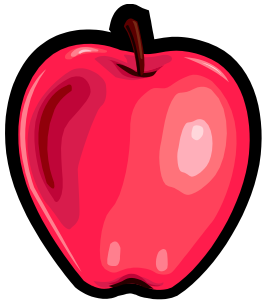
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Characters:

Red Bird
Blue Bird
Snow White
Queen
Huntsman
Lead Mirror
Fred
Jed
Ned
Sed
Jed
Ted
Rumpelstiltskin
Comb Peddler
Jeweler
Apple Seller
Jo-(kitchen friend)

Forest Creatures
Courtiers
Mirrors
Dwarf Villagers

Scene 1-The Forest

Scene 2-The Castle

Scene 3-The Forest/Dwarf Village

SOUND CUE #1~Prelude

During the introduction music all cast will enter. Leads from backstage to mainstage and center. Red Bird & Blue Bird from stage right café door to stage left. Courtiers from center aisle to stage left.

SOUND CUE #2~A TALE UNFOLDS

A tale unfolds, for young and old, a tale unfolds; a story's about to be told (repeat)
It has magic, adventure, good and evil too!
So we are hear, from far and near, the cast is here-A story's about to be told!
The birds, the girl, the queen, the courtiers, the friends, the dwarves, the magical mirrors;
A story with friendship, a story with heart
A story in which we all take part
A tale unfolds, for young and old, a tale unfolds; and now it is time to begin!

As music fades all cast exits except for Red Bird (RB) & Blue Bird (BB) stage left and forest stays set

Scene 1~The Forest

RB (*Looking at Audience from perch stage left)* They came! They came! I can't believe they came!!!

BB *(slightly exasperated)* Of course they came, everyone loves a good story. Now calm down, it's time to get started! They are waiting on us!

RB Sorry! Sorry! You're right. I'm just so excited. *(to audience)* You will never believe what happened when Snow White took a bite of that magical mushroom!

BB Red-it was not a mushroom-it was an apple and you are getting wayyyyyyy ahead of things here. Why don't you take it from the beginning?

RB Oh yea, wrong story. Living in this magical forest we get to be a part of a ton of stories. It's easy to get confused. I know! I'll use the book-that will help keep me on track! *(opens big book)* Once upon a time there lived King White-the beloved Ruler of our Land who was sadly lost on a journey at sea. He left behind a daughter…

BB And a wife-ewww *(makes a face)*

RB *(Gives him a look)* The princess's heart was pure and she was so full of kindness that she was called "Snow White". She loved to go out in the forest to pick flowers and soon made friends with the animals because her stepmother, the Queen, would not let her have friends in the palace. Hey! All of our friends from the forest are here, why don't we let them tell about it.

BB Good idea. They can tell you the way it was.

Curtain Opens/Lights come up on forest creatures-or they may enter as music starts

SOUND CUE #3~THE WAY IT WAS

The way it was for poor Snow White-was pretty awful
The way it was was stinky---The way it was was sad
The way it was was lonely---The way it was bad
Her situation would make a grown man cry
but not Snow White-no not Snow White, she handled it just fine.
She was cheerful and kind, helpful and good but when you talk about her homelife…
The way it was was stinky---The way it was was sad
The way it was was lonely---The way it was was bad
Snow White became our friend, we'll be there for her until the end

Snow White appears from backstage-walks downstage through the forest and ends in front of the curtain as the curtain closes. (Set scene backstage for castle-courtiers in place to enter as Sound Cue #5 starts)

Snow *(looking at the birds)* Oh hello Blue Bird, hello Red Bird! How are you today?

RB Fine, fine Snow White. You are looking very cheerful this morning. Did you have a good night at the castle?

Snow No, it was not really a good night. The Queen was in a royal rage! You see, some of the ladies were wearing green dresses at the ball last night. Green is the Queen's favorite color and no one is allowed to wear it but her so she sent all the ladies in green dresses to the dungeon to spend the night!

BB That sounds awful!

Snow It wasn't very nice. At least I was able to sneak out in the confusion and visit my new friend Jo in the kitchen. And I got some leftover cake to share with you!

RB Cake! Thank you Snow White *(eating)* you have a new friend? That's great! A royal friend?

Snow No you silly bird! You know the queen will not allow me to play with other royal children! Jo is a works in the kitchen and is new to the castle. I really think Jo and you forest creatures are my only real friends.

SOUND CUE #4~ A Friend is There
****Someone to laugh with, someone to cry with,**
someone to talk with or to take a walk with.
Someone for fun with, someone to run with
Someone to share with-that's what makes a friend.**
A friend is, there when you need them-they know when you are sad and blue;
A friend is there to be with you, they'll always love and care for you! **

Snow Well, I must be getting back now! Enjoy the cake!

BB That Snow White, always thinking of others!

RB Yes, she has such a good heart! Unlike that Queen, what a meanie! Everyone is afraid of her. I bet she does not have any real friends. She always has to get her own way!`

Scene 2~The Castle (curtain opens as music starts)

SOUND CUE #5~ The Royal Way
Courtly manners, proper and prim, cater to the Queen's tiniest whim!
That's the Royal way!
Curtsey, bow and stand up straight be on time, never be late!
That's the Royal Way!
Don't wear her favorite color or sing her favorite song!
Don't dare to speak when she's speaking, Oh Don't do anything wrong! **(repeat beginning to Coda)**
Coda: **And when the Queen-gets in a snit-and starts to pitch a royal fit stay out of…The Royal way!**

Courtiers bow and curtsey as the queen appears down center aisle

SOUND CUE #6~ Queen's Fanfare

Queen My royal subjects! Please-adore me!

Courtiers Oooooooo-Ahhhhhhhh-Ooooooooo

Queen *(interrupting)* That's enough! I'm feeling claustrophobic! You are all dismissed! *Courtiers exit*

Curtain closes as Queen Moves – birds scurry out of the way MM ready to enter from side-other Mirrors get in place backstage

Queen Sigh…It is impossible to think with all those people crowding me! Mirror!!! Mirror where are you!?!

Main Mirror I am here your Meanliness! I mean your Queenliness!

Queen Where have you been? I didn't put you in that magic frame for your personal enjoyment! I put you in it so YOU could find ME whenever I need you! Now-take me to the hall!

Main Mirror (*bowing)* Your wish is my command! Follow me!

Curtain opens to reveal a the hall of mirrors

SOUND CUE #7~Mirror, Mirror
We are the mirrors in the hall, we hang upon these royal walls
Whenever the queen does call we answer her, one and all.
We are the mirrors in the hall, listening for her royal Squall.
The sound of it will cause your skin to crawl, one and all!
Ooooo-ooooo Mirrors, Mirrors, in the Hall
Oooooo-oooo-Mirrors, Mirrors, on the Wall

Queen Ahhhhh-just what I needed-A hall full of…Me! Mirrors, mirrors in the hall-who's the fairest one of all?

Main Mirror Queen, though lovely you are… **All Mirrors Join**: Snow White is the shining STAR!

Queen WHAT did you just say!?! Snow White a Star!?! *(mirrors cower)* This will never do! HUNTSMAN!!!!

Huntsman enters stage right café door

Huntsman Yes my queen?

Queen You will follow Snow White into the woods when she goes out 'flower picking' and make sure that she NEVER returns!

Huntsman *(gulping)* Yes, my queen.

Huntsman bows and exits stage right café door

Queen Humph! We'll just see about that! No one will out-shine me! I am the fairest-and I always will be!

Curtain closes-set scene for Dwarf Village

Scene 3~The Forest/Dwarf cottage

RB So, Snow White went for her daily walk in the forest and the poor huntsman followed her. Remember how Snow White said she did not have any friends? Well she was wrong! Everyone at the palace loved her and the Huntsman could not stand to cause her harm. He told Snow White of the Queen's plan and she agreed to run deeper into the forest than she had ever gone before and to never return to the castle.

BB Of course, we were Snow White's friends too, so we followed her just to make sure she was safe. Later that afternoon, after she had rested, we led her to a little cottage where we knew some other kind souls lived. We were certain that they would take care of Snow White.

Snow Why, what a sweet little house! I wonder if other children live here? Maybe this is my chance to make some new friends. I think I'll just tidy up a bit until they return…*(starts sweeping)*

SOUND CUE #8~Dwarf song-BIG THINGS
We may seem a little small, nothing next to kings, but we know this much is true, we will do BIG things!
Big-Things…Big Things…Big-Things….We will do Big Things!
Working hard is what we do, no matter what life brings. There's no mountain too tall, we will do BIG things!
We may seem a little small, nothing next to kings, but we know this much is true, we will do BIG things!
Big-Things…Big Things…Big-Things….We will do Big Things!

Snow Oh my! Who are you?

Fred I'm Fred!

Jed I'm Jed!

Ned I'm Ned!

Red I'm Red!

Sed I'm Sed!

Ted I'm Ted!

Rumple I'm Rumpelstiltskin! No-not that one! Wrong story! But he is my great uncle on my mother's side.

Snow Pleased to meet you! Pleased to meet all of you. I am Snow White. I am looking for some new friends and maybe a new place to live. I used to live at the castle but it seems that things are not going to suit me there anymore.

Fred Huddle up dwarves! *(all 7 whispering)* Break! It's settled! You can live here in the Dwarf village with us and we will be your friends!

Snow Oh thank you! Thank you very much!

BB So Snow White settled into life with the Dwarves. She was so friendly and kind that everyone soon came to love having her around. She never imagined that danger might find her in her new home.

Curtain closes-Queen and mirror enter from stage right to corner in front of curtain to her workroom

Queen Well…Mirror. What do you have to say about me now?

Main Mirror My Queen-you are the fairest of the fair tis true-but there is still one fairer than you. Snow is her name and making friends is her game in the Dwarf village she's now come to fame!

Queen Outrageous! Impossible! Where is that huntsman?

Main Mirror It appears he has taken an extended leave of absence-no one has seen him, not even me!

Queen If you want something done right you have to do it yourself! I'll see if I can cook up a new appearance for myself and pay Miss Snow a visit! This poison comb should do the trick to get her out of my hair!

SOUND CUE #9~A MAGICAL SPELL

A Spell, a spell, a magical spell
Something to change my looks
A spell, a spell, a magical spell
Surely there's something in this book!
Put it all together, stir it in the pot, add pinch of this, won't take a lot!
Put it all together, make it nice and Hot, add dash of that, it's sure to hit the spot!
A Spell, a spell, a magical spell
Now to taste a drop!

(Tastes a drop and staggers behind the curtain and out comes the Comb Peddler)

Comb Peddler She'll never recognize me now! I'm off to the dwarf village!

Curtain opens on dwarf villagers walking around

Comb Peddler Combs for your hair? Combs for your hair *(a dwarf stops to look)* Not for you-get outta my way! Combs? Combs? *(walking up to Snow)* Ahhh, what a lovely young girl! You must take this comb!

Snow Well that is very kind of you but I do not have any way to pay you!

Comb Peddler NO money! I mean, no money, no problem! It's a free sample! Here, Let's see how it looks? (*Sticks the comb into Snow White's hair)*

Snow Oh my, I don't feel very….*(swoons and falls)*

Comb Peddler Ha ha ha! Now! Back to the castle and my main mirror! *(Exits stage right Café door)*

(Dwarves re-enter from center aisle and gather around Snow)

Ted Snow White is dead! Snow White is dead!

Jed Oh noooooooooooo

Fred Give her some space people!

Ned What happened here?

Villager 1 Snow White was looking at those combs and suddenly she swooned!

Red I bet this is the work of that wicked Queen! We should have warned Snow to never talk to strangers.

Sed Hey! This comb is coming loose-maybe if I just wiggle it a little…(*pulls comb free causing Snow to sit up and rub her eyes)*

Snow What's going on? Are you all home from work already?

Rumple Snow White, we are afraid the Queen is up to no good. She is trying to harm you! You must promise us never to talk to strangers when walking around the village!

Snow All right, I'll try to remember, but I do so love talking to new people and making new friends.

Rumple We know, we know.

Curtain Closes-Mirror and Comb Peddler enter to the workroom

Comp Ped Ok mirror! Do your thing!

Main Mirror The fairest in this room you may be, but not the fairest that I can see. Snow White has recovered and it is true that she is still fairer and kinder than you!

Comp Ped You have got to be kidding me! Those meddling Dwarves! I bet they pulled out the comb before the poison could take effect. Hmmmm, this time I'll choke those pretty manners right out of her with this! She'll never be able to resist a new necklace! Now…for my disguise!

SOUND CUE #10~A MAGICAL SPELL-REPRISE

Put it all together, make it nice and Hot, add dash of that, it's sure to hit the spot!
A Spell, a spell, a magical spell
Now to taste a drop!

(Tastes a drop and staggers behind the curtain and out comes the Jeweler)

Jeweler Here I am! It's a brand new me! I'll see you later Mirror!

Curtain opens on dwarf villagers walking around

Jeweler Jewels! Necklaces, bracelets, diamonds and pearls! Jewels for you? *(Spying Snow White)* Oh Hello! You must be the girl living with the 7! They mine stones for me you know. Would you like to try on this necklace? It suits your eyes!

Snow Oh, I'm really not supposed to talk to strangers, but if you know the 7 then you are not really a stranger. You are only a friend I haven't met yet!

Jeweler Uh-huh, sure, sure. So let's get this necklace on you-nice and tight! Wouldn't want it to fall off.

Snow Oh my. That's a little too tigh……*(swoons and falls)*

Jeweler That should do it! Heh heh heh! *(runs off)*

(Dwarves run in to see Snow White on the ground)

Ted Snow White is dead! Snow White is dead!

Jed Oh noooooooooooo

Fred What's that she's wearing? She doesn't usually wear jewelry?

Sed Quick! Get it off of her! It's cutting off her air supply!

Ned I've got it! Snow are you all right?

Snow *(coughing)* I think I'm ok! What happened?

Rumple Snow White! I thought we told you NOT to take to strangers!

Red The wicked Queen is still trying to harm you!

Snow But I didn't talk to any strangers! Just the nice jeweler that you sell your gems too! She said you've been working together for years!

Rumple Hmmm, that Queen is trickier than we thought! Snow-we don't work with any jeweler! The forest creatures take our gems to the magical market for us. It was the Queen in disguise!

Red From now on don't talk to anyone who isn't a dwarf!

Snow Ok! I promise. *Curtain Closes-Mirror and Jeweler enter to the workroom*

Jeweler Mirror Mirror speak to me! Who is the fairest that you see?!?

Main Mirror Your majesty, on your beauty I am gazing, but there is still one who is more amazing! The girl in the forest managed to survive and you will never her top her, she'll always win the prize!

Jeweler There is only ONE thing left to do! I'll pull out all the stops! No more missus Nice Queen.

Main Mirror I think we left 'nice queen' a long time ago!

Jeweler What did you say? Oh never mind! It's time for the one! The only! The poison Apple! When she takes a bite of this beauty it's "Night, Night, Snow White!" For GOOD! I'm sure I can come up with one more new 'look'!

SOUND CUE #11~ A MAGICAL SPELL-REPRISE 2
Put it all together, make it nice and Hot, add dash of that, it's sure to hit the spot!
A Spell, a spell, a magical spell~~~~Now to taste a drop!

(Tastes a drop and staggers behind the curtain and out comes the Apple Seller)

Apple Seller *(laughing)* She'll never…oh you know what I mean! I look different, don't I? *(winks)*
We'll just see if Snow White can resist a bite!

Curtain opens on Snow White all alone

Apple Seller Hello dearie! You look like you could use a snack! How about a lovely apple? *(Snow White looks but mimes locking her lips and throwing away the key)* Won't talk to me hmmm? That's alright. I'll just leave this luscious-beautiful-rosy red apple right here! It will be there when you need it, whenever you get hungry… *(sneaks offstage)*

Snow Whew! That was a close one! I almost talked to that stranger, but I remembered my promise to the dwarves and I did not say a word! Now…this apple does look tasty. They didn't say anything about not eating a snack. Maybe just one teensy, little bite *(bites apple and swoons to the ground)*

(Dwarves enter side café door)

Ted Snow White is dead! Snow White is dead!

Jed Oh……

Fred *(interrupting)* Would you 2 cut that out! She is not dead!

Sed I'm not so sure this time Fred, she doesn't look good-and I don't see any comb, or necklace, or ribbon or…

Ned Just this luscious, beautiful, rosy red apple *(about to take a bite)*

Red Ned! Don't do it! Don't you see, Snow must have taken a bite of this apple and that's why she won't wake up.

Ted What should we do? What should we do?

Rumple Hey! We live in magical forest! Surely there is something here that could help! Let's split up and see what we can find?

Fred What about Snow? We can't just leave her here!

Rumple She should be fine-cover her with this blanket. The queen thinks she's dead and there is nothing else in the wood that would harm her.

Dwarves split up to find objects. Joe enters center aisle.

RB So this is where things get interesting. Remember Jo, Snow White's friend from the kitchen? Snow White's only friend in the palace? Well it turns out that Jo had come looking for her…

BB It seems that the Queen changed her looks 1 too many times and she couldn't go back to her old self. When she showed up at the palace looking like and apple seller and claiming to be the Queen the guards threw her in the dungeon. When the real Queen never showed up they questioned the Magic Mirror who spilled the whole story. Soon the entire Queendom was looking everywhere for Snow White, the true heir to the throne.

RB Yes, they all knew that Snow would be a kind and fair ruler, if only they could fine her.

Jo Snow White! Snooowwww Whi--------te! Are you hear? *(spies Snow on the ground and leans over her)* Snow, what happened to you? Taking a little nap? Well maybe I'll just have a little snack while I wait for you to wake up. *(Takes a bite of the apple and falls asleep)*

Dwarves return with objects

Ted Another dead body! Another dead body!

Jed Oh Noooooo *(cuts off at a look from the others)*

Fred It looks like this guy took a bite of the wrong snack! He's out cold!

Rumple We've got to do something about this! So what did you find?

(Dwarves line up with objects)

Ted A glass slipper! *(holding it out proudly)*

Rumple What are we going to do with that? Take her to the ball? Next! *(Places it next to the bodies)*

Jed A shiny gold pocket watch! *(holding it out proudly)*

Rumple Well, we don't want her time to run out, but I don't think that will do it. Next! *(Places it next to the bodies)*

Fred A red, red rose! *(holding it out proudly)*

Red Nice color

Fred Thanks, and it smells so good.

Rumple Would you cut that out! The rose is pretty, maybe if she smells it…nope. Next! *(Places it next to the bodies)*

Sed I found the needle from a spinning wheel! *(holding it out proudly)*

Rumple Ummm, Sed, that is used to put some **to** sleep, not wake them up! *(Places it next to the bodies)*

Ned Hey! I found this bag of pixie dust! *(holding it out proudly)*

Rumple That might work! Sprinkle some over her! *(Sed sprinkles some dust and all wait but nothing happens)*

Ned Aww man!

Red Well, all I could find was this rooster! *(holding it like it's squirming)*

Rumple How can we use that, have it peck her awake…hey...roosters ARE used to wake people up! Maybe we can get him to crow and if he's a magic rooster it could work! Everybody! Help me crow. *(crowing loudly with audience)*

Snow White and Joe slowly wake up rubbing their eyes as the Dwarves cheer

Snow Joe! What are you doing here? If you get caught away from the kitchen you will lose your job! What is all this clutter? I've been trying to keep the place tidy!

Jo It's alright Snow White. The queen has been dethroned and I am here to take you back to the castle to become our new Queen!

Snow Joe, I don't know if I can go back to the castle. Home is where your friends are *(Looking at the dwarves)* and you were my only friend in the castle. No one else there talks to me.

Jo Snow White, everyone at the castle wants to be your friend! It was only the Queen's orders that stopped them from talking to you. You are always so kinds to everyone they can't help but love you and they want YOU to be their Queen now.

BB So with that revelation, Snow White said goodbye to the Dwarves, who promised to visit soon. She made her way back to the castle with Joe. She became the kind leader that everyone had always wished for!

RB Remember! Being fair of face is fine and dandy, but having a heart that is pure is what matters most. Being beautiful on the inside is what counts.

All re-enter for finale

SOUND CUE #12~A TALE UNFOLDS Reprise

A tale was told, for young and old, a tale was told; and now it is time for the end (repeat)
It had magic, adventure, good and evil too!
So we were here, from far and near, the cast was here-And now it is time for the end!
The birds, the girl, the queen, the courtiers, the friends, the dwarves, the magical mirrors;
A story with friendship, a story with heart A story in which we all took part
A tale was told, for young and old, a tale was told and now it is time for the end!