

The Princess And The Pea – Script and Song Lyrics

NARRATOR Once upon a time there was a prince who lived in a rich kingdom with his father and mother, the king and queen. One day the queen decided that the time had come for the prince to find a bride. But the prince did not want to marry just any girl – he wanted to marry a real princess. The prince packed a bag and left the palace on a long, long journey all around the world, in search of his real princess.

Song 1. A REAL PRINCESS

CD track 2/6

- 1 Off round the world to find a girl,
The one that is just right.
Off round the world to find a girl,
Travelling day and night.
She can't be anything less than a real princess.
- 2 Off round the world to find a girl
Who's bright and full of fun.
Off round the world to find a girl
And she must be the one.
She can't be anything less than a real princess.
- 3 Off round the world to find a girl,
Searching east and west.
Off round the world to find a girl
And she must be the best.
She can't be anything less than a real princess.

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NARRATOR On his travels, the prince met lots of young ladies and asked each of them the same question.

PRINCE (To the first girl) Are you a real princess?

1st GIRL (Shouting in a bolshie manner) Yes, I am a real princess!

The prince looks at her, thinks for a moment, shakes his head, then moves onto the next girl.

PRINCE (To the second girl) Are you a real princess?

2nd GIRL (Mumbling into her chest) Yes, I am a real princess.

The prince shakes his head again. Another girl pushes to the front.

3rd GIRL (Shouting) Me next, me next!! I'm a real princess!

The prince looks at her and sighs, then moves to the fourth girl, who has a hand mirror and is touching up her lipstick.

PRINCE Are you a real princess?

4th GIRL (Adjusting her already beautiful hair and thinking a lot of herself) Yes, I am a real princess.

The prince shakes his head and approaches the fifth girl.

PRINCE Are you a real princess?

5th GIRL Ah, ah, ah-choo! (She sneezes without a hanky then wipes her nose on her sleeve) Yes, I am a real princess.

PRINCE Oh dear!

NARRATOR The prince met many beautiful girls who said that they were princesses, but there was always something not quite right about them. He was very disappointed. After many weeks and months of searching he eventually returned home to the palace, sad and weary.

Days passed and then one evening there was a terrible storm. The lightning flashed overhead, lighting up the whole sky; the thunder roared and heavy torrents of rain poured down.

Song 2. CAN YOU SEE THE LIGHTNING?

CD track 3/7

- 1 Can you see the lightning flashing, flashing?
Can you see the lightning in the sky?
Hear it crack in the night of black.
Crack, crack, crack!
- 2 Can you hear the thunder roaring, roaring?
Can you hear the thunder in the sky?
Hear it boom underneath the moon.
Boom, boom, boom!

3 Can you hear the rain, it's falling, falling?
Can you hear the rain up in the sky?
Hear it lash with a mighty splash.
Splash, splash, splash!

4 Can you hear the tapping, tapping, tapping?
Can you hear the tapping at the door?
What's that knock after twelve o'clock?
Knock, knock, knock!

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NARRATOR Through the noise of the storm, the prince, the queen and the king could hear a knocking at the palace door. It got louder and louder. The old king grumbled:

KING Urgh, just as I was going to bed!

NARRATOR The king went to open the door. Outside was a bedraggled girl. She was a terrible sight. Her hair was soaked, water ran down her wet clothes and her shoes were very muddy. The king wondered who this untidy person could be.

KING Who are you?

PRINCESS I am a princess. I'm lost and I want to get warm.

QUEEN (Folding arms and looking suspicious, says to herself) A princess?

PRINCE (Looking intrigued) A princess?

QUEEN Would you like a cup of tea to warm you up?

PRINCESS (Curtseys to the queen) Oh, yes please Ma'am.

A servant brings some tea.

SERVANT Here is your tea.

PRINCESS Thank you very much. How kind!

NARRATOR The prince thought that the girl was very polite. He could see that she had kind eyes too. But the queen still wasn't sure that this was a real princess. She decided that there was only one way to find out. She invited the young girl to stay the night, then she quickly went ahead to the guest bedroom.

QUEEN We'll soon find out if she's a real princess!

NARRATOR The queen took all the bedding off the bed. Then she took a tiny pea from her pocket and put it onto the bare bedstead. Next, she got twenty mattresses and piled them up on top of the pea, then she took twenty feather quilts and laid them on top of the mattresses. The girl was shown to her bedroom and she climbed up onto the top of the bed.

As the night went on, the queen wondered about the girl and, as it happened, the princess was not sleeping well at all. She could feel something uncomfortable in the bed and by morning was black and blue!

Song 3. BLACK AND BLUE

CD track 4/8

1 Black and blue, black and blue,
Tossing and turning all night.
Black and blue, black and blue,
Something wasn't right,
She didn't get a wink of sleep all night!

2 Black and blue, black and blue,
Something was there in the bed.
Black and blue, black and blue,
From her toes to her head.
'I've had a terrible night!' the princess said.

3 Black and blue, black and blue,
Tossing and turning all night.
Black and blue, black and blue,
Something wasn't right,
She didn't get a wink of sleep all night!

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NARRATOR The next morning, the queen went to see the princess to ask how she had slept.

QUEEN Did you sleep well my dear?

PRINCESS I'm afraid not. There was something hard in the bed!

NARRATOR The princess had hardly slept a wink. The queen rushed to tell the prince and the king.

QUEEN She is a real princess!

NARRATOR The king, queen and prince knew that she must be a real princess. Only a true princess could have skin so delicate that she could feel a tiny pea through twenty mattresses and twenty quilts.

The prince was overjoyed. He knew that this girl was special and that he had finally found his real princess. He married her immediately in a wonderful ceremony and the bells rang for days. Everyone in the whole land celebrated and the prince and princess lived happily together for ever after.

As for the pea, it was placed in a museum where it can still be seen today.

Song 4. ALL BECAUSE OF A LITTLE GREEN PEA

CD track 5/9

- 1 The prince had found his princess,
His princess, his princess.
The prince had found his princess,
As real as one could be,
And you see, it was all because
Of a little green pea.
- 2 They looked so fine together,
Together, together.
They looked so fine together,
I think you will agree,
And you see, it was all because
Of a little green pea.
- 3 The wedding bells rang brightly,
Rang brightly, rang brightly.
The wedding bells rang brightly,
For it was meant to be,
And you see, it was all because
Of a little green pea.