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## RED RIDING IN THE HOOD



The wolf likes to eat little girls...big mistake...



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## MUSIC

*Backing tracks can be purchased and downloaded for a modest fee from various sources, as shown below. Or, you could source the original artist'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. Below we give the song title and source of backing tracks. 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 SONGS

(Opening music) Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf (Barbara Streisand)

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/Whos-Afraid-Big-Bad-Wolf/dp/B00R95I718/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1431682194&sr=8-4&keywords=Who%27s+Afraid+of+the+Big+Bad+Wolf+mp3](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Whos-Afraid-Big-Bad-Wolf/dp/B00R95I718/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&qid=1431682194&sr=8-4&keywords=Who%27s+Afraid+of+the+Big+Bad+Wolf+mp3)

Teddy Bear's Picnic (Children's songs) [www.ameritz.co.uk](http://www.ameritz.co.uk)

I've Been A Bad, Bad, Boy (Paul Jones) [www.ameritz.co.uk](http://www.ameritz.co.uk)

The Big Pig Song

<http://www.primarygames.com/videos/category/reading/the-big-pig-song/>

That Don't Impress Me Much (Shania Twain) [www.ameritz.co.uk](http://www.ameritz.co.uk)

Girls In The Hood Rap (unaccompanied)

Friendship (from the musical Anything Goes)

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/sing-song-cole-porter-anything/id486565898>

We All Stand Together (Paul McCartney & The Frog Chorus) [www.ameritz.co.uk](http://www.ameritz.co.uk)

RED RIDING IN THE HOOD  
CAST LIST

RED RIDING  
WOLFIE  
GRANNY  
SEBASTIAN  
MRS RIDING  
MR RIDING

*Girls in the Hood*

EM  
TRISH  
MO

*SuperPigs*

CRACKLING  
SMOKEY  
RIND

*The Kids*

BILLY  
ROSY  
JIMMY  
MARY  
JOHN  
BETTY

Woodland Creatures (as support for songs) (at least 6)

*(24 speaking and singing parts)*

Running time approximately 1 hour.

**RED RIDING IN THE HOOD****SCENE ONE – The Village**

*A village scene. (SEE PRODUCTION NOTES) A big poster on a house wall advertises a “Santa Dash” for charity. A big “Cancelled” sticker is plastered over it. Before anyone enters we hear the music – a couple of choruses of “Who’s Afraid Of The Big Bad Wolf?” (SEE MUSIC). Music fades. MARY, ROSY and BETTY enter excitedly and chatting. They are wearing Christmas themed costumes with large numbers on the back and the words “Santa Dash” on the front. They notice the sign and their mood immediately turns to annoyance.*

**MARY**

What?

**ROSY**

Cancelled?

**BETTY**

That is so...

**MARY**

...Unfair.

**BETTY**

Right...but why?

**ROSY**

I was so looking forward to that...I’ve got my costume ready and everything...

**MARY**

Well...yeah...we all have...

*(They look at each other’s costumes, sigh and slump down to sit on the edge of the stage.)*

**BETTY**

That is so...

MARY

Unfair...

BETTY

Yeah...

ROSY

But why...why, why, why?

*(Enter JIMMY and JOHN. They too are wearing Christmas themed costumes, labelled in the same way. When they see the girls, JIMMY taps JOHN on the arm to make him stop. JIMMY sneaks up behind the girls and makes a loud, wolf-like roaring noise. The girls leap up in terror before noticing who it is.)*

ROSY

You pain Jimmy! Can't you think of something else that doesn't involve annoying us?

JIMMY

But girls...girls...don't you like being teased?

MARY

Of course not...nobody likes being teased...

JOHN

Sorry...It was his idea...

JIMMY

Yeah...Sorry about that. *(He searches in his pocket.)* Here's something to cheer you up.

*(He produces a frog from his pocket and thrusts it at the girls. BETTY screams and goes to hide behind the others.)*

JIMMY

Look...Betty...If you kiss it, it might turn into a handsome prince...

BETTY

I don't know what you're so cheerful about anyway *(pause)* haven't you seen this?

*(She points to the poster cancelling the "Santa Dash". JIMMY and JOHN look.)*

JOHN

What? No way...

JIMMY

When did this happen?

MARY

Dunno...we only saw it just now...

JOHN

That is so...

ROSY

Unfair...yeah, we've been through all that...

BETTY

But what are we going to do?

JOHN

Do?

JIMMY

Just be bored I suppose...as usual...

*(Enter BILLY, running. He too is wearing a labelled Christmas themed costume.)*

BILLY

Guys...guys...You'll never guess what I've heard...

MARY

That the Santa Dash has been cancelled...

BILLY

What? Oh? Yeah...How did you know?

JOHN

Look behind you...

*(BILLY looks at the poster.)*

BILLY

Oh yeah...right (pause) but do any of you know why it's been cancelled?

MARY

Is it because parents are the most boring people in the world?

JIMMY

Is it because the teachers were worried that kids might be having too much fun?

BETTY

Is it because all grownups like to make our life a misery?

JOHN

Or all of the above?

BILLY

No...no...It's because of the wolf...

MARY

Wolf? What wolf?

BILLY

The wolf...The big, bad wolf who's been spotted in the woods and they're worried that if we Santa Dash through the woods we'll all...

JIMMY

Run into him...Ha!

*(JIMMY pretends to be a wolf and prances about, charging at the girls and snapping his teeth. The girls make a point of ignoring him.)*

BETTY

Just grow up will you JIMMY?

JIMMY

It's just a joke...

ROSY

You're the joke...

JOHN

What are you scared of? There is no wolf...

WOLFIE *(offstage shouting)*

Oh yes there is...

JIMMY

Who was that?

BILLY

What?

JIMMY

That voice!

BILLY

There's no voice...

WOLFIE (*offstage shouting*)

Oh yes there is...

JIMMY

What? There...You must have heard that...

BETTY

Was it...Was it...the wolf? (*She hides behind the other girls again.*)

BILLY

There is no wolf...It's just a story our parents made up to stop us doing the Santa

Dash...It's not real...

WOLFIE (*offstage shouting*)

Oh yes it is...

JIMMY

There it is again...

*(The girls scream and huddle together)*

BILLY

Girls are scared of everything...

JIMMY

Yeah...

JOHN

Yeah...

ROSY

No Billy...there is a wolf...really...



BILLY

Oh yeah...so what does this wolf look like?

ROSY

Well he looks...he looks...like a wolf...of course...

BILLY

Oh yeah...Is that all you can say?

*(WOLFIE comes on to stage, unseen by the boys and stands behind them.)*

ROSY *(looking at WOLFIE)*

No...No...Of course not...He's got big ears and fur and a tail and teeth...in fact just like the one behind you now...

JIMMY

Ha, ha...you don't think we're falling for that do you?

BETTY

No really JIMMY...There is a wolf...honest...

BILLY

There is no wolf and if there was...he'd probably be frightened of us...

JIMMY

Yeah...

JOHN

Yeah...

MARY

Not this one...look behind you...

*(The girls frantically point at the WOLF. The boys refuse to look. When they finally weaken and look, the WOLF has disappeared into the left wing. The WOLF comes back and taps BILLY on the shoulder. The boys slowly turn round, shriek and run off stage right.)*

ROSY

Thanks Mr Wolf...

WOLFIE (*bowing*)

Call me Wolfie...

MARY

Wolfie? You don't seem as scary as they say...

WOLFIE

No my dears...I've been misunderstood...

BETTY

Misunderstood?

WOLFIE

Yes my dears. All this stuff about attacking people, huffing and puffing, big teeth and whatnot...It's all so last century...I never attack anyone. Anyway...you run along girls...you're quite safe...and don't believe all you hear about wolves... I'm completely harmless...

*(The girls wave goodbye and happily exit stage right.)*

WOLFIE (*to audience*)

And if you believe that you'll believe anything (*laughs*) I am every bit as scary as they say but I don't usually eat boys...no...too tough and stringy (*pause*) unless I'm desperate of course...No it's girls I like. The old rhyme is true. Sugar and spice and all things nice, that's what little girls are made of. But I don't just pounce. No, first, I win their confidence...get them to trust me...persuade them that I'm a goody...on their side, a gentle creature of the woods and all that and then...yum, yum...It works every time. There's one in particular I've got my eyes on...Red Riding Hood is her name. I see her going through the woods every day, to visit her Granny, silly girl. Let me know if you see her and I'll be right there...See you all later...when I spring my trap (*laughs and exits*).