

The Sad Song Of A Lowdown Fox

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Scene 1. Curtains closed.

Music Cue# 1:

Francie: (sings)

What can you say about a day like today?

Scruggs: (sings)

The sun is shining.

Everything thing seems okay.

Delilah: (sings)

But we have nowhere to go.

Scruggs: (sings)

So we have plenty of time.

Delilah: (sings)

Nothing to carry 'cause nothing is mine.

Francie: (sings)

I guess you could say in this world of hard knocks,

Francie, Delilah and Scruggs: (sing)

I'm just a lowdown fox!

Francie: (sings)

On a day like today, I'd like to do more!

Delilah: (sings)

On a day like today, I'd like to explore!

Francie: (sings)

There must be places to see!

Delilah: (sings)

And people to meet!

Scruggs: (sings)

I'm kind of hoping we'll find something to eat!

Delilah: (sings)

I guess you could say in this world of hard knocks,

Francie, Delilah and Scruggs: (sing)

I'm just a lowdown fox!

Curtains open. A country road.

Scruggs:

Oh look! There's a box!

Francie:

Look! Somebody left a box!

Delilah:

How did it get here?

Francie:

I said, **Somebody** left it here.

Delilah & Scruggs:

WHO?

All three foxes cautiously look around.

Francie:

This changes everything.

Music Cue# 2:

Francie: (sings)

A box changes everything!

Scruggs: (sings)

What do you think that it could be?

Delilah: (sings)

It could be anything.

Francie: (sings)

Maybe there's something just for me!

Francie, Delilah and Scruggs: (sing)

I wonder what's inside.

Francie: (sings)

I'll just look inside.

Scruggs: (sings)

No wait! Look around.

Delilah: (sings)

Somebody left it on the ground.

Scruggs: (sings)

It might be a trap!

Delilah: (sings)

Somebody placed it just like that!

Francie, Delilah and Scruggs: (sing)

I wonder what's inside.

Francie: (sings)

I'll just look inside.

Delilah: (sings)

Carefully,

Scruggs: (sings)

Carefully!

Delilah: (sings)

Stop and think this through.

Francie: (sings)

This box changes everything.

Scruggs: (sings)

Maybe it's something good to eat!

Delilah: (sings)

It could be anything.

Francie: (sings)

Maybe a very special treat!

Francie, Delilah and Scruggs: (sing)

I wonder what's inside?

I'll just peek inside.

Carefully, carefully.

The foxes open the box.

Francie, Delilah and Scruggs:

It's empty!

Delilah:

What use is an empty box?

Francie:

Wait a minute. There's no such thing as an empty box.

Scruggs:

It looks like an empty box.

Francie:

This box isn't empty. . . . It's full of . . . Possibilities . . . Opportunities!

Delilah:

Okay, now we have a box. Now we need a plan.

Scruggs:

What can we put in our box?

Francie:

I have an idea. I'll tell you as we walk.

Scruggs:

We're on our way!

Francie:

Shhh! Hear that? Look! Bumblebees! Unless I'm mistaken, breakfast begins with a B!

Scruggs:

Bees for breakfast? I don't think so.

Francie:

No! Not bees for breakfast. I said, "Breakfast begins with a B." Here's my idea.

Bees enter Left.

Music Cue# 3:

Bees: (sing)

Come out and play, it's a beautiful day!
The sun is singing! The flowers are bringing us
Nectar and pollen. The songbirds are calling,
Come out and play!

Fox Trio: (sings)

We'd love to join your dance!
To dance among the plants!
But, just down the road we've been told,
The flowers have spice. They're really quite nice.
And as a gift, we'll give you a lift.

Spoken:

Get in the box!

Bees: (sing)

Oh no! No no no! We won't catch a ride from a Fox!

The foxes manage to lure Bee# 3 into the box.

Francie:

There! I knew it would work!

Scruggs:

What good is one little bee?

Delilah:

We'll start with a bee and soon we'll see.

Francie:

We're on our way to Squintum's!

Music Cue# 4:

Fox Trio: (sings)

With a bee in a box we're on our way!
Where will we go? I don't know!
The sun is up. The day has begun so let's have fun!
We have a bee! We have a box!
We don't have enough for a hungry fox!
We have a box! We have a bee!
And breakfast begins with a bee!
We'll make up a song as we march along.
How does it go? I don't know.
The tune is okay, but the words are dumb
So let's just hum. Hmm, hmm, hmm, hmm, etc.

The foxes exit Left. Woodland Creatures enter Left. Dog enters Right.

Music Cue# 5:

Owl: (sings)

Did you see what we saw?

Squirrel: (sings)

They seem to believe they're above the law!

Deer: (sings)

They stole a box and they grabbed a bee!

Raccoon: (sings)

She didn't have a chance to escape!

Owl, Squirrel, Deer and Raccoon: (sing)

Not she!

Owl: (sings)

She never had a chance to flee!

Dog: (sings)

Something sinister is going on.
We don't know who they'll prey upon.
The foxes are on the prowl!
I can't just sit and howl.
Justice must prevail.
I'll follow on their trail.
Which way did they go?

Woodland Creatures: (sing)

We don't know.

Woodland Creatures exit Left. Dog exits Right. Curtains close. End of Scene 1.

Scene 2. Curtains open. A country road. A sign reads: To Squintum's: 7 Km. Otis and Claude are Center.

Music Cue# 6:

Otis: (sings)

Weeds and Bugs are so ugly!
All our flowers and our vegetables would be prettier,
If there were no weeds! And don't forget the bugs!
Bugs and weeds make me sneezy!
Our zucchini and our hollyhocks would be happier,
If there were no bugs! And don't forget the weeds! Oh no!

The foxes enter Right. Francie approaches Otis and Claude.

Claude:

Cluck! Cluck!

Otis:

Oops! I didn't know anybody was here!

Francie:

Good day, Mister. How are you?

Otis:

Except for these pesky weeds and yucky bugs, I can't complain.

Claude:

Cluck. Cluck!

Francie:

I need a small favor. Could you watch my box? I'll be back quick as a fox . . . Ah, quick as a wink!

Claude:

Cluck? . . . Cluck?

Otis:

Don't worry, your box will be fine.

Music Cue# 7:

Francie: (sings)

Oh yes! I almost forgot!
Don't look in the box!

Francie joins Scruggs and Delilah.

Otis: (sings)

Now, why would I look in the box?

Claude: (sings)

Cluck. Cluck!

Otis: (sings)

What could be in that box?

Bee#3: (sings)

Buzzz!

Claude: (sings)

Cluck?

Bee#3: (sings)

Buzzz!

Otis: (sings)

I wonder what's inside? I'll just peek inside.

Otis and Claude open the box. Bee#3 flies away with Claude chasing, and being chased. Bee exits Left. Claude returns to Center. Francie returns to Otis and Claude.

Francie:

Thank you for watching my box. I'll be on my way. Wait!
Where is my bee? You opened my box!

Otis:

Bee? What bee could that be?

Francie:

My bee! I had a bee in my box! You set it free!

Otis:

That bee? That bee buzzed away. My Claude tried to catch it, but that bee buzzed away.

Francie:

Your chicken chased my bee away? Then your chicken is my chicken now! Grab him!

Delilah and Scruggs chase and capture Claude and put him in the box. Otis exits Left.

Music Cue# 8:

Fox Trio: (sings)

A is for appetite,
B is for bee.
C is for chicken.
Hee, hee, hee!
Our box was empty,
Now it's not!
Now we have a chicken,
To put in the pot!

Foxes exit Right. Curtains close. End of Scene two.

Scene three. Curtain closed. Bee#3 enters Right.

Music Cue# 9:

Bee#3: (sings)

Buzz, buzz, buzz etc.

Bees enter Left.

Bee Chorus: (sing)

Buzz, buzz, buzz etc.

Bees exit Left. Otis enters Left. Dog enters Right.

Music Cue# 10:

Otis: (sings)

I can't understand how things happen.
There was only a bee in the box!
Those rascals were tricking and trapping.
I should never have been kind to that fox!
We've been victims! Victims of a fraud!
And now they have my Claude! Poor Claude!

Dog: (sings)

Listen, I declare to you.
I'll track them down and when I'm through,
I'll return your Claude to you!

**Otis exits Left. Dog exits Right.
Francie, Delilah and Scruggs enter Right.**

Delilah:

A bee in a box and a chicken in a fox! Ha ha ha!

Scruggs:

I want a leg! Let's eat!

Francie:

Is one little chicken enough for three hungry foxes? Let's try again. Look!

Curtain open. A country road. The sign reads: Squintum's 5.3Km. Ralph, Puck and Bucky are Center.

Music Cue# 11:

Ralph: (sings)

I was just wishin' that we could go fishin'
But there's just one place I know for miles around.
And the way that I figure, it isn't much bigger,
Then a rub-a-dub tub. All the fish would run aground!
But looky here, there's something wiggling over there!
Wiggle tail! Wiggle tail! Catch 'em in a little pail!
Scoop 'em up quick! Take 'em home in a jar.
Do the tadpole wiggle, no matter who you are! You go,

Ralph, Puck and Bucky: (sing)

Wiggle, wiggle wiggle, wiggle,
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle, wiggle,
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle, wiggle,
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle!
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle, wiggle,
Wiggle, wiggle wiggle, wiggle,
Do the tadpole wiggle, no matter who you are!

Ralph:

Pucker up, Puckaduck! Hey Bucky! Here's some corn!

Delilah:

Let's try again!

Scruggs:

I don't know. A chicken in a box is a sure thing.

Delilah:

Think about it, Scruggs. A skinny chicken leg . . . Or two-thirds of a duck? It will work again!

Scruggs:

Two-thirds of a duck? That's most of it isn't it?

Francie:

Practically all of it. Hide! Let me try again.

Francie approaches, pushing the cart.

Francie:

Hello. I'm on my way to Squintum's. Could you do a favor for me?

Ralph:

What do you need?

Francie:

Mind if I leave my box for a bit? I'll be right back.

Claude

Cluck!

Puck:

Quack?

Bucky:

Quack!

Ralph:

Leave your box? No problem.

Music Cue# 12:

Francie: (sings)

Oh, oh! What marvelous ducks!
I'd love to join their dance and song!
I must go now, but I won't be long.
Oh yes! I almost forgot!
Don't look in the box!

Francie joins Scruggs and Delilah.

Claude:

Cluck!

Bucky:

What about that?

Puck:

There's something inside that box. Let's look!

Ralph:

We'll just take a peek.

They open the box. Claude comes out.

Bucky:

A chicken!

Puck:

It's eating our corn!

Bucky and Puck:

No you're not! Scram!

Claude exits Left.

Ralph:

Wait! That's not our chicken!

The foxes surround Ralph, Bucky and Puck.

Delilah:

How right you are.

Scruggs:

That's not your chicken!

Francie:

Your ducks are my ducks now! Grab 'em!

The foxes put Bucky and Puck into the box.

Ralph:

Wait!

Francie:

I said, "Don't open the box!"

Ralph exits Left. The foxes exit Right.

End of Scene three. Curtains close.

Scene four. Curtains closed. Woodland Creatures enter Left.

Music Cue# 13:

Owl: (sings)

Who? Who? Who? Who? Who do they think they are?

Raccoon: (sings)

Let me tell you. This time they've gone too far.

Deer: (sings)

I really didn't feel it was such a big deal when I saw them steal an empty box!
When they grabbed the bee, I said "Fiddle dee dee!" I feel sorry for that fox!

Squirrel: (sings)

But now they've crossed a line! Now they've stolen Otis's chicken!

Owl, Raccoon, Deer and Squirrel: (sing)

Poor Claude! Oh! Poor Claude!

Owl: (sings)

Now they've gone too far!

Woodland Creatures exit Left.

Gus, Allie, Kat, Spike and Scratch enter Right.

Scratch:

Meow! Yawoll!

Allie:

Did you hear? Poor Claude?

Spike:

Ha!

Gus:

That was yesterday's news!

Kat:

Listen!

Music Cue# 14:

Gus: (sings)

Somebody chucked those uppity ducks!

Allie: (sings)

They got stuffed in a box!

Kat: (sings)

That's how it went down!

Gus, Allie, Kat, Spike and Scratch: (sing)

Just when we thought we was down on our luck,
The foxes come to town!

Allie: (sings)

Bucky and Puck are soon to be plucked!

Kat: (sings)

Francie made Ralphie look like a clown!

Gus: (sings)

Pretty soon this place is gonna erupt!

Gus, Allie, Kat, Spike and Scratch: (sing)

The foxes are back in town!
When the foxes start to party, you don't want to be tardy!
When the town begins to rumble, it's no time to stumble!
You better not wait! It's already too late!
Whatcha gonna do when they come for you?

The Alley Cats Dance

What can you say about a day like today?
The foxes are back in town!

Dog enters Right.

Dog: (sings)

Which way did they go?

Gus, Allie, Kat, Spike and Scratch: (sing)

Wouldn't you like to know!

Alley Cats exit Right.

Ralph enters Left.

Music Cue# 15:

Ralph: (sings)

I just can't believe what terrible luck!
My ducks were dancing, shuffling their feet.
I'm advancing, scuttling the beat.
When a long comes a fox with a big ol' box
Now the box held a chicken. As the plot began to thicken,
The fox danced away with my Bucky and Puck.
Oh what terrible luck!

Dog: (sings)

Which way did they go?

Ralph: (sings)

I don't know.

Ralph and Dog exit Left. The foxes enter Right.

Scruggs:

How can we divide two ducks with three foxes? I can't figure it out.

Francie:

Don't worry. Leave it all to me.

Scruggs:

That's what worries me.

Delilah:

A is for appetite,
B is for bee.
C is for chicken,
D is for ducks!
What's next? An elephant?

Curtains open. A country road. The sign says: Squintum's 2 Km. Farmer and Pig are Left.

Scruggs:

Wait! Look! Would you rather have two-thirds of a duck, or part of a pig? It's my turn now!

Delilah:

What's that?

Francie:

Be careful! Somebody's coming!

Dizzy and Duke enter Left.

Music Cue# 16:

Dizzy and Duke: (sing)

We were strolling on down the avenue.
Right after lunch, not a lot to do.
A couple of kids came up to chat.
I said to myself, "What about that!"
Then somebody said, "This is our chance,
Let's kick off our shoes and dance!"

Instrumental Dance Break. Farmer and Pig dance with Dizzy and Duke.

Pig: (sings)

But, then we heard a shout!
What was that about?
What could be the matter?
Everybody scatter!
Here come the teachers!
Run for the bleachers!
Everybody run! SCAT!!!

Dizzy, Duke, Farmer and Pig: (sing)

We were Left! Right! Right by the door!
Left! Right! There by the door!
Left! Right! Left all alone!
Left! Right! Left on our own!
Left! Right! Left! Right!
We were left to face the music all on our own!
Left! Right! Left! Right! Left! Right! Left! Right!
Left down! Picked up!
We've been left up here while the kids are downtown!

Dizzy and Duke exit Left.

Francie:

Wow!

Delilah:

Scruggs? Are you sure you want to do this?

Scruggs:

Did you see that pig dance? I want that pig!

Scruggs approaches Farmer and Pig.

Music Cue# 17:

Scruggs: (sings)

On the way to yonder town,
I met a pig wearing a crown,
Who on a flute would play a tune.
We dance under the crescent moon!
Sing, "Hey ho! Off we go!
Side by side, we do-si-do!

Hee hee! Fiddle Dee Dee!
We'll dance 'til half past three!"
I regret I can not stay, but I'll come back, then we can play!
If I leave this here will you be a dear,
and watch my box for me?
Oh yes! Just one request:
Don't look in my box!

Farmer:

If you leave it there, there it will be.

Pig:

What's in the box?

Scruggs exits Right.

Pig:

I'm curious!

Farmer:

I'm curious too, but you heard what she said.

Pig:

Maybe it's something just for me.

Farmer:

No. Let's have another tune.

They play a tune.

Bucky and Puck:

Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!

Pig and Farmer:

Quack?

They open the box. The ducks dance out.

Farmer:

Ducks! Dancing ducks!

The foxes enter Right. The ducks exit Left.

Farmer:

What do you want?

Scruggs:

You turned loose our ducks. We'll dance with your pig!

Farmer:

But my pig!

Scruggs:

There are three of us. There's nothing you can do. Thanks for the dance!

The foxes load Pig into the box and exit Right. Farmer exits Left.

End of Scene four.

Scene five. Curtains closed. Puck and Bucky enter Right.

Music Cue# 18:

Puck: (sings)

Hey Bucky, you're a lucky duckie!
For a while there things were looking pretty yucky!

Bucky: (sings)

Oh Puck, you're a lucky duck!
Let's hurry right back and jump in Ralph's truck!

Bucky and Puck exit Left. Foxes enter Right.

Scruggs:

Now we have enough for a real meal. Let's eat!

Delilah:

Wait just a minute. It's my turn now! Look! There's a cow!

Curtains open. A country road. The sign says Squintum's 1 Km. Bertha and Sal are Left.

Music Cue# 19:

Bertha: (sings)

This is my cow.
Her name is Sal.
She is my pal.
How now brown cow?

Sal: (sings)

My buddy Bertha,
She is worth a lot of mirth, ah,
We laugh all the time!

Bertha: (sings)

Oh! It's great to be pals with a cow!

Sal: (sings)

It's great to be a cow with a pal!

Bertha and Sal: (sing)

We laugh and sing.
It's exciting.
Thanks for listening.
That's all for now!

Delilah enters Right.

Delilah:
You Hoo!

Sal:
Moo?

Bertha:
Who yoo hoos? You?

Delilah: (crying)
Boo hoo hoo! I'm so tired. And I'm afraid I'm lost! Is this the way to Squintum's?

Sal:
Moo?

Bertha:
To Squintum's? You are almost there!

Delilah:
I'm so tired! Could you watch my cart while I go cool my feet? I'll hurry right back.

Bertha:
Go cool your feet in the stream. Your cart will be fine.

Sal:
Moo.

Music Cue# 20:

Delilah: (sings)
Thanks! Your kindness will not be forgot!
But, don't look in the box! Oh no!
Don't look in the Box!

Delilah exits Right.

Bertha:
I wouldn't dream of looking in that box. . . . I wonder what's inside.

Sal:
Moo?

Pig:
Oink!

Penny whistle is heard from inside the box.

Sal:
Moo!

Bertha:
There's something in this box. Let's look!

They open the box and Pig prances out. The foxes enter Right. Sal and Pig exit Left.

Delilah:

That was my pig!

Sal enters Left.

Sal:

Moo?

Francie:

Moo? You! You turned loose our pig!

Scruggs:

Now . . . We'll take your cow!

Bertha:

Sal?

Sal:

Moo?

Music Cue# 21:

Fox Trio: (sing)

It's a situation of your own creation!

There's no one to blame but Y, O, U!

You seized the opportunity!

You acted with impunity!

So don't expect immunity from the L, A, Double U!

Who do you think you are?

Tell me, what do you think you're doing?

All I asked was one small thing.

But, you have caused me so much pain and suffering!

(Pain and Suffering!)

Yes, this is a situation of your own creation!

You should never have looked in my box.

I'll bet you realize by now.

When we leave we'll take your cow!

Don't mess with a lowdown fox!

Foxes exit Right.

Bertha:

My cow? What now?

Curtains close. End of Scene five.

Scene six. Curtains closed. Pig enters Right playing a penny whistle. Pig exits Left. The foxes enter Right. Jack enters Left. Right is lighted, Left is Dark.

Music Cue# 22:

Fox Trio: (sings)

Oh, we started out with nothing, but look at us now.

We started out with nothing, but now we have a cow!
We began with a bee, then a chicken, then two ducks!

Scruggs: (sings)

Don't forget the pig! What a stroke of good luck!

Fox Trio: (sings)

We started out with nothing, but look in our box!
Watch out for a lowdown fox!

Scruggs:

I was proud of my pig, but there's nothing better than a cow.

Francie:

As good as it gets? I'm not so sure. Look over there!

Lights come up Left.

Delilah:

Oh no. No, no, no, no! Not a boy! That's against the rules!

Francie:

Forbidden fruit, but big enough for three . . .

Scruggs:

Why do you think it's against the rules? They must be the best.

Francie:

Whistle if there's trouble.

**Francie starts toward Jack. Curtains open. A country road. A sign says Squintum's Turn Left!
Scruggs whistles and Francie darts back Right. Papa enters Center.**

Music Cue# 23:

Papa: (sings)

Jack be nimble, run and hide. I'll stay here and close my eyes. I'll start counting to ten . . . Then, ready or
not here I come! 1 . . . 2 . . . 3 . . . 4 . . . 5 . . . 6,7,8,9,10!
Where could he be? Who's that hiding behind that tree?

Delilah:

I told you it was a bad idea.

Francie:

It's the best idea! Watch this!

Papa:

Find a four leaf clover for good luck!

Jack:

Is this one?

Francie pushes the cart over to Papa and Jack.

Francie:

Say, while you're relaxing, could you keep an eye on my box? I'll be right back. Don't look in the box!

Francie returns Right. Papa and Jack open the box. Sal ambles out.

Francie:

I lost my nerve.

Delilah:

I think you lost our cow.

Scruggs:

Wait! Look! They turned our cow loose! Now what?

Delilah:

Bring us back that boy **OR** our cow!

Jack and Sal exit Left. Francie approaches Papa.

Francie:

What's going on here! Give me back my cow! Now!

Papa:

I'm sure your cow will come home for dinner.

Jack enters Left.

Jack:

Cow's gone. I chased and chased. Cow's gone!

Francie:

Your boy chased my cow away! He's my boy now! Get in the box!

Papa:

Wait a minute! I'll bring back your cow. Wait right here.

Papa exits Left. Delilah and Scruggs join Francie Center.

Francie:

Look! A nice tender boy!

Delilah:

He's coming right back!

Francie:

We'll be long gone and well fed!

Scruggs:

Let's get out of here!

Curtains close. End of Scene six.

Scene seven. Curtains closed. Papa and Sal enter Left. Dog enters Right.

Papa:

Jack? Jack? They have my boy!

Sal:

Moo?

Papa:

Go on home! I've got to find Jack!

Dog:

This is serious! I'll find those foxes. I'll bring back Jack!

Papa and Sal exit Left. Dog exits Right.

Foxes enter Right.

Scruggs:

We've waited and waited. Let's eat!

Francie:

This is a good place.

Delilah:

Shhh! Listen!

Curtains open. Squintum's school house. Center, Teachers watch Boys play.

Music Cue# 24:

Girls voices from inside school: (sing)

Boys are rotten! Made of cotton! That's what little boys are made of . . .

Scruggs:

Boys are rotten? Made of cotton?

Ms. Rosemary:

Girls! Hush! That's not very kind!

Girls voices from inside school: (sing)

Snips and snails and puppy dog tails! That's what little boys are made of . . .

Delilah:

Snip? Snails? Puppy dog tails? Yuck!

Ms. Maude:

Young Ladies! Stop teasing the boys and help with these cookies!

Harry:

Did you hear that? Cookies!

Tom:

I smell cookies!

Sammy:

Chocolate cookies! I love chocolate cookies!

Eddie:

Maybe they'll share.

Boys: (sing)

Sugar and spice and everything nice! That's what little girls are made of . . .

Francie:

Uh, oh! I should have gotten a girl!

Delilah:

I told you it was a mistake. It's too late now.

Scruggs:

Snips and snails? I'm not hungry anymore.

Francie:

We can trade for a girl.

Delilah:

What makes you think they'll swap?

Francie:

It will work again. I'm going to get us a girl!

Francie pushes the cart to the children.

Ms. Maude:

Hello. May I help you?

Francie:

I need a small favor. May I leave my cart, just a short while?

Ms. Rosemary:

We just took the cookies out. Call the boys to come in.

Ms. Maude:

Oh, it will be alright. Leave it right here. Boys!

Francie:

I'll be right back. Thank you. Oh, don't look in the box!

Francie exits Right. Boys gather around the box.

Harry:

What do you think is in this box?

Stan:

Let's take a peek!

Ms. Rosemary:

Children! Don't bother things that don't belong to you!

Corky:

We won't touch anything.

Tom:

We just want to look.

Ms. Maude:

No means NO. Come inside. We're baking cookies. Who wants a cookie?

Harry:

I want a cookie!

Ms. Maude:

I didn't hear you say, "Please!"

Sammy:

May I please have a cookie?

Ms. Rosemary:

Come inside, children. We'll have milk and cookies.

Jack:

May I have a cookie too, please!

Tom:

There's somebody in that box!

Eddie:

Did you hear that?

Jack:

Please, may I have a cookie?

Teacher:

Quick! Children! Help me open the box!

They open the box. Jack comes out.

Jack:

Please Miss Lady, May I have a cookie too?

Ms. Rosemary:

Yes! With milk and a safe ride home.

Sammy:

But what about the fox?

Harry:

Won't the fox be mad?

Ms. Maude:

Go get the back yard dog. Let's give that fox a surprise!

Sammy and Harry exit Left and return with Dog. Dog gets in the box. Boys exit Left. Francie enters Right.

Francie:

See, I told you I wouldn't be long.

Ms. Maude:

And there is your box. Just as you left it.

Francie:

Just as I left it? You didn't look inside?

Ms. Rosemary:

Your business is your business. The children need us.. Goodbye!

Ms. Maude and Ms. Rosemary exit Left. Francie pushes the box Right, to Scruggs and Delilah.

Francie:

She didn't look in the box! We still have a boy. That's better than a cow!

Delilah:

I still think this is a mistake. Let's just leave the boy here.

Francie:

NO! We've worked too hard. This will be our special treat!

Music Cue# 25:

Delilah: (sings)

This boy changes everything.

Francie: (sings)

What we need is a recipe.

Delilah: (sings)

Nothing will ever be the same.

Francie: (sings)

There's plenty for you and plenty for me!

Delilah: (sings)

We'll have to run and hide.

Francie: (sings)

Roasted? Baked? Or Fried?

Delilah: (sings)

Wait! What's that sound?

Francie: (sings)

I'm in the mood for barbecue.

Delilah: (sings)

Do I hear a hunting hound?

Scruggs:

Stop! Both of you! Enough is enough! Come along!

Scruggs exits Right with the box. Francie and Delilah exit Right. Otis, Claude, the Bees, Ralph, Bucky & Puck, Farmer & Pig, Bertha & Sal, Dizzy and Duke, the Alley Cats and the Woodland Creatures enter Left.

Otis:

Are the children safe?

Claude:

Cluck!

Ralph:

There are Lowdown foxes causing mischief!

Puck & Bucky:

Quack! Quack!

Farmer:

They took my pig!

Pig:

I danced away, just in time!

Sal:

I thought I'd lost my best pal.

Bertha:

I though I'd never see Sal again.

Papa enters Left.

Papa:

The foxes! They took Jack! Help me find him!

Jack enters Left.

Jack:

Papa! I'm okay! Teacher saved me!

Teachers and children enter Left.

Ms. Rosemary:

Those foxes are about to learn a big lesson.

The foxes enter Right, followed by Dog. They scramble through the crowd. The foxes assemble Center Front.

Music Cue# 26:

Cast: (sings)

With the fox on the run our story is done.
How does it end? We're back with our friends!
The stars are out and evening has come
It's time for us to sleep.
The chicken is safe, the ducks are alright,
Sal and Pig wish you good night.
Jack's back to play. The bees are okay.
The cookies are ready to eat!

We'll make up a song. Will you'll sing along?
How does it go? We don't know!
The tune is okay, but the words won't come,
But this we know:
Tra la la la! Tra la la la!
La la la la, tra la la la,
Don't forget the tales of a fox!
What can you do with an empty box?

Curtains close.

The End

Cast

Francie	Emma Jones
Delilah.	Kathryn Thompson
Scruggs.	Blakeley Baggett
Bee# 1.	Grasyn Miller
Bee# 2.	Elsie Walsh
Bee# 3.	MaKagan Howard
Owl	Alba Vaccarella
Squirrel.	Stephanie Gonzalez-Valencia
Deer.	Elizabeth Ozley
Raccoon	Angelina Jones
Dog.	David McClary-Rojas
Otis.	Carlos Contreras
Claude, a Chicken.	Michael Goldstone
Ralph.	Atticus Plott
Puck, a duck.	Luke Thompson
Bucky, another duck.	Keller Neville
Gus.	Emma Neville
Allie.	Victoria Jones
Kat.	Hannah Hall
Spike.	Angel Munoz
Scratch.	Sullivan O'Rourke
Farmer.	Ava Saucier
Pig.	Falynn Wolfe
Dizzy.	Zach Rotenberry
Duke.	Tony Rotenberry
Bertha.	Chloe Howard
Sal, a cow.	Talitha Moats
Jack.	Aaric Avalos
Papa	Alek Avalos
Corky.	Noah Goldstone
Harry.	Mason Fradejas
Tom.	Eamen Walsh
Eddie	Parker Fradejas
Sammy.	Brady Walsh
Stan.	Becker Neville
Ms. Rosemary.	Liliana Velasquez
Ms. Maude.	Susan Baggett

