

INTO THE WOODS AUDITION PIECES

(choose one and memorize)

BAKER

(Jack wants to get his cow back) Five gold pieces! Now, I never said that I would sell . . . I didn't take the five gold pieces, you gave. Now I never said you "could." I said you "might" possibly buy her back someday but I'm not certain that five gold pieces would . . . no don't fetch more *(Jack leaves to get more gold)* – Five gold pieces! With this money I could buy baking supplies for a year. I could buy a new thatched roof and a new chimney.

JACK

(To the Baker:) Hello, sir. I was heading toward the market, but I seem to have lost my way. I must sell my cow, sir for no less than five pounds . . . and if I can't fetch that sum, I suppose my mother and I will have no food to eat. You want to give me beans in exchange for my cow? Magic beans? What kind of magic? How many beans? Could I buy my cow back someday?

PRINCE

Have you seen a beautiful young woman in a ball gown pass through? I have been looking all night for her. The beautiful one I danced the evening with. She has disappeared. A maiden running from a Prince? Does that make sense? None would run from us. Yet one has. . .

BAKER'S WIFE

(To Cinderella) I've never lied to royalty before. I've never anything to royalty before! What a beautiful gown you're wearing. Were you at the King's Festival? Aren't you the lucky one. If a Prince were pursuing me, I certainly wouldn't hide. Tell me all about the ball. Are you to return to the Festival tomorrow eve? Oh, to be pursued by a Prince. All that pursues me is tomorrow's bread. What I wouldn't give to be in your shoes! . . . I mean slippers. As pure as gold! I need your shoes!

WITCH

(To the Baker) Forget the little girl and get the cape! That's the cape. Get it! You can get it. You go up to the little thing, and you take it. Get me what I need.
(hearing Rapunzel sing) Ahh, my Rapunzel. . . . listen to her beautiful music. Rapunzel, Rapunzel. Let down your hair to me. Why didn't you tell me you had a visitor? I gave you protection yet you disobeyed me. I will not share you, but I will show you a world you've never seen.

CINDERELLA

Thank you. I was at the King's Festival. Perhaps I'll return to the Festival tomorrow eve. Will you look over there? An enormous vine growing next to that little cottage. It looks like a giant beanstalk rising into the sky. I must get home. It's these slippers. They are all you could wish for in beauty. . . Why would you want one? One is not likely to do much good. I must run. Stop that! Let go of my shoe. I need to get out of here!