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## The Orphan

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Short Fiction, Running time: 49 min

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Synopsis: Uma is an orphan girl, her lover leaves her pregnant and runs away. Currently, Uma lives with her 5-year-old son and survives by washing dishes in people's homes. Suddenly Uma's son drowns while fishing and Uma is deeply saddened. After a few days, an orphan boy comes into Uma's life, whom Uma finds on the street. Uma spends her days very happily with him forgetting all the sorrows, but Uma suddenly one day comes to know that the boy belongs to a Muslim family.

Uma throws him out of the house as Uma is a Hindu woman. After a long time Uma sees her son with a Muslim fisherman and learns that he saved her son's life. Uma then repents for her mistake and goes to take back the banished boy. Since then, Uma raises her two sons together.