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Robin Hood  
A pantomime in 2 acts

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For Ashley Kemp,  
my best mate,  
love you always.

## **MAIN CHARACTERS**

ROBIN HOOD

MAID MARION

NURSE NELLIE SCARLET - (Dame)

SILLY WILLY SCARLET - (Comic. Also, part of the Merry Men)

SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM

FAIRY DEWDROP

ALAN-A-DALE - (part of the Merry Men)

FRIAR TUCK - (part of the Merry Men)

LITTLE JOHN - (part of the Merry Men)

JACK

JILL

## **MINOR ROLES**

TOWN CRIER

KING RICHARD

NUTS - (Pantomime Horse)

## **CHORUS ROLES**

VILLAGER 1

VILLAGER 2

VILLAGER 3

CHILD 1

CHILD 2

CHILD 3

GUARD 1

## **SCENES**

### **ACT 1**

PROLOGUE - Front of tabs

SCENE 1 - Sherwood Market

SCENE 2 - Sherwood Forest

SCENE 3 - Nurse Nellie's Bedroom

SCENE 4 - The Kitchen

SCENE 5 - Sherwood Market

SCENE 6 - Sherwood Forest

SCENE 7 - Marion & the Babes Bedroom

SCENE 8 - Sherwood Forest

### **ACT 2**

SCENE 1- The Sheriff of Nottingham's Lair

SCENE 2 - Sherwood Forest

SCENE 3 - The Sheriff of Nottingham's Lair

SCENE 4 - Sherwood Market

SCENE 5 - In Front of Tabs (Songsheet)

SCENE 6 - Bows

**PROLOGUE****IN FRONT OF TABS**

*(Overture)*

FAIRY: Good evening, everyone  
And welcome to the tale we've just begun  
We've got the good and the bad  
I'm here to help the good or else we'll end up sad  
We've got a dashing hero, Robin Hood  
Defender of the bold, the brave and the good!  
There's a nasty villain, a horrible man  
And of course you must boo and hiss his evil plan

*(Enter SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM)*

SHERIFF: *(Evil Laugh)* Did somebody mention my name?  
Oh, look at this audience it's such a shame!  
You're here to see me in all my glory  
This isn't about Robin Hood this is my story!  
I can see you're all such a big fan  
I happen to Prince John's right hand man

FAIRY: When King Richard returns, you'll see!

SHERIFF: Ha! King Richard has nothing on me! He'll never return  
from the crusades

FAIRY: King Richard will return and your power will fade!

SHERIFF: Oh, shut up you tiresome Fairy!  
Your words they do not scare me!  
I'll raise the taxes through the roof  
Fairy: Why must you be so Uncouth!  
Sheriff: Nonsense everybody loves me, oh yes they do!

FAIRY: Oh no they don't!

SHERIFF: Oh yes they do!

FAIRY: Oh no they don't!

SHERIFF: Oh yes they do!

FAIRY: Oh no they don't!

SHERIFF: Oh, this is ridiculous! I'm off catch you later losers! (Evil Laugh. Exit) Fairy: What an absolute brute!  
Never mind him it's time to sing, dance and have a hoot!  
Now our story is about to begin, let's go to Sherwood  
Where the party is in full swing!

Scene One

Sherwood Market

*Song One – MAID MARION & Villagers*

MARION: I do love singing and dancing with you all!

VILLAGERS: Thanks Marion etc

MARION: I'm so looking forward to the town fayre this week, with all its stalls of delicious food, hook a duck, splat the rat and of course the annual archery contest!

NELLIE: (*From offstage*) Yoo-hoo!

MARION: That sounds like Nurse Nellie

(*Enter NELLIE*)

NELLIE: Oh, hello everyone!

VILLAGERS: Hello Nellie etc

VILLAGER 1: Where've you been Nellie?

NELLIE: Well, I've been to the deli

VILLAGER 2: The deli?

NELLIE: Yes, I saw a programme on the telly about the deli

VILLAGER 3: That's amazing Nellie!

NELLIE: Oh my what a day me Nurse Nellie first watching the telly, saw a programme about the deli, that was selling something smelly-

MARION: Something smelly?

NELLIE: Yes, something smelly at the deli from the telly for me Nurse Nellie.

VILLAGER 1: What was smelly from the deli, you saw on the telly Nellie?

NELLIE: Cheese.

VILLAGER 2: Cheese? Was it from the deli up the hill?

NELLIE: Yes when walking up the hill I had to give it some wheelie, to get to the smelly deli, from on the telly, to get the cheese for me Nellie!

VILLAGER 3: That sounds like quite the day!

NELLIE: Well, that's not the half of it! After the deli, I felt a rumble in my belly!

MARION: You must have been hungry!

NELLIE: I'll say I must have built up an appetite, giving it some wellie, to get to the smelly deli from the telly to get some cheese for me Nellie to fill my belly!

VILLAGER 1: So, you've already eaten the cheese?

NELLIE: Not quite I rather fancied some jelly instead

VILLAGER 2: Some jelly, did you get that from the deli?

NELLIE: No luckily, I bumped into an old friend Kelly who had just made some.

VILLAGER 3: Kelly made some Jelly?

NELLIE: Yes. So, I gave it some wellie to get to the smelly deli from off the telly to fill my belly then I bumped into Kelly who knew me Nellie and gave me some jelly.

MARION: Hasn't Kelly got a twin sister?

NELLIE: Oh yes Ellie who was with Kelly when I got the jelly.

VILLAGER 1: What about their Mum?

NELLIE: Oh, you mean Shelley yes, she was there as well with Kelly and Ellie

VILLAGER 2: Sounds like you've had a packed day!

NELLIE: Yes, I have. I gave it some wellie to get to the deli that I saw on the telly to buy something smelly, to fill my belly then I bumped into my old friend Kelly and her sister Ellie who gave me some jelly and as I left I passed their Mum Shelly, who said 'Hello Nellie, where have you been?' and I said 'I've just been to the deli' and she said 'the one from the telly' and I said 'yes the deli from the telly' and she said 'climbing up that hill you must have had to give it some wellie' and I said 'I did give it some wellie to get to the deli from off the telly to get something smelly' and she said 'did Kelly give you some jelly to fill your



belly' and I said 'yes both Shelly and Ellie gave me jelly to fill my belly' and she said 'well I'll you soon Nellie' and I said 'Tarah! Shelly!'

MARION: Can you say that again?

NELLIE: Not a chance! Haven't you lot got things to be getting ready for the fayre this week?

VILLAGERS: Yes etc

NELLIE: Well go on then off you go!

VILLAGERS: Okay Nellie, bye Nellie etc.

NELLIE: (*Noticing the audience*) Oh, Hello boys and girls! I'm sure we can do better than that! Hello everyone! That's much better! What a lovely looking lot we've got in tonight! Honestly, you're the best audience we've had in tonight!

Well, how silly of me boys and girls I haven't introduced myself my name is Nurse Nellie Scarlet and I'm Mother to Will Scarlet one of Robin Hood's most loyal and trusted merry men! Though we all call him Silly Willy Scarlet! Because he's well... You'll see when you meet him! And I'm also the Nurse to Robin Hood and the rest his Merry Men if any of them get a bobo they come and see me. I can treat the mumps, the bumps and all of the above!

I do love living in Sherwood apart from when that horrible Sheriff's about. Have you met him yet? Oh, isn't he horrible he makes Maggie Thatcher look like a saint in comparison!

Mind you that Robin Hood's a cheeky one and as for his Merry Men they might be even cheekier, but I can't help loving them all!

Though saying that two of the Merry Men got caught stealing last week! Little John stole a selfie stick, I told him after that he needed to take a long look at himself. And Alan-a-Dale stole a board game, he said it was worth the RISK.

And last week Friar Tuck stole an iPhone I told he could face time... And then there's my boy Will he misunderstood when Robin said they were going to loot Curries... He came back with an arm full of chicken tikka masala!

Now boys and girls I've made a very special Trifle for the fayre this week and I'm going to leave it over here (*places the trifle*

*stage left*). Now if you see anyone sneaking up on my trifle, I need you to shout Nellie! As loudly as you can, can you do that boys and girls? Well, can you? Right let's give it a practise go then (*NELLIE sneaks up to the trifle*). Well did you do it? I didn't hear anything! You'll have to speak up I'm deaf in one eye! (Nellie sneaks up on the trifle again), that was a bit better, but you need to be louder I could be all the way in Sherwood Forest! (*NELLIE sneaks up on the trifle again and this time the audience are loud enough*) Oh! That's much better! They probably heard that all the way in (*insert local reference here*)! Right, I best be off I need to go and find my son now where is that Silly Willy Scarlet! Bye bye boys and girls! (*Exit NELLIE*)

*(Enter SILLY WILLY SCARLET crashing on)*

WILL: Hiya boys and girls! Come on I'm sure you can be louder than that! I said Hiya boys and girls! My name is Will Scarlet, but people often call me Silly Willy Scarlet because well- I'm a bit silly! I'm one of Robin Hood's Merry Men and where always stealing from the rich to give to the poor people of (*insert local dive here*).

Robin's away at the moment but he should be back soon, he never goes away for too long! I'm sure you'll meet him very soon, then again if you didn't meet him, it'd be a bit of a cop out, I mean his name's all over the poster!

Hey, hang on a second boys and girls would you all like to be part of the Merry Men as well? Would you? Oh brilliant! In that case then every time I come on I'm going to shout 'How are you all feeling!' and you'll all shout back 'Merry!' Come on let's give it a go! 'How are you all feeling!' (Merry!). Come on you can all be louder than that! 'How are you all feeling!' (Merry!) Third times the charm; 'How are you all feeling!' (Merry!) That's fantastic! Now you're all officially part of the Merry Men!

Now I wonder where the rest of the Merry Men are, they were supposed to meet me here ages ago!

*Song Two – WILL SCARLET & THE MERRY MEN*

*(Song Ends and ROBIN HOOD enters)*

ROBIN: Ah my Merry Men! How good it is to see you all!

JOHN: Welcome back Robin!

TUCK: Yes, welcome back Robin, how was your trip?

ROBIN: It was great, but it's getting even harder to dodge that horrible Sheriff of Nottingham!

ALAN: Do you know he's put the rent up again!

ROBIN: Again?

TUCK: If he puts it up again no one will be able to afford to pay their rent and they'll be out on the street!

ROBIN: We'll help them out! We'll steal from the rich, to give to the poor like we've always done!

ALL: *(Cheer etc)*

WILL: Hang on is that a trifle over there!

TUCK: I do love a good trifle!

*(All move toward the trifle. Audience: Nellie!)*

*(Enter NELLIE)*

NELLIE: Who's trying to steal my trifle! Oh, I might have known it'd be you lot! You lot stay away from my trifle!

ROBIN: Sorry Nellie!

NELLIE: Now I've got a question for you lot! How comes when I woke up this morning someone had stolen my fairy liquid, my washing up powder and fabric softener?

ROBIN: I don't know Nellie-

WILL: But it sounds like they made a clean getaway!

NELLIE: Oh Will, you silly boy!

TUCK: Oh, Nurse Nellie actually I've got something to show you-

NELLIE: I've told you Tucky if you keep putting the cream on it, it'll go away!

TUCK: No not that! This *(Whistles, a pantomime horse enters)*

NELLIE: I see you've bought a horse! What's it's name

JOHN: Nuts!

NELLIE: What an odd name!

WILL: We've taught Nuts some tricks Mum!

NELLIE: Go on then show me a trick

WILL: Nuts dance! (*NUTS does a little dance*)

NELLIE: That's marvellous what else?

ALAN: Nuts sit (*NUTS farts and a poo falls out*). No I said sit!

NELLIE: What do you feed him?

JOHN: Peanuts! (*NUTS using a water gun pees at the audience*) No Nuts! Bad horse! Bad horse!

WILL: I think that's quite enough for one day. Off you go nuts! (*Exit NUTS*)

NELLIE: What an extraordinary creature! Right come on you lot I think it's dinner time!

ROBIN: Can you put mine on the side Nellie, I'm going to go and see Marion first! I haven't seen here in what feels like forever!

NELLIE: Very well Robin! See you later (*Exit Merry Men and Nellie saying bye Robin etc as they leave and Robin exits the opposite side to Nellie and the Merry Men*)

*(Blackout)*

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# Beauty and the BEAST



Set in the quaint little French village of [INSERT LOCAL REFERENCE HERE!], not far from [ANOTHER LOCAL REFERENCE!] is where our tale is set. Will the Beast be able to find true love before it's too late, will our dastardly villain Lucas Luxuriant get his comeuppance? Will Fairy Dust help save the day, and will Potty Pierre and Madame Marie Macaroon be able to get dinner ready and keep the Beast from going feral? Find out in this Pantomime adventure packed with fantastic gags, slapstick and something for all the family!

# SNOW WHITE And the Seven Dwarfs



Will our dashing Prince save the day? Will Dame Maisy Marmalade and Muddles be more of a help than hindrance? Are the Dwarfs actually Dwarfs? And will the #Selfie obsessed Evil Queen be stopped? Join us in the Pantomime story of Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs!

Packed out with hilarious comedy routines and of course plenty of audience participation this Panto will have the whole family laughing and asking for more! OH YES IT WILL!

# Alice *in* Wonderland

Jump into the rabbit hole and join Alice in Wonderland! How mad is the Mad Hatter? Will the White Rabbit ever be on time? Did anyone actually steal the Queen of Hearts jam tarts? Alice meets Duchess Dolly Dollop and Wally the White Rabbit, as they guide Alice through Wonderland and round up all of their friends to take on the Evil Queen of Hearts and save Wonderland!



## About the author



I'm Joe Meloy ('...the excellent pantomime dame...' British Theatre Guide) and I'm an Actor, Pantomime Dame, Producer and Panto Enthusiast. I attended my first Pantomime when I was three and instantly fell in love with one of the most entertaining forms of theatre, in my humble opinion of course!

I have been performing in pantomime myself for a number of years having played Widow Twankey to an Ugly Sister, there have been one or two occasions where I haven't been in the dress, but I much prefer putting on my dresses, fake eyelashes and lip stick!

I performed my first professional Pantomime at twenty-three years old playing an Ugly Sister in an adult pantomime. I returned the next year to perform as Widow Twankey, from there I went on to play in family pantomimes as; Widow Twankey (twice more!) Dame Dolly Dollop, Nurse Nellie, King Arthur and as Maid Joan for the Hazlitt Theatre.

## Reviews

'Something for everyone, from young to old, the future of writing pantomime is in good hands. Funny and strong story telling make these scripts a joy'.

*Hayden Parker, The Panto Podcast*

'Fantastic scripts, full of strong routines and great gags! Great scripts suitable for both Am Dram and Professional productions'.

*Mark James, BGT Semi Finalist, Comedy Magician & Panto Legend*

'Just a like a good bowl of coco pops, this script snaps, crackles and pops with light relief and laughter from the off.'

*David Zachary, Resident Comic at the Hazlitt Theatre*