

PETER 1

(Enter Peter

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Peter: Hello Auntie, you look busy. Has old bossy boots got you running around after him again?

Greta: Oh hello Peter! *(to audience)* This is my nephew Peter, he's a good boy really; just doesn't have any sense of purpose; he's staying with me for a while, until we can find out where his mum and dad have gone. *(to Peter)* Yes, I'm just off to the laundry and then I have to go to the cobblers. What are you up to?

Peter: Not a lot. I was hoping to bump into Heidi – you haven't seen her have you?

Greta: *(to audience)* Heidi is the Mayor's daughter; she stayed to look after her father when her mother went off with a travelling circus; bless her, she's a little treasure. *(to Peter)* No I'm sorry dear, I've no idea where she is, have you tried the school, sometimes she goes there to help the teacher.

Peter: Thanks Auntie Greta, I'll go and see. Did you want any help with your errands? If you're taking those shoes to the cobblers I could go for you; it's on the way to the school.

Greta: That would be nice Peter, are you sure its not too much trouble?

Peter: No Auntie, I don't mind helping you; you're my favourite auntie.

Greta: I'm your **only** auntie you mean.

Peter: And I'm your only nephew too.

Greta: Yes, we need to look after each other don't we?

Peter: We certainly do.

(SONG – Peter and Greta)

Greta: Oh you are a good 'un Peter. I don't know what your parents were thinking about just clearing off like that.

Peter: It isn't their fault Auntie Greta; they just wanted to get away from it all. Anyway, it means that I can stay with my favourite auntie so I don't care.

Greta: You little charmer. Now don't forget to drop those shoes in for me on your way to meet Heidi or the Mayor'll have my guts for garters.

Peter: Don't worry Auntie I won't let that happen. I'd better be off though if I'm to catch Heidi before she goes home. You know her father doesn't like us being friends.

Greta: Yes I know, he doesn't think you're the right class – who does he think he is? Now run along and I'll get us something nice for tea.

Peter: Thanks Auntie, I won't be late. *(Exit*)

Greta: Well I'd better get a move on or I'll never get these errands done. Bye for now!

FORTUNE TELLER & Heidi 2 & Peter 2

Peter: Look, stop arguing; I'll ask them. *(goes over to gypsy who is outside the caravan and has a covered crystal ball in front of her)* Excuse me; I wonder if you can help me.

F'Teller: I might be able to or I might not, it depends what you want to know.

Peter: We're looking for some children; they were taken by the Pied Piper. Have you seen them?

F'Teller: No children have passed this way my boy.

Dame: What about some rats with the Mayor's daughter?

F'Teller: Ah, we have a young girl here with us, we found her on the banks of the River Weser, she is resting; maybe she is the girl you seek. *(summons a gypsy)* Go bring the girl.

(Gypsy exits stage.....to get Heidi)

Dame: Oh Peter, let's hope its Heidi then all we have to do is find the children.

Hans: Yes, but how are we going to find them; we haven't a clue where the Piper took them.

Neez: They could be anywhere. We'd need a crystal ball to help us find them.

F'Teller: Ah, well I might just be able to help you out there. *(takes cloth off crystal ball)* Come, gather around and let me consult the crystal while we wait for the girl to arrive.

(All gather around behind Fortune Teller to gaze into crystal)

F'Teller: Crystal, Crystal clear and true
Show me what I ask of you
This is what I want to know
Where did the Piper and children go?

(some effects here please Malcolm; I have some ideas)

F'Teller: The crystal has shown what it knows; now it is up to you to find them.

(All move back to places)

Peter: Thank you, how can we repay you?

F'teller: My help is given freely. I hope you find the children before it is too late. But see, they are bringing your friend.

(Gypsies enter..... with Heidi who is wearing a gypsy costume)

Heidi: Peter! I thought I'd never see you again, any of you. Can we go home now?

Peter: Not until we find the Piper.

Greta: Yes, he's taken all the children.

Heidi: Taken the children? But why?

Greta: Ha, it's your father's fault; the old skinflint.

Heidi: Whatever do you mean?

Peter: He refused to pay the Piper his money and so he took the children instead.

Heidi: Oh my goodness! Do you know where they are?

Peter: Thanks to these good people we do. Now we just have to find our way there.

Heidi: Well let's get started straight away. *(to F'Teller)* Thank you so much for what you have done; I don't know what would have happened to me without your help.

F'teller: It was nothing my child; now go, find the children and take them home to their families.

HEIDI 3 & SPRIGGAN – PETER 3

- Heidi:** Did you all hear that? I think I'll go and have a look this time; I think it came from over here. *(Heidi goes to back stage.....and drags Spriggan out by the ear)* Look who I've found.
- Dame:** So it was you all the time. Shame on you for scaring us like that.
- Sprig:** Sorry I am, but too funny it was.
- Peter:** Just a minute, if you are here then you must know where the children are.
- Sprig:** Where children are, yes I know.
- Peter:** And is the Piper here too?
- Sprig:** Of course, always Piper here; Piper here lives.
- Peter:** Then go and bring him here and tell him to bring the children.
- Sprig:** Money have you?
- Heidi;** No, but when we take the children back my father will pay him.
- Sprig:** That see we will. Piper I go get now. *(Exit Stage)*