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‘Everybody smiles in the same language.’ This was a quote from an anonymous author on the internet.

The other day my daughter and I were at PF Chang’s for lunch. Across from us was a grandmother, her daughter, and a boy who was about a year old. The women were busy eating their meals and ignoring the little boy. He waved at me and I waved back. It was obvious he was a little flirt. He played a bit of hide and seek by turning his head back and forth. We were enjoying each other’s company. Then, the mom, aware of what was happening, moved his chair so he faced her. She still wasn’t feeding him or paying attention to him, but I guess she didn’t like our relationship. He turned around to wave at me again. His mom turned the chair once again so he could not turn around again.

It was really rather sad. The little boy and I were only sharing smiles and waves. We were almost ten feet apart and separated by over seventy years. The smiles said everything and we were communicating. A smile can communicate so much – acceptance, compassion, love, playfulness, and much more. ‘Everybody smiles in the same language.’ Let’s smile more today, it may bring joy to someone.