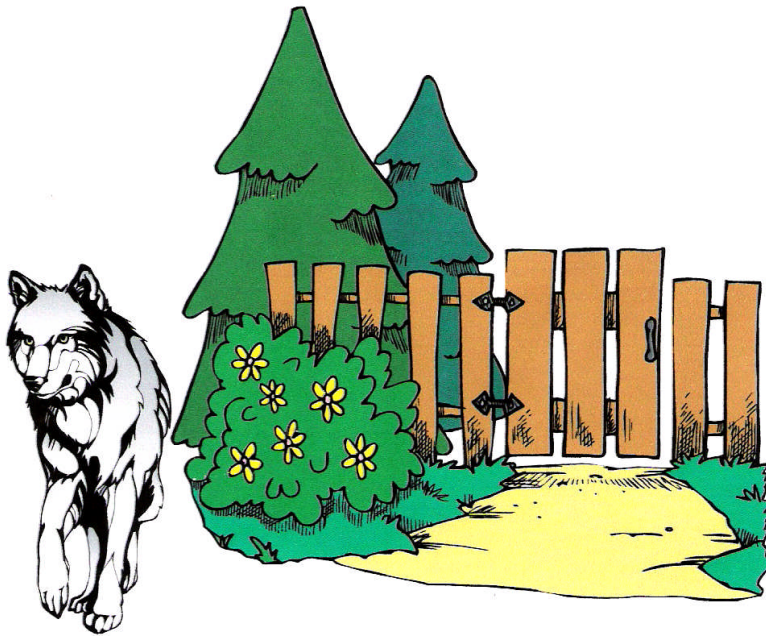


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PETER AND THE WOLF



**A SHORT PLAY INTENDED TO ILLUSTRATE
PROKOVIEV'S MUSIC**

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CAST LIST

Peter

Grandfather

The cat

The duck

The bird

The wolf

Hunters (4 speaking – any number non-speaking)

10 speaking parts

PETER AND THE WOLF

The play is set in one continuous scene and it is suggested that you use some of the music of Prokofiev to underline the action of the play.

The setting is part of the garden of Peter's grandfather's house and the meadow and wood beyond. On one side of the stage, there is the suggestion of a pond, with some rushes around it. There is a stone wall around the garden and next to it is a tree. Peter is sitting on the stone wall.

PETER

I am so bored! There is no school today and all my friends are away. Grandfather is busy making furniture and I have nothing to do!

Just then a bird enters and flaps around.

BIRD

Hello Peter!

PETER

Hello little bird! What are you doing today?

BIRD

Oh, just flapping around. It's such a nice day. Spring is coming and the snow is thawing. I'm out enjoying the sunshine and I'm looking for worms.

PETER

I can help you! I'm good at digging for worms. Wait there!

Peter rushes offstage and comes back with a trowel. He comes out of the garden gate and starts to mime digging in the ground. The bird flaps around a little. Music plays softly in the background for a while.

BIRD

All is quiet today. All is quiet.

PETER

Yes. Too quiet. Until you came along, little bird, I had nothing to do.

Look! Here's a nice fat worm!

Peter holds up a worm and the bird hops down off the wall and comes and eats it.

BIRD

Mmm. Delicious. Thank you very much Peter.

PETER

I'll find more. Don't fly away just yet. Stay and talk to me.

BIRD

What about?

PETER

I don't know. Tell me about your home. Where do you live?

BIRD

My nest is high up in a tree in the dark forest over there. It's a big pine tree and it smells lovely.

PETER

Do you live alone?

BIRD

No. I share the tree with squirrels, pine martens, spiders, ants and some other birds. It's a very busy tree.

PETER

Sounds wonderful. All those creatures to talk to and to play with.

BIRD

Well, I don't know about that. The squirrels are very noisy and rude, the pine martens steal everybody's food, the spiders keep making webs in the corners of my nest and the ants sometimes bite me. I should like to live somewhere quieter.

PETER

I should like to live in the middle of a big town, so I could run out into the street and play with all my friends. I'm the only one in my school who lives out here in the forest.

BIRD

Don't you like the forest?

PETER

Yes, I suppose I do. But Grandfather says it's full of dangers and I mustn't play in there.

BIRD

That's true. Your Grandfather is right. There are wolves and bears in the forest. Very dangerous.

Duck comes waddling out of the garden gate.

DUCK

I'm glad you left the gate open Peter. It's been ages since I had a good swim in the pond.

PETER

Hello duck. It's a nice day for a swim. There's no ice on the pond. Look.

DUCK

Good.

Duck waddles over to the pond, sits down on the water and begins "paddling". Music plays softly in the background for a while.

BIRD (going over to the pond)

How do you fly, when you feathers are all wet?

DUCK

I don't fly.

BIRD

What, not at all?

DUCK

No.

BIRD

What sort of bird are you, if you can't fly?

DUCK

Do you swim?

BIRD

No.

DUCK

Well, what sort of bird are you, if you can't swim?

BIRD

That's silly. Birds don't need to swim.

DUCK

Geese do. And swans. And seagulls. In fact a great many birds do swim.

BIRD

A great many birds fly. In fact all birds fly, except you.

DUCK

Penguins don't fly.

BIRD

All right Mr Know-it-all.

PETER

Stop fighting you two!

DUCK

Well, she started it.

BIRD

No I didn't.

DUCK

Yes you did.

PETER

Enough! This arguing is giving me a headache.