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ROLES

Performer A

Robin Hood
Skunk 1

Performer B

Sherwood
Sherriff of Nottingham
Skunk 2

Performer C

Prince John
Marion's Maid
Merry Band 1

Performer D

Maid Marion
A Guard
Merry Band 2
An Aristocrat
Skunk 3

PROPS *(feel free to come up with more!)*

- A Bag of Gold
- A Clothespin

SCENES

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- Have fun – we can't wait to see your performance!

**SCENE 1: AT THE CASTLE, THE
COURTYARD**

*All characters enter and move about the stage
singing to the audience*

SONG - HIS NAME WAS ROBIN HOOD

All
COME HEAR THE STORY
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OF ONE BRAVE MAN

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OF ONE BRAVE MAN

HE LIVED IN THE WOOD
AND HIS NAME WAS ROBIN HOOD

Everyone but Sherwood freezes

Sherwood

Welcome to the tale of Robin Hood. It is my privilege to tell you of the great hero, Robin Hood...even though you think you know him... I think you may not know as much as you think, I think. Do you think? My name is Sherwood...you may be familiar with the forest named after me. How many people here have a forest named after them? No one? Well, don't I feel special. Anyway, back to the story...we join Robin trying to hide in the castle. Why am I starting there? I don't know. Most of the time you begin at the beginning but...time being short... I felt like starting in the middle. In any case...here goes...

*Frozen performers unfreeze. Everyone but
Sherwood should exit by the time the song is done.*

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Sherwood

On with the story!

Robin runs on, unaware that Sherwood is onstage.

Robin Hood

I must find a better place to hide. The guards are everywhere! Where can I hide? Somewhere safe, with fewer guards. The castle is so busy...

Sherwood

Have you ever thought about Sherwood Forest?

Robin

Sherwood Forest? You're right! Thank you so much for your help!

Guard (Off stage)

This way, my Prince!

Sherwood

I don't think we have the time for this. Here comes Prince John and the guards. Hide!

*Sherwood and Robin exit one direction as the
Guard marches on followed by Prince John from
the other direction.*

Guard (Said in a chanted rhythm)

1, 2, tie my shoe, 3, 4, shut the door, 5, 6, pick up sticks, 7, 8, lay them straight, LAY THEM STRAIGHT!

Prince John

I do not care why you cannot catch Robin Hood. Just do it. I do not like excuses.

Guard

Absolutely correct, Prince John. No more excuses! Catch Robin Hood or else!

Prince John

Go!

Guard
GO?

Prince John
Go!

Guard
GO!!!???

Prince John
NOW! RIDICULOUS!

The Guard makes a hasty exit.

Guard (*again, chanted*)
1, 2, tie my shoe, 3, 4, shut the door, 5, 6, pick up sticks, 7, 8, lay them straight.

Prince John (*overlapping as the Guard exits*)
Get thee hence! OUT, OUT, OUT! Ridiculous! I should pay closer attention to my guard recruitment process. Now, let us see what is for lunch. Muhaha!

Prince John exits. Enter Maid Marion and Marion's Maid.

Maid Marion
Oh, how I wish Robin were here.

Marion's Maid
Marion, you do know he is a wanted man.

Maid Marion
Yes, of course. I was just saying I wanted him here.

Marion's Maid
No, I do not mean that. I mean the law wants him. Prince John...the Sheriff of Nottingham...?

Maid Marion
Oh yes, of course. I knew that.

Enter Robin Hood and Sherwood

Robin
Did I just hear my name?

Maid Marion
Robin!

Robin
The one and only.

Sherwood (*to Marion's Maid*)
And this must be Maid Marion.

Marion's Maid
I think not! I am Marion's Maid. This is Maid Marion.

Sherwood
Of course. A pleasure to make your acquaintance.

Maid Marion
The pleasure is mine. Would you be Sherwood of the forest?

Sherwood
Sure would!

Maid Marion
Yes, of the forest.

Robin
Marion, please...tell me the news.

Marion's Maid
She shouldn't be talking to you. There's a price on your head!

Robin
Well, for goodness sakes, take it off!

Maid Marion
Oh Robin. You're so funny.

Sherwood
We best be off to the forest. We need to find the Merry Band. Farewell m'ladies!

Sherwood exits.

Robin
Of course, you're right. Until we meet again fair Marion!

Maid Marion
Goodbye Robin. I'll see you again, soon.

Robin

Goodbye Marion.

Robin Hood exits.

Maid Marion

Oh, I certainly do like Robin.

Marion’s Maid

Yes, I must say I do, too. But he could use a bath.

Enter Skunk 1 & 2 who stand behind Marion and her Maid.

Maid Marion

A bath!? How could you say such a...what is that smell?!

Marion’s Maid

See...I told you there was an awful...horrible...

Maid Marion

It smells like a...

Maid Marion and Marion’s Maid

SKUNK!!!

Marion and her Maid jump to the sides, revealing Skunk 1 & 2.

Marion’s Maid

My Lady. Look!

Maid Marion

Oh, what’s wrong little skunks?

Skunk 1

I give up!

Skunk 2

It’s just too hard.

Maid Marion

What’s bothering them?

Marion’s Maid

They are always trying to make new friends, but they don’t understand that most people are not comfortable with skunks.

Skunk 1

It isn’t fair!

Marion’s Maid

Ahhh... (*leans toward a skunk and gets a whiff*)
OOOOOOO!

Maid Marion

They are such cute... (*leans toward the other skunk and gets a whiff*) little stinkers.

Marion’s Maid

Whooooo! Big stinkers!

Skunk 1

You get used to the smell in time. It’s a shame, really.

Skunk 2

Skunks are so gentle and peaceful...and we like everyone!

Maid Marion

Poor things...but what’s a skunk to do?

Marion’s Maid

Yeah! What’s a skunk to do!

SONG 2 - WHAT’S A SKUNK TO DO?

All

WHAT’S A SKUNK TO DO?
WHEN THEY DON’T LIKE YOU
AND YOU’RE FEELIN’ BLUE
‘CAUSE YOU SMELL, P U!
WHAT’S A SKUNK TO DO?

Next four lines, optional solos for Marion/Maid
DO YOU TAKE THEIR HAND?
MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND
IF YOUR SMELL’S NOT GRAND
NATURE HAD IT PLANNED

WHAT’S A SKUNK TO DO?

WHAT’S A SKUNK TO DO?
WHEN THEY DON’T LIKE YOU.
AND IT’S ‘CAUSE YOU SMELL, P U!

WHAT’S A SKUNK TO DO?

WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO YOU?

Dance Break

WHAT'S A SKUNK TO DO?

WHAT'S A SKUNK TO DO?

WHAT'S A SKUNK TO DO?
WHEN THEY DON'T LIKE YOU.
AND IT'S 'CAUSE YOU SMELL, P U!

WHAT'S A SKUNK TO DO?
WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO YOU?

Maid Marion

Poor little stinkers.

Marion's Maid

Well, it's time for you to be off. It's back to Sherwood with you. Goodbye!

Skunks

Goodbye!

Skunk 1 & 2 exit.

Marion's Maid

We should return to our quarters in the castle before we are missed. Come quickly, m'lady!

SCENE 2: SHERWOOD FOREST, THE ANCIENT OAK THAT KNOWS NO FOLK

Sherwood and Robin Hood enter. Unbeknownst to them, the Merry Band is hiding near by

Sherwood

Here we are! The ancient oak that knows no folk!

Robin Hood

What does that mean?

Sherwood

Oh, it just means the old oak tree that nobody lives around.

Merry Band 1 & 2 make their presence known.

Merry Band 1

Hey! What are we...chopped liver?

Sherwood

Uh oh! Outlaws!

Merry Band 2

Well, actually we're not really outlaws. We are out of work performers. Singers...

Merry Band 1

Actors...

Merry Band 2

Dancers...

Merry Band 1

You get the idea.

Merry Band 2

Can't find a job anywhere.

Merry Band 1

We have honed our craft...

Merry Band 2

...To a dull edge.

Merry Band 1

But still no takers.

Sherwood

It seems to me plenty of people would love to be entertained. Let's hear some singing!

Merry Band 2

At your service! We specialize in composing a song on the spot. What is your name?

Robin Hood

Robin Hood.

Merry Band 1

Robin Hood? Yes, perfect...here goes. (*creating their own loud and out-of-tune song*)

ROBIN HOOD OH ROBIN
ROBIN BOBBIN' SOBBIN' HOOD
ROBIN HOOD OH ROBIN

Sherwood

Oh, do stop! You did say you were “out of work” performers, didn’t you?

Merry Band 2

Do you need any actors? (*presented as their best, over-the-top, Shakespearian actor*) Hark, what light through yonder window is broken. It is...the sun.

Robin Hood

Do you have Lords of the Dance?

Merry Band 1

We thought you’d never ask. Here is our finest piece.

Merry Band 2

“Two Swan Lake.” (*Merry Band 1 & 2 take a moment to focus, then run around like geese honking. They then pause dramatically*), And now...landing on the water. (*As gracefully and silly as possible, both Merry Band 1 & 2 swoop to their ground saying “SPLASH” as they land*).

Sherwood

This has been very interesting, but we must continue our story. We are in need of help, both merry and true, to aide in our quest.

Merry Band 1 & 2 stand.

Merry Band 1

I’m merry!

Merry Band 2

I’m true!

Robin Hood

We have a quest?

Sherwood

Now, here’s our plan. Prince John and his Sheriff are hunting Robin. I think if we could take their minds off of capturing Robin, it would give him a better chance.

Robin Hood

Well, we are all outlaws, are we not?

The Merry Band

Right oh!

Robin Hood

We could waylay people in the wood.

The Merry Band

Right oh!

Robin Hood

Then ask very nicely to borrow some gold. We could pay it back in installments on the first of each month...

Sherwood

I think you’re on to something but...why pay it back?

The Merry Band

But that would be robbery!

Sherwood

These are desperate times. Do you have a better idea? Then off to set our trap!

Everyone exits.

SCENE 3: SHERWOOD FOREST, A TRAIL IN THE FOREST

Marion and her Maid wonder on slowly, looking around.

Maid Marion

We shouldn’t have come out here looking for Robin. I think we’re lost.

Marion’s Maid

Nonsense! I recognize that tree...and that one and...I’ve seen all these trees before!

Maid Marion

You know, I think you’re right. I’ve seen these trees too! You don’t think it’s because...

Maid Marion and Marion’s Maid
WE’RE WALKING IN A CIRCLE?!

Marion’s Maid

Oh, whatever shall we do?

Maid Marion

We shall keep our heads and not panic. There must be someone we can ask for directions.

The Sheriff enters.

The Sheriff of Nottingham

Well, I might be persuaded to give you directions or better yet, escort you back to the castle. I can't imagine why you find yourself out here in the first place unless... YOU CAME TO FIND ROBIN HOOD AND WARN HIM OF OUR PLANS! Quickly to the castle! You're under arrest!

The Sheriff exits with Marion.

Maid Marion

Warn Robin!

Marion's Maid

I will! Stay brave milady! Robin! Robin!!!

Marion's Maid exits in the opposite direction. The Sheriff and Aristocrat enter.

The Sheriff of Nottingham

I have on good authority that Robin Hood plans to rob someone on the trail through Sherwood Forest. You are the lucky person who was chosen by Prince John as the bait for the trap.

Aristocrat

I don't much care for being the bait. It seems beneath me. But Prince John said I had to or else he would lock me in the tower like Maid Marion.

The Sheriff of Nottingham

Then it's all settled, I wish you luck. Muhahaha

The Sheriff exits.

Aristocrat

It looks as if I have no choice. Courage!

Robin Hood, Sherwood, and Merry Band 1 enter.

Robin and Merry Band 1

AH HAH!

Sherwood

Halt! We are in need of a loan!

Merry Band 1

HA HA HA HAAAA!

Robin Hood (To Merry Band 1)

Give me all of your gold!

Merry Band 1

I don't have any gold. Well, I do have one gold tooth.

Robin Hood

Let's have it!

Merry Band 1

Ok... *(Merry Band 1 tries to pull their gold tooth out).*

Sherwood

Uh, Robin? I think we should steal from the rich, not the poor. It makes more sense.

Robin Hood

Right oh!

Merry Band 1

Right oh!

Robin Hood

Hand over all your teeth!

All

EEEEUUUWWW!

Sherwood

We don't need their teeth, Robin. They are carrying all the gold we need.

Robin Hood

Right oh!

Merry Band 1

Right oh!

Aristocrat

Take my gold, at least I won't end up like Maid Marion!

Robin Hood

Maid Marion is in trouble!?

Sherwood

Uh-oh, you head to the castle and see what's going on.

Merry Band 1

On it!

Merry Band 1 exits.

Robin Hood

Is Maid Marion alright?

Aristocrat

She is fine for now Robin, but you mustn't delay. She needs your help. Now if you'll excuse, I have some money to count.

Aristocrat exits.

Robin Hood

Sherwood, what should we do?

Sherwood

I'm not sure Robin, if only there was someone who knew what was happening in the castle who could help us out?!

Enter Marion's Maid.

Marion's Maid

Oh Robin, thank goodness you're here!

Sherwood

That was convenient.

Robin Hood

What news?

Marion's Maid

Prince John is furious. He discovered a note Maid Marion wrote pledging support for your cause. The Sheriff of Nottingham arrested her. She's been raising money making pillows "Made by Marion."

Sherwood

Where is Marion now?

Marion's Maid

She's locked in the tower with guards at the door.

Sherwood

What should we do?

Robin Hood

Send her plenty of good books!

Sherwood

Try again.

Robin Hood

Go to the castle...

Sherwood

And?

Robin Hood

And rescue her!

Sherwood

Excellent!

Marion's Maid

I just remembered that there is a renaissance fair at the castle grounds. It's quite wonderful with pony rides, pie baking contest, an archery contest...

Robin Hood

I'll enter the archery contest!

Sherwood

We have a plan! You, oh Maid of Marion, return to the castle and tell her of our plan.

Marion's Maid

I'm off! See you soon.

Marion's Maid exits

Sherwood

You and I, Robin, must gather our band and be off to the castle. Come! Hurry!

Robin exits. The scene transitions as Sherwood narrates.

SCENE 4: AT THE CASTLE

Sherwood

So, to continue our story. The castle is bustling with contests, fun and frivolity. Robin has entered the archery contest, and the Merry Band is nearby if we need help. We must rescue Maid Marion this very day. Wish us luck!

During the following song, the cast sets the stage for the archery contest leaving only Prince John and Sherwood onstage.

SONG 3 - HIS NAME WAS ROBIN HOOD – REPRISE

All

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OF ONE BRAVE MAN

HE LIVED IN THE WOOD
AND HIS NAME WAS ROBIN HOOD

Prince John

STOP SAYING THAT NAME!

Sherwood

What name?

Prince John

ROBIN HOOD!

Sherwood

My Lord, get a hold of yourself. Maybe I better do the announcing.

Prince John

Fine. Get on with it!

Sherwood

Welcome one and all to the Nottingham Renaissance Fair. And now, the archery contest!

The Guard marches on followed by Robin Hood who is disguised as a guard.

Guard (Chanted)

1, 2, tie my shoe, 3, 4, shut the door, 5, 6, pick up sticks, 7, 8, lay them straight.

Robin Hood

9, 10, a big fat hen.

Guard

9, 10?! Who said you could count to ten?

Robin Hood

Sorry. Won't happen again.

Sherwood

The archery contest! The ARCHERY contest!!!
Where are your bows?

Guard

Oops... Sorry

Prince John

Ridiculous! Everyone forgot their bow?

Robin Hood, using big and clear mime movements, creates an "bow".

Robin Hood

Well, it seems as if I have made a small, ultra light, super slim, barely see it, collapsible bow. Anyone that wants to is welcome to use it.

Sherwood

How generous of you...Mr. Rob...oops...Blue Bird. Let the contest begin! You go first. You have three tries.

Guard

Am I holding it right? OK, here goes.

SOUND FX - Zing

Sherwood

Missed! Next try!

Guard

Let fly!

SOUND FX - Zing

Sherwood
Missed! Last try!

Guard #3
Stand back.

SOUND FX - Zing

Sherwood
Now, the master!

Robin Hood
Off you go!

SOUND FX - Zing...Thwack!

Sherwood
BULLSEYE!

Prince John
Ridiculous! Just ridiculous!

Sherwood
I declare Robin Hoo...oops...Blue Bird the winner!

Prince John
Did you say Robin Hood?

Sherwood
No, certainly not!

Prince John
It sounded like Robin something.

Sherwood
Oh no, what I said was Dobbin...Dobbin Blue Bird!

Prince John
Dobbin?!! Ridiculous! What kind of a name is Dobbin?

Sherwood
Very old and distinguished, I'm sure. Ah...Prince John...have you had a chance to see the science and technology exhibit? I hear someone has invented a better mousetrap. (*Sherwood starts escorting Prince John away, saying of their shoulder to Robin*) Go find Marion.

Robin Hood
Got it!

Robin exits the other direction.

**SCENE 5: AT THE CASTLE, OUTSIDE
MARION'S TOWER**

*Maid Marion appears at her tower window.
Marion's Maid stands below.*

Maid Marion
When will he arrive...what's the plan...how will Robin get past the guards?

Marion's Maid
I don't know. They only told me to make sure you are ready. Oh no, it's the Sherriff! SSSSHHHH!

The Sherriff marches across the stage, just like the Guard.

Sherriff (*Chanting, like the guards*)
1, 2, tie my shoe, 3, 4, shut the door, 5, 6, pick up sticks, 7, 8, lay them straight. This is kind of catchy!

The Sherriff exits one direction, while Robin Hood enters from another.

Robin Hood
Marion! Are you well?

Maid Marion
Good, you're finally here.

Marion's Maid
Oh no – someone else is coming! SSSHHHHH!

Sherwood (*Off stage*)
Psst! Psst! Hello?!

Marion's Maid
Phew! It's just Sherwood.

Sherwood enters.

Sherwood
I thought I'd find you here. Good to see you all. Now, how are we going to get past those guards?

Robin Hood (*Whispers an idea to Sherwood first, then says*) What do you think? Would you do that?

Sherwood

Sure would! Back in a flash.

Sherwood exits.

Maid Marion

What's going on?

Robin Hood

Sherwood went after the cavalry.

Maid Marion

The cavalry?

Marion's Maid

Someone is coming!!! SSSSHHHHH!

Skunk 2

Hi everyone!

Maid Marion & Marion's Maid

The Skunks!

Skunk 2

One look at me and most of the guards ran away.

Robin Hood

The cavalry has arrived. Thank you, friend!

Maid Marion

Can I come out now?

Robin Hood

You're free, Marion!

Maid Marion comes out of her tower.

Maid Marion

Oh, thank you!

Robin Hood

You're welcome! Now, we must complete our escape. I hope The Merry Band is ready. Let's go!

Everyone exits.

Prince John (*Begun off stage as performer is changing. Entering during the line when they are ready*)

WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S ALL THIS?

OH...STOP THEM! THEY'RE ESCAPING!

NO! NOT THAT WAY! COME BACK! Come back! Come back.

Sherwood and Robin Hood enter

Sherwood

Prince John...are you alright? You know, things aren't really that bad.

Prince John

Why do people hate me? I'm not such a bad person.

Robin Hood

Well, you do have quite a temper.

Sherwood

I think what Robin means is...you're loud, mean, and consistently unpleasant. Can you blame people? What you need is practice being nice. Now, let's see. Who else do I know that needs a friend?

Robin Hood

Do you mean...?

Sherwood

Yes. If you wouldn't mind, Robin, I think the Prince could use a friend. Hurry and come right back. (*Robin exits*) So Prince...I have the solution. Friends... and here they are! You won't find truer friends anywhere.

Robin Hood and Skunk 3 enter.

Prince John

That might be just fine if they weren't skunks! How am I supposed to...

Robin Hood

I know what to do! Does anyone have a clothespin?

Skunk 3

Well...yes. Yes, I have one.

Skunk 3 hands Robin Hood a clothes pin.

Robin Hood

Could I have it, please? Thank you. Are you ready? Here's my solution.

Robin Hood puts the clothes pin on his nose.

Sherwood

Robin? How is this helping Prince John be friends with the skunks?

Robin Hood

Ha! You're right! I missed one part. (*Robin Hood puts the clothes pin on Prince John's nose*) There. What do you think?

Prince John

Ridiculous! But effective.

All

Hurray!

Sherwood

Good thinking Robin! Now Prince John will have plenty of friends if he behaves himself. Right little stinker?

Skunk 3

Right!

All

Hurray!

Sherwood

Well done! We have reached the end of our tale So until the next chapter when we say...

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FAREWELL!