come to give you a chance to
perform a little *mitzvah* now."

And I don't care what kind of Jew you
are
The kind of Jew you are is fine with me
If your Mom was Jewish then you're up
to par
You're as *ekht* as I need you need to be
You may eat *treyf* and *khazeray*
But that doesn't mean you don't qualify
A Jew's a Jew, no one can deny—
You've got a Torah-clad warranty.

"There's a small *beys midrash* down the
street where we're reading the *Gemara*
through
"And when time for *Minkha* rolls around,
we're often short a man or two
"To complete our *minyan* I always go where
there'll be Jews to spare
"That's any good Chinese restaurant—I
know I'll find a *lantsman* there."

And I don't care what kind of Jew you
are
The kind of Jew you are is fine with me
And now's your chance to be a Jewish
star
'Cause if a *minyan's* a lock, then you are
a key
And I don't care on what you feed
Or the kind of Jewish life you lead
I'm a Jew in need of a Jew in deed
And you will suit me to a tee

Now, a *mitzvah* is a mission that a Jew
cannot refuse
And you're not a *mentsh* if you stand by and
don't help your fellow Jews
So I got up, put on my coat without delay or
fuss
When some guys at a nearby table said, "If
you're going to *daven*, wait for us!"

And I don't care what kind of Jew you
are
The kind of Jew you are is fine with me
Even if you haven't had a *bar*
You're a leaf on the family tree
You may only-go-to-*shul* on *Yom Kippur*
Or lead the life of a *goy gamur*
But with Jews there's no such thing as
"pure"
So buddy, you're the Jew for—
You may not think it's very cool
But the genes in your particular pool
Say, "Would it be so bad if you went to
shul?"
And buddy, that's a Jew to—
Shmulik, that's a Jew to—
Yingl, that's a Jew to me.