

(SAMPLE)

THE LEGEND OF BABUSHKA

CAST LIST

RUSSIAN DANCERS (*non-speaking. The Village children could double up*)

VILLAGE CHILDREN (4)

TWO NARRATORS (*Could be more*)

BABUSHKA

KING'S SERVANT

MELCHIOR

CASPAR

BALTHAZAR

MARY (*non-speaking*)

JOSEPH (*non-speaking*)

TWO SHEPHERDS (*non-speaking*)

FOX

KING CARP

KINGFISHER

FISH (*Non-speaking*)

OTHER ANIMALS (*If required*)

VILLAGE LEADER

OTHER VILLAGERS (*non-speaking*)

1st WOMAN

2ND WOMAN

3rd WOMAN

INNKEEPER'S WIFE

ANGEL GABRIEL

(20 speaking parts and unlimited non-speaking/singing parts)

BABUSHKA

SCENE 1

The play opens with a dance by Russian girls while the villagers sing “Magic Star” outside Babushka’s house. When the song is finished, the Narrators come and sit in front of the stage to tell the story. Babushka comes outside her house and sweeps.

NARRATOR 1

Once upon a time, long ago, in a small village in Russia, there lived a woman called Babushka.

NARRATOR 2

Babushka was very house proud. All day long she cleaned her house. It was always very, very tidy.

NARRATOR 1

Then, one day, something very strange happened....

(Enter several village children.)

CHILDREN

Babushka! Babushka!

BABUSHKA

What is it children? My goodness you’re so excited! Calm down! Here I have a biscuit for each of you.

(She reaches in her pocket and gives them each a biscuit.)

CHILDREN

Thank you.

CHILD 1

We are excited because some kings have arrived in the village!

BABUSHKA

Kings! Why on earth would kings come here? Our village is not important.

CHILD 2

My grandmother says that it is something to do with the star.

BABUSHKA

What star? What are you talking about child?

CHILD 3

Don't tell me you haven't noticed the star. The special star that has been shining down over our village all week ?

BABUSHKA

I've been too busy to notice a star. There's always so much to do. Why would a star have anything to do with kings anyway?

CHILD 4

My father says that the kings stopped to rest and get water and they told him that they were following the star. Look! One of their servants is coming this way!

(Enter the King's servant)

KING'S SERVANT

Excuse me, are you Madam Babushka?

BABUSHKA

Yes I am

KING' S SERVANT

Ah good. My masters have sent me to ask you whether you could give them a bed for the night please?

BABUSHKA

Me! Entertain kings in my house!

KING'S SERVANT

We were told that your house is the best in the village and that you live alone. Please, dear lady. My masters have travelled a great distance and they are very tired.

BABUSHKA

I expect they could do with some good food too. Of course they may stay. Please ask them to come and be my guests.

KING'S SERVANT

Thank you very much. I will go and tell them.

(He exits)

CHILD 1

Oh Babushka! You will be famous! Everyone will come from the other villages to see the house where the kings stayed.

BABUSHKA

Nonsense! Goodness me I have so much to do! So much to prepare! Children, you can help me. Run and fetch firewood - go and pick some herbs for me - fetch me some water. Hurry now, hurry!

(The children run off.)

BABUSHKA

I must get out my best linen and make up the beds. Oh, so much to do!

End of scene/