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WHERE'S THE HONEY?



A charming play with songs



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Where's The Honey?

Cast list

THE SEARCHERS

MARTIN MOLE
BRIAN RABBIT
MONTY FROG
GEORGE HEDGEHOG
ELSIE DORMOUSE
NANCY SQUIRELL
BRUIN BEAR (Daddy)
BRUNHILDA BEAR (Mummy)
BOBBY BEAR (Baby)
GOLDILOCKS
MOLLY MUFFET
ADA ANT

THE PREDS

BRUCE BADGER
STEPH STOAT
FRANKIE FOX
MINKI MINK
OLLIE OTTER
WILLIE WEASEL
WALLY WOLF
WILMA WOLF

THE BEES

QUEEN B
DANNY DRONE
WENDY WORKER
BETTY BEE
BRAD BEE

*25 speaking parts. Non speaking but singing parts could be added if required.
Running time approximately 40 minutes.*

MUSIC

Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artiste's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. If you cannot source them from amongst the school community, then Amazon sell very cheap downloadable MP3 tracks for hundreds of thousands of songs. These can be purchased, downloaded on to a computer and then burnt on to a CD for performance. Below we give the song title and source of backing tracks. Where it says "Traditional" or "Disney", this means there is no backing track we know of, but it may be in sheet music form in your school or on a children's school music compilation CD.

SUGGESTED SONGS

1/ Oh Dear! What can the matter be? (*unaccompanied - lyrics written by author.*)

2/ Teddy Bear's Picnic (*backing track from www.ameritz.co.uk*)

3/ Born Free by various artistes (*backing track from www.ameritz.co.uk*)

4/ Sing A Song Of Sixpence (*unaccompanied – lyrics written by author*)

5/ Honey, Honey, Honey (*sung to ABBA's Money, Money, Money – lyrics by author*

Backing track from www.ameritz.co.uk)

WHERE'S THE HONEY

SCENE ONE

A summer's morning in the countryside. (SEE PRODUCTION NOTES) MARTIN MOLE, BRIAN RABBIT, MONTY FROG, GEORGE HEDGEHOG, ELSIE DORMOUSE and NANCY SQUIRREL are playing, the sun is out and everyone is having a lovely time. There is a picnic hamper. The whole cast comes on stage to sing the opening song.

OPENING SONG

(Sung by the whole cast)

Oh, dear, what can the matter be?

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O how will Queen B save the day?

They've got the bees locked up in a prison

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O how will Queen B save the day?

Oh dear, how can she save them all?

Oh dear, how can she save them all?

Oh dear, how can she save them all?

O how will Queen B save the day?

The Queen needs a plan to save all her busy bees

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O how will Queen B save the day?

(The song ends. All the cast leave the stage except for MARTIN, BRIAN, MONTY, GEORGE, ELSIE and NANCY.)

MARTIN

Let's play a game of tag everyone.

BRIAN

We've been playing a long time Martin, can't we have our picnic now?

ELSIE

We're all hungry Martin.

MONTY

Yes, come on Martin let's have our picnic.

MARTIN

Oh, alright. Where shall we sit Nancy?

NANCY

I'm going to sit on this tree stump. Trees are my favourite thing.

MONTY

I'm going to sit by the lake, frogs like the water.

ELSIE

I'm going to sit by this flower because I like the scent it gives.

BRIAN

Has anyone seen a field of carrots? That's my favourite food.

MARTIN

There are no carrot fields round here Brian, you'll just have to eat your sandwiches like everyone else.

GEORGE

We can't eat our sandwiches yet, we have to wash our hands first.

MARTIN

We nearly forgot, thank you for reminding us George. Come on everyone, let's go and wash our hands.

(They all exit.)

(Enter the BEARS.)

BRUIN

This looks like a nice spot for an afternoon nap.

BRUNHILDA

Just what we've been looking for, very peaceful and a lovely lake to look at.

BOBBY

I want to play. Come on dad let's play football.

BRUIN

Not now Bobby, I'm too tired after all that shopping this morning.

(He sits on the tree stump)

BOBBY

Come on dad, play football with me.

BRUNHILDA

Bobby, your father said no, and I want some peace and quiet so I can rest. *(She sits by the lake.)*

BOBBY

You're all so boring. I hope I don't get all grumpy like you when I'm old.

(BOBBY is moping about with an angry face, then spots a picnic hamper.)

BOBBY

Look what I've found dad.

(BRUIN is fast asleep and snoring)

BOBBY

Mum, look what I've found.

(BRUNHILDA is dozing)

BOBBY

Oh well, I guess that's what happens to old people. I wonder what's in this hamper. (*Opens the hamper and searches through the contents*) Pies, cheese sandwiches and chicken sandwiches, cream cakes and a chocolate cake. Apples and bananas and nuts and berries. Mmmmm, but no honey.

(*BRUIN wakes suddenly and starts waving his paws about*)

BRUIN

Did you see that wasp? It tried to settle on my nose!

BRUNHILDA (*She is woken by the noise*)

What's the matter now Bruin?

BOBBY

A wasp attacked dad's nose.

BRUNHILDA

Did it sting him?

BRUIN

No, it didn't

BRUNHILDA

Nothing to get worked up about then.

BOBBY

I've found this hamper and it's full of very tasty food. We can take it with us and have it for lunch.

BRUNHILDA

I think that's a very good idea, I haven't had a cheese sandwich in ages.

BRUIN

Let's go home for breakfast, we haven't had that yet and I'm feeling hungry.

BOBBY

Come on then, let's go. I could do with a bowl of porridge too.

Don't forget the hamper mum.

(BRUNHILDA takes the hamper and they all exit)

(MARTIN and NANCY enter.)

NANCY

Shall I unpack the hamper Martin?

MARTIN

That's a good idea Nancy, otherwise everyone will start dipping into it.

NANCY *(Looking around)*

Where did you leave it Martin?

MARTIN

It was over there. *(Looks around)* That's strange. Where could it have gone?

NANCY

It's just vanished.

(BRIAN and GEORGE enter)

BRIAN

I'm so hungry I could eat a field full of carrots. Shall I unpack the hamper?

NANCY

If you can find it.

BRIAN

Oh. Where has it gone?

MARTIN

That's what we'd like to know.

GEORGE

Someone must have taken it. Are there any clues? In detective shows they always find clues like earrings and ticket stubs.

MARTIN

Well I don't know how those things can help to find our hamper but we can have a look anyway.

(They all start searching for clues. MONTY and ELSIE enter)

MONTY

What's going on here?

GEORGE

Our picnic hamper has disappeared.

NANCY

And we're all looking for clues.

ELSIE

What kind of clues?

BRIAN

Anything that will help us find our hamper.

MONTY

Well I hope it won't take long, I'm very hungry.

MARTIN *(By the lake)*

This is odd, I don't think this footprint was here before we went to wash.

(They all gather round MARTIN)

ELSIE

It's in the soft mud on the edge of the lake.

MONTY

It's rather large.

GEORGE

I think it's a bear's footprint.

MARTIN (*amazed*)

Bears are big aren't they?

NANCY

And there may be more than one.

MONTY

And I'm still hungry.

BRIAN

And so is the bear, obviously!

ELSIE

Let's see if there are any more footprints. They might lead us to the hamper.

GEORGE

Here's one. And another smaller one. They went this way.

MARTIN

Come on then everyone, let's go hamper hunting.

(They all exit)

END OF SCENE 1/