

Libretto Vocal Book

A
Year
With

Frog and Toad

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C H A R A C T E R S

FROG

TOAD

MAN BIRD

LADY BIRD 1

LADY BIRD 2

MOUSE

SNAIL

TURTLE

LIZARD

SQUIRREL 1

SQUIRREL 2

YOUNG FROG

FATHER FROG

MOTHER FROG

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

MOLE 1

MOLE 2

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ACT ONE

(Stage right is Toad's house, stage left is Frog's house. FROG and TOAD are asleep in their respective beds. THREE BIRDS enter.)

A Year with Frog and Toad

THREE BIRDS

WE FLEW SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
EV'RY FALL WE PACK OUR THINGS AND GO
WE KNOW JUST HOW TO TIME IT
TO FIND THE PROPER CLIMATE
ONE THAT DOESN'T FEATURE ANY SNOW
CAUSE WHEN IT SNOWS YOU SHIVER
AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO FLY
THERE ISN'T ANY FOOD
WHICH IS ANOTHER REASON WHY
WE GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
BUT WE'RE BACK IT'S ALMOST SPRING
IN SPRING THE WEATHER'S LOVELY
IT ELEVATES THE MOOD
BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT
THERE'S A PLENTITUDE OF FOOD
SO IF YOU'RE FEELING PECKISH
YOU CAN GO FOR SECONDS
EVEN THIRDS

MAN BIRD

WINTER'S FOR THE BIRDS

LADY BIRD 1

No it isn't.

MAN BIRD

It's an expression.

LADY BIRD 1

Oh.

THREE BIRDS

WINTER NOW IS OVER

THREE BIRDS

THE SNOW HAS ALL BEEN SNOWED
SPRING IS NEAR
WHICH STARTS A YEAR
WITH FROG AND TOAD

MAN BIRD

Well, it's true folks. Spring is almost here. The sun will be shining. The flowers will be growing and the birds will be chirping.

LADY BIRDS

Chirp chirpitty chirp.

MAN BIRD

Over here we have Frog. And over here we have Toad. They are both at the end of a winter long hibernation. Let's take a peek in and see what they're dreaming about.

(FROG pops up from his bed.)

FROG

I'D LIKE TO SING A LITTLE ODE
ABOUT MY GOOD FRIEND TOAD
TOAD WITH WHOM I FREQUENTLY TAKE TEA
HE'S NOT SO GOOD AT SPORTS
AND OF COURSE HE'S GOT THOSE WARTS
BUT TOAD HAS BEEN A LOVELY FRIEND TO ME
TOAD, I FEEL, IS VASTLY UNDERRATED
AND FURTHERMORE, I THINK, MISUNDERSTOOD
AND IN CONCLUSION I WILL ADD
HE IS THE FINEST FRIEND
OF ALL THE CRITTERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

(TOAD pops up from his bed.)

TOAD

I LOVE A LIVELY DIALOGUE
WITH MY GOOD FRIEND FROG
CHATTING OVER COZY CUPS OF TEA
HE KNOWS JUST THE THING TO SAY
THAT WILL BRIGHTEN UP MY DAY
OH FROG HAS BEEN A LOVELY FRIEND TO ME
FROG IS VERY KINDLY IN HIS NATURE
MAGNANIMOUS WHENEVER PLAYING HOST
OF ALL THE CREATURES IN MY SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE
I'M FONDEST OF THE FROG THE MOST

TOAD

THERE IS A FROG

FROG

THERE IS A TOAD

FROG & TOAD

AND HE LIVES JUST DOWN THE ROAD

TOAD

THERE COULD BE NO BETTER FRIEND FOR ME

FROG

OR ME

FROG & TOAD

IT SEEMS

TOAD

FROG IS THE FROG

FROG

TOAD IS THE TOAD

FROG & TOAD
OF MY DREAMS

FROG

Hello Toad.

TOAD

Hello Frog.

FROG

What are you doing in my dream?

TOAD

Funny, I was about to ask you the same thing.

FROG

Oh, well it's certainly nice to see you.

TOAD

I feel the same way. How has your winter been?

FROG

Well I'm hibernating, so there isn't much to report.

TOAD

It's about the same for me. This is a very nice dream though.

FROG

Yes it is. Well, I'm getting ready to wake up so you better get back to your dream.
I'll see you when you wake up.

TOAD

Yes, I'd better get back to hibernating. Spring is nearly here.

FROG

Oh, I think it's just around the corner. Birds?

THREE BIRDS

THE SUN IS OUT
THE SKY IS CLEAR
WE CAME BACK
SPRING'S ALMOST HERE
SO LET'S BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR

FROG, TOAD AND THE BIRDS

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD
A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD!

*(FROG wakes up and crosses to Toad's house.
TOAD is asleep in bed.)*

It's Spring

FROG

TOOOOOOOOOOOOAD

TOAD

Blah.

FROG

TOOOOOOOOOOOOAD

TOAD

Blah.

FROG

HIBERNATION'S OVER

TOAD

No it isn't.

ir dream.

FROG
OH BUT IT IS SO TOAD
FLOWERS GROW TOAD
SPROUTING THROUGH THE CLOVER

TOAD
Blah.
(disdain, muttered)
Clover.
(Toad's alarm clock rings.)

FROG
Toad.

TOAD
Blah.

FROG
Toad, your alarm clock is ringing. It's spring.

TOAD
It's spring?

FROG
Yes.

TOAD
DING DING A LING DING A LING
IS IT SPRING?
IS IT TRUE?

FROG
Yes.

TOAD

They are golden brown.

MOUSE

Take them out.

TOAD

Quiet mouse, I'm thinking.
(beat)
I'm going to take them out.

(TOAD removes the cookies from the oven.)

MOUSE

Well?

TOAD

They look perfect. How about a cookie?

MOUSE

No thanks Toad. I don't want to spoil my appetite. I'm having lunch at twelve o'clock.

TOAD

Oh.

MOUSE

What time is it now?

TOAD

I don't know, my...Frog?

FROG

His clock is broken.

MOUSE

Right. Well, I better get going.

TOAD

I'm going to put another batch in the oven.

FROG

Goodbye Mouse.

MOUSE

Good luck Frog.

(MOUSE exits.)

TOAD

Try a cookie Frog.

FROG

But I thought these were for after dinner.

TOAD

They are. We are merely tasting one to see how they came out.

(FROG tastes a cookie.)

Well?

Cookies

FROG

THIS IS A MARVELOUS COOKIE
SWEET WITH AN EXCELLENT CRUNCH
PERFECT TO FOLLOW A DINNER

TOAD

OR JUST AFTER BREAKFAST

FROG AND TOAD
AND PRIOR TO LUNCH

FROG
CRISP BUT NOT OVERLY BRITTLE
JUST A SCINTILLA OF SPICE
CUNNINGLY SOFT IN THE MIDDLE

TOAD
LET'S HAVE ANOTHER

FROG AND TOAD
THESE COOKIES ARE NICE
EATING COOKIES EATING COOKIES
WE'RE SO HAPPY EATING COOKIES
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES WE ADORE
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES
WE GO KOOKY EATING COOKIES

FROG
MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP. . . .

TOAD
LET'S HAVE MORE

FROG
(eating cookies)
Toad we must do something. I know get me a box and some string.
(TOAD complies, eating cookies the whole time.)

TOAD

EATING COOKIES EATING COOKIES
I'M SO HAPPY EATING COOKIES
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES I ADORE
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES
I GO KOOKY EATING COOKIES

FROG

MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP...

TOAD

JUST ONE MORE

(FROG puts the cookies in a box and ties it closed. He ascends a step ladder to place the box out of reach.)

FROG

No, no Toad. I will put these cookies in the box and will tie it up with string. Then we shall eat no more cookies.

TOAD

What an excellent plan. However...

THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE PLAN

FROG

What plan?

TOAD

THE NO MORE EATING COOKIES PLAN

FROG

What is it?

TOAD

THE PROBLEM WITH THE PLAN

FROG

THE NO MORE EATING COOKIES PLAN

TOAD

IS IF WE WANT TO EAT MORE COOKIES
THEN IN FACT WE CAN
WE COULD UNTIE THE STRING AND OPEN IT

FROG

THAT'S TRUE

TOAD

How 'bout a cookie?

FROG

Don't mind if I do.

*(FROG tosses the box of cookies down to TOAD. They both
eating the cookies again.)*

FROG AND TOAD

EATING COOKIES
EATING COOKIES
WE'RE SO HAPPY
EATING COOKIES
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES WE ADORE
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES
WE GO KOOKY EATING COOKIES
MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP....

TOAD

LET'S HAVE MORE

FROG

No, no Toad, we have got to do something!

TOAD

You're right! I'll get some milk.

FROG

No no no. We must stop eating these cookies. I know! We'll give them to the birds.
Hey birds!

(The BIRDS appear.)

BIRDS

What?

FROG

Do you want some cookies?

MAN BIRD

Sure, bring 'em on.

TOAD. They both

(FROG gives MAN BIRD the box of cookies. HE, in turn, hands a cookie to each of the LADY BIRDS. The LADY BIRDS go to take a bite and then stop.)

LADY BIRDS

Wait.

SHOULD WE BE EATING THESE COOKIES
OR SHOULD WE RATHER HAVE WORMS
WORMS ARE A PRODUCT OF NATURE
TOAD DID THE BAKING
THINK OF THE GERMS

TOAD

Well, I never.

LAN

KIES

D OPEN IT

DORE
KIES

MAN BIRD

TOAD MAKES THE TASTIEST COOKIES
GO ON AND TRY ONE

LADY BIRDS

THEY'RE GREAT

MAN BIRD

IF YOU EAT ONE OF THESE COOKIES
I'M HERE TO TELL YOU
YOU'RE GONNA EAT EIGHT

LADY BIRDS

EATING COOKIES EATING COOKIES
WE'RE SO HAPPY EATING COOKIES

THREE BIRDS

COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES WE ADORE
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES
WE GO KOOKY EATING COOKIES

BIRDS AND FROG

EMPTY OUT THE BOX
AND LET'S HAVE MORE

ALL

EATING COOKIES EATING COOKIES
WE'RE SO HAPPY EATING COOKIES
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES WE ADORE
COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES
WE GO KOOKY EATING COOKIES

FROG & TOAD

WE WILL NEVER STOP

THREE BIRDS

COOKIES COOKIES
COOKIES COOKIES
COOKIES

FROG, TOAD AND MAN BIRD
LET'S HAVE MORE

LADY BIRDS
COOKIE COOKIE COOKIE COOKIE
COOKIE COOKIE COOKIE COOKIE
COOKIE COOKIE COOKIE COOKIE
COOKIES COOKIE COOKIE

MORE ALL

Cookies!

END OF ACT ONE

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OKIES

FREE BIRDS
KIES COOKIES
KIES COOKIES
KIES

ACT TWO

(FROG and TOAD enter. FROG carries a kite.)

FROG

Toad?

TOAD

Yes Frog?

FROG

We are in luck. There is a nice breeze today. Our kite will fly up and up into the sky.

TOAD

Really Frog? Do you think so?

FROG

I'm sure of it. Now, I will hold on to the string and you hold the kite and run and run

TOAD

All right. Here I go.

TOAD runs across the stage with the kite over his head. HE and the kite falls to the ground with a thud. THE BIRDS with their suitcases and laugh at TOAD.)

What is so funny?

LADY BIRD 1

That kite won't fly.

LADY BIRD 2

Not in a million years.

TOAD
FROG WOULD YOU PLEASE BE SO KIND
AS TO HAND ME MY SHOE?

FROG
(handing over a shoe)

Why of course Toad.

TOAD
Thank you Frog.

(TOAD bashes the alarm clock with his shoe. It breaks. The bell stops ringing.)

Good night.

(TOAD pulls the covers over his head.)

Clover.

FROG
But Toad, it's April.

TOAD
Oh, is it April?

FROG
Yes.

TOAD
Good.

(turning)
Wake me up in May!

(TOAD pulls the covers back over his head.)

FROG

But Toad, I will be lonely without you.

TOAD

(from under the covers)

Blah.

FROG

I LOVE THE SPRING
IT'S AN EXCELLENT SEASON
WONDERFUL THINGS
TO SEE AND TO DO
AND YET I AM SAD
FOR AN EXCELLENT REASON
SPRING ISN'T... SPRINGY
NO, NOT WITHOUT YOU

(FROG takes Toad's calendar from the wall.)

It is a long time until May.

(FROG tears pages off the calendar.)

Well, January's over. February's over.
March is over. April's almost over.

(FROG gets an idea and rips the April page off the calendar.)

Ooops, I guess April is over.
Toad, it's May.

(TOAD bolts upright in bed.)

TOAD

It's May?

(FROG shows Toad the calendar.)

FROG

According to this.

TOAD

Oh my. There is so much to do. I've got to clean the house, I've got to mulch the yard and I've got to have some breakfast. I haven't eaten since January.

FROOOOOOOOOOOOOOG

(TOAD gets dressed.)

FROG

Yes Toad?

TOAD

FROOOOOOOOOOOOOOG

FROG

What is it?

TOAD

You know, I was just thinking; that extra month of sleep really makes a difference.

(FROG opens the door and he and TOAD step outside.)

FROG

SMELL THE FLOWERS

f the calendar.)

TOAD

SEE THE PLANTS

FROG AND TOAD

HEAR THE MARCHING OF THE ANTS

FEEL THE SUNSHINE

FEEL THE BREEZE

TOAD

LOOK OUT FROG

HERE COME SOME BEES

(FROG and TOAD duck giant bees.)

FROG AND TOAD
LISTEN TO THE BIRDIES SING

(The Birds enter.)

BIRDS
TWEET TWEET TWEET
LET'S GREET THE SPRING

ALL
LET'S GREET THE SPRING
IT'S SPRING
SPRING

(The lights change. FROG and TOAD are in their respective ya

TOAD
Frog, I think that this year I would like to plant a garden.

FROG
You would?

TOAD
Yes I would.

FROG
A garden can be hard work.

TOAD
I'm not afraid of hard work.

FROG
Well, it just so happens that I have some flower seeds here in my pocket.

FROG (CONT'D)

(FROG hands a packet of seeds to TOAD.)

Plant these seeds in the ground and water them. And soon you will have a garden.

TOAD

How soon?

FROG

Quite soon.

(TOAD goes to his yard. He plants the seeds pressing them down one at time with his finger.)

TOAD

All right, now I will plant the seeds. There's one, two three four five...

(TOAD pours the remainder of the seeds on to the stage and presses them down very quickly.)

Sixseveineightninetenelevenlallalafifty, you have been planted. And now some water.

(TOAD pours water on the seeds.)

All right. Start growing... I said start growing!

(TOAD bends to the ground.)

GROW!

(FROG comes over to investigate.)

FROG

Toad, what is the matter?

TOAD

My seeds are not growing.

FROG

You're shouting. Those seeds are afraid to grow.

TOAD

Really?

FROG

Of course. Leave them alone for a while.

TOAD

I'm afraid that would be impossible.

FROG

Why is that?

TOAD

My clock is broken.

FROG

I wonder how that happened.

TOAD

I have no idea. But with a broken clock, how will I ever know when a while is over?

FROG

You'll know, because the seeds will have grown.

TOAD

Yes, but when will that be?

FROG

Soon.

But, when is soon?

TOAD

Somewhere between now and later.

FROG

You're not helping Frog.

TOAD

Just be patient Toad.

FROG

(FROG exits, leaving Toad alone. TOAD sits down and stares at the seeds for a long beat. Night falls. There is a sound of crickets.)

TOAD

Frog said the seeds would grow soon. But soon was over a long time ago. Yes I'm quite sure that soon is over and now it is later. Much later. This is all my fault. I must have frightened them very badly. Oh seeds, I am very sorry I did not mean to raise my voice at you.

(TOAD settles in to watch his seeds. Night falls.)

Seeds

DON'T BE AFRAID
GO ON AND GROW
ARE YOU AFRAID?
OR ARE YOU SLOW
I AM YOUR GARDENER
YOU ARE MY SEEDS
I WILL ATTEND
TO ALL OF YOUR NEEDS
COME ON COME ON
UP OUT OF THE DIRT
IT'S SAFE OUT HERE
YOU WON'T GET HURT
IT'S SAFE OUT HERE
YOU HAVE MY WORD
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME
LET'S ASK A BIRD

Hey bird!

ile is over?

LADY BIRD 2

What is it Toad?

TOAD

I have some seeds planted in the ground.

LADY BIRD 2

Seeds? Terrific. I love seeds.

TOAD

You see seeds, you are loved here.

LADY BIRD 2

Where are they? I want to eat 'em.

TOAD

Bird!

LADY BIRD 2

What?

TOAD

Go away! They will hear you!

LADY BIRD 2

Seeds can't hear.

TOAD

They hear everything.

LADY BIRD 2

Oh brother.

Shhhhh.

TOAD

(SHE exits.)

NO ONE WILL HARM YOU
NO ONE WILL DARE
IF ANYONE TRIES
I'LL BE THERE
I WILL BE WATCHING
EV'RY MINUTE
EV'RY HOUR
TIL YOU GROW UP
TO BE A FLOWER
DON'T BE AFRAID
GO ON AND GROW
ARE YOU AFRAID OR ARE YOU SLOW?
I AM YOUR GARDENER
YOU ARE MY SEEDS
I WILL ATTEND
TO ALL OF YOUR NEEDS

Seeds, I will recite for you a poem.

ROSES ARE RED
VIOLETS ARE BLUE
THEY ARE GROWING
WHY AREN'T YOU?

Seeds, I will do an interpretive dance for you.

(TOAD performs an interpretive dance. He dances off and returns with a tuba.)

Seeds, I will play the tuba for you.

(TOAD plays the tuba.)

Seeds, I gotta rest. But I will be right here, if you need me.

(TOAD falls asleep. We hear crickets. Morning breaks. FROG comes out of his house and notices TOAD.)

Toad wake up.

FROG

Oh Frog, I was up half the night. I think I must have frightened my seeds very badly.

TOAD

Well, you couldn't have frightened them too badly Toad. They are growing.

FROG

They are?

TOAD

Look.

FROG

I don't see.

TOAD

Look more closely.

FROG

Oh my. You're right Frog. They are growing.
(beat)
They're awfully small.

TOAD

They will grow bigger.

FROG

When?

TOAD

Soon Toad, soon.

FROG

MAN BIRD

You might as well give up.

TOAD

This kite will fly, way up into the air.

(THE BIRDS sit on their suitcases. TOAD tries again and fails. THE BIRDS laugh.)

The Kite

BIRDS

LOOK UP THERE
IN THE AIR
I DON'T SEE IT ANYWHERE
I GUESS IT MUST BE ON THE GROUND
WOO WOO WOO
IN THE BLUE
I DON'T SEE A KITE DO YOU?
I WONDER WHERE IT COULD BE FOUND
THE WEATHER IS LOVELY
SUNNY AND BRIGHT
AN ABSOLUTELY PERFECT DAY
TO GO OUTDOORS AND DRAG A KITE
WAY UP HIGH
IN THE SKY
THAT PIECE OF JUNK WILL NEVER FLY
YOU'LL NEVER GET IT OFF THE GROUND

(TOAD returns to FROG.)

TOAD

Frog, I give up. This kite will not fly.

FROG

This kite will fly.

BY AND BY
IT'LL FLY
WE MUST MAKE ANOTHER TRY
NO MATTER WHAT THOSE BIRDS HAVE SAID

FROG (CONT'D)

THIS TIME THOUGH
WHEN YOU GO
HERE'S A TRICK YOU NEED TO KNOW
KEEP THE KITE ABOVE YOUR HEAD

TOAD

WAY UP HIGH
IN THE SKY
NOW THIS KITE IS GONNA FLY
I'M GONNA GET IT OFF THE GROUND

FROG

That's right.

TOAD

I will run and hold the kite above my head and then you birds will see somereal flyin

LADY BIRD 2

Oh, we believe you Toad.

LADY BIRD 1

We can't wait to see some real flying.

(THE BIRDS laugh. TOAD makes a second run, this time holding the kite above his head. The kite falls to the ground as does TOAD, tangled in the string. THE BIRDS laugh)

THREE BIRDS

HOLY SMOKES
HOLY COW
THAT KITE IS REALLY FLYIN' NOW
WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DUD
WE WERE WRONG
YOU WERE RIGHT
THAT'S A MIGHTY KIND 'A KITE
IT'S DIFFICULT TO FLY THROUGH MUD

THREE BIRDS (CONT'D)

Ha ha ha ha...

BAH BAH BAH
BAH BAH BAH

TOAD

Frog this kite is a piece of junk.

THREE BIRDS

BAH BAH BAH BAH BAH BAH BAH

FROG

It is not a piece of junk.

YOU'LL NEVER GET IT OFF THE GROUND

(TOAD again returns to FROG).

FROG

OUR KITE IS A DANDY
SUPERIOR STRING
YOU RAN FAST AND HELD IT HIGH
BUT THERE IS JUST ONE OTHER THING

TOAD

What's that?

FROG

While you are running and holding it high, you must jump and wave your arms.

TOAD

Very well Frog but I'm warning you...

THIS IS MY
FINAL TRY
THIS TIME IF IT DOESN'T FLY
I'M GONNA LEAVE IT ON THE GROUND

LADY BIRD 1

Yes Toad, wave your arms. That'll make all the difference.

MAN BIRD

I can't believe he's gonna try it again.

LADY BIRD 2

Toad never learns.

LADY BIRD 1

Hey wait a minute, look at that!

THREE BIRDS

COULD IT BE
YUP YUP YUP
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOIN' UP
HOLY SMOKES
HOLY COW
HE'S REALLY GOT IT FLYING NOW
OH MY GOSH
GOLLY GEE
THAT LOOKS MIGHTY HIGH TO ME
THAT KITE IS REALLY FLYIN'

FROG & TOAD

OUR KITE IS REALLY FLYIN'

ALL

OUR/THAT KITE IS REALLY OFF THE GROUND

*(THE BIRDS take center stage. THEY carry suitcases.
Leaves fall all around them.)*

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MAN BIRD

THE SUMMER HAS ENDED

MAN BIRD (CONT'D)
THE SUMMER HAS ENDED

LADY BIRDS
NOTICE IF YOU WILL THE SWIRLING LEAVES

BIRDS
AND AS THEY SWIRLING
SQUIRRELS THEY ARE SQUIRRELING
NUTS AND OTHER GOODIES UP THEIR SLEEVES

MAN BIRD
SOON IT WILL BE COLD
AND WE WILL BID YOU ALL ADIEU

BIRDS
CAUSE WHEN YOU ARE A BIRD
IT'S EITHER FLY OR GET THE FLU
SO WE'LL GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
AND WE'LL COME BACK IN THE SPRING

(FROG and TOAD simultaneously come out of their houses.)

FROG
Look at all these leaves.

TOAD
Look at all these leaves.

FROG
I know, I will go and rake Toad's yard and he will have a wonderful surprise.

TOAD
I know, I will go and rake Frog's yard and he will have a wonderful surprise.

E

HE GROUND
Y carry suitcases.

(THEY each take rakes and cross to the other's yard. THEY meet center and quickly the rakes behind their backs.)

FROG

Hello Toad.

TOAD

Hello Frog.

FROG

It's a lovely autumn day.

TOAD

Yes it is and that is why I am taking a walk - yes, that's right, I'm going out for a walk

FROG

It's a perfect day for a walk.

TOAD

And where are you going Frog?

FROG

Me?

TOAD

Yes.

FROG

I'm off on a stroll. Yes, a leisurely stroll, which is a little slower than a walk or I'd join you.

TOAD

Yes well, a stroll would be a little slow for me, because I'm out for a walk. A brisk

FROG

Okay then. Enjoy your walk Toad.

TOAD

I will. And you enjoy your stroll Frog.

FROG

I will.

TOAD

Oh boy, this plan is working perfectly. Frog will never know who raked his yard.

FROG

This plan is working perfectly. Toad will never know who raked his yard.

(FROG and TOAD begin raking.)

He'll Never Know

TOAD

HE'LL NEVER KNOW

FROG

HE WILL NOT EVER SUSPECT

TOAD

WHO RAKED THE YARD

FROG

NOR WILL HE EVER DETECT

FROG AND TOAD

HE WILL COME HOME

TOAD
HE'LL SCRATCH HIS HEAD

FROG
HE'LI FURROW HIS BROW

TOAD
HE'LL STROKE HIS CHIN

FROG AND TOAD
AND WONDER HOW HOW

Ow, my aching back!

TOAD
THE WORK IS SLOW

FROG
OH WHAT A TEDIOUS CHORE

TOAD
AND KIND OF DULL

FROG
RAKING IS RATHER A BORE

FROG AND TOAD
BUT DESPITE A LITTLE ACHE
I'M GONNA RAKE RAKE RAKE RAKE
ACHE ACHE ACHE

(There is a dance break. FROG leaps.)

FROG

Leap.

(TOAD does not leap.)

TOAD

No leap.

(The dance continues.)

FROG AND TOAD

HE'LL WONDER WHAT
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAS OCCURRED
AND WHEN HE ASKS
I WILL NOT UTTER A WORD
HE'LL WONDER HOW
HOW COULD THIS POSSIBLY BE
HE'LL WONDER WHO
HE MIGHT EVEN THINK IT WAS ME
BUT IF HE ASKS

FROG

FROG

TOAD

TOAD

FROG AND TOAD

WAS IT YOU?
NOT ME
WELL THEN WHO?
WHO RAKED UP THE MESS?

TOAD

I HAVEN'T A GUESS

FROG

I HAVEN'T EVEN A CLUE

(The lights change to indicate the passage of time. TOAD reclines in his yard. FROG goes to his mail box.)

ery badly.

Gardening is hard work.

TOAD

3.

Yes, but doesn't it make you happy?

FROG

(Flowers pop up through the stage floor.)

Well yes it does. Frog what time is it?

TOAD

It's around ten o'clock.

FROG

I am no longer happy.

TOAD

Why?

FROG

Ten o'clock is my sad time of day.

TOAD

Why is that?

FROG

Because it's the time when the mail should come.

TOAD

And?

FROG

It never does. I never get any letters. I have never ever gotten a letter.

TOAD

Never?

FROG

Never ever.

TOAD

Will you please excuse me Toad? There is something I must do.

FROG

Sure, go ahead Frog.

TOAD

(FROG crosses to his own house. MOUSE crosses the stage.)

Hello Frog.

MOUSE

Hello Mouse.

FROG

(FROG sits at a table to write. SNAIL approaches.)

Hello Snail.

SNAIL

Hello Frog. What are you doing?

I have just finished writing a very important letter to Toad.

FROG

SNAIL

An important letter. Wow.

(FROG seals the letter.)

FROG

Snail?

SNAIL

Yes Frog?

FROG

Will you do me a favor?

SNAIL

Why, of course I will.

FROG

Will you deliver this letter to Toad for me?

SNAIL

Me? You want me to deliver a letter?

FROG

Yes. Would you?

SNAIL

Why, absolutely. And I am flattered that you are putting your trust in me.
I will deliver your letter Frog. You can count on me.

(FROG gives the letter to SNAIL and exits. SNAIL is alone.)

The Letter

I'M CARRYING A LETTER
A MOST IMPORTANT LETTER

SNAIL (CONT'D)

A LETTER FROG HAS WRITTEN TO TOAD
I'D LOVE TO STAY AND CHAT
STICK AROUND AND CHEW THE FAT
BUT DUTY CALLS AND I MUST HIT THE ROAD
I'M THE SNAIL WITH THE MAIL
I'LL DELIVER WITHOUT FAIL
IN THE RAIN OR SLEET OR SNOW
NO SNAIL HAS FEET MORE FLEETA
WHY I'M PRACTICALLY A CHEETAH
I PUT THE GO IN ESCARGOT

*(SNAIL slowly makes his way across the stage. The scene change
riverbank. FROG and TOAD enter. FROG wears a bathing suit
TOAD wears a robe.)*

Toad?

FROG

Yes Frog.

TOAD

Oh Toad, I meant to ask, did you get any mail today?

FROG

No I did not Frog.

TOAD

Oh well. It certainly is a lovely day for a swim.

FROG

Yes it is. Frog I have to ask you a favor.

TOAD

What is it?

FROG

AD

TOAD

I want you to turn away until I get into the water.

ROAD

FROG

Why is that?

TOAD

Well because ...

Getta Load of Toad

*The scene change
sees a bathing su*

I LOOK FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT
I LOOK FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT
IT'S A FACT YOU CAN'T DISPUTE
I LOOK FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

FROG

You do?

TOAD

Yes I do.

FROG

But...

TOAD

Trust me.

FROG

Very well.

(TOAD hides behind a rock and removes his robe.)

TOAD

No peeking.

FROG

I won't peek.

(TOAD slips into the water.)

TOAD

All right. It's safe to look now. I'm in the water.

FROG

How is the water?

TOAD

It's cold.

(FROG jumps into the water.)

FROG

Yes, but isn't it refreshing?

TOAD

It's more cold than refreshing if you ask me.

FROG

Swim a little.

TOAD

I'm am swimming.

FROG

You swim slowly.

TOAD

I swim as fast as toads are meant to swim.

I'm sure that's true.

FROG

(TURTLE enters with a lunchbox and settles on the riverbank.)

Oh no.

TOAD

What's the matter?

FROG

Turtle.

TOAD

What's wrong with turtle?

FROG

When I come out of the water, she will see me in my bathing suit and I...

TOAD

I know. I know. You look funny in a bathing suit.

FROG

Would you ask her to leave?

TOAD

Very well Toad.

FROG

(FROG goes over to the TURTLE.)

Turtle?

Problem?

TURTLE

FROG

I'm afraid you will have to go away.

TURTLE

Why should I?

FROG

Well apparently...

TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

TURTLE

Toad looks funny in a bathing suit?

GEE THAT OUGHTA BE A HOOT

Hey everybody!

TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

FROG

Now see here turtle...

(MOUSE approaches.)

TURTLE

Hiya Mouse.

MOUSE

What's all the hubbub?

FROG

I want Turtle to leave and she won't leave.

MOUSE

How come you won't leave?

TURTLE

Because I'm waiting for something.

What are you waiting for?

MOUSE

I'm waitin' to...

TURTLE

GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
I'M HERE TO
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
CAN'T WAIT TO
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD

G SUIT

G SUIT

MOUSE
PLEASE TELL ME WHY

TURTLE
I'LL TELL YOU WHY
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

Toad looks funny in a bathing suit?

MOUSE

TURTLE
IT'S A RIOT
IT'S A HOOT
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

Are you sure?

MOUSE

TURTLE

Sure I'm sure. It's a fact. It's indisputable. You know where bamboo comes from dontch

MOUSE

A bamboo shoot.

TURTLE

TWO THINGS YOU CANNOT DISPUTE
BAMBOO COMES FROM THE BAMBOO SHOOT
AND TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

(LIZARD enters.)

LIZARD

What's everybody standing around for?

TOAD

Oh no.

TURTLE

WE'RE HERE TO

TURTLE WITH MOUSE

GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
HE'S FUNNY
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
SO FUNNY
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
HE'S HILARIOUS

es from dontch

What's so funny about Toad?

LIZARD

Listen Lizard.

MOUSE

HOOT
NG SUIT

TURTLE
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

Toad looks funny in a bathing suit?

LIZARD

TURTLE AND MOUSE
IT'S A RIOT
IT'S A HOOT
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

Are you sure?

LIZARD

TURTLE
Sure I'm sure. It's a fact. It's indisputable. You know where rutabaga comes from dontcha?

Rutabaga root.

FROG

Frog!

TOAD

TURTLE AND MOUSE
THREE THINGS YOU CANNOT DISPUTE
BAMBOO COMES FROM THE BAMBOO SHOOT
RUTABAGA COMES FROM THE RUTABAGA ROOT
AND TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A...

E

FROG AND TOAD

HEE HEE HEE HEE
HA HA
HOO HOO HOO
I WISH I COULD SEE HIM SEE IT
HE'LL DO A DOUBLE TAKE

(THEY do double takes.)

FROG

IT'S INCONCEIVABLE

TOAD

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE

FROG AND TOAD

I LEFT THE LEAVES
THE LEAVES HAVE LEFT
AND I NEVER LIFTED A RAKE

*(FROG and TOAD head back to their houses.
TWO SQUIRRELS emerge.)*

SQUIRREL 1

Look at this pile of leaves in Toad's yard.

SQUIRREL 2

Look at this pile of leaves in Frog's yard.

SQUIRRELS

Let's mess 'em up.

*(THE SQUIRRELS ransack the leaf piles. FROG and TOAD meet center,
again concealing their rakes.)*

FROG

Hello Toad.

Hello Frog.

TOAD

How was your walk?

FROG

Oh, brisk, very brisk. And your stroll?

TOAD

Oh, Leisurely, very leisurely.

FROG

Well, I'm off to do some... chores.

TOAD

Really? So am I.

FROG

Okay then, I'll see you soon.

TOAD

Yes indeed. Good-bye Toad.

FROG

So long, Frog.

TOAD

FROG
HE'LL NEVER KNOW
THINK OF HOW HAPPY HE'LL BE
HE'LL NEVER KNOW
ALMOST AS HAPPY AS ME

ir houses.

AD meet center,

TOAD
THINK OF HOW HAPPY
HOW HAPPY HE'LL BE
ALMOST AS HAPPY
AS HAPPY AS ME

FROG AND TOAD
HE'LL NEVER EVER EVER KNOW
HE'LL NEVER EVER EVER KNOW
HE'LL NEVER EVER EVER

(FROG and TOAD notice the mess of leaves in their respective yards.)

OH
I'll rake my leaves tomorrow.

*(The scene shifts. There is lightning, thunder and rain.
FROG is at home pouring tea. TOAD enters.)*

TOAD
Hello Frog. I'm sorry if I am late.

FROG
You're not late.

TOAD
Am I early?

FROG
No, you're right on time. I was just pouring the tea.

TOAD
I never know whether I am late or early. My clock is broken.

FROG
I know Toad.

TOAD

The weather is terrible.

FROG

It is a dark and stormy night.

(There is lightning and thunder. TOAD is frightened.)

TOAD

Yes, I suppose it is.

FROG

It is a perfect night for something. Do you know what it is?

TOAD

A cup of tea?

FROG

Well, yes that, but also for something else.

TOAD

A cookie?

FROG

Well, yes that, but also for something else.

TOAD

I give up Frog. What is a dark and stormy night good for?

FROG

Do you give up?

TOAD

I already gave up.

FROG

So you did. Would you like me to tell you?

TOAD

Yes, Frog tell me.

FROG

All right, I'll tell you. It is a good night for a scary story.

(thunder and lightning)

TOAD

Yes, I suppose it is.

FROG

Would you like to hear one?

TOAD

I don't know Frog.

FROG

Don't you like to be scared?

TOAD

I'm not so sure.

FROG

When I was a very small Frog, I went on a picnic with my parents...

(YOUNG FROG enters with MOTHER and FATHER)

Shivers

YOUNG FROG

MOTHER FROG AND FATHER FROG
IT WAS LOVELY PICNIC IN THE WOOD

FATHER FROG

MOTHER FROG

MOTHER FROG

YES FATHER FROG

FATHER FROG

I HAVE SOME NEWS
IT ISN'T VERY GOOD

MOTHER FROG

WHAT IS THE NEWS?

YOUNG FROG

WHAT IS THE NEWS?

MOTHER FROG AND YOUNG FROG

FATHER FROG
WHAT IS THE NEWS

FATHER FROG

WHEN WE SET OUT ON OUR PICNIC
THE SUN WAS ON THE RIGHT
I COULD TELL DIRECTION
BY THE ANGLE OF THE LIGHT
BUT NOW IT'S GOTTEN CLOUDY
WE'VE TRAVELLED PRETTY FAR
AND I HATE TO HAVE TO TELL YOU
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE

rents...

MOTHER and FATHER

MOTHER FROG
YOU MEAN WE'RE LOST?

FATHER FROG
YES WE ARE LOST

YOUNG FROG
WE ARE LOST?

FATHER FROG
YES WE ARE LOST

TOAD
YOU WERE LOST?

FROG AND YOUNG FROG
Yes, we were lost.

TOAD, M. FROG, F. FROG & Y. FROG
MY GOODNESS

TOAD
YOU WERE

M. FROG, F. FROG & Y. FROG
WE ARE

TOAD, M. FROG, F. FROG & Y. FROG & FROG
LOST

MOTHER FROG
OH BOO HOO HOO HOO
HOO HOO HOO
HOO HOO HOO
HOO HOO HOO

YOUNG FROG

There there Mother. Why are you so upset?

MOTHER FROG

It's nothing son. Mother's only tired. That's all.

FATHER FROG

Don't you think we should tell him dear?

YOUNG FROG

Tell me what?

TOAD

Tell him what?

FATHER FROG

What lurks out there.

YOUNG FROG

What lurks out there?

TOAD

What lurks out there?

MOTHER FROG

This is bound to frighten you.

FROG

This is bound to frighten you.

TOAD & YOUNG FROG

Tell me!

TOAD

Frog, I am freezing.

TURTLE

So come on out.

TURTLE, LIZARD AND MOUSE

We can't wait to...

GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
HE'S FUNNY
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
SO FUNNY
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
GETTA LOADA TOAD
HE'S HILARIOUS

FROG

What's so funny about Toad?

TURTLE, LIZARD AND MOUSE

What's so funny about Toad?

TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT
IT'S A RIOT
IT'S A HOOT
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

TOAD

I don't see what's so funny.

TURTLE

That's because you don't know from funny. I bet you don't even know what the funniest fruit is, do you?

TOAD

I'm sure I don't.

TURTLE

Tell the toad.

LIZARD & MOUSE

Bananas.

TURTLE, LIZARD AND MOUSE

FOUR THINGS YOU CANNOT DISPUTE
BAMBOO COMES FROM THE BAMBOO SHOOT
RUTABAGA COMES FROM THE RUTABAGA ROOT
BANANAS ARE THE FUNNIEST FRUIT
AND TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

TOAD

That's it. I've had it. I'm turning blue. I'm getting out of the water.

(TOAD gets out of the water. He looks funny in a bathing suit.)

TURTLE, LIZARD & MOUSE

GETTA LOADA TOAD
HE'S FUNNY
GETTA LOADA TOAD
SO FUNNY
GETTA GETTA
GETTA LOADA TOAD
HE'S HILARIOUS

TURTLE

Ain't it the troot?

SUIT
SUIT

SUIT

TURTLE, LIZARD & MOUSE

FIVE THINGS YOU CANNOT DISPUTE
TURTLE ALWAYS TELLS THE TROOT
BAMBOO COMES FROM THE BAMBOO SHOOT
RUTABAGA COMES FROM THE RUTABAGA ROOT
BANANAS ARE THE FUNNIEST FRUIT
AND TOAD LOOKS FUNNY
TOAD LOOKS FUNNY

FROG

It's true Toad. You do look funny.

TOAD

I know.

ALL BUT TOAD

TOAD LOOKS FUNNY IN A BATHING SUIT

Underwater Ballet

(TURTLE dances with some fishes.)

(The scene shifts. TOAD goes to Frog's house. He carries a bag of sandwiches and iced tea. There is a note pinned to the door which TOAD does not notice at first. TOAD knocks on the door.)

TOAD

Frog? Frog? I have come to surprise you with a fine lunch of iced tea and sandwiches. Oh look, there is a note. (reading) "Dear Toad, I am not at home, I went to the island the lake to be alone". He wants to be alone? He has me for a friend. Why would he want to be alone? He must be very sad. What can I do? I should bring him a surprise to cheer him up. What can I bring? I know, lunch. I will bring him this fine lunch of sandwiches and iced tea.

(Toad crosses the stage and the lights come up on FROG'S back. He is sitting up stage sitting on a tiny island. TOAD sees him.)

Oh look, poor Frog is sitting out there all alone. Frog! Frog!! It's me, your best friend Toad.

(No response from FROG.)

TOAD (CONT'D)

I must get to that island!

(TOAD leaves the stage and immediately returns floating on a log with TURTLE.)

TURTLE

Watch it. This thing's wobbly.

TOAD

I have to get to the island. Frog wants to be alone.

TURTLE

If he wants to be alone maybe you should leave him alone.

TOAD

Maybe you're right. Maybe he does not want to be my friend anymore.

TURTLE

Maybe.

TOAD

Frog! Frog, it's me, Toad! I'm sorry for all the silly things I say and do. Please be my friend again.

(TOAD falls off the log with a great splash. The commotion gets Frog's attention. TURTLE floats away on the log.)

TURTLE

Told you it was wobbly.

FROG

Toad is that you?

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O SHOOT
ABAGA ROOT
IT

G SUIT

ouse. He carries a bu
pinned to the door u
nocks on the door.)

a and sandwiches.
went to the island
Why would he wa
a surprise to cheer
h of sandwiches and

up on FROG'S ba
ees him.

me, your

TOAD

Yes it is me. Help me.

FROG

Here give me your hand.

(FROG lifts TOAD onto the island.)

TOAD

Oh look the iced tea is gone. And the sandwiches are all wet. I made lunch for you so that you would be happy.

FROG

But Toad, I am happy.

TOAD

You are?

FROG

Yes, very happy.

TOAD

But then why did you want to be alone?

Alone

FROG

SOMETIMES THE DAYS
THEY CAN BE VERY BUSY
SO I LIKE TO STOP
AND THINK NOW AND THEN
I THINK OF THE REASONS
I HAVE TO BE HAPPY
AND THAT MAKES ME HAPPY
ALL OVER AGAIN
WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT I WAS UNHAPPY?
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING

FROG (CONT'D)

WAS MAKING ME BLUE?
I ONLY COME OUT HERE
TO SIT AND REMEMBER
I LOVE BEING A FROG
IN THE WARM SUNNY SUMMER
ON DAYS SUCH AS THIS ONE
THAT'S WHAT I DO
THIS MORNING I WOKE UP
AND THOUGHT, I AM HAPPY
IT'S BEEN SINCE APRIL
SINCE I HAVE BEEN SAD
I'LL GO BE ALONE TO THINK
HOW I'M HAPPY
FOR ALL THAT I HAVE
AND ALL THAT I'VE HAD
WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT I WAS UNHAPPY?
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING
WAS MAKING ME BLUE?
I ONLY CAME OUT HERE TO
THINK HOW I'M HAPPY
I LOVE BEING A FROG
IN THE WARM SUNNY SUMMER
BUT MOSTLY I'M HAPPY
BECAUSE I HAVE YOU

TOAD

Oh. That is a very good reason for wanting to be alone.

FROG

Yes indeed. But now, I will be happy not to be alone. Let's eat lunch.

TOAD

The iced tea spilled.

FROG

I know Toad.

inch for you so

AS UNHAPPY?

TOAD

The sandwiches are wet.

FROG

I know Toad.

(Lights come down and back up on SNAIL.)

The Letter - reprise

SNAIL

I'M CARRYING A LETTER
A MOST IMPORTANT LETTER
A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY FROG
I'M TRAVELING SO FAST
I'M ASSUMING YOU'RE AGHAST
OR AT THE VERY LEAST YOU ARE AGOG
I'M THE SNAIL WITH THE MAIL
I'LL DELIVER WITHOUT FAIL
PARDON THE CLOUD OF DUST
I'M SPEEDING WITH AN ENVELOPE
AS FAST AS ANY ANTELOPE
FORWARD AND ONWARD I THRUST

(FROG and TOAD are in Toad's kitchen.)

FROG

Toad?

TOAD

Yes Frog?

FROG

I'm just curious. Did you happen to get any mail today?

TOAD

No I did not.

Oh.

FROG

Frog I never get any...

TOAD

(HE begins to get emotional, but recovers)

never mind. I am putting the cookies into the oven and tonight after dinner we shall have cookies for dessert.

Oh good.

FROG

Now in seven to eight minutes they should be done. What time do you have?

TOAD

Oh, I didn't wind my watch today.

FROG

(checking his watch)

You didn't?

TOAD

No.

FROG

But my clock is broken.

TOAD

You don't say?

FROG

TOAD

How will we know when it's time to take the cookies out?

(MOUSE enters.)

MOUSE

Hiya Toad.

TOAD

Oh, hello mouse.

MOUSE

Is something wrong?

TOAD

Yes. I'm making cookies.

MOUSE

And?

TOAD

Well, I made the cookie dough precisely according to the recipe. But now the recipe says "put the cookies in the oven to bake them for seven to eight minutes until they are golden brown".

MOUSE

And?

TOAD

My clock is broken.

MOUSE

And?

The cookies are in the oven.

TOAD

And?

MOUSE

I don't know when to take them out.

TOAD

Well, how long ago did you put them in?

MOUSE

I don't know. My clock is broken.

TOAD

Well are they golden brown?

MOUSE

I don't know. My clock is broken.

TOAD

ut now the recipe
until they are gold

But Toad, you could just check to see if the cookies are golden brown.

MOUSE

Quiet mouse. I'm getting an idea. I could just check to see if the cookies are golden brown.

TOAD

Good idea Toad.

MOUSE

(TOAD peers into the oven.)

Well?

FROG & FATHER FROG

Very well...

FATHER FROG

THERE IS A FROG
A LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG
HE IS TERRIBLY LARGE
AND LARGELY TERRIBLE
TERRIBLE

MOTHER FROG

TERRIBLE

TOAD & YOUNG FROG

TERRIBLE?

FROG

TERRIBLE!

FATHER FROG

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG
HE'S MEAN AND AWFUL
AND HE'S AWFUL MEAN
AND HIS WRINKLY SKIN
IS PASTY GREEN
HE EATS LITTLE BUNNIES
DIPPED IN DIRT
AND HE LIKES FROG CHILDREN
FOR DESSERT

TOAD & YOUNG FROG

Oh my.

FATHER FROG

HE IS A FROG
A LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG
HE IS TERRIBLY LARGE
AND LARGELY TERRIBLE
TERRIBLE

MOTHER FROG

TERRIBLE

TOAD & YOUNG FROG

TERRIBLE?

FROG

TERRIBLE!

FATHER FROG

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

Your Mother and I will go off in search of the pathway home. You stay right here.

FROG

And so off my parents went in search of the pathway home.

TOAD

They left you all alone?

FROG

Yes, and soon it became dark.

TOAD

Did this really happen Frog?

FROG

Maybe yes and maybe no. Should I stop telling you the story?

TOAD

No, no, no. Tell me. Tell me.

FROG

Very well. Now, as I said, it was getting dark and there I was...

YOUNG FROG

I'M A YOUNG LITTLE FROG
ALL ALONE IN THE NIGHT
MY PARENTS HAVE LEFT
WHICH DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT
I AM VERY AFRAID
THAT IS HOW I FEEL
I DON'T WISH TO END UP
A MEAL
I THINK EATING OTHERS IS RUDE
AND I BET THAT IT HURTS BEING CHEWED
I HAVE SUCH AMBITIOUS
DREAMS AND WISHES
AND NONE OF MY PLANS INCLUDE
NOT GROWING UP
BECAUSE I WOUND UP
BEING FOOD

FROG

And I waited and waited and it grew darker and darker. And suddenly,
I had the feeling I was not alone.

*(THE LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG comes on upstage
HE is enormous.)*

TOAD

Not alone?

FROG

Not alone. And then I looked up and I saw two great eyes staring right at me!

TOAD & YOUNG FROG

Ahhhhhh.

YOUNG FROG

Who are you?

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

I am the Large and Terrible Frog.

TOAD & YOUNG FROG

Ahhhhh.

YOUNG FROG

Are you going to eat me?

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

Not just yet. I have eaten so many frog children already tonight that I have no appetite.

YOUNG FROG

Oh well. It was very nice to have met you, I'll be going now.

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

Not so fast. You must do something for me.

YOUNG FROG

Oh, I'd be only too happy to. What is it?

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

After dinner, I like to have a little exercise so I can work up an appetite for a late snack.

YOUNG FROG

Exercise?

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

Yes skipping rope. And you shall turn for me. Take hold of that end.

(FROG tosses YOUNG FROG one end of a jump rope.)

YOUNG FROG

Yes, your large and terribleness.

(FROG and YOUNG FROG turn the rope.)

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG

SKIPPY SKIPPY SKIPPY SKIPPY

EVERY NIGHT

SKIPPING HELPS TO GENERATE AN APPETITE

TADPOLE TADPOLE POLLYWOG

SOON I WILL BE SNACKING ON A LITTLE FROG

SKIPPY SKIPPY SKIPPY SKIPPY

EVERY NIGHT

SKIPPING HELPS TO GENERATE AN APPETITE

SOME LIKE MUFFINS

SOME LIKE SCONES

I LIKE THE TASTE OF LITTLE FROGGY BONES

All right my appetite has returned. Come to me little Frog.

(YOUNG FROG stands motionless.)

TOAD

This is terrible.

FROG

Well, he is the Large and Terrible Frog.

TOAD

WHAT DID YOU DO?

YOUNG FROG
WHAT SHALL I DO?

TOAD
WHAT DID YOU DO?

YOUNG FROG
WHAT SHALL I DO?

TOAD & YOUNG FROG
WHATEVER

TOAD
DID YOU?

YOUNG FROG
SHALL I?

TOAD & YOUNG FROG
DO?

(YOUNG FROG takes the rope and runs around the LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG.)

FROG
HE STARTED COMING TOWARD ME
BUT MY HAND WAS ON THE ROPE
HE WAS JUST ENORMOUS
BUT HE ALSO WAS A DOPE
I RAN AROUND IN CIRCLES
TIL I TIED HIM TO THE TREE

LARGE AND TERRIBLE FROG
YOU LITTLE WHIPPER SNAPPER
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME?

(MOTHER FROG and FATHER FROG enter running.)

FROG

AND THEN I RAN
AND RAN AND RAN
AND RAN AND RAN
AND RAN AND RAN

MOTHER FROG & FATHER FROG

HE RAN AND RAN AND RAN AND RAN AND RAN
AND RAN AND RAN

YOUNG FROG

I RAN AND RAN AND RAN AND THEN
I FOUND MY PARENTS IN A GLEN

M. FROG, F. FROG & Y. FROG

SO THEN WE CAME UPON A PATH
AND WE WENT HOME AND TOOK A BATH
A LONG AND HOT AND STEAMY

YOUNG FROG

ABSOLUTELY DREAMY

M. FROG, F. FROG & Y. FROG

FINALLY OUT OF TROUBLE
BUBBLE

TOAD

Did this really happen Frog?

FROG

Maybe yes and maybe no.

FROG enter running.)

M. FROG, F. FROG & Y. FROG
BATH

Snow Ballet

(SNAIL enters in winter attire.)

The Letter - Reprise

FROG
AND RAN AND RAN

D THEN
LEN

FROG
ATH
OOK A BATH
MY

SNAIL
I'M CARRYING A LETTER
A MOST IMPORTANT LETTER
A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY FROG
BUT IN THE SNOWY FROSTING
RUNNING IS EXHAUSTING
SO MAYBE I'LL SLOW TO A JOG
I'M THE SNAIL WITH THE MAIL
I'LL DELIVER WITHOUT FAIL
IN THE ICE AND SNOW AND SLUSH
AND THOUGH IT'S GETTING DUSKY
I'M PRETENDING I'M A HUSKY
MUSH MUSH MUSH MUSH MUSH MUSH MUSH

(At the top of a hill, FROG and TOAD are dressed for winter.)

Toad?

FROG

FROG

Yes Frog?

TOAD

I'm just curious. Did you happen to get any mail today?

FROG

No I did not Frog! I never get any mail and it makes me unhappy. You know that. So why do you insist on bringing it up all the time?

TOAD

FROG

I'm sorry Toad.

TOAD

That's all right.

FROG

I wonder what time it is?

TOAD

Well, I don't know that either Frog. As I have repeatedly explained to you, my clock is broken. I need to get a new clock.

FROG

Of course. That slipped my mind. Well, here we are at the top of the hill. Look at that view.

TOAD

The snow is lovely. But it's an awfully long way down.

FROG

It will be easy on my sled.

TOAD

Oh I don't know Frog. I don't think you should you go. It looks scary.

FROG

Don't be silly Toad. It's not as if I'll be riding all alone.

TOAD

Oh someone is going with you?

FROG

Yes of course.

TOAD

Oh, well that makes all the difference.

FROG

Yes it does.

TOAD

Who is going with you?

FROG

You are.

TOAD

Oh no Frog.

FROG

Don't be nervous Toad. I'll be behind you the whole time. It's pleasant sledding down the hill.

TOAD

It's more pleasant sitting in a warm house and eating soup.

FROG

We can do that once we reach the bottom. Come on. Take a risk.

TOAD

Oh, very well Frog. I'll go through with it.

FROG

That's fine. You'll see. It's pleasant sledding down the hill.

(FROG and TOAD board the sled. TOAD is in front.)

Here we go.

(THEY begin down the hill on the sled.)

Down The Hill

FROG AND TOAD

DOWN THE HILL
WE ARE SLIDING
DOWN THE HILL
GENTLY GLIDING
DOWN THE HILL
WHAT A THRILL
SO EXCITING
IT'S A THRILL
TO BE RIDING
DOWN THE HILL
OH TO SEE THE SCENERY
SUCH A LOVELY SIGHT
DON'T YOU LOVE THE GREENERY
FROSTED ALL IN WHITE

TOAD

THIS IS RATHER PLEASANT FROG

FROG

I TOLD YOU

TOAD

YOU WERE RIGHT

BOTH

IT'S PLEASANT SLEDDING DOWN THE HILL

FROG

NOW WE GO
WHERE IT'S STEEPER
AND THE SNOW
SOMEWHAT DEEPER
DOWN THE HILL

TOAD

Is it safe Frog?

FROG

Absolutely Toad.

THERE'S A BUMP
UP AHEAD THERE
WHICH WE'LL JUMP
WITH OUR SLED THERE
DOWN THE HILL

(The sled goes over a bump.. FROG is thrown off the back and into a snow bank.)

TOAD

Ahhhhhhhh.

MY THAT WAS INSPIRING
RIDING THROUGH THE AIR
THOUGH I MUST ADMIT TO YOU
IT GAVE ME QUITE A SCARE
WHY ARE YOU SO QUIET FROG?
OH YOU'RE NO LONGER THERE
IT'S PLEASANT SLEDDING DOWN THE...

Frooooooog!

(TOAD and the sled disappear from view. THREE MOLES pop their heads from out of the snow bank. MOLE 2 has a pair of binoculars.)

MOLE 1

Frog what are you doing here?

FROG

Hello Moles. I was thrown from the sled. And now Toad is going down the hill alone.

MOLE 1

He'll be fine as long as he doesn't take the path on the left.

MOLE 1 (CONT'D)

(to MOLE 2)

Which path did he take?

MOLE 2

(looking through the binoculars)

The path on the left.

MOLES

DOWN THE HILL
GOING FASTER
HEADING STRAIGHT
FOR DISASTER
DOWN THE HILL

MOLE 1

WATCH THE TREES

MOLE 2

WATCH THE BOULDERS

MOLES

TUCK YOUR KNEES
TO YOUR SHOULDERS
DOWN THE HILL

(TOAD comes back into sight. HE is terrified.)

TOAD

Ahhhhhhhhhh!

I HAVE NEVER BEEN BRAVE
I HAVE NEVER KNOWN HOW
AND CHANCES ARE SLIM
I'M GONNA START NOW
I'M A TERRIFIED TOAD
ON A RUNAWAY SLED
SOON I AM GOING TO BE DEAD
I'LL BE SMASHED ON THE SIDE OF A ROCK
SO I DOUBT I'LL BE NEEDING THAT CLOCK

FROG & MOLES

DOWN THE HILL
GOING FASTER
DOWN THE HILL
GOING FASTER
DOWN THE HILL
GOING FASTER
DOWN THE HILL
GOING FASTER

(TOAD is catapulted into a snowbank down stage. HE is momentarily out of view. He then pops his head through the top of the snowbank. FROG joins him.)

FROG

Toad, that was magnificent.

TOAD

I'm alive. Thank goodness. I'm alive!

FROG

Of course you are.

TOAD

I'm so happy.

FROG

Wonderful.

TOAD

And angry.

FROG

Why?

TOAD

Frog, you left me all alone.

HE is terrified.)

DEAD
IDE OF A ROCK
NG THAT CLOCK

FROG

I couldn't help it Toad.

TOAD

Oh yes, you could have. You could have not suggested that we go sledding in the first place and exposing us to such a terrible risk.

FROG

Now Toad.

TOAD

Oh don't now Toad me, Frog. I was in absolute peril.

FROG

Well I am sorry Toad.

(TOAD storms off.)

Where are you going?

TOAD

I'm going home to have a warm bowl of soup. And I will never speak with you again.

FROG

But Toad...

(TOAD indicates that his mouth has been sealed. SNAIL

SNAIL

I'M THE SNAIL WITH THE MAIL
I'LL DELIVER WITHOUT FAIL...

TOAD

Hello Snail.

SNAIL

Hello Toad. I have a letter for you.

TOAD

You have?

SNAIL

Yes.

(SNAIL hands the letter to TOAD.)

TOAD

Thank you Snail.

SNAIL

You're welcome. Well I gotta run.

(TOAD opens the letter and reads.)

TOAD

Dear Toad. Today when you told me that you were sad because you had never received a letter, it made me sad too. I suppose that is how it is with you and me. I am writing this letter, hoping that it will make you feel happy, knowing all along that unless you are happy I cannot be. Your friend, Frog.

(beat)

Frog?

FROG

Yes Toad?

TOAD

I am speaking to you again.

FROG

I'm glad Toad.

TOAD

At home, I have some soup.

FROG

That's nice.

TOAD

If you want, I will warm some up for you.

FROG

Why, yes Toad. That would be very pleasant.

*(FROG exits with the sled. TOAD is left alone with the letter.)
After a beat, a snowball comes from the direction of FROG'S exit
hitting TOAD.)*

Snow Ballet

*(It snows. TWO MOLES appear and dance as the scene changes to
winter. A curtain falls and the lights find SNAIL in front of)*

I'm Comin' Out of My Shell

SNAIL

I WAS ALWAYS TIMID
I GUESS IT WAS BECAUSE
I MAY HAVE BEEN ASHAMED OF WHO I AM
OR WHAT I WAS
I THOUGHT "I'M JUST A SNAIL"
A LOT OF SHELL
A LITTLE GOO
BUT ALL OF THAT HAS CHANGED
AS NOW THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE
I GOT SOMETHING I DO
SOMETHING I'M PROUD OF
BECAUSE I DO IT PRETTY WELL
BING BANG BOOM
GIVE ME SOME ROOM
I'M COMING OUT OF MY SHELL
GET OUT THE WORD

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SNAIL (CONT'D)

FIND ME A WITNESS
 BLOW ON A TRUMPET RING A BELL
 HOLY SMOKES
 LOOK AT ME FOLKS
 I'M COMING OUT OF MY SHELL
 THERE WERE SLUGS WHO DOUBTED ME
 I GUESS THAT MADE ME NERVOUS
 I NEVER EVEN DARED TO DREAM
 OF LIFE IN CIVIL SERVICE
 THEY SAID I WASN'T FAST ENOUGH
 THEY SAID HEY YOU'RE TOO GOOEY
 BUT THEN I TURNED AROUND AND TOLD 'EM
 PHOOEY
 THAT'S ALL HOOEY
 I WAS NOTHING BUT GOO
 UNDER THE SURFACE
 THEN EVERYTHING BEGAN TO GEL
 HOLY COW
 LOOK AT ME NOW
 I'M COMING OUT OF MY
 YES I DELIVER
 I'M COMING OUT OF MY
 I'M GOING POSTAL
 I'M COMING OUT OF MY SHELL

(TOAD is in his house. A fire burns in the fireplace.)

TOAD

It's Christmas Eve. The fire is burning. The hot chocolate is ready. But Frog is late. At least I think he is late. But, he must be late. It has been dark for a very long time. Maybe something has happened to him. Maybe something bad. Maybe something terrible. Maybe he is lost in the dark and he cannot find his way and he is cold and shivering. Or maybe, he is stuck at the bottom of a hole and he cannot get out and he is cold and shivering. Or maybe, he is being chased by a wolf and he's running as fast as he can and well, he wouldn't be cold and shivering, because when you run it warms you up, but that is not the point. The point is that Frog may be in terrible danger. I must do something. I must help my friend. I must get a lamp and a rope and a frying pan.

*(TOAD steps out into the night.
 With a lamp a rope and a frying pan.)*

Frog! Frog! Don't worry, I'll save you! I am prepared for any situation.

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as the scene change
 SNAIL in front of

I AM

Toad To the Rescue

TOAD (CONT'D)

If you are...

LOST IN THE DARK
YOU ARE LOST IN THE DARK
AND YOUR FINGERS
ARE STARTING TO FREEZE
I HAVE A LIGHT
THAT WILL CUT THROUGH THE NIGHT
SO YOU WON'T BUMP YOUR
HEAD ON THE TREES
OR IF YOU ARE...
DEEP IN A HOLE
YOU ARE STUCK IN A HOLE
AND NO ONE CAN HEAR
AS YOU SHOUT
I'LL BRING A ROPE
A THICK PIECE OF ROPE
AND USE IT
TO HELP PULL YOU OOOUUUUUT
I AM NOT AFRAID
WELL I AM BUT
I'LL BE BRAVE
FROG FROG FROG FROG FROG
YOU ARE THE ONE
I'M GOING TO SAVE

(THE MOLES march on. THEY sing "ahs" behind TOAD.)

IF THERE'S A...
WOLF AT YOUR HEELS
GIANT WOLF AT YOUR HEELS
AND YOU'RE RUNNING AS FAST AS YOU CAN
I'LL STOP THE WOLF
I'LL IN FACT BOP THE WOLF
ON THE HEAD WITH A BIG FRYING PAAAAAAN
I AM NOT AFRAID
WELL I AM BUT
I'LL BE BRAVE
FROG FROG FROG FROG FROG

Hello Toad.

FROG

Frog! You're here! You're not lost in the dark.

TOAD

YOU ARE THE ONE

No.

FROG

You're not stuck at the bottom of a hole?

TOAD

No.

FROG

You're not being chased by a wolf?

TOAD

No.

FROG

Well where have you been?

TOAD

(now miffed)

I'm sorry to be late Toad. I was wrapping your gift.

FROG

Oh. For me?

TOAD

Yes.

FROG

I can open it?

TOAD

Of course.

FROG

(TOAD tears into the gift.)

It's a clock!

TOAD

Yes and it keeps very good time.

FROG

I needed a clock.

TOAD

I know you did Toad.

FROG

Your present isn't here yet.

TOAD

That's all right Toad.

FROG

It was supposed to have been delivered this afternoon.

TOAD

It's being delivered?

FROG

Yes.

TOAD

By whom?

FROG

Snail. He should be here any minute.

TOAD

Maybe we should sit down.

FROG

I'll put the clock on the mantle. This is lovely wrapping paper Frog.

TOAD

Thank you Toad. This is a very nice fire.

FROG

It's warm.

TOAD

This is a very peaceful Christmas eve.

FROG

It didn't start out that way.

TOAD

I'm sorry I was late.

FROG

I was very worried you know.

TOAD

FROG

I know you were.

TOAD

I was very worried...

Merry Almost Christmas

FELT AS THOUGH THERE'D BE NO CHRISTMAS
EVEN THOUGH IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE
NO IT WOULDN'T FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS
NOT WITHOUT YOU I BELIEVE
CHRISTMAS WOULDN'T COME WITHOUT YOU
ONLY WINTER'S COLD I FEAR
BUT IT REALLY FEELS LIKE CHRISTMAS
NOW THAT YOU ARE HERE
SURE IT'S COLD BUT WE'VE
HOT CHOCOLATE
AND A FIRE BURNING AWAY

FROG

BY THE FIRE
SEE THE CLOCK LIT

FROG & TOAD

NOW IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS DAY
MERRY ALMOST CHRISTMAS
HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HERE
MERRY ALMOST CHRISTMAS
HAPPY ALMOST NEW YEAR
CHRISTMAS FEELS LIKE CHRISTMAS
NOW THAT YOU ARE HERE
MERRY ALMOST CHRISTMAS
HAPPY ALMOST NEW YEAR

FROG

I COULD NOT IMAGINE CHRISTMAS
COULDN'T DO IT IF I TRIED

FROG (CONT'D)

NO I CAN'T IMAGINE CHRISTMAS
NOT WITHOUT YOU AT MY SIDE
I'LL BE WITH YOU EV'RY CHRISTMAS
WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S UNDERSTOOD
MANY MANY NIGHTS LIKE THIS ONE
IF WE'RE LUCKY KNOCK ON WOOD

TOAD

SURE IT'S COLD BUT WE'VE
HOT CHOCOLATE
AND A FIRE BURNING AWAY

FROG AND TOAD

BY THE FIRE
SEE THE CLOCK LIT
NOW IT'S ALMOST
CHRISTMAS DAY

(THE MOLES sing from off stage. FROG and TOAD look out an imaginary window down stage as though seeing and hearing carolers.)

MOLES

(Off)

MERRY ALMOST CHRISTMAS
HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HERE

ALL

MERRY ALMOST CHRISTMAS
HAPPY ALMOST NEW YEAR
CHRISTMAS FEELS LIKE CHRISTMAS
NOW THAT WE ARE HERE
MERRY ALMOST CHRISTMAS
HAPPY ALMOST NEW YEAR

FROG

It's midnight.

TOAD

Merry Christmas Frog.

One th

FROG

Merry Christmas Toad.

MOLES

(Off)

HAPPY ALMOST NEW YEAR

*(FROG and TOAD are asleep in their respective beds.
The BIRDS enter.)*

Finale

THREE BIRDS

WE FLEW SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
SOUTH FOR THE WINTER
JUST LIKE AT THE OP'NING OF THE SHOW
TRA LA LA LA LA
TRA LA LA LA LA LA
AND THEN OF COURSE THE PROBLEM WITH THE
SNOW
BUT...
THE WINTER NOW IS OVER
THE SNOW HAS ALL BEEN SNOWED
SPRING IS HERE
WHICH STARTS A YEAR
WITH FROG AND TOAD

MAN BIRD

Well, here we are again folks. You know, through the years some things change and that's good. And some things don't change and that's good too.

Hello Fro

LADY BIRDS

Chirp, chirpitty-chirp.

Hello To:

Why yes I

MAN BIRD

One thing that will never change: Frog and Toad will always be good friends.

(FROG hops up from his bed.)

FROG

I'D LIKE TO SING A LITTLE ODE
ABOUT MY GOOD FRIEND TOAD
TOAD WITH WHOM I FREQUENTLY TAKE TEA
HE'S NOT SO GOOD AT SPORTS
AND OF COURSE HE'S GOT THOSE WARTS
BUT TOAD HAS BEEN A LOVELY FRIEND TO ME
TOAD, I FEEL, IS VASTLY UNDERRATED
AND FURTHERMORE, I THINK, MISUNDERSTOOD
AND IN CONCLUSION I WILL ADD
HE IS THE FINEST FRIEND
OF ALL THE CRITTERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

(TOAD pops up from his bed.)

TOAD

I LOVE A LIVELY DIALOGUE
WITH MY GOOD FRIEND FROG
CHATTING OVER COZY CUPS OF TEA
HE KNOWS JUST THE THING TO SAY
THAT WILL BRIGHTEN UP MY DAY
OH FROG HAS BEEN A LOVELY FRIEND TO ME
FROG IS VERY KINDLY IN HIS NATURE
MAGNANIMOUS WHENEVER PLAYING HOST
OF ALL THE CREATURES IN MY SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE
I'M FONDEST OF THE FROG THE MOST

Hello Frog.

FROG

Hello Toad. Are you hibernating?

TOAD

Why yes I am. And you?

FROG

Oh yes, most definitely. And I have had many, many dreams.

TOAD

Well, funny so have I.

FROG

Have they been pleasant dreams?

TOAD

Some have been pleasant and some have been not so pleasant. But you have been in every one of them.

FROG

Funny, you have been in all of my dreams too.

TOAD

I had one not so pleasant dream, where we went swimming.

FROG

Really? So did I. And I had a dream that you made the most wonderful cookies.

TOAD

Really? So did I. And I dreamed that we went down a hill on a sled.

FROG

Really? So did I.

TOAD

This is uncanny.

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dre

Yes

Oh

A y

FROG

Remarkable. Well, I'm getting ready to wake up, so you better get back to your own dream. I'll see you when you wake up.

TOAD

Yes, I'd better get back to hibernating. Spring is nearly here.

FROG

Oh, I think it's just around the corner. Birds?

THREE BIRDS

THE SUN IS OUT
THE SKY IS CLEAR
WE CAME BACK
SPRING MUST BE HERE
SO LET'S BEGIN ANOTHER YEAR

ALL

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

A year with Frog and Toad!

Blackout.

END OF ACT TWO