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THE EASTER BUNNY



A charming theory on how the Easter Bunny
came to deliver chocolate eggs!



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THE EASTER BUNNY

Cast in order of appearance

MUM

DAD

GIRL

BOY

EASTER BONNET CHILDREN (*should be at least 4*)

SLEEPING BUNNIES (*need to be at least 6*)

MRS RABBIT

MR RABBIT

BENJY

LUCY

LITTLE BUB

MR CANDYMAN

MRS CANDYMAN

CANDY DANCERS (*should be at least 6*)

CHOCOLATE DANCERS (*Should be at least 6*)

LITTLE CHEFS (*should be at least 6*)

GRANDAD RABBIT

RAINBOW DANCERS (*should be at least 6*)

GRANDMA RABBIT

19 speaking parts. Unlimited singing and dancing parts. Could be a total of 47 or more children if desired, or much less with doubling of parts and dancers changing costumes to reappear as another group. Entirely flexible!

Running time approximately 30 minutes.

MUSIC

Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, such as www.ameritz.co.uk. Or, you could source the original artiste's recording from amongst parents/grandparents and just have the children sing along to it, as many schools do. If you cannot source them from amongst the school community, then Amazon sell very cheap downloadable MP3 tracks for hundreds of thousands of songs. These can be purchased, downloaded on to a computer and then burnt on to a CD for performance. Alternatively, many of the songs (and lyrics) are to be found on You Tube. Below we give the song title and where it can be found. Where it says "Traditional" or "Disney", this means there is no backing track we know of, but it may be in sheet music form in your school or on a children's school music compilation CD.

SUGGESTED MUSIC FOR SONGS AND DANCES

1/ IN YOUR EASTER BONNET (*This song is used twice in the play*)

(MP3 download)

www.amazon.co.uk or amazon in other countries.

2/ SLEEPING BUNNIES (*This song is used twice in the play*)

(You Tube video)

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=HM_uwRRBwGE

3/ CANDYMAN

(MP3 download)

www.amazon.co.uk or amazon in other countries.

4/ PAT-A-CAKE

(You Tube video) (*Or this nursery rhyme could just be chanted*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGxMzHZ9eKw>

5/ CHOCOLATTE

(*This is just for dancing – not singing*) (You Tube soundtrack)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14gKM1FRAgM>

6/ I CAN SING A RAINBOW

(MP3 download)

www.amazon.co.uk or amazon in other countries.

THE EASTER BUNNY

(MUM, DAD, GIRL and BOY walk into the stage, dressed smartly in spring coloured clothes, carrying Easter baskets, and wearing Easter Bonnets.)

BOY

I can't wait! It's nearly Easter time! I love hunting for Easter Eggs.

GIRL

Me too, and I love wearing my Easter bonnet. *(She points to her hat and gives a twirl showing it off)*

BOY

Hmm I'm not so sure about mine. *(Gives a twirl so all flowers on the bonnet can be seen)*

MUM

Children, you both look lovely. Easter Bonnets are a lovely tradition, celebrating the growth of fresh spring flowers by decorating your hat with them.

(Gives a twirl to show off her lovely bonnet)

DAD

And we can all wear our hats in the Easter parade.

(MUM, DAD, GIRL, BOY all sing the chorus from the song THE EASTER PARADE. The whole cast come on stage wearing Easter bonnets to sing the song.)

SONG 1. IN MY EASTER BONNET. *(Sung by everyone)*

In my Easter Bonnet with all the frills upon it

We'll be the grandest people in the Easter Parade

I'll be all in clover and when they look us over,

We'll be the proudest family in the Easter parade.

(Parts of this song should be just instrumental to allow everyone to do some simple dance routine (like a line dance sequence) before repeating the four line

chorus above. After the song, everyone leaves except for MUM, DAD, GIRL and BOY.)

GIRL

So Easter bonnets are to celebrate spring flowers, but why do we get Easter Eggs at Easter?

BOY

Yes Mum, why? And why is it the Easter Bunny that delivers them? It's a great idea, and I LOVE the chocolate, but why?

MUM

Ah, let us tell you both a story. It is a story that not many people know. Listen carefully, and let us tell you the story of how a very ordinary, lovely rabbit, one day..... became the 'Easter bunny'.

DAD

Once upon a time, in the pretty village of Bobety Boo, on a little island called Easter Island, there lived a family of fluffy Bunny Rabbits. They lived at the bottom of a garden, a bit like our garden. A garden where children played, birds sang and the sun always shone.

MUM

They were a very ordinary family of Bunny Rabbits, with lots of Rabbit friends who lived at the bottom of the garden next door, and the garden next door to that, and next door to that.

DAD

All the Rabbits played happily together, jumping around in the long green grass, and the sun was always shining. Look.....

(DAD points to the area of the stage where the SLEEPING BUNNIES, BUNNY 1, BUNNY 2 are about to enter. The family watch the BUNNIES enter stage and then MUM, DAD, GIRL, BOY sit at the side and watch depending on space. The BUNNIES pretend to be asleep until the song says "Wake up little bunnies!" and then they dance around as directed in the song. Then they go back to sleep again. Basically, they follow the words of the song.)

SONG 2. SLEEPING BUNNIES (*To be sung by everyone on and off the stage*)

See the bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune?

They're so still, are they ill?

Wake up little bunnies!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

Hop, hop, hop - Hop, hop, hop

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

Hop, hop, hop...

See the bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune?

They're so still, are they ill?

Wake up little bunnies!

Skip little bunnies, skip, skip, skip

Skip, skip, skip - skip, skip, skip

Skip little bunnies, skip, skip, skip

Skip, skip, skip...

See the bunnies sleeping till it's nearly noon

Shall we wake them with a merry tune?

They're so still, are they ill?

Wake up little bunnies!

Jump little bunnies, jump, jump, jump

Jump, jump, jump - jump, jump, jump

Jump little bunnies, jump, jump, jump

Jump, jump, jump...

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

Hop, hop, hop - hop, hop, hop

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

hop, hop, hop...

(The song finishes, the SLEEPING BUNNIES AND BUNNY 1, BUNNY 2 take applause. Everyone leaves, except for BUNNY 1 and BUNNY 2.

Onto stage walks MRS RABBIT, MR RABBIT, and their children, LUCY, BENJY and LITTLE BUB.)

BUNNY 1

Look here comes Mr and Mrs Rabbit now.

BUNNY 2

Hello Mrs Rabbit, where are you and the family all off to this fine spring morning?

MRS RABBIT

Well, the weather is so nice today, we decided to go into the village of Bobety Boo to do some shopping.

BUNNY 1

Oooh! Shopping! That sounds very exciting, what are you going shopping for?

MR RABBIT

Well Grandma Rabbit is not feeling too well, so Benjy, Lucy, and Little Bub *(pointing to the children)* are going to make her a cake. We need to go shopping for the decorations.

BUNNY 2

What a lovely idea, have a lovely shopping trip

RABBIT FAMILY

Thanks

(Everyone walks off stage waving goodbye. RABBIT FAMILY one way, BUNNY 1 and BUNNY 2 the other way. MR and MRS CANDYMAN pushing a sweetie cart, walks into the stage. SEE PRODUCTION NOTES)

MR CANDYMAN

Sweets, lollipops, chocolate, Get your sweeties and chocolate here!

MRS CANDYMAN

Fresh today, perfect for all your cake decorating!

*(CANDY DANCERS enter, dressed like candy. (SEE PRODUCTION NOTES)
MR AND MRS CANDYMAN and the DANCERS sing the CANDYMAN SONG,
Solos can be given to MR AND MRS CANDYMAN if appropriate.)*

SONG 3. THE CANDYMAN. (Everyone on stage.)

*Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew
Cover it with choc'late and a miracle or two
The Candy Man, oh the Candy Man can
The Candy Man can 'cause he mixes it with love and makes the world taste good*

*Who can take a rainbow, wrap it in a sigh
Soak it in the sun and make a groovy lemon pie
The Candy Man, the Candy Man can
The Candy Man can 'cause he mixes it with love and makes the world taste good*

*The Candy Man makes everything he bakes satisfying and delicious
Now you talk about your childhood wishes, you can even eat the dishes*

*Oh, who can take tomorrow, dip it in a dream
Separate the sorrow and collect up all the cream
The Candy Man, oh the Candy Man can
The Candy Man can 'cause he mixes it with love and makes the world taste good*

*The Candy Man makes everything he bakes satisfying and delicious
Talk about your childhood wishes, you can even eat the dishes*

*Yeah, yeah, yeah
Who can take tomorrow, dip it in a dream
Separate the sorrow and collect up all the cream
The Candy Man, the Candy Man can
The Candy Man can 'cause he mixes it with love and makes the world taste good*

Yes, the Candy Man can 'cause he mixes it with love and makes the world taste good

a-Candy Man, a-Candy Man, a-Candy Man

Candy Man, a-Candy Man, a-Candy Man

(CANDY DANCERS take applause and leave the stage, leaving MR AND MRS CANDYMAN on stage. RABBIT FAMILY enter back onto the stage.)

LUCY

Mum, look! The Candy stall is here. We can buy some treats to decorate the cake.

BENJY

Please Mum, can we buy some treats from the Candy stall?

MRS RABBIT

Of course my dears. Let's have a look at what is on offer today.

LITTLE BUB

I think we should take some of those... some of those... and some of those, please. *(he/she points to different items on the stall)*

MR RABBIT

Good choice, Little Bub. How much is that please, Mrs Candyman ?

MRS CANDYMAN

Five (pounds/dollars/etc.) please, Mr Rabbit.

MR RABBIT

Here you go. *(He hands over his money)*

MRS CANDYMAN

Now then, Little Bub, pop your treats into Mum's shopping basket to keep them safe.

MRS RABBIT

Thank you, Mr and Mrs Candyman. Come along now children, let's get back home to make our cake for Grandma Rabbit.