

**(SAMPLE)**

**THE GOLDEN GOOSE**

**CAST LIST**

**LORD CHAMBERLAIN**

**THE KING**

**PRINCESS PETUNIA**

**PRINCE EDWARD**

**PRINCE MICHAEL**

**PRINCE PETER**

**COURTIERS (any number)**

**WOODCUTTER**

**HARRY**

**WOODCUTTER'S WIFE**

**TREE SPRITE**

**CHARLIE**

**SIMON**

**THE GOLDEN GOOSE**

**MAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> GIRL**

**2<sup>ND</sup> GIRL**

**MOTHER**

**TROLL**

**TOWNSPEOPLE (any number)**

***18 speaking parts and unlimited chorus.***

## **THE GOLDEN GOOSE**

### **SCENE 1**

*The Palace throne room. The king and the Princess are sitting on “thrones”. Courtiers are standing about and there is a little group of three princes who have come to try and make the Princess laugh.*

#### **LORD CHAMBERLAIN**

Your Majesty, the young princes from all over the land are assembled and ready to try and make Princess Petunia laugh.

#### **THE KING**

Well, I hope they are more successful than the last lot. I don't think I can stand it for much longer. My daughter has not laughed since she was five years old. It's such a worry – such a worry. She hasn't even smiled in all that time. Or sniggered, or tittered, or giggled.*(turning to the Princess)* Now, my dear. Here are some nice young men who are going to try and amuse you. Just relax. I'm sure that we will solve your problem today.

#### **PRINCESS**

Oh, I don't know why you bother, father. It won't work. Nothing works. I just don't seem to be able to feel happiness.

#### **THE KING**

There, there. Let's not give up, shall we?  
Right! Bring on the first prince.

#### **LORD CHAMBERLAIN**

Prince Edward from Eggetania. Please step forward!

*(Prince Edward steps forward)*

#### **LORD CHAMBERLAIN.**

Prince Edward, you have three minutes to make the Princess laugh.

*(Throughout his presentation, everyone else laughs at his jokes, but not the Princess)*

**PRINCE EDWARD**

Righto. Princess – why do elephants wear glasses?

**PRINCESS**

I don't know, why do elephants wear glasses?

**PRINCE EDWARD**

So no-one will recognise them! *(The Princess does not smile)*

OK. Let's try another one. What do monsters read in the newspaper every morning?

**PRINCESS**

*(wearily)* I don't know.

**PRICE EDWARD**

The horror – scope! *(No smile)*

Right. Let's try another. Knock, knock.

**PRINCESS**

Who's there.

**PRINCE EDWARD**

Isabel.

**PRINCESS**

Isabel who.

**PRINCE EDWARD**

Isabel necessary on a bike?

No? Try this one. What do you call a man lying under a pair of leaves?

*(The Princess doesn't respond)*

**PRINCE EDWARD**

Russell! Get it? Russell – of leaves?

**KING**

Next!

*(Prince Edward goes back to the group looking depressed)*

**LORD CHAMBERLAIN**

Prince Michael of Mostavia. Please step forward.

*(Prince Michael steps forward)*

**PRINCE MICHAEL**

A patient goes to the doctor and says “Doctor, I don’t feel very well. I keep thinking I’m a pair of curtains.” And the doctor says “Pull yourself together!”

*(No response from the Princess)* Another patient goes to the doctors and says “Doctor, I think I’m the Abominable Snowman” and the doctor says “Cool it, will you.” *(This time no-one laughs)* A man goes into a shop and says “Can I have a packet of helicopter flavoured crisps?” and the assistant says “I’m sorry, we’ve only got plane!” Get it? *(He falls about laughing – no-one else does)*

**KING**

Next!

**LORD CHAMBERLAIN**

Prince Peter of Petrograd. Step forward.

**PRINCE PETER**

Why can’t you tell secrets on a farm?

**PRINCESS**

*(wearily)* I don’t know.

**PRINCE PETER**

Because the corn has ears, the potatoes have eyes and the grass whispers.

*(Everyone groans)*

**PRINCE PETER**

Why don’t polar bears eat penguins?

**PRINCESS**

Because they can’t get the silver paper off. I’ve heard that one before.