

**THE SNOW QUEEN (SAMPLE)**

**CAST LIST**

**Snow Spirits (*At least 4, could be 10 speaking*)**

**The Snow Queen**

**Gerda (*Very large part. This character is in almost every scene*)**

**Kay**

**Grandmother**

**A Girl (could be a boy)**

**Old Woman ( kind witch)**

**A Rose**

**A Sunflower**

**A Buttercup**

**A Fuschia**

**A Poppy (*Other non-speaking flowers could be added*)**

**Robber Man**

**Robber Woman**

**Robber Girl**

**The Reindeer**

**The Sun Queen**

***A minimum of 20 speaking parts – could be more if Snow Spirits are used. Probably another six non-speaking flowers could be added.***

## **THE SNOW QUEEN**

### **PROLOGUE**

*Four snowflake spirits appear on the front of the stage. They speak to the audience.*

#### **SPIRIT 1**

In a time, long, long ago, there was an evil demon who lived at the top of the highest mountain in the world.

#### **SPIRIT 2**

This demon hated mankind and he wished only to cause them pain and suffering.

#### **SPIRIT 3**

So, with his evil magic, he made a giant looking glass and set it upon the mountainside, so that all the people of the earth would come and stare into the mirror.

#### **SPIRIT 4**

The mirror showed only terrible things. Any bad thought that was lurking in the deepest part of anyone's heart, would be shown in the mirror.

#### **SPIRIT 1**

Beautiful people would see themselves as monsters. Good people would see themselves as wicked. Happy people would see themselves as sad.

## **SPIRIT 2**

**One day, the most beautiful and good natured queen came to look in the mirror. She came from a land where the sun was always shining and flowers grew everywhere. She loved to laugh and sing. Her hair was long and fair and her skin was golden from the sun.**

## **SPIRIT 3**

**But when she looked in the mirror, she saw that her face had become sad and drawn, her hair had turned silver and her skin was as pale as snow.**

## **SPIRIT 4**

**The queen was so frightened that she picked up a rock and smashed the mirror into a thousand pieces. But one of the pieces of the evil glass pierced her heart and turned it to a cold lump of ice.**

## **SPIRIT 1**

**She did, indeed, become as pale as snow. Her hair turned to silver and the ground around her feet turned to ice.**

## **SPIRIT 2**

**She became the Snow Queen.**

*(Curtains open or light comes up to show the Snow Queen, dressed in silver and blue, with a crown of ice, standing in front of a table, upon which is a bowl.)*

### **SPIRIT 3**

**The Snow Queen turned lands into frozen wastes wherever she walked.**

**People who died in the cold winters became her spirits.**

### **ALL THE SPIRITS**

**Like us.**

### **SPIRIT 4**

**The Snow Queen kept all the pieces of the shattered mirror, some of which were no bigger than a grain of sand. She kept them in a large ice bowl in her palace.**

### **SPIRIT 1**

**The demon told her that a boy child would, one day, put together the pieces of the mirror and, when the mirror was whole, then the Snow Queen would be able to be human again and live in her land of sun.**

### **SPIRIT 2**

**Year after year, she searched for the boy who would be able to release her from her cold imprisonment.**

### **SPIRIT 3**

**Year after year, she journeyed the world, bringing snow and ice with her, in her search for the one boy. The boy who could make the mirror whole again.**

***(The curtains close, the lights go down and the Spirits leave)***

## THE SNOW QUEEN

### SCENE 1

*Grandma's rooftop garden. There are flowers in a big trough and some large pots of flowers. Kay and Gerda are playing with some toys in the middle of the "garden". Kay is doing a puzzle (jigsaw). Gerda is playing with a doll.*

### SONG

Grandma has a garden full of different flowers  
Where we go picking posies sweet, all times and hours

#### *Chorus*

*Hear the song of little birds,  
Robin and swallow  
With nightingale and song thrush  
And the little brown sparrow.*

*(rpt.)*

*With nightingale and song thrush  
And the little brown sparrow*

The lily white, in blossom there, is Purity  
The violet, with sweet perfume, Humility.

*(Chorus and rpt)*

The lovely damask rose is known as Patience

The yellow, pretty, marigold, Obedience

*(Chorus and rpt)*

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Where we go picking posies sweet, all times and hours.

GRANDMA's VOICE (offstage)

Kay! Gerda! Are you in my roof garden again?

KAY and GERDA

Yes Grandma!

*(Grandma appears)*

GRANDMA

I've never known such a pair for wanting to be outside. It's getting chilly now, you know. Autumn is almost over.

GERDA

But we like it up here, Grandma. Your flowers are so beautiful. Why do your flowers bloom for such a long time? Everyone else's flowers have died by now.

GRANDMA

Ah, well, that's because this little roof garden is very sheltered and it faces the sun all the time. Even though it's cold in autumn, my flower garden stays warm and cosy.

KAY

Done it!

**GERDA**

What, finished another puzzle already?!

**KAY**

Yep. It's my favourite thing – doing puzzles.

**GRANDMA**

I swear you are the fastest boy in the world at doing puzzles.

*(A Snow Spirit appears behind the flowers.)*

**GERDA**

Brr! It's beginning to get cold.

**GRANDMA**

Yes, I think the white bees are going to buzz.

**KAY** *(laughing)*

Oh Grandma! Why do you always call snow, "white bees"?

**GRANDMA**

I don't know. Because my mother called it that, I suppose.

**GERDA**

Do the white bees have a queen, Grandma?

**GRANDMA**

*(Shivering a little)* Yes they do, my child. A terrible queen. The Snow Queen brings sadness with the snow.

**KAY**

Snow doesn't make me sad. I like it. It's fun.