

LATE NIGHT WITH SNOW WHITE

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A One Act Fairy Tale Spoof

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SYNOPSIS: It's time for a happily ever after with your favorite late night host, the fairest-of-them-all, Snow White. Tonight's special guests: Prince Charming with his latest self-help book, *Charm Yourself to Success*; Fairy Godmother, toting her bewitching new fashion line; Sleeping Beauty to discuss her new music album, if she can stay awake; and a troupe of dancing Princesses. Will tonight's show have a fairy tale ending? Or will a heckler in the audience, a mysterious person from Snow White's past, make tonight's show end not-so-happily ever after?

DURATION: 25 minutes.

TIME: The production can be set in a fairy tale or in contemporary times.

SETTING: Once upon a time, in a television studio, in front of a live studio audience.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(8-11 female, 1-2 male, 0-8 either, 0-30 extras)

SNOW WHITE (f).....	Fabulous late night host. The fairest-of-them-all. <i>(48 lines)</i>
PIED PIPER (m/f).....	A musical rat catcher. <i>(1 line)</i>
CINDERELLA (f).....	The stage manager. Organized and reliable. <i>(14 lines)</i>
PRINCE CHARMING (m).....	Dapper, dashing, and dote-worthy. Quite the charmer. <i>(14 lines)</i>
FAN 1 (m/f).....	A huge fan of Prince Charming. <i>(6 lines)</i>
FAN 2 (m/f).....	Another fan of Prince Charming. <i>(6 lines)</i>
FAN 3 (m/f).....	Yet another fan of Prince Charming who doesn't get figurative speech. At all. <i>(6 lines)</i>

FAIRY ASSISTANT (f)	Prince Charming's personal assistant. <i>(3 lines)</i>
THE EVIL QUEEN (f)	A heckling audience member. <i>(12 lines)</i>
RAPUNZEL (f).....	A princess who is a little too into puns and hair care. <i>(1 line)</i>
FAIRY GODMOTHER (f)	A very fashionable fairy. <i>(10 lines)</i>
PRINCESS 1 (f).....	A fashion model. <i>(Non-Speaking.)</i>
PRINCESS 2 (f).....	Another fashion model. <i>(Non-Speaking.)</i>
PRINCESS 3 (f).....	A sporty fashion model. <i>(Non-Speaking.)</i>
WORTILDA (f)	A total witch. <i>(1 line)</i>
SLEEPING BEAUTY (f).....	A snoring, fast asleep princess. <i>(Non-Speaking.)</i>
PIG 1 (m/f).....	A smooth-talking realtor. <i>(2 lines)</i>
PIG 2 (m/f).....	Another slick realtor. <i>(2 lines)</i>
PIG 3 (m/f).....	Another fast-talking realtor. <i>(2 lines)</i>
BIG BAD WOLF (m).....	A rascally wolf. <i>(5 lines)</i>
BABY BEAR (m/f).....	A bear sick of having her home invaded by blonde porridge-guzzling, chair-breaking miscreants. <i>(1 line)</i>
DANCING PRINCESSES (f).....	2 to 12 total. Princesses who can bust a move. <i>(Non-Speaking)</i>
DWARVES (m/f).....	1 to 7 total. Security and Snow White's friends. <i>(Non-Speaking)</i>

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

- DANCING RATS (with PIED PIPER)
- FANS IN AUDIENCE (when PRINCE CHARMING enters)

- BACKUP DANCING ELVES, FAIRIES, PRINCES, or PRINCESSES (when PRINCE CHARMING does his fitness routine demonstration)
- DANCING GERGERBREAD MEN (with WORTILDA)

OPTIONAL DOUBLE CASTING

The roles of Snow White, The Evil Queen, and Cinderella cannot be double cast. Below is an option of how to double cast the show with the minimum cast of nine (9).

ACTOR 1 (m): Prince Charming, Big Bad Wolf
 ACTOR 2 (f): Pied Piper, Rapunzel, Wortilda, Dancing Princess, Dwarf
 ACTOR 3 (f): Fan 1, Fairy Godmother, Dancing Princess, Dwarf
 ACTOR 4 (f): Fan 2, Princess 1, Sleeping Beauty, Dancing Princess, Pig 1
 ACTOR 5 (f): Fan 3, Princess 2, Dancing Princess, Pig 2, Baby Bear
 ACTOR 6 (f): Fairy Assistant, Princess 3, Dancing Princess, Pig 3

SET

There is a desk with a chair for Snow White. There is also a chair next to the desk for guests.

COSTUMES

Please have fun and be creative with costumes. You are welcome to approach them as traditional fairytale garb or contemporary clothes with fairy tale touches. Below is an optional costume list.

NOTE: For the fashion show, feel free to change the dialogue to fit the costume pieces you have. For example, if you don't have a tiara, you can say, headdress.

SNOW WHITE – A white business suit and tiara.

PIED PIPER – Blue jeans, t-shirt, a leather jacket, sunglasses, and an elf hat.

CINDERELLA – An old, rundown dress and an apron.

PRINCE CHARMING – Business casual. A blazer, slacks, dress shirt, a crown, and sword. Maybe a cape.

FAN 1, FAN 2, & FAN 3 – T-shirts with “I ♥ Charming,” or “Charming forever!”

FAIRY ASSISTANT – Business casual. A business suit, accessorized with fairy wings and a wand.

THE EVIL QUEEN – An elegant purple evening gown, cape, and crown.

RAPUNZEL – A wig with long locks. A fashionable gown.

FAIRY GODMOTHER – Very fashionable. Wings and a wand.

PRINCESS 1 – A sleeveless gown, with a glittery necklace and tiara.

PRINCESS 2 – A Fairy princess evening gown with a single flower attached to a fastener, and something that looks like an enchanted magical amulet around the neck.

PRINCESS 3 – A tunic, leggings, and belt.

WORTILDA – A black dress and witch’s hat. Maybe green makeup.

SLEEPING BEAUTY – A fashionable dress and crown.

DANCING PRINCESSES – Dresses that the cast can easily dance in. Tiaras.

PIG 1, PIG 2, PIG 3 – Comical suit and bowtie. Make paper or felt pig ears and hot glue to a headband.

BIG BAD WOLF – A floral nightgown, fluffy bathrobe, night cap with furry wolf ears sticking out.

DWARVES – Black clothing and dwarf hats.

BABY BEAR – Childish-looking clothing. Make paper, felt, or fake fur bear ears and hot glue to a headband.

SOUND EFFECTS

- Pre-show and post-show music (optional)
- Some peppy exercise music when Prince Charming does his *Sweating with Charming* demonstration (optional)
- Jingles that play before and after each segment by a sponsor (optional)

If you have the connection, such as a school band, you could have a live jazz ensemble playing music before and after the show, similar to popular late night shows.

PROPS

- pipe (PIED PIPER)
- clip board (CINDERELLA)
- headset (CINDERELLA)
- Prince Charming fan signs (FANS)
- bag (FAIRY ASSISTANT)
- bottle of water (FAIRY ASSISTANT)
- handkerchief (FAIRY ASSISTANT)
- book with cover that says, *Charm Yourself to Success* (FAIRY ASSISTANT)
- optional: a poster that says, “Late Night with Snow White,” taped to the front of Snow White’s desk.
- optional: Princess mug for Snow White’s desk (SNOW WHITE)
- optional: Apple on Snow White’s desk (SNOW WHITE)
- optional: Signs that say “Granny’s Gingerbread Day Care Center” (GINGERBREAD MEN)

PRODUCTION NOTES

There are several possible dance numbers. The first, is to have backup dancer rats enter with the Pied Piper and dance during his infomercial. You also could have a dance number when Prince Charming demonstrates his “charmer-cise” routine. Another possible dance number is to have some dancing gingerbread cookies during Wortilda’s infomercial for Granny’s Gingerbread Day Care Center. The final possible dance number is to have the twelve dancing princesses come out and dance together. These dance numbers can be formally choreographed, or the cast can work together to create a funny dance. If your school or city has a local dance troupe, you could invite them to take part in the production and play these dance heavy roles.

When the show’s sponsors enter, have them always go to a specific part of the stage to perform their pitch. For example, they always enter and exit downstage left. Depending on your lighting abilities, have the stage darken and a spotlight go onto the sponsor as they speak.

The guests could also always enter and exit from the same side, such as downstage right.

You also might want to do special lighting during the fashion show, when the princesses model the latest in fairy godmother's fashions. You could create a runway using the aisles of the theatre. You also could have the actors walk across the stage.

DEDICATION

This play is dedicated to James Thomas Kidd, director, actor, mentor, and luminary.

This joyful play, full of magic, is dedicated to someone who brought the joy and magic of theatre to so many!

May this script build community, entertain and enthrall audiences, and inspire the thespians who bring it to life, in the spirit of Tom's work.

AT START: *Once upon a time, in a television studio. There is a desk with a chair behind it for Snow White to sit in. There is also a chair next to Snow White's desk for her guests. THE EVIL QUEEN is in the audience, disguised in a cloak or cape. SNOW WHITE enters.*

SNOW WHITE: Welcome princes, princesses, witches and wizards, dragons and dwarves to *Late Night with Snow White*, the show where we give a fairy tale ending to your day, filmed live from Once Upon a Time! I'm your fairest-of-them-all host, Snow White. And do we have some enchanting guests for you tonight! Really spellbinding! But first, a message from one of our sponsors, Pied Piper's Pest Control.

PIED PIPER enters, perhaps accompanied by a couple of dancing rats.

PIED PIPER: Are rascally rodents ruining your village? Ready to lure those pesky pests away? There's no reason to suffer a rat infestation. Free of dangerous toxins our melodious methods are sure to astound you! Hire the best and most musical in the business! Only remember to pay on time! Call Pied Piper's Pest Control today, for all your hypnosis needs!

PIED PIPER begins to play his pipe. CINDERELLA enters, carrying a clipboard and wearing a headset.

CINDERELLA: Hey! No hypnotizing audience members! Go on!

PIED PIPER and the dancing rats exit, shooed offstage by CINDERELLA.

SNOW WHITE: Cinderella, what would I do without you stage managing?

CINDERELLA: You need a job done, who do you call? Good ol' Cinderella. Sweeping, mopping, dusting, scrubbing, and now stage managing! Snow White, are you ready for your first guest?

SNOW WHITE: Send him out!

CINDERELLA: Charming! You're up! *(Exits.)*

SNOW WHITE: He's dapper, dashing, and all around dote-worthy! There's no tower he can't climb, dragon he can't slay, curse he can't conquer. He's won several awards, including *Ever After Magazine's* Prince of the Year Award and *Wizard Weekly's* Most Magical Smile Award three years running. He's the author of several bestselling self-help books including *How to Win Sword Fights and Charm People*, *The 7 Habits of Highly Charming Princes*, and *Mindful Charm*. Let's give a round of applause for the one, the only, Prince Charming!

PRINCE CHARMING enters, followed by his FAIRY ASSISTANT.

PRINCE CHARMING: Be distressed no longer, Prince Charming is here! What a charming audience! Really, take it from me, complete charmers, all of you!

FANS 1-3 and EXTRA FANS stand up in the audience holding various signs, wearing Prince Charming shirts, etc.

FAN 1: Prince Charming! I'm your biggest fan.

FAN 3: No, I am. I'm way taller than you!

FAN 1: I meant figuratively!

FAN 2: Oh most perfect of princes, Prince Charming, will you autograph my copy of *Ever After Magazine*? It would be a dream come true!

FAN 3: Whoa, so you had a dream about him autographing your magazine? What a coincidence that you are here now and it could actually happen!

FAN 2: It's a figure of speech.

FAIRY ASSISTANT: Prince Charming is not available to sign any autographs. Please, return to your seats princesses, fairies, and elves!

FANS 1-3 and EXTRA FANS return to their seats, disappointed. PRINCE CHARMING gets on one knee or bows to SNOW WHITE.

PRINCE CHARMING: Your grace! A vision of loveliness! A magnificent monarch! A perfect princess! Charmed! Utterly charmed! Truly, you are the fairest of them all!

THE EVIL QUEEN stands, from the audience.

THE EVIL QUEEN: Snow White isn't the fairest of them all! I've heard that her stepmother, the Queen, is fairer!

CINDERELLA enters the audience.

CINDERELLA: Silence, please! We're filming live!

THE EVIL QUEEN: Well, it's true. Snow White's stepmother is the fairest in the land! Ask any magic mirror!

THE EVIL QUEEN sits down. CINDERELLA exits.

SNOW WHITE: Please, Charming, can I call you Charming?

PRINCE CHARMING: Of course!

FAN 1: Charming! You have the best nickname!

FAN 3: But Prince Charming's name isn't Nick. It's Charming.

FAN 2: Nickname, it's like a shorter version of your full name. Not the name Nick.

FAN 3: Then why isn't it called a shorter name?

FAN 1: Because it's not!

SNOW WHITE: Charming, pull up a throne.

PRINCE CHARMING sits in the chair, next to SNOW WHITE'S desk.

SNOW WHITE sits next to PRINCE CHARMING, behind her desk.

FAIRY ASSISTANT stands behind him, holding a bag.

PRINCE CHARMING: Water.

FAIRY ASSISTANT pulls out bottle of water to hands it to PRINCE CHARMING. He takes a drink and hands it back.

SNOW WHITE: So, Charming, your new fitness program just started airing this week and already has high ratings. How is your new exercise show, *Sweating with Charming*, going?

PRINCE CHARMING: Why, just charming, Snow White! On *Sweating with Charming*, we do a little strength training, fencing, archery, ballroom dancing, horseback riding, cardio, calisthenics, and stretching. Really a total body workout. You'll be a mean, lean, dragon slaying machine with me as your fitness guide. My workout routine will leave you with so much energy, you'll be ready to climb a tower or take down an ogre!

SNOW WHITE: Sounds utterly charming!

PRINCE CHARMING: Would you like a demonstration?

SNOW WHITE: Of course!

Optional: Other backup DANCERS, ELVES, FAIRIES, PRINCES or PRINCESSES, etc., could come out and do the workout with PRINCE CHARMING. SFX: workout music begins.

PRINCE CHARMING: Are you ready to "charm-ercise?" Let's start with some courtly bows. Really keep your vertebrate nice and straight, stretch the muscles on the back of your legs. Posture is so important. Let's see those charming smiles! (*Bows several times.*) Now, let's get the muscles nice and limber with a little ballroom dancing. Twirl. Just twirl. Really work those twirls. (*Ballroom dances.*) A little fencing move. Just lunge forward. (*Does lunges.*) Let's do a few on each leg. Great. Now, let's finish this workout with a little stretching. I call this stretch Beanstalk. Really stretch upwards, high as you can go, really loosening up the whole body. (*Does beanstalk stretch. Optional DANCERS exit.*)

FAN 1: You really know how to get my heart going!

FAN 3: Isn't your heart beating? Or you wouldn't be alive, right?

FAN 2: It's another figure of speech.

SNOW WHITE: Let's give Charming a hand, fairy tale folks!

PRINCE CHARMING: Water! Handkerchief.

FAIRY ASSISTANT hands PRINCE CHARMING a water bottle and a handkerchief. He returns to his chair and uses both before returning them to FAIRY ASSISTANT.

SNOW WHITE: It's a busy time for you right now, Charming.

PRINCE CHARMING: Never too busy to see you, Snow White.

SNOW WHITE: I understand you have a new book coming out, *Charm Yourself to Success*.

PRINCE CHARMING: Indeed, I do. Book.

PRINCE CHARMING motions to FAIRY ASSISTANT, who pulls book out of bag and holds it up for the audience to see.

PRINCE CHARMING: *Charm Yourself to Success* is intended for anyone looking to be the charming prince of their own destiny. You don't need a goose that lays golden eggs or to spin straw to gold to achieve fame and fortune. Sometimes you might feel like there is a pea under your mattress, but there is always a way to break the spell when life throws dragons in your path. Follow the easy steps in my new book to achieve a more charming life.

FAIRY ASSISTANT: Charming, wrap it up. We have to chase a troll out from under a bridge, rescue a damsel in distress, do your interview with *Vanity Fairy*, not to mention squeeze in your pedicure before tonight's ball.

PRINCE CHARMING: I thought the interview with *Vanity Fairy* was scheduled for tomorrow?

FAIRY ASSISTANT: We squeezed it in today, so you could do the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Muffin Man's new bakery on Drury Lane tomorrow.

PRINCE CHARMING: Oh, right. The ribbon cutting ceremony. Well, Snow White, it's been charming! Utterly charming! Thank you so much for having me! Let's do this again. Soon.

SNOW WHITE: Totally charmed. As always. Thank you so much for coming tonight, Prince Charming.

PRINCE CHARMING: Good night damsels and dwarves, witches and wizards! Live happily ever after, folks! Stay charming!

FAN 1: Goodbye, Charming!

FAN 2: I can't live without you, Charming!

FAN 3: Oh dear! Are you under a curse?

FAN 2: It's just a figure of speech!

PRINCE CHARMING and FAIRY ASSISTANT exit. FANS 1-3 and EXTRA FANS follow after them, exiting.

THE EVIL QUEEN: I heard that the Queen, Snow White's stepmother, is more charming than Prince Charming even!

CINDERELLA enters.

CINDERELLA: Quiet in the audience please! Ready for the next guest, Snow White?

SNOW WHITE: Almost!

CINDERELLA exits.

SNOW WHITE: Stay tuned for our next guest! She's one enchanting lady, you don't want to miss! But first, a message from one of our sponsors, Rapunzel's Luxurious Locks Hair Care Line.

RAPUNZEL enters.

RAPUNZEL: "Hair for more" and "Hair to be different" with Rapunzel's Luxurious Locks Hair Care Line. "Hair in mind," our products are "second to bun" and are designed for "all locks of life." Our hair care regime will keep your quaff "in mint conditioner." You'll be able to "gel the difference" with our various styling products. Don't "mousse" around with frizzy hair. "Comb" and check out our frizzy hair be gone magic amulet, which we'll be "straight" with you, works like a charm. Our magic mousses really are a "curl's best friend." Our Grey Be Gone Potion will be "a dye-opening experience!" And dispels of unwanted grey hairs, "before your very dyes!" After all, it's "all in a dye's work." We know you're not "pomade of money" so check out our rebates. They are "hair" today and gone tomorrow! "Perms and conditioners may apply." Have the "hairy-tale" ending you want with Rapunzel's Luxurious Locks Hair Care Line today!

RAPUNZEL exits. CINDERELLA enters.

CINDERELLA: Now I know why she is called Ra-"pun"-zel.

SNOW WHITE: Send in our next guest, will you, Cinderella!

CINDERELLA: Right, right, she's waiting in the wings. (*Exits.*)

SNOW WHITE: She's one magic lady! Really bewitching, an "e-pixie" great guest! We're so pleased she could wave her magic wand here! She's one "spell-er" lady! Without further "fanfairy," let's clap those hands together for the one, the only, Fairy Godmother!

FAIRY GODMOTHER enters, twirling on stage.

FAIRY GODMOTHER: Good evening! May all your wishes come true!

SNOW WHITE: Welcome, Fairy Godmother! So good of you to twirl in! Please, have a seat!

FAIRY GODMOTHER and SNOW WHITE sit down.

SNOW WHITE: You live such a charmed life!

FAIRY GODMOTHER: I've certainly smelled the sweet "spell" of success!

SNOW WHITE: So, I understand, you have been working your magic on a new fashion line?

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