

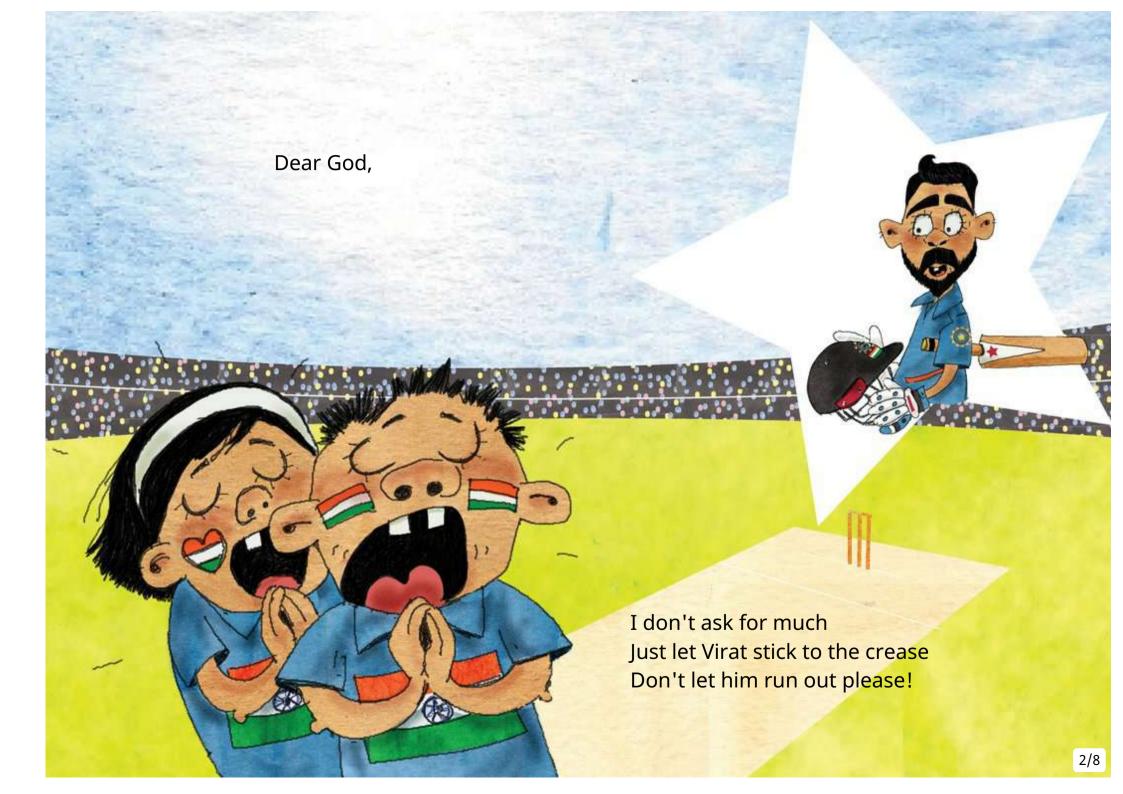


# **An Ode to Cricket**

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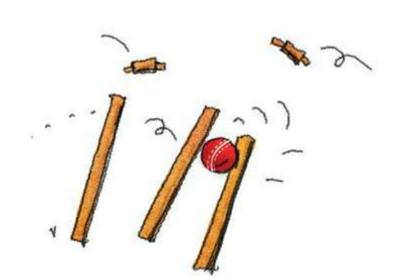




If he runs out,
That would be it
Batters will come
and quickly leave
Tears will be shed on every sleeve
Half the country will grieve.







And me?

I'll bite my nails
I'll chew my tongue off
I'll buzz like a bee
I'll pee and pee and pee.



Did you know? Virat is like my elder bro His century is my pride and show No, really!
As soon as I eat this biscuit
Or when that chair creaks
When Mom calls out
Or when Didi shrieks
Virat loses sight of the ball
His wicket threatens to fall!



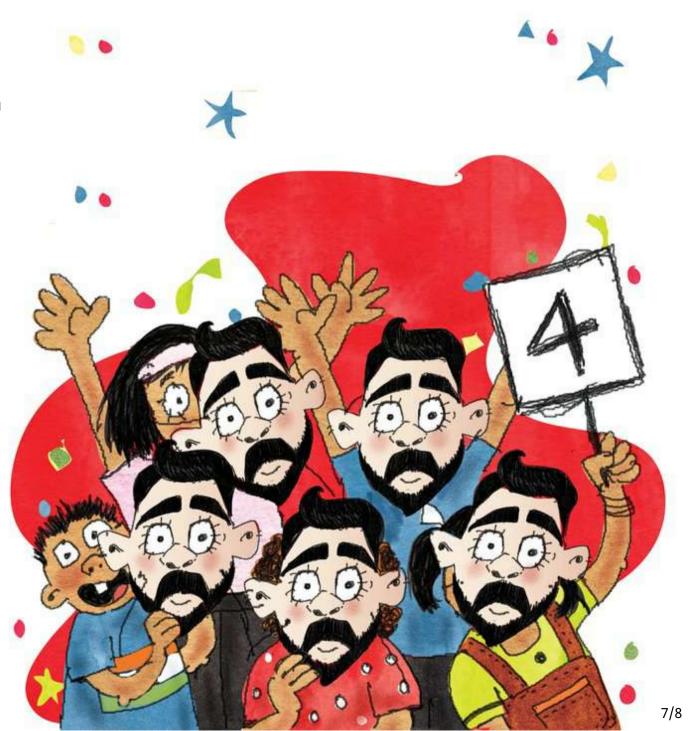


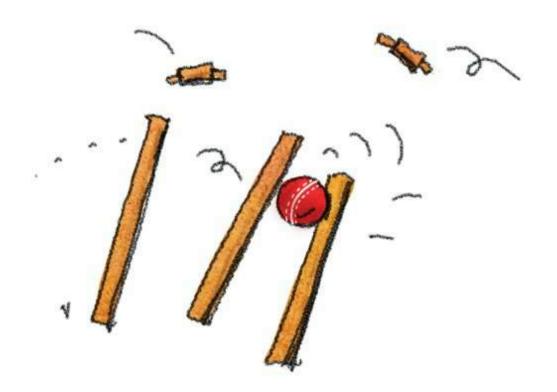


Now you see?
Just like that, we lose
It's a price we all pay
The world cup slips away
We all sigh and brood India falls
into a bad mood.



So dear God, I don't ask for much Just let Virat stick to the crease Don't let him run out please!







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