

All In A Golden Afternoon

- 1 *ALL*
All in a golden afternoon
Under the skies of cloudless blue,
Leisurely gliding time away,
Heading upstream to find some shade,
Sleepily drifting on our way that dreamy English summer's day.
- 2 All in a golden afternoon
Eager for stories wild and new,
Three little ladies named 'Liddell'
Longed for a fable to be told.
What can a single voice avail against three tongues that beg a tale?
Tell us a story, tell us a story, tell us a story.
- 3 All in a golden afternoon
Tales of imagination grew.
Alice the dream-child took our hands
Through many adventures, all unplanned.
Slowly the tales of wonderland did come to us as now they stand.
Tell us the story, tell us the story, tell us the story please.

I'm Late!

WHITE RABBIT

- 1
I'm late! I'm late!
I'm getting in a terrible state, I'll have to hurry.
Better get a move on 'cause I'm running out of time.
I'm late! I'm late!
I haven't got a moment to waste, I'm getting worried.
What am I to do? I'm going out of my mind!
- 2
I'm late! I'm late!
If the Duchess has a minute to wait she'll have my head off.
Better get a move on 'cause I'm running out of time.
I'm late! I'm late!
If I cannot keep this crucial date there'll be no let off.
What am I to do? I'm going out of my mind! I'M LATE!!

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I'm Late! (Reprise)

WHITE RABBIT

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Down, Down, Down

ALL
CHORUS *Down, down, down – I feel I'm falling through the ground.
Down, down, down – I'm falling, slowly, falling down.
Down, down, down – my world is turning all around.
Down, down, down – I'm feeling sleepy feelings now.*

1 ALICE
What's going to happen?
It seems I've been falling
For miles unending
And when will it stop?

CHORUS

2 ALICE
Falling in darkness
Past cupboards and bookshelves
I'm looking around me
At pictures and maps.

CHORUS

3 ALICE
Where am I going?
I can't get my bearings
I've gone such a distance
Where will I end up?

I Wish I Hadn't Cried So Much

ALL
CHORUS *I wish I hadn't cried so much,
I wish I hadn't cried so much.
Now everything has changed and nothing is the same at all.
I wish I hadn't cried so much,
I wish I hadn't cried so much,
When only yesterday my life was not unusual.*

1 *ALICE*
I'm sinking and I'm sighing,
For all my silly crying,
I really wonder why I'm here at all.
I'm shrinking then I'm growing,
I'm coming and I'm going,
I'm tired of never knowing who I am.

CHORUS

2 *ALICE*
This place is topsy-turvy,
It's all a bit un-nerving,
'Cause none of what I've learned is quite the same.
This wonderland I've entered
Is full of such adventure,
But just for now I'd settle for a change.

CHORUS

ALICE
Look at me, what a sight!
I wish I hadn't cried, I wish I hadn't cried so much.

Caucus Race

ALL

CHORUS *In the Caucus Race you choose a starting place,
You can then begin and end exactly where you like.
In the Caucus Race you run at your own pace,
You'll be guaranteed to win a prize!*

1 If your fur and feathers are a sorry sight,
If you're feeling cold and wet.
Come and join the race and you'll get dry,
There's no need to be upset!

CHORUS

2 It won't really matter how you play the game,
Make up any rules you like.
If you get it wrong, well that's OK,
Don't think anyone will mind.

CHORUS

PART TWO:

All this busy running gets you dry and it is funny
But it's really quite exhausting going round and round!
(repeat)

CHORUS AND PART TWO

PART THREE:

Once you've started you've no worries,
There's no reason to be hurried.
Take it easy, stay light-hearted,
In the Caucus Race.

PARTS TWO AND THREE

CHORUS, WITH PARTS TWO AND THREE

Mouse's Tale

MOUSE

Fury said to the mouse that he met in the house,
'Let us both go to law, I will prosecute you.

I will prosecute you!

Come, I'll take no denial,

We must have a trial,

For really this morning I've nothing to do.

I've nothing to do'.

Said the mouse to the cur,

'Such a trial, dear sir,

With no jury or judge,

Would be wasting our breath'.

'I'll be judge, I'll be jury'

Said cunning old Fury,

'I'll try the whole cause and condemn you to death!'

What Will Become Of Me?

1 *ALICE*
I've found another bottle,
It's given me a thought.
I'm sure that something strange will happen
If I can remove the cork.
I'm tired of being little
I'm sick of feeling small.
Perhaps if I should try this drink
I'll end up growing really tall.

ALL
CHORUS *What will become of me now I wonder?
I can't imagine what I should do.
Is this a magical spell I'm under?
Things keep happening that hardly seem true.*

2 Much sooner than expected
It happened as before,
But when she'd drunk a half of it
She wished she'd not begun at all.
Alas! It was too late then
She grew and grew some more.
In hardly any time she started
Feeling so uncomfortable.

CHORUS

3 *ALICE*
My head's against the ceiling,
I can't get out the door.
I wish I hadn't drunk so much
I hope I don't grow anymore!
My foot is up the chimney
I'm kneeling on the floor.
My arm is out the window and my
Elbow's stuck against the wall.

CHORUS

ALICE Things keep happening, strange things happening,
Curious happenings that hardly seem true.

Who Are You?

ALL

1 'Who are you?' said the Caterpillar
In such a lazy mood, he hardly bothered to stir.
Lackadaisical and laissez-faire
Was the little fella's attitude.

2 'Who can say?' Alice had to reply
'It's been a strange old day, and I keep changing my size.
It's not easy to explain (I've tried)
But I'm really not myself today!'

CATERPILLAR

[Spoken: What do you mean by that? Explain yourself!... You? Who are you?!]

3 'Come back here!' called the Caterpillar.
(He sounded quite sincere, and so it mattered to her.)
'I've got something that you ought to hear
And it's this... KEEP YOUR TEMPER!'

ALICE: Is that all?

CATERPILLAR: No! So you think you're changed do you?

ALICE: I'm afraid I am Sir... Why, I do it again and again.

4 'That's not right!' said the Caterpillar
'If I can be precise, I've never listened to worse.
Not a solitary line or verse
Has the meaning that I thought it might.'

ALICE: Nothing's right today. One doesn't like changing so often you know...

CATERPILLAR: ... It's a very good height indeed!

CATERPILLAR

5 'I don't know what is wrong with your size,
You shouldn't worry so, you shouldn't criticize.
You'll get used to being inches high,
It's the perfect height, and I should know!
Please excuse me now, I have to go!'

Pig And Pepper

(All parts are spoken except the final section in italics)

KNOCK 2-3-4 (*Fish Footman*)

FISH FOOTMAN

The Queen has invited the Duchess to play [1 2 3 4]
Along with the others, a game of croquet. [1 2 3 4 etc]

FROG FOOTMAN

The Duchess will gladly receive from the Queen,
An invite to join her for games on the green.

(Both bow low, curls get entangled. Exit Fish Footman. Frog sits on doorstep)

KNOCK 2-3-4 (*Alice*)

FROG FOOTMAN

There's no point in knocking, you'll never get in,
Besides, they're all making a terrible din!
I will be here 'til tomorrow, for sure,
Day after day I shall sit by the door. [plus 8 beats]

ALICE

But Footman, excuse me, before you begin
Please will you tell me how I can get in?

FROG FOOTMAN

How do you know if you'll get in at all?

ALICE

There's no use in talking to him, he's a fool!

INSTRUMENTAL

ALL

The noise in the kitchen was fearfully loud.
The smoke from the cooking was thick as a cloud.
The cook in the corner was using a scoop
To stir up the pepper she'd put in the soup. [plus 8 beats]

The cat was sat grinning from ear to ear,
The reason it did so was not very clear.
The Duchess was nursing a baby that sneezed,
Howling and screaming it sat on her knees.

ALL (SUNG)

*Rock-a-bye baby sat on a stool,
Watch out for saucepans, dishes and all.
Beat him and shake him, throw him around.
He'll go to sleep when he hits the ground!!*

INSTRUMENTAL (*Baby lobbng*)

Wonderland

- 1 *ALICE*
White rabbits with strange habits
That run round in a mad panic,
Never having time to turn around.
Long hallways with small doorways
Are there sometimes, but not always,
Curious indeed – the things I've found.

ALL
CHORUS *Alice, Alice, please understand*
These are the things that happen in a wonderland.
(Repeat)

- 2 *ALICE*
Loud sneezing and brain-teasing,
Where words take on a new meaning,
Everyone it seems must disagree.
Rude manners and bad grammar
The Frog Footman, a Mad Hatter!
It's the strangest place I've ever been!

CHORUS

INSTRUMENTAL

CHORUS

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Wonderland (Reprise)

ALICE
Fierce ladies with pig babies,
And strange games played in weird places.
How can I describe the things I've seen?
Mad juries, the Queen's fury,
The Mock Turtle, and sad stories.
How can I believe it's just a dream?

ALL
CHORUS *Alice, Alice, please understand,*
These are the things that happen in a wonderland. (Repeat)

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Mad As A Hatter

HATTER
CHORUS *I'm mad as a hatter!
I've never felt better,
It's hard to believe that I'm out of my mind,
But I'm mad as a hatter!
So pass me the butter,
'Cause life is a tea-party all of the time!*

ALL
*He's mad as a hatter!
He's never felt better,
Etc...*

1 *HATTER*
Ravens are rather like desks.
Tell me if you think it's true.
You won't be able to guess.
I've really not got a

DORMOUSE & HARE (or ALL)
(A riddle! A riddle!)
(Tell him, do tell him!)
(He'll have to tell you!)

CHORUS *He's mad as a hatter!...*

2 It was the middle of March,
I had a quarrel with time.
Now he does nothing I ask,
He was a good friend of

(The middle! The middle!)
(Yes, we remember!)
(He never listens)

CHORUS *He's mad as a hatter!...*

HATTER: 'I want a clean cup! Let's all move one place on!'

3 I find it hard to explain,
Thoughts that go round in my head.
Dormouse you're sleeping again!
You'd better go back to
(*MH stuffs dormouse into teapot!*)

(A puzzle! A puzzle!)
(No rhyme or reason)
(*Yawn. Twinkle twinkle*)

CHORUS *He's mad as a hatter!...*
CHORUS *I'm mad as a hatter!...*

HATTER
Wahay!

Royal Procession

FANFARE

- 1 *ALL*
Make way! Here comes the royal procession!
They make their entrance two by two.
They'll all be out to make an impression.
Be careful what you say and do.

FANFARE

- 2 *ALL (Clubs, Soldiers)*
This family has a sporting tradition,
We're proven winners through and through.
Out bodies are in tip-top condition,
Our team will wipe the floor with you.

- 3 *ALL (Diamonds, Courtiers)*
Our pride is in our social position.
We're first to hear the royal news.
We're in with all the top politicians,
And all the gossip columns too!

WHITE RABBIT
*I'm late! I'm late! – I'm getting in a terrible state, I'll have to hurry!
Better get a move on 'cause I'm running out of time!*

- 4 *ALL (Hearts, Children)*
Our fathers have a fine reputation,
They're really rather well-to-do.
They've given us the best education,
And all the money we can use!

- 5 *ALL (Guests, Kings & Queens)*
We're here to represent other nations,
From Mexico to Timbuktu!
And we received the Queen's invitation
Before she even thought of you!!

FANFARE

KNAVE OF HEARTS (Spoken): Make way for the King and Queen of Hearts!

The Croquet Song

ALL

- 1 It's such a lovely day for playing croquet,
Show me a better way to spend your time.
Really I have to say that life is OK,
Out on the lawn today, it's just divine!
- 2 I have been practising with my flamingo.
It's not an easy thing to keep in line.
I am delighted in the way my swing goes,
It needs some polishing, but I'll be fine.
- 3 Croquet is not so cool when you're a hedgehog!
Using us for a ball, it's so unkind.
If we don't curl up small, they'll knock our heads off!
Since they don't care at all, we'll run and hide!
- 4 This is an awful game if you're a soldier!
I've never been the same since first I tried.
I can't describe the pain in my left shoulder,
All doubled-up for days – it's such a crime!

*Whenever you play croquet then your neck is on the line,
We should all be glad just to stay alive!*

QUEEN: *'Stop! Stop! Stop! Now it's about time the rest of you did some singing... Executioners – To your places!'*

- 5 It's such a lovely day for playing croquet, *(It's a beautiful day for a game of croquet.)*
Show me a better way to spend your time. *(It's a wonderful way to be spending your time.)*
Really I have to say that life is OK, *(Life is quite OK playing croquet!)*
Out on the lawn today, it's just divine!

REPEAT LAST VERSE

*Whenever you play croquet then your neck is on the line,
We should all be glad just to stay alive!
We should all be glad just to stay alive!*

Lobster Dance

GRYPHON AND/OR MOCK TURTLE (alternating every verse/two lines)

1 If you listen then I'll explain,
You'll see it's a delightful game.
Clear the jellyfish out the way
And then we can begin.

2 Find a lobster and take his hand,
Dance together along the sand.
Change your partners and turn around
Then do it all again.

CHORUS *Seals and turtles and everyone,
We're all having the best of fun!
Join the party, we've just begun,
Come on and do the lobster dance!*

3 Hurl your lobster with all your might,
Out to sea where he's out of sight.
Don't you worry – he'll be alright,
He loves to play the game!

4 Turn a somersault in the sea.
(You will find it comes naturally!)
Bring your partner back and we
Can start it all again!

CHORUS

INSTRUMENTAL / PARTY CONGA

CHORUS TWICE

Beautiful Soup

MOCK TURTLE

- 1 This is a song that I love to recite,
Do sing along if you choose.
I'll sing the chorus so you get it right,
It's not a difficult tune.
(Cadenza – Mock Turtle or Gryphon)

ALL
CHORUS *Beautiful soup! Beautiful soup!
Soup of the evening so green and so pleasing,
My beautiful, beautiful soup.
Beautiful soup! Beautiful soup!
Beau-----tiful,
Beautiful, beautiful soup!*

MOCK TURTLE

- 2 First thing for breakfast or last thing at night,
This is my favourite food.
It can be served any way that you like,
I'll always be in the mood.
(Cadenza – Mock Turtle or Gryphon)

CHORUS

MOCK TURTLE

- 3 Who cares for chicken or savoury rice,
Vegetable curry or stew?
If I were offered whatever I liked,
Can you not guess what I'd choose?

CHORUS

Off With Her Head!

KING Consider your verdict!
Let the Jury consider their verdict!

QUEEN No! No! No!
HALF JURY/OTHER HALF (No! No! No! / No! No! No!)
QUEEN Sentence first, and then verdict afterwards!

ALICE Stuff and nonsense!
The very idea of the sentence first!

QUEEN Hold your tongue!
JURY Hold your tongue!

ALICE I won't!!

QUEEN Off with her head!
HALF JURY Off with her head!
WHOLE JURY Off with her head!

ALL Off with her head!
Off with her head!
Off with her head!
Off... with her...

Off with her head!
Off with her head!
Off with her head!
Off... with her...
OFF WITH HER HEAD!!

ALICE (Spoken): *Who cares for you? You're nothing but a pack of cards!!*