

An excerpt from OUT OF THE WOODS, a panto by Steve Ivings

A clearing in the woods. Aurora enters.

AURORA:

I wish
More than anything
More than sleep
More than slumber

Snow White enters.

SNOW WHITE:

I wish
More than apples

Belle enters.

BELLE:

I wish

AURORA:

More than anything
More than beauty

AURORA/SNOW WHITE/BELLE:

I wish

AURORA:

The castle is so vacuous
So very empty
I wish someone would play with us

Anna crosses.

ANNA:

Do you wanna build a snowman?

Little Red Riding Hood enters.

RED RIDING HOOD:

I've got some cookies and some cakes

For Granny who has got the shakes

Little Red Riding Hood exits. Alice enters

ALICE:

I saw a rabbit running through here
He's going to be quite late I fear

Alice exits.

SNOW WHITE:

You know the problem with the seven dwarfs? Too much small talk. Ha, ha, ha. Get it? Small talk? Ha, ha.

AURORA:

Out of the woods
I've got to go
Or I will go quite nuts you know
Therapy I will undergo
If I don't get out quickly

SNOW WHITE:

There is no point in staying since
I'm never going to find my prince

BELLE:

Out of the woods to find a friend

SNOW WHITE:

Out of the woods to find a prince

Hansel and Gretel enter followed by Goldilocks.

HANSEL:

How are we ever going to find our way back?

GRETEL:

Just drop breadcrumbs behind you and we'll follow the trail.
Goldilocks starts picking up the breadcrumbs and eating them.

GOLDILOCKS:

These are good...but I really got a hankering for porridge.

Hansel, Gretel and Goldilocks exit. Anna and Elsa enter.

ANNA:

Out of the woods

It's just us two

But sister will you tell me true

Tell me what is bothering you?

ELSA:

I find it kind of chilly.

Anna and Elsa exit. Jasmine and Aladdin enter.

JASMINE:

Oh, take me away from all this

ALADDIN:

I can't. Carpet's in the shop.

Jasmine and Aladdin exit. Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and Pinocchio enter.

RED RIDING HOOD:

I got chased by a big, bad wolf.

GOLDILOCKS:

I got chased by three bears.

PINOCCHIO:

I got swallowed by a whale.

RED RIDING HOOD:

You win.

Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and Pinocchio exit. Red Shoes Girl and Cinderella enter.

RED SHOES GIRL:

They're magic red shoes. I can't take them off and they move on their own. I wish I could remove them.

CINDERELLA:

Try running down the palace stairs. You'll lose at least one.

Red Shoes Girl and Cinderella exit. Rumpelstiltskin enters. .

RUMPELSTILTSKIN:

I can spin straw into gold. Unlike Justin Trudeau who does it the other way around.