

Hansel and Gretel - Script and Song Lyrics

NARRATOR Once upon a time there was a brother and sister called Hansel and Gretel. They lived with their father and stepmother in a tiny cottage at the edge of a huge forest. Their father was a woodcutter and he was very, very poor.

One day the woodcutter said to his wife...

W/CUTTER We have no money left and I can't afford to buy any more food.

NARRATOR The woodcutter didn't know what to do. But his wife had an idea.

STEPMOTHER Take the children into the forest and leave them there. That way we will have two less mouths to feed.

NARRATOR The woodcutter was very unhappy, but his wife insisted and finally he agreed. Hansel and Gretel had been listening at the door and Gretel was very frightened, but Hansel had a plan.

HANSEL (To Gretel) I know what to do.

NARRATOR Hansel crept out of the house and gathered together lots of little white pebbles which he put in his pocket. The next day, the woodcutter and his wife took Hansel and Gretel into the forest. As they walked, Hansel dropped the pebbles on to the path. After a while they came to a clearing and the woodcutter told the children to wait.

W/CUTTER We are going to collect some wood.

NARRATOR When they did not return, Hansel and Gretel began to walk. They could see the little white pebbles gleaming in the moonlight and they followed them all the way home.

Song 1. TWENTY TINY, SHINY PEBBLES

CD track 2/6

1 Twenty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the moonlight,
Twenty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the bright moonlight.

2 Thirty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the moonlight,
Thirty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the bright moonlight.

3 Forty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the moonlight,
Forty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the bright moonlight.

4 Fifty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the moonlight,
Fifty tiny, shiny pebbles
Shone, shone in the bright moonlight.

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NARRATOR Their father was overjoyed to see them and hugged them both.
But their stepmother was very angry.

STEPMOTHER You must take them much deeper into the forest.

W/CUTTER No, I will not!

STEPMOTHER Yes, you will!

NARRATOR That night Hansel and Gretel's stepmother locked their door so they could not collect any more pebbles. The next day the woodcutter took them deeper into the forest. In Hansel's pocket was a small piece of bread. He crumbled up the bread and as they walked he dropped a trail of crumbs. But the birds saw the tasty crumbs and flew down to eat them.

BIRDS Peck, peck, peck, peck.
Peck, peck, peck, peck.

NARRATOR Then the woodcutter returned home, leaving Hansel and Gretel once again.

The moon began to shine but the crumbs had all gone. What could they do? Hansel and Gretel wandered further into the forest. They were very tired and very hungry. They walked and walked.

Then, just as they thought they could walk no more, they saw a very strange house. The windows and the roof, the chimney, the door and even the walls were all made from sweets and cakes. The children couldn't believe their eyes. Hansel broke off a little piece of the wall and put it into his mouth.

HANSEL Mmm, gingerbread!

NARRATOR Then Gretel broke off a little piece of the door.

GRETEL Mmm, chocolate!

H & G What a wonderful house!

Song 2. WHAT A WONDERFUL HOUSE!

CD track 3/7

- 1 What a wonderful house,
What a wonderful house,
With walls made of gingerbread,
Yummy, scrummy gingerbread,
What a wonderful house.
- 2 What a wonderful house,
What a wonderful house,
With windows made of lollipops,
Yummy, scrummy lollipops,
What a wonderful house.
- 3 What a wonderful house,
What a wonderful house,
With doors made of chocolate,
Yummy, scrummy chocolate,
What a wonderful house.
- 4 What a wonderful house,
What a wonderful house,
The chimney's made of lemon drops,
Yummy, scrummy lemon drops,
What a wonderful house.

NARRATOR But from inside the house, someone was watching. An evil old witch lived there. Just as Gretel was about to eat another piece of the chocolate door, the children heard a noise. The door opened and out stepped the wicked witch.

WITCH Come in, my dears. (Secretly, behind hand) Hee, hee, hee.

NARRATOR The witch invited the children in for some tea. But as soon as they stepped inside the house the nasty witch grabbed Hansel. She put him inside a cage and locked him in. Then she gave him lots of food to fatten him up.

WITCH I'm going to eat you! Hee, hee, hee!

Song 3. I'M A WICKED WITCH, THAT'S ME!

CD track 4/8

(Witch's cackle)

1 I just like to be wicked,
It's how I like to be,
Being wicked is lots of fun,
I'm a wicked witch, that's me!

(Witch's cackle)

2 I just like to be a meanie,
It's how I like to be,
Being a meanie is lots of fun,
I'm a mean witch, that's me!

(Witch's cackle)

3 I just like to be a baddy,
It's how I like to be,
Being a baddy is lots of fun,
I'm a bad witch, that's me!

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NARRATOR The witch gave Gretel a broom and told her to do the housework.

WITCH Get sweeping!

NARRATOR Every day the evil old witch went to see Hansel to check if he was getting fatter.

WITCH Let me feel your finger.

NARRATOR Hansel put a chicken bone through the bars of the cage. The witch, who couldn't see very well, felt the bone.

WITCH Too thin, too thin!

NARRATOR Day after day the witch waited for Hansel to get fatter.

WITCH (Feeling Hansel's 'finger') Too thin, too thin!

NARRATOR One day the witch grew very impatient. She decided that she was not going to wait any longer.

WITCH I'm going to eat you anyway!

NARRATOR The witch told Gretel that she was going to cook Hansel in her fire. Gretel looked at her and asked her where the fire was. The witch led Gretel to the oven and opened the door.

GRETEL I can't see the fire.

NARRATOR The witch opened the door wider.

GRETEL I still can't see the fire.

NARRATOR The witch opened the door as wide as she could and peered into the oven.

WITCH There it is!

NARRATOR Gretel gave the witch an enormous push. The witch fell into the oven and Gretel slammed the door shut. Then she ran to release Hansel from the cage.

In a corner of the house they could see something sparkling. It was the witch's treasure. Hansel and Gretel picked it up and began to walk back through the forest. After many days they found their way home. Their father was overjoyed to see them and their stepmother had left. Hansel and Gretel were home at last and the wicked witch was gone. They gave their father the treasure and they never went hungry again.

Song 4. THE WICKED WITCH IS GONE

CD track 5/9

1 The wicked witch is gone,
The wicked witch is gone,
Hey, hey, it's a lovely day,
The wicked witch is gone.

CHORUS Celebrate,
Sing a song,
Celebrate,
The witch is gone!

2 And we're back home again,
And we're back home again,
Hey, hey, it's a lovely day,
'Cos we're back home again.

CHORUS

3 The wicked witch is gone,
The wicked witch is gone,
Hey, hey, it's a lovely day,
The wicked witch is gone.

CHORUS

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