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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 it's 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.