

THE HAPPY PRINCE



A SHORT MUSICAL PLAY FOR YOUNG ACTORS

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THE HAPPY PRINCE: ASSEMBLY VERSION

A musical assembly presentation based on Oscar Wilde's classic story. 15-20 mins. You may need to fade out some of the music early to keep within a strict time limit. Abridged and written in simple modern English. Suitable for a class of primary school children aged 7-11 and/or pupils with special needs or EAL. Spoken parts are short and easy to learn. The performance relies on narration, music and movement. The script comes with a 10 track CD containing 3 attractive modern easy songs and 2 musical pieces for dance/movement sequences. Songs are provided with and without lyrics. No musical ability is needed- just play the backing tracks on the CD and sing along. (However, a simple melody-line score is provided too as a free extra.) Narration binds the script together and reduces the need for prompting.



ALSO AVAILABLE AS A LONGER SCHOOL PRODUCTION WITH EXTRA SONGS LASTING 40-50 MINS.

Hints for performing this play:

- 1) Provide the "Happy Prince" relief from fatigue by providing him with a tall stool.
- 2) In the original story, the prince has his gold-leaf covering peeled away. This may be impractical on stage. Substitute other items- e.g. A Golden cape, Golden gloves, Golden Waistcoat, Golden Hat, Golden neckchain etc.
- 3) Recommended Props for this play are:

Items for the Prince (see above) Screen, sheet, sword with a detachable ruby in its hilt, 2 sapphires. Gown and needle for seamstress. Quilt (bed) for sick boy. Cup of river water. Mayor's Chain of Office, Bell for town crier. Writing materials for writer. Broken lead "heart", dead bird.

CAST:

Happy Prince.....Swallow.....

Town Crier.....Mayor.....

3 Narrator(s).....

Angels.....

Official(s).....Math Master.....

Charity Child(ren)

Mother.....Child.....

Town CrierFoundry Worker

Seamstress..... Sick Boy

Princess.....Courtier

Other Courtiers (optional).....

Egyptian Dancers.....

Student.....

Match GirlMatch Girl's Father

Poor People/

Singers:.....

The Happy Prince

Scene opens with an unveiling ceremony. The Happy Prince is standing left of stage, behind a screen or covered in a sheet. The town crier, the mayor, an official, two charity children, a mathematical master, a child and his mother and various poor people enter.

Narrator 1: Long ago, the officials of a great city erected a statue in the city square, in memory of a happy prince who had died.

Town Crier (ringing bell) Oh Yea! Oh Yea! Make way for the Mayor! Oh Yea! Oh Yea! Today is a very great day!

***** **SONG: CD TRACK 1 This is A Great Day!** *****

*People of the town! People of the town!
Everybody Yeah Yeah Everybody gather round!
This is a great day! Oh, Yea! This is a great day!*

*People of the town! People of the town!
Everybody Yeah Yeah Everybody Wave your Arms! (Action)
This is a great day! Oh Yea! This is a great day!*

*People of the Town! People of the Town!
Everybody Yeah Yeah Everybody Celebrate! (Punch upwards with one arm at a time)
This is a great day! Oh Yea! This is a great day! (1 bar drums then intro)*

*People of the Town! People of the Town!
Everybody Yeah Yeah Everybody Clap Your hands! (Action)
This is a great day! Oh Yea! This is a great day!*

Mayor: People of the Town! Ladies and gentlemen- I give you - the Happy Prince! (**Removes the sheet. Clapping, cheering**)

Child (cries) It's cold, mummy! I want to go home!

Mother: Why can't you be like the Happy Prince? The Happy Prince never cries!

Charity Child: Oh! How lovely! He looks just like an angel.

Other charity children: Yes! Like an angel!

Mathematical Master: How do you know? You have never seen an angel.

Charity Child: Oh yes we have, sir! In our dreams!

(Enter angels, dancing gracefully.....exit as music fades)

***** **CD TRACK 2 Angel Music** *****

Narrator 2: High above the city stood the golden statue of the Happy Prince. His eyes were made of sapphires, and a red ruby glowed on his sword. One day, a little swallow flew over the city and landed at his feet. Suddenly, a large drop of water fell on him.

Swallow: (puzzled) There isn't a cloud in the sky, but it's raining.

Swallow: Who are you?

Prince: I am the Happy Prince!

Swallow: Happy Prince? Why are you weeping, then?

Prince: When I was alive, I was so happy didn't know what tears were!

Narrator 2: The prince was unhappy to see such sadness in the city. He can see a poor seamstress and a boy **(ENTER SEAMSTRESS AND BOY)** She is sewing a gown for the rich princesses to wear. Her little boy is ill. He is asking for oranges

BOY: My throat is so sore. Can I have an orange, please?

SEAMSTRESS: I have no money for oranges. Have a drink of water from the river.

PRINCE: Swallow, Swallow. Take them the ruby from my sword.

SWALLOW: Sir, I cannot. I really must fly to Egypt for the winter. **(Thinks aloud:)** Ah! Egypt! I wish I was there with my friends! **(ENTER EGYPTIAN DANCERS)**

***** **CD TRACK 3: Egyptian Dance** *****
(Dancers exit)

PRINCE: Please please please take them the ruby from my sword.

NARRATOR 3: So the swallow agreed and off he flew. The seamstress was asleep so he put the ruby next to her. Then he fanned the boy's forehead with his wings.

LITTLE BOY: I feel cooler now. I must be getting better.

SEAMSTRESS: **(Wakes) (Finds ruby)** Oh, my child, you look a lot better. **(Finds ruby)** Look! A red ruby! We can sell it and buy all the oranges you can eat! **(EXIT SEAMSTRESS & BOY)**

END OF SCRIPT PREVIEW!!!!

CD LISTING

01 This is a Great Day! (Vocals)	6 This is a Great Day! (Backing)
02 Angel Music	7 Angel Music
03 Egyptian Dance	8 Egyptian Dance
04 This is a Wonderful Life (Vocals)	9 This is a Wonderful Life (Backing)
05 Fly Fly Fly (vocals)	10 Fly Fly Fly (Backing)

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