

Hi, I'm Lisa Flanagan. And I work as the Associate Director of the Baldwin Center for Learning and Teaching.

Today, I'd like to read a poem by contemporary British poet, Simon Armitage. It's from his collection called "Paper Aeroplane." The poem is entitled "Thank You For Waiting." Thank You For Waiting.

At this moment in time, we'd like to invite first-class passengers only to board the aircraft. Thank you for waiting. We now extend our invitation to Exclusive, Superior, Privilege, And Excelsior members, followed by Triple, Double, and Single Platinum members, followed by Gold, Silver, Bronze card members, followed by Pearl and Coral Club members. Military personnel in uniform may also board at this time. Thank you for waiting. We now invite Meteorite customers and passengers enrolled in our Rare Earth metals points and rewards scheme. And thank you for waiting. Accredited beautiful people may now board, plus any gentlemen carrying a copy of this month's Cigar Aficionado Magazine, plus subscribers to our Red Diamond, Black Opal and Blue Garnett schemes.

We also welcome Sapphire, Ruby, and Emerald members at this time, followed by Amethyst, Onyx, Obsidian, Jet, Topaz, and Quartz members. On production of a valid receipt, travelers of elegance and style, wearing designer and/or hand-tailored clothing or flaunting individual pieces of jewelry, including wristwatches with a minimum purchase price of 10,000 U.S. dollars may now board. Also welcome at this time are passengers talking loudly to cell phone headsets about recently completed property acquisitions, share deals, and aggressive takeovers, plus hedge fund managers with proven track records in the undermining of small to medium-sized ambitions. Passengers in Loam, Chalk, Marle, and Clay may also board. Thank you for waiting.

Mediocre passengers are now invited to board, followed by passengers lacking business acumen or general leadership potential, followed by people of little or no consequence, followed by people operating at a net fiscal loss as people. Scroungers, malingerers, spongers, and freeloaders may now step forward. Those holding tickets for zones Rust, Mulch, Cardboard, Puddle, and Sand might want to begin gathering their crumbs and tissues ready for boarding. Passengers either partially or wholly dependent on welfare or kindness, please have their travel coupons validated at the quarantine desk. Sweat, Dust, Shoddy, Scurf, Turd, Chaff, Remnant, Ash, Puss, Sludge, Clinker, Splinter, and Soot, all you people are now free to board.

That was "Thank You For Waiting" by Simon Armitage. And this is Kipper the Dog. Thanks.