

**Fairy** *(cont'd)* But this way they lived, as the years did unfold,  
And with strength and patience her powers were controlled.  
But boys and girls, wait, for my story's not through  
Alas, there's still troubles, that I must tell you.

*The King and Queen fade out of sight.*

The King and the Queen sadly, passed on you see,  
As their ship was destroyed by a huge storm at sea.

*Florrie enters and ushers the princesses offstage.*

So the sisters were raised by a nursemaid named Florrie,  
You'll get to meet her as we pick up the story.  
And so, we'll advance till we reach present day.  
So band, play a song, and we'll start right away...

*The scene bleeds through to reveal the castle, into opening number.*

## Scene 1

*The village square, some years later.*

### **MUSIC #1 : 'COLOUR MY WORLD' (VILLAGERS).**

*At the end of the number Dame Florrie enters.*

**Florrie** Hello everyone... that wasn't very good. I said, hello everyone! *(She encourages a reply).* That's better. My name is Dame Florrie and I work here at the castle looking after the Princesses. Today is Coronation Day and it's even more special. For years the Princesses have stayed locked behind the castle walls. But today, they've decided to make a special trip down to the village. Oh, there's so many important people coming, there'll be more famous people than an episode of Celebrity Big Brother, which isn't hard I know, but still, we're very excited. They even say that the most handsome of all the Princes, Prince Anders, is on his way. Oooh, he's a looker.

Things haven't been good for me since my husband left. Oh, I miss him. We use to argue so much, you see, he hated me doing flamingo impressions so one day I decided to put my foot down. But, in the end it was his obsession with horoscopes that Taurus apart. He said: "You can't leave me, madam" and I told him: "I Cancer".

Now, aren't there a lot of you? All the mum's out there give me a cheer! *(She encourages the audience).* All the dad's give me a cheer! *(She encourages the audience).* All the boys and girls give me a cheer! *(She encourages the audience).* Any Pokémon hunters out there? I don't want to hear a peek-outta-chu! Now, boys and girls, I, ah, ah, AH... Oh, bother.

I think there might be a cold spell on the way and I've got a cold coming on. Trouble is, I can never finish my sneezes. I've an idea! Would you be able to help me? You would? That's great, well when you hear me going: 'ah, ah, AH', I need you all to shout out 'Choo'! As loud as you can. Do you think you can do that? You do? Well, let's give it a go. Ah, ah, AH *(She encourages their reply).* Oh, that's much better; thank you, boys and girls. *(The Herald enters).* Ooh, it looks like the first guests are starting to arrive.

**Herald** Ladies and Gentleman, please welcome his Excellency the Duke Jasper of Joysville. *(Everyone welcomes the arrivals and bows or curtseys).* Her supremeness the Lady Lyana of Lovelyville. Ooh, a surprise guest, David Beckham has decided to join us! *(Everyone reacts, excited that Beckham may have arrived).* Just kidding, it's Duke Weasel-ey.

**Duke** *(Offstage).* What!

**Herald** Sorry, Duke Wesley, everyone.

*Everyone reacts disappointed not only that there is no David Beckham but also that it's the Duke who arrives in his place. Florrie heads over to The Duke as he enters.*

**Florrie** Hello your Grace, it's ah, ah, AH... *(She encourages the audience)*. Oh thank you! It's wonderful to have you return, your Duke-nessship.

**Duke** Hmm, I wish I could say the same, but quite frankly this place disgusts me, it's more ghastly than *[Local Town]* on a Friday night.

**Florrie** You seemed to enjoy the magnificent dinner we laid on for you last time you were here?

**Duke** I remember the 'magnificent' dinner, it will always have a place in my heart burn. Still, I suppose, it's not as bad here as people say

**Florrie** Really?

**Duke** No... it's worse!

**Florrie** Well, the Princesses will be here any minute.

**Duke** Oh? Decided to grace us with their presence have they?

**Florrie** They have.

**Duke** It's the least they can do. It's awfully peculiar them both staying cooped up in that castle every day. I mean how does she expect to rule this kingdom if she's too afraid to set foot outside. It's preposterous.

**Florrie** If you feel like that, why are you here?

**Duke** Why? Contracts! Money. Why else would I come here? This place may disgust me, but it's rich! Your new queen will need supplies and lots of them. I'm here to make sure it's me who supplies them and gets all the cash.

**Florrie** *(Sarcastically)*. You've got a heart of gold.

**Duke** Perhaps not gold, but I always say, there's space in my heart for one thing only, and that's cash.

**Florrie** Well, I must get on, I can't stand talking to you.

**Duke** What?

**Florrie** I said, I can't just stand here talking to you. Bye Weasley.

**Duke** It's Wesley!

**Florrie** Whoops, I mean Wesley.

**Herald** Ladies, please welcome His Royal Handsomeness, Prince Anders of Chippendalia

*All of the women swoon ahead of his arrival. He enters, flanked by Sinestra. The ladies start fawning over him.*

**Anders** Hello everyone; hello ladies.

**Ladies** Hello Prince!

**Lady 1** Oh, your highness, it's so wonderful to meet you.

**Lady 2** Will you be staying long?

**Lady 3** Please say you are.

**Anders** Well, I'm here to see the Coronation and then... maybe, baby?

**Ladies** Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha... *(swoon)*, ah.

**Scoop** Prince Anders, would it be possible to ask you a few questions for the *[Local Town]* gazette, our readers are very keen to find out more about you.

**Anders** I'm sure they are, I am fascinating after all, but, some other time, once I've had a chance to settle in?

**Scoop** Ok! Sure thing.

*The ladies gaze at him lovingly. Florrie makes her way over pushing, through the huddle of women.*

**Florrie** Excuse me! Hello Princey, allow me to introduce myself. I'm your future wife, Dame Florrie. Just so you know, I'm not cheap, but I am on special this week. *(Anders is lost for words)*. I can you see you like me. What do you like most? My pretty face or my sexy body?

**Anders** Your sense of humour.

**Florrie** Thank you very much.

**Sinestra** What did you say you were?

**Florrie** Future wife, clean your ears out.

**Sinestra** You can't talk to me like that!  
**Florrie** *(Putting on a funny accent)*. Would you prefer I talked to you like this?  
**Sinestra** What?  
**Anders** Now, now, Sinestra I'm sure she means it as a joke.  
**Sinestra** I don't find it funny.  
**Anders** Dame Florrie, please accept my apologies for my bodyguard, I'm so handsome that she can't help but be a little over protective.  
**Florrie** That's ok, I'm sure she has a nice personality, just not for a human being.  
**Sinestra** What?  
**Anders** Florrie, if you wouldn't mind excusing me?  
**Florrie** Oh, did you break wind?  
**Anders** No, I mean, I'm leaving, pardon me.  
**Florrie** Did you do it again? Woo, I think I can smell it already, oh you dirty boy!  
**Sinestra** I'm warning you, do not make fun of his highness...  
**Florrie** What about making fun of his shortness?  
**Sinestra** Silence!

*Anders pulls Sinestra away from Florrie*

**Anders** Sinestra, that's enough! I told you, if we're going to succeed with my plan then you'll have to pretend to like these people.  
**Sinestra** But I can't stand them.  
**Anders** I know, neither can I. I can almost feel their ugliness rubbing off on me. But if I'm to marry the Princess and take over this kingdom we're going to have to pretend for a little while; clear?  
**Sinestra** Clear.  
**Anders** This lot... *(meaning the audience)*, aren't much better either. Just look at them... *(pointing to someone in the audience)*, he looks like the goalie for the local darts team. Pardon? Sorry madam, she does. And the rest of you, your only purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others. You're nothing but a pathetic bunch of losers... oh yes, you are. *(He encourages their reply and repeats as necessary)*.

*The audience's boos are interrupted by a fanfare signalling the Princesses' arrival. Everyone is excited to see the Princesses.*

**Herald** Ladies and gentlemen, please show your respect for our wonderful Princesses.

*The Princesses appear and everyone bows as they enter.*

**Ella** Thank you everyone. We wanted to thank you personally for all you've done toward the Coronation. We are truly grateful.  
**Hannah** Yes. Well done everyone!  
**Ella** Please, continue with your day, we don't wish to interrupt any more than we already have.

*The villagers slowly go back to their business.*

**Hannah** Oh, isn't it wonderful to be out of the castle. I'm so excited to see everyone.  
**Ella** Erm, I suppose?  
**Hannah** Oh cheer up sister, what's wrong with you?  
**Ella** I'm just a little nervous being around people that's all.  
**Hannah** Why? What could possibly go wrong?  
**Ella** Well, as long as I control my nerves everything will be fine.  
**Hannah** You worry too much. Just relax, breath in that fresh air, it's magical. I feel so free!

*Hannah goes to talk to the villagers. Florrie comes to check on Ella.*

**Florrie** Hello your highness.

**Ella** It's worse than bad. I don't know how I'm supposed to rule this Kingdom. I have something wrong with me, something that's a great weakness.

**Kristian** Sometimes a weakness can be your greatest strength. You just need to learn how to use it to your advantage.

**Ella** Thank you, that's kind of you to say.

*Hannah enters with Florrie*

**Florrie** Hello boys and girls! *(She encourage a reply).*

**Hannah** There you are. *(To Kristian).* You? What are you doing here?

**Kristian** I was just passing and...

**Ella** He's been very helpful, thank you...?

**Kristian** Kristian.

**Ella** Thank you, Kristian.

**Hannah** Well, we're here to help now and we're family, so off you go. *(She pushes Kristian out of the way).*

**Ella** That's not very nice.

**Hannah** He's not very nice!

**Florrie** Hannah, if the two of you are going to argue then it's best you head back to the Palace, the party will be starting soon.

**Hannah** *(To Kristian).* See, you're nothing but trouble.

**Florrie** Hannah.

**Hannah** Fine. I'll see you at the party. *(She exits).*

**Ella** You're still having the party? After what I did to the Duke?

**Florrie** Oh don't worry, things are fine, he's a, ah, ah, AH... *(the usual business)*, oh, thank you. A snowman now.

**Ella** A what?

**Florrie** A snowman, and he's over the moon about it.

**Ella** Really?

**Florrie** Really. Now come on you, you need to put on a good show at the party, show 'em who their new Queen is!

**Ella** What if there's another accident?

**Florrie** That's not going to happen. Now, go and get yourself spruced up for the party.

**Ella** But...

**Florrie** No buts! Off you go, I'll fetch you shortly.

**Ella** Fine. Kristian, please come to the party later. My way of saying thank you?

**Kristian** I will. Thanks. *(Ella exits).* Wow, me invited to the royal ball?

**Florrie** You can escort me if you like!

**Kristian** Sorry?

**Florrie** I shan't stay late. My friend asked if I wanted to go to a nudist colony with him tomorrow and I said: "Well, I've got nothing on, I might as well".

**Kristian** Me at a royal ball. Will there be food and drink? Oh, I'm thirsty already.

**Florrie** Well, look what's here. It's the tiddly tree.

**Kristian** The whately tree?

**Florrie** The tiddly tree. It's a magic tree. If you're thirsty, ask the tree, and you'll get a drink.

**Kristian** I don't believe it.

**Florrie** Try it, all you have to do is stand in front of the tree and say: 'Tiddly tree, tiddly tree, have you a nice little drinky for me?', and you'll get one.

**Kristian** Ok. Now I stand here and say 'Tiddly tree, tiddly tree, have you a nice little drinky for me?' *(Water squirts from the tree all over Kristian. Florrie exits laughing).* That wasn't a drink, that's a bath.

**Frosty** *(Entering).* Ice to see you, to see you... *(He encourages the audience reply).*