

The Adventures of Jack Frost

Characters:

The Wizard of Ice

Jack Frost

2 comic penguins Ping and Pong

ice creatures - Snowflake, Icicle, Blizzard, Cloud and Freeze

The Wizard of Fire

Dennis the baby dragon

fire creatures - Ember, Flame, Spark, Firefly, Sizzle and Glow

The Good Fairy, Dilly

Gertrude the Gardener

The Weather Vane

Daisy and Rowan

flower creatures - Sunflower, Petunia, Marigold, Cornflower, Forget-me-Not, Tulip, Carnation

Two butterflies Flutter and Flap

Ladybird, Dotty

'The Band'

live rocks

Settings:

The park - it has beautiful gardens, a greenhouse and a bandstand

The ice cave

The fire cave

(note: these could be either the same set with different lighting, or 2 halves of one set, one at each side of the stage.)

The side of the mountain

(note: there are 'live' rocks here)

Plot outline

Act 1

Prologue

In the park.

The good fairy is getting ready to go on holiday - she asks the audience to keep an eye on things and shout a magic word if they want her to come back. The weather vane thinks he can handle this and is a bit miffed.

The band starts to play in the bandstand and the curtain closes - a flower dance in front of the curtain.

Scene 1

Ice cave

Jack Frost gets into trouble from the Wizard of Ice for playing tricks and goes off in a huff, followed by the 2 penguins.

Fire cave

Dennis the Dragon gets into trouble from the Wizard of Fire because he can't breathe fire - goes out feeling upset.

Scene 2

On the side of the mountain

Gertrude is out collecting new plants.

Jack Frost meets Dennis the baby dragon. They plan some tricks on the two wizards.

Gertrude comes back with a fire plant.

Scene 3

In the park

Daisy and Rowan are sweeping up leaves for winter when it starts to get warmer again. Gertrude brings the fire plant back.

Jack Frost visits - it's too hot for him. Daisy helps him - Rowan gets jealous. The penguins arrive and are encouraged by the weather vane to try and call the good fairy for help - she comes back from holiday and is very angry.

Fire dance in front of the curtain

Scene 4

Ice cave/fire cave

The tricks start - Jack Frost swaps the Wizard of Ice's ice-cream for chilli. Wizard is furious and blames the

Wizard of Fire. Likewise in the fire cave. They call up the ice and fire creatures - war dance at each side of the stage

Scene 5

In the park

The weather starts to go wrong. So many changes that the weather vane gets dizzy and falls over. Gertrude the gardener rushing in and out with flowers. Ice and Fire creatures arrive and steal flowers - the garden in ruins. Gardener in despair. They call for Dilly but she won't come. Daisy wants to help - rounds up Rowan, Jack Frost, Dennis and the penguins. Gardener wants to come too. 'We're off to see the wizards - the wizards of fire and ice. We hear they are 2 wizards who are not really very nice....'

Act 2

Mini-prologue

In a corner of the park

The weather vane wakes up and finds chaos.

Ice and fire dancers lead way into next scene.

Scene 1

Ice cave/fire cave

Ice and fire creatures return with flower captives.

Flowers want to go home.

Scene 2

On the side of the mountain

Daisy and rescuers struggling up the mountain. Gertrude sits on a rock and it comes to life.

Rocks start to close in. Rescuers start to run away but

Rowan saves them somehow.

Scene 3

Ice cave/fire cave

Daisy and co. distract the wizards and rescue the flowers, but the wizards catch them. Jack Frost and Dennis stand up to them.

Scene 4

In the park

Everyone home. The garden is still devastated. Good Fairy returns and complains about the mess.

Finale

In the park.

Band plays in the bandstand. 'Winter Wonderland'

Music: English Country Garden

Prologue **GOOD FAIRY, WEATHER VANE, BAND,
ALL FLOWERS, FLUTTER AND FLAP, DOTTY THE LADYBIRD**

In the park

Good Fairy and weather vane on stage. Good Fairy packing her suitcase. Flowers, butterflies and ladybird on stage at back. Band in position in bandstand.

Good Fairy (Dilly):

Off I go on my holidays
Time to relax, time to laze.
Time to go to Alton Towers
Time to spend some happy hours!

(She packs her wand, mobile phone, spellbook, sunglasses)

(To audience) Now I've got you to keep an eye
On things - you may ask why -
It's because of the wizards of fire and ice
If they cause trouble it won't be nice.

(She packs more stuff)

This is what I want you to do:
Watch out for these terrible two.
If you need me, shout for Dilly
Otherwise things might get silly.

(Dilly picks up her suitcase but finds the weather vane in her way.)

Weather-vane (coughs):

Well, dear, I hardly think that was
necessary. I mean, look at them! *(points at audience)* What do you need them for when
you've got me to take care of things?

Good Fairy (Dilly):

Dear old weather-vane, don't start that with me -
I haven't had a holiday since 1973.

(Exit Good Fairy)

(The band starts to play in the bandstand. 'Floral Dance'. Flowers, butterflies and ladybird dance as curtain closes.)

Music: Hall of the Mountain King

Scene 1 **JACK FROST, THE WIZARD OF ICE,
PING AND PONG THE PENGUINS,
SNOWFLAKE, BLIZZARD AND ICICLE
CLOUD AND FREEZE**

In the ice cave

Jack Frost music

Enter Jack Frost looking furtive.

Wizard of Ice (offstage):

Jack Frost! Wait till I catch you!

Jack Frost:

Oh, no! Here he comes!

*(To audience) I'm Jack Frost, in case you hadn't noticed.
(He runs across the stage and hides in the audience.)*

*(Enter the Wizard of Ice, looking angry, followed by Ping
and Pong the penguins.)*

Wizard of Ice:

Just wait till I catch him! I'll teach him
to play these tricks on me! I'll freeze him
so solid he won't be able to move until
spring. I'll turn him into an ice-lolly! I'll
wrap him up in a snowball and roll him down the mountain.

*(Wizard comes to front of stage and peers into
audience.)*

Jack Frost! Where are you?

(To Ping and Pong)

Go and look for him down there.

Ping and Pong music

(Ping and Pong go into audience.)

Ping:

P-p-please come out, Jack Frost!

Pong:

P-p-put your trust in us. We'll look after you.

(Jack Frost pops up and waves at them)

Jack Frost:

Hello, P-p-ping! Hello P-p-pong! What's a

fine p-p-pair of p-p-penguins doing in a
p-p-place like this?

Ping:

Over there!

(Jack Frost disappears and pops up somewhere else.)

Pong:

No, over there!

Wizard of Ice:

Come on, you two, p-p-pull yourselves
together - oh, no, they've got me doing it
now.

Ping and Pong music - fast

*(Ping and Pong chase Jack Frost along front of stage and
back into the ice cave. The Wizard of Ice catches him.)*

Wizard of Ice:

Now then, Jack Frost, what have you got to
say for yourself?

Jack Frost *(wriggling):*

Nothing!

Wizard of Ice:

You haven't got anything to say about
putting hot water in my ice-cold bottle? How
do you think it felt when I found my bed
thawing out under me?

Jack Frost *(still wriggling):*

Don't know.

Wizard of Ice:

I can tell you: it felt damp. And I don't
like feeling damp.

(He lets Jack Frost go and sighs)

What am I going to do with you? And you know
this is our busy time of year. I need you to
help with the winter.

Jack Frost *(dodging safely out of reach):*

Winter's boring. Nobody likes it. Why can't
it be summer all the year round?

(Ping and Pong look shocked)

Wizard of Ice:

That's enough! Just get out of my sight!
I'll get Snowflake and Icicle and Blizzard
to do your work. Keep out of my way and
don't get into any trouble!

Jack Frost:

Cool! A holiday!

Wizard of Ice:

Just go now!

(Exit Jack Frost)

Wizard of Ice (to Ping and Pong):

Can I trust him not to get into trouble?

(Ping and Pong shake their heads)

Ping:

P-p-plainly not.

Pong:

P-p-probably not.

Wizard of Ice:

Go after him, you two. We don't want
anything going wrong with the winter. It's
hard enough to get it right these days, with
the wizard of fire always breathing down my neck.

(Exit Ping and Pong)

Wizard of Ice:

Snowflake! Icicle! Blizzard! Cloud! Freeze!

Music: Mountain King

*(Enter Snowflake, Icicle and Blizzard, Cloud, Freeze, dancing. They
dance round the wizard then come to a halt around him.)*

Wizard of Ice:

You're going to have to work extra hard to
make up for that lazybones Jack Frost. Get
out there and make this the best winter ever!

(All exit, pulling curtain across to hide ice cave.)

Music: Mountain King/Carmina Burana

**In the fire cave WIZARD OF FIRE, DENNIS THE
 DRAGON,
 EMBER, FLAME AND SPARK
 FIREFLY AND GLOW**

(Enter Dennis the Dragon chased by Ember, Flame and Spark, Firefly, Sizzle and Glow. They surround him.)

Dennis:

Get lost, you lot!

Ember:

Let's see you breathe fire, Dennis!

Dennis:

I can't just now, I'm too tired. *(Yawns)*

Flame:

What's the matter with you anyway?

Spark:

Call yourself a dragon!

Ember:

Dragons breathe fire. Everybody knows that.

Glow:

Real dragons breathe fire. Why don't you?

Dennis*(pushes through the circle of fire creatures and stands in the corner):*

Well, I can't be bothered. Shouldn't you be somewhere else?

Ember:

Yes, but it's more fun here annoying you.

Wizard of Fire *(offstage):*

Ember! Flame! Spark! Firefly! Glow! Sizzle!

(The fire creatures run offstage. Dennis tries a few puffs to see if he can breathe fire, but fails miserably. Enter Wizard of Fire with a candlestick.)

Wizard of Fire:

Dennis! Just the dragon I need! Can you go and light the fire under my chair? I need to

warm up my poor old bones, with winter well
on the way.

Dennis (*aside*):

Why me? Just tell me that!

(*to Wizard of Fire*):

I think I'm getting a cold. I don't know if my fire's working.

Wizard of Fire:

Of course it's working. You're a dragon,
aren't you? Here, try it out on this candle.

(*Dennis puffs and blows but can't light the candle*)

Wizard of Fire (*crossly*):

Oh, for goodness sake. What's the use of a
dragon that can't breathe fire? You might as
well be an ostrich or an armadillo!

Dennis:

It's just this cold... My nose is all
blocked up and I think there's a frog in my throat.

Wizard of Fire:

Nonsense! There's no room here for a dragon
without any fire! Get out of my sight! And
don't come back until you're a proper dragon.

Dennis:

But –

Wizard of Fire:

Just go now!

(*Exit Dennis, dejected. Enter Ember, Flame and Spark, etc come on stage,
surround the Wizard and dance off stage with him.*)

Music: Carmina Burana

CURTAIN

Scene 2

**On the side of the mountain GERTRUDE, JACK FROST,
DENNIS THE DRAGON
PING AND PONG
ROCKS**

Music: The Bear went over the mountain

(Enter Gertrude the Gardener with trowel, flowerpot and large magnifying glass. She is searching for something on the ground. She pokes about near the rocks. One of the rocks moves away from her slightly. She jumps and gives it a suspicious look. It moves again. She backs away from it. Enter Dennis the Dragon at the other side of the stage, looking back so he doesn't see Gertrude. They circle around back to back and then bump into each other.)

Cymbals

Gertrude:

Oh!

(Peers at Dennis through the magnifying glass.)

Dennis:

Yes, I'm a dragon.

Gertrude:

You don't sound very happy about it.

Dennis:

No, I'm not.

Gertrude:

Shouldn't you be breathing fire at me and things?

Dennis:

Can't be bothered... What are you doing here?

Gertrude:

I'm looking for a new plant for my gardens in the park. I'd name it after myself and I'd be famous. I might even get on the 'Beechgrove Garden'.

Dennis:

What's your name anyway?

Gertrude:

I'm Gertrude.

(Dennis tries not to laugh. They shake hands solemnly.)

I expect your name's Scorcher or

Flame-Thrower?

Dennis:

No, it's Dennis.

(Gertrude tries not to laugh.)

Gertrude:

Mmm, that sounds a bit menacing... Well, I must be getting on. Nice to meet you.

(Exit Gertrude, still searching.)

Music: Bear/Jack Frost

(Enter Jack Frost, skipping and dancing. He runs round the stage and comes to a stop when he sees Dennis. He walks round Dennis studying him.)

Jack Frost:

Are you one of those rocks or are you alive?

Dennis:

Look out, I'm Dennis the Dragon.

Jack Frost *(jumps back):*

Oh, I'm really scared.

Dennis:

Don't you start.

Jack Frost:

What's the matter with you? Shouldn't you be out there scaring people and breathing fire and being slain?

Dennis:

Not all dragons are the same, you know. I just want the chance to be myself, but the others won't leave me alone.

Jack Frost *(sitting next to Dennis on rock):*

I know the feeling. I'm Jack Frost. Nobody wants me to be myself either. They're always trying to stop me doing what I want to do.

Dennis:

What do you want to do?

Jack Frost:

Just normal things like filling the Wizard's ice-cold bottle with hot water... microwaving his socks... melting his wand.

All harmless enough.

Dennis (*horrified*):

You play those tricks on your wizard?

Jack Frost (*nonchalantly*):

Every day.

Dennis:

But doesn't he get angry?

Jack Frost:

Every day.

Music: Ping and Pong (quiet)

(Enter Ping and Pong without the others seeing them. They hide behind the rocks and watch.)

Dennis:

If I did anything like that to the Wizard of Fire he'd explode!

Jack Frost:

You should try it some time. It would be fun, fun, fun! Why don't we both try some tricks at the same time? See whose wizard gets most wound up?

Dennis:

What sort of tricks?

(Ping and Pong jump up indignantly and are nearly spotted.)

Jack Frost (*looking round as if he's heard something*):

Look out, rocks have ears!

(Dennis jumps off his rock and looks to see if it has ears.)

Dennis:

No, they haven't!

Jack Frost:

That was a joke! You're a bit nervous for a dragon, aren't you?

Dennis:

I can't breathe fire either.

Jack Frost:

Oh, well, never mind. You won't need to breathe fire for my tricks. The wizards might by the time we've finished though!

Dennis:

What are you talking about?

Jack Frost (*jumping off rock*):

I'll tell you on the way.

Dennis:

On the way where?

Jack Frost:

Down to the village... We'll need to get some chilli powder... ice-cubes... and things.

Dennis:

Maybe Gertrude can help.

Jack Frost:

Who's Gertrude?

Dennis:

Here she comes, look. She's in charge of things down in the village.

Music: Bear

(Enter Gertrude, tugging at something just offstage - a plant. Eventually she rushes on to the stage backwards as the plant comes out of the ground. She crashes to the floor still clutching it.)

Cymbals

Dennis:

This is Gertrude... Jack Frost.

(Gertrude gets up with dignity and shakes Jack Frost's hand. She gets a shock at finding his hand is icy cold.)

Gertrude:

Aha! I suppose you're the one that comes along in the night and ruins my begonias.

Jack Frost:

I never touched your begonias!

Gertrude:

That isn't what the weather-vane says.

Dennis:

That's a funny-looking thing.

Gertrude (*holding up the plant - its petals look like the flames of a fire*):

Here it is - the Gertrude! It's the only one in the world and it only blooms once every 1000 years at the entrance to the fire cave. Look after it while I go for my wheelbarrow.

(She hands the plant to Jack Frost. He finds it's too hot for him and juggles it from one hand to the other, then gives it to Dennis, who drops it. He has just picked it up when Gertrude comes back with the wheelbarrow.)

Cymbals

Gertrude:

You didn't drop it, did you?

Dennis:

No, of course not.

Gertrude:

I don't know if I believe you...

(To audience) Did he drop my plant?

(Dennis goes behind her and shakes his head.)

Gertrude:

Oh, well, that'll teach me to trust a dragon. Give me a hand, you two.

(They load the plant on to the wheelbarrow)

Jack Frost:

We'll help you down to the village with it.
We're going that way anyway.

(Exit Gertrude, Dennis and Jack Frost with wheelbarrow. Ping and Pong come out of their hiding place.)

Ping:

P-p-play tricks on the wizards!

Pong:

P-p-perish the thought!

(They look at each other.)

Ping and Pong together:

It'll be fun, fun, fun!

(Exit doing a comic penguin dance.)

Music: Ping and Pong

CURTAIN

Music: English Country Garden

Scene 3

In the park

**DAISY, ROWAN, WEATHER-
VANE, BAND, GERTRUDE,
JACK FROST, DENNIS,
PING AND PONG,
GOOD FAIRY DILLY,
SUNFLOWER, PETUNIA, MARIGOLD,
CORNFLOWER, FORGET-ME-NOT,
TULIP, CARNATION, FLUTTER, FLAP, DOTTY**

(Daisy, Rowan dressed in scarves etc, sweeping up leaves. Band practising. Rowan is bored and starts playing games with the leaves. Weather-vane seems to be asleep. Daisy sees Rowan jumping in the leaves.)

Daisy:

Oh, come on, Rowan! We'll never get this done if you keep spoiling it.

Rowan:

Don't see why we should do it anyway. We're not getting paid for it.

Daisy:

Well, there's nothing else to do. And we've got to do something to keep warm, with winter well on the way.

Weather-vane:

Wait a minute, that can't be right!
(Stands on tiptoe and peers round suspiciously, then swivels round a little. Sniffs the air.)

Rowan (irritated):

What's the matter with you?

Weather-vane (smugly):

Wait and see. It won't be long. You'll be able to take those winter woolies off.

(Daisy and Rowan stare at weather-vane. He swivels round a bit further. They shrug and start sweeping again.)

Daisy:

Oh, dear, I'll have to take off my scarf.
See, sweeping leaves does get you warm.

Rowan:

It isn't that. The weather's getting warmer.
(Daisy and Rowan take off hats, scarves and gloves.)

Weather-vane:

Told you! And I'm never wrong!

(Daisy and Rowan carry on sweeping. Rowan flings down his broom.)

Rowan:

That's it! It's too hot to do any more!
(He sits down. Daisy carries on sweeping, only more slowly. Sunflower, Petunia and Marigold, come out of the greenhouse.)

Sunflower:

What a lovely day!

Petunia:

It's warm enough to sit outside.

(Enter Cornflower, Forget-me-not, Tulip, Carnation, also from the greenhouse.)

Cornflower (yawning):

It can't be spring again already!

Forget-me-not:

I don't remember having winter this year at all.

Tulip:

It doesn't seem like any time since last spring.

Carnation:

We haven't had a proper sleep.

Marigold:

Let's have a dance anyway.

(They dance. Weather-vane puts on sunglasses.)

(Enter Flutter, Flap and Dotty the Ladybird. They dance round the flowers)

Dotty:

It's so warm. Is something on fire?

Flutter (flapping wings hard):

Did someone say fire?

Flap (in a panic):

Don't panic, don't panic!

(Enter Gertrude, Dennis with wheelbarrow. Jack Frost lagging behind, not feeling very well - drooping in the heat.)

Gertrude:

What are you flowers doing out here? It's far too cold for you at this time of year.

Sunflower:

No, it isn't!

Petunia:

Why should we be cooped up in that greenhouse?

Marigold:

Why didn't somebody tell us it was summer again?

Gertrude:

It isn't summer! It's winter! The weather-vane will tell you. *(Weather-vane shakes his head)*
And if you don't get back inside right now I'll set Jack Frost on you!

Sunflower:

Well, he doesn't look very scary.

(Jack Frost starts to buckle at the knees and falls to the ground.)

Dennis:

Somebody help him!

Flutter and Flap:

Help! Somebody do something!

(Dennis, Daisy and Dotty rush to help him)

Daisy:

Look, he isn't feeling well. Maybe it's too hot for him.

Rowan:

He's just putting it on.

Daisy:

Don't be silly. What can we do?

Rowan:

If it's too hot for him here, he'd better get back to where he came from and stay there.

Dotty:

Yes, he'd better just fly away home like I always do when there's something wrong!

Gertrude:

That's enough! We'll have to help him.

Dennis (*sadly*):

We only came down here to get chilli powder and ice cubes.

Daisy:

Ice cubes! I know! We'll get some frozen chips out of my mum's freezer in her shop and pack them round him.

Dennis:

I'll help you.

(Together they take Jack Frost off stage. Gertrude exits with flowers (under protest). Rowan looks at the big plant in the wheelbarrow. He touches it and jumps back. Flutter, Flap and Dotty dance around it)

Rowan:

Wow, that's hot!

Weather-vane:

There's something funny about that plant.

(Enter Gertrude)

Gertrude (*shoos Flutter, Flap and Dotty away*):

Leave that plant alone! I brought it back from my expedition. I'm going to name it after myself.

Weather-vane:

The Gorgeous Gertie, I suppose?

Rowan (*aside*):

More like the Terrible Trudie.

Gertrude:

Come and help me put it away in a safe place.

(Exit Gertrude and Rowan with plant in wheelbarrow.
Weather-vane swivels back a bit.)

Weather-vane (*shivering*):

There's a bit of a chill in the air now.

(*Takes off sunglasses*)

(*Enter Ping and Pong furtively. Weather-vane stands very still. They don't notice him at first*)

Ping:

Is this the p-p-place?

Pong:

It app-p-pears to be!

Ping:

Where's Jack Frost, then, P-p-pong?

Pong:

I don't know, P-p-ping.

Weather-vane (*loudly and suddenly*):

Maybe I can help you there.

(*Ping and Pong jump and huddle together.*)

Weather-vane:

It's all right, no cause for alarm. I'm not
a p-p-polar bear, you know.

Ping and Pong (*together*):

What's a p-p-polar bear?

Weather-vane:

Oh, I forgot, you won't have seen one. And
anyway, they don't eat penguins.

Ping and Pong (*together*):

Why don't p-p-polar bears eat p-p-penguins?

Weather-vane:

Because they can't get the wrappers off!

Ping:

Oh, ha ha.

Pong:

Ha.

Weather-vane:

You're looking for Jack Frost, are you? He went that way... But he wasn't feeling very well. It was too hot for him here.

Ping:

He won't be doing any of his tricks, then.

Pong:

We might as well go home.

Weather-vane:

Tricks, eh? I know a good one.

Ping and Pong:

What's that?

Weather-vane:

Well, I know how to make a good fairy appear.

Ping and Pong:

A good fairy?

Weather-vane:

Yes, try this. You see that lot out there?
(points to the audience) If you can get them to shout for Dilly, then as if by magic a good fairy will appear.

Ping:

Dilly?

Pong:

Them?

(They stare blankly at the audience.)

Weather-vane:

She'll be cross, mind you. But it might be fun.

Ping:

All right, let's give it a try.

Pong (to audience):

Come on, then, after three.

Ping:

One.

Pong:

Two.

Ping:

Three.

Ping and Pong:

Dilly!

(If audience doesn't join in the first time, try again.)

Music: Sugar Plum

(Enter Dilly, very cross.)

Dilly:

What's the problem, this had better be good!
Or I'll feel like saying something very very rude.

Weather-vane:

I'm saying nothing.

Ping and Pong:

P-p-problem?

Dilly:

There I was on Oblivion, hovering on the brink.
I was whisked off here, without time to think.

Ping and Pong:

It was a mistake.

Dilly:

Brought back from holidays by mistake, oh my
I know a spell that makes a tasty penguin pie.

(Dilly marches towards the penguins waving her wand threateningly. They exit, falling over each other on the way)

Dilly:

And as for you, Mr Weather-vane....

Weather-vane:

Teenage penguins! They're all the same!

(Enter Daisy, Gertrude, Rowan, Jack Frost and Dennis)

Dilly:

I'm off to Alton Towers again, holidaying in style.
You'll just have to cope without me for a while.

(They all stare aghast as she waves her wand and stomps off.)

Music: Sugar Plum

Gertrude:

Well, who rattled her cage?

Weather-vane:

I'm saying nothing.

Rowan:

That'll make a change.

Daisy *(to Jack Frost):*

Are you sure you'll get home all right?

Jack Frost:

I will now, thanks to you!

(Daisy gives him a carrier bag)

Daisy:

Here are the things you wanted... Chilli powder, ice cubes, curry powder, glacier mints...

Jack Frost and Dennis:

Thanks.

Daisy:

Come back and see us again another day.

Rowan:

Yes, some time in the next millennium.

Jack Frost and Dennis *(waving goodbye):*

Bye!

(Exit Jack Frost and Dennis)

Gertrude:

What a nice pair. Strange taste in food though. I prefer meat and 2 veg myself.

CURTAIN

Music: English Country Garden

Music: Mountain King

Scene 4

Ice cave

**JACK FROST, DENNIS,
WIZARD OF ICE,
SNOWFLAKE, ICICLE,
BLIZZARD, CLOUD, FREEZE**

(Ice creatures - Snowflake, Icicle, Blizzard, Cloud, Freeze - preparing a meal. Enter Jack Frost. He tries to taste some food.)

Snowflake:

Leave that alone, Jack Frost! That's the Wizard's snowberry sorbet.

(Jack tries some of the drink Icicle is making.)

Icicle:

Hands off, Jack Frost! The Wizard doesn't want your sticky fingers on his glass of iced tea.

Blizzard:

Get out of here, Jack Frost! You're just getting in the way!

(Dennis the Dragon appears in the cave entrance.)

Jack Frost:

Look, what's that?

Snowflake:

It's a dragon!

Icicle:

A fire creature!

Blizzard:

Let's get him!

(Exit Dennis pursued by Snowflake, Icicle and Blizzard, Cloud and Freeze.)

(Jack Frost puts chilli powder in sorbet and curry powder in iced tea.)

Jack Frost:

A heaped spoonful of chilli here... and a couple of pinches of curry powder there...

Let's see if that warms you up, Mr Icy-bones.

(Jack Frost hides near entrance. Enter Snowflake, Icicle and Blizzard.)

Blizzard:

Look out, the Wizard's coming! Is everything ready?

Snowflake *(produces bowl of snowberry sorbet):*

Here's the snowberry sorbet.

Icicle *(pours out glass of iced tea):*

And here's the iced tea.

(Enter the Wizard of Ice with Cloud and Freeze. Snowflake and Icicle give him the bowl and glass.)

Wizard of Ice:

Ah, there's nothing like a glass of iced tea to cool me down on a cold winter's day... and what kind of sorbet is this?

Snowflake:

Snowberry sorbet.

Wizard of Ice:

I'm going to enjoy this.

(Wizard sits on ice throne. Takes a long slurp of tea.)

Aargh! My mouth's on fire! Aaargh!

(He tries a spoonful of sorbet and jumps to his feet.)

Ow! Ow! It's burning!

(Wizard jumps about shrieking. Jack Frost laughs. Snowflake gives Wizard some ice-cubes.)

Wizard of Ice:

Who did this?

Blizzard:

There was a dragon hanging about just now. Maybe it was him.

Wizard of Ice:

A dragon! A fire creature! I might have known. The Wizard of Fire must be behind this! He's trying to ruin the winter. I want him stopped RIGHT NOW. GO AND STOP HIM!

Snowflake, Blizzard and Icicle, Cloud and Freeze:

We're on our way.

(Exit Snowflake, Blizzard and Icicle)

Wizard of Ice *(in entrance):*

And don't come back until you've destroyed
all his fire creatures and put a stop to his
tricks.

(Exit Wizard of Ice.)

Jack Frost *(coming out of hiding):*

Oh, dear. This has got out of hand. I'd
better go and warn my friend Dennis.

(Exit Jack Frost pulling curtain across to hide ice cave)

Music: Mountain King/Carmina Burana

In the fire cave **DENNIS, JACK FROST,
WIZARD OF FIRE,
EMBER, FLAME AND SPARK
FIREFLY, GLOW and SIZZLE**

(Wizard of Fire asleep on fire throne, cup of fire blazing beside him. Enter Dennis the Dragon on tiptoe. He puts ice-cubes in the blazing cup. Sizzling sound. Fire goes out. Dennis hides. Wizard wakes up.)

Wizard of Fire:

What was that?

(He takes a slurp from the cup.)

Oooogh! That's horrible. It's as cold as ice! Ooogh! I can feel my fire going out.

(Droops)

Ember! Flame! Spark! Bring me fire!

(Enter Ember, Flame and Spark, Firefly, Glow and Sizzle)

Ember:

What's wrong, Wizard?

Wizard of Fire *(gasps):*

Quick! More fire!

(Ember gets a cupful of burning coals from the main fire. She gives the cup to the Wizard. He takes a big slurp.)

Wizard of Fire:

More! More!

(Spark gets more fire.)

Wizard of Fire *(standing up):*

There were ice-cubes in my fire-cup. How did that happen?

Flame, Ember, Spark, Firefly, Sizzle:

I don't know, Wizard!

Wizard of Fire:

Well, somebody must know!

Glow:

I don't know either, Wizard!

(He paces about. Jack Frost peers in at the entrance. Dennis tries to wave him away but he doesn't notice.)

Jack Frost *(in a whisper)*:
Dennis! Are you there?

Wizard of Fire:
An ice creature!
(Jack Frost disappears)
It's the Wizard of Ice! He's trying to destroy me and my power so that it will be winter all the time. HE MUST BE STOPPED. RIGHT NOW. GO AND DESTROY ALL THE ICE CREATURES!

Flame, Ember, Spark, Firefly, Glow, Sizzle:
Right away, Wizard.

(Exit Flame, Ember and Spark, Firefly, Glow and Sizzle)

Wizard of Fire:
By the time I've finished there'll be NO WINTER AT ALL.

(Exit Wizard of Fire. Dennis comes out of hiding place.)

Dennis:
Oh, dear, what have I done? I'd better go and find Jack Frost.

(Enter Jack Frost.)

Jack Frost:
They're going to try and destroy each other.

Dennis:
And that means CHAOS everywhere.
(They look at each other.)

Jack Frost and Dennis:
What have we done?

Dennis:
What about Gertrude's garden?

Jack Frost:
We'd better get down to the village and warn them.

CURTAIN

Music: Carmina Burana

Scene 5

In the park

WEATHER-VANE, DAISY,
GERTRUDE, ROWAN,
JACK FROST, DENNIS,
PING AND PONG,
SUNFLOWER, PETUNIA
AND MARIGOLD,
CORNFLOWER, FORGET-ME-NOT, TULIP, CARNATION
FLUTTER, FLAP, DOTTY
EMBER, FLAME, SPARK, FIREFLY, GLOW, SIZZLE
SNOWFLAKE, ICICLE,
BLIZZARD, CLOUD, FREEZE

(Weather-vane, icicles dangling from his arms, on stage with Daisy and Rowan who are sweeping leaves again.)

Weather-vane *(anxiously):*

Is my nose blue with the cold? It feels as if it is. Get me a mirror so I can have a look.

(Rowan brings mirror with a clown face on it. Shows the audience then holds it up to the weather-vane.)

Weather-vane *(trying to move his arms but they are frozen stiff):*

Oh, no! I can't be seen like this. Get me into the greenhouse where it's nice and warm.

Daisy:

It's all right. Rowan's just teasing. You look fine.

Weather-vane:

But my scarf doesn't go with my nose! I'll be a laughing-stock. Get me indoors.

Daisy:

We need you out here to tell us when spring comes.

Weather-vane:

Mmm... I don't think it's far away right now.

(One of his icicles falls off.)

Clunk

There. A thaw. What did I tell you?

(Another icicle falls off.)

Clunk

Rowan:

What's going on here?

Weather-vane:

I don't know but I like it.

(Swings his arms as they loosen up.)

Daisy:

It's far too hot! What's happening?

(Weather-vane swings round sideways)

Weather-vane:

It's spring! Hurray!

Music: Bear (fast)

(Enter Gertrude in a rush.)

Gertrude:

What's going on here? The daffodils are trying to come out. I keep telling them it isn't time yet, but you know how stubborn they are.

Rowan:

I'll stamp on them if you want.

Gertrude:

Don't you dare!
Come on, we'd better bring the plants out of the greenhouse to soak up some of this warmth. I might even put on my bikini and lie on the sun-lounger for a while.

(Exit Gertrude.)

Daisy and Rowan exchange horrified glances, then follow her.)

(Enter Jack Frost and Dennis in a rush.)

Jack Frost:

Where are they? Phew, it's warm here.

(Enter Gertrude, Sunflower, Petunia and Marigold, Gertrude carrying her fire plant in its pot, Flutter, Flap and Dotty following.)

Gertrude:

Hello, what are you two doing back so soon?

Dennis:

Something terrible's happened. The Wizards -

Jack Frost:

The Fire and Ice creatures!

Dennis:

They're on their way! We've come to warn you.

Flutter:

Oh no! Not the Wizards!

Flap:

Not the Fire and Ice creatures!

Dotty:

Maybe we should just fly away home!

(The weather-vane suddenly swings back again. Gertrude sighs.)

Gertrude:

Make up your mind!

Music: Bear (fast)

(She starts to take Sunflower and Petunia off, bumps into Rowan bringing Tulip and Carnation on. They go round each other. Exit Gertrude.)

Rowan:

What's the matter with you two?

Jack Frost:

Better put these plants away.

Dennis:

There's going to be a -

Music: Mountain King

(Snowflake, Icicle, Blizzard, Cloud and Freeze burst in from one side of the stage. Weather-vane spins round. Flutter, Flap and Dotty hide in bandstand. Rowan backs away, bumps into Daisy who is bringing Cornflower and Forget-me-not on. Exit Rowan. Exit Ice creatures.)

Daisy:

Watch what you're doing! Where are you going with those plants?

(Sees Jack Frost and Dennis.)

Hello, you two!

Jack Frost:

No! Hurry up and -

Music: Carmina Burana

(Ember, Flame and Spark, Firefly, Glow and Sizzle burst in, knocking Jack Frost over. Daisy rushes to help. Weather-vane spins.

Snowflake, Icicle and Blizzard, Cloud and Freeze burst in from the other side. Dennis frozen solid. Others stand back.

Weather-vane spins to and fro.

Music: Mountain

King/Carmina Burana

Ice and fire dance.

Flowers - Sunflower, Petunia and Marigold, Cornflower, Forget-me-not,

Tulip, Carnation join in and are

taken off stage by the ice and fire creatures - Sunflower, Cornflower and Tulip

by Snowflake, Icicle and Blizzard, Cloud and Freeze, Petunia, Marigold, Forget-me-not, Carnation

by Ember, Flame and Spark, Firefly, Glow and Sizzle.

Weather-vane falls over. Remaining plants knocked over and scattered.

Enter Gertrude and Rowan.)

Gertrude:

What's happening? Where are my flowers?

Dennis *(beginning to thaw out):*

They've been kidnapped!

Music: Ping and Pong

(Enter Ping and Pong)

Ping:

Did you know the ice and fire creatures have taken your flowers?

Daisy:

Where have they taken them?

Pong:

The ice and fire caves.

Ping:

Where the wizards live.

Gertrude:

What am I going to do?

(Sits down with head in hands)

(Flutter, Flap and Dotty creep out of bandstand)

Flutter and Flap:

There's nothing to be done!

Dotty:

Daisy will think of something.

Daisy:

Don't worry, we'll do something.

Rowan:

Who needs flowers anyway?

Daisy:

I know, we'll call for Dilly.
(To audience)
Can you help?
(Gets audience to call for Dilly, but nothing happens.)

Jack Frost:
We'll get them back for you!

Rowan *(pushing Jack Frost aside):*
No, I'll get them back.

Daisy:
We'll all go! You and me
(points to self and Rowan)
and Jack Frost and Dennis.
*(Daisy, Rowan, Jack Frost, Dennis, Ping and Pong all line up to sing 'We're off to see the Wizards'
Flutter, Flap and Dotty dance in background)*

Music: Wizard of Oz

All:
We're off to see the wizards
The wizards of fire and ice
We hear they are 2 wizards who are
Not really very nice.

Gertrude:
Not so fast, wait for me! I'm the one who
should be going to get my flowers back.

(Gertrude joins in. They all exit singing.)

All:
If ever if ever 2 whizzes there were
The wizards of fire and ice they were
Of fire and ice and ice and fire and ice!
They aren't really all that terribly nice
We're off to see the wizards
The wizards of fire and ice.

**CURTAIN
END OF ACT ONE**

Music: English Country Garden (minor)

Act 2
Prologue
In the park

WEATHER-VANE
THE BAND
FLUTTER, FLAP AND DOTTY

(It's chaos in the park. The weather-vane is lying in an untidy heap on the ground, and there are lots of plants strewn around. The band are leaning around the sides of the bandstand. Flutter, Flap and Dotty the Ladybird are standing staring. Gradually they all start to pick themselves up. A few bars of 'The Wizards of Fire and Ice' are heard.)

Weather-vane *(gradually remembering):*

What happened? I feel dizzy... I remember.
The ice and fire creatures were having some
sort of a battle. And the flowers have
gone... And where is everybody?

Flutter and Flap:

They've all gone.

Dotty:

The ice and fire creatures took away the flowers.

Flutter and Flap:

And the others went off to get them back.

(Weather-vane comes to front and speaks to audience)

Weather-vane:

Well, it looks like it's just you and me
left to tidy up.

Flutter and Flap:

And us!

Dotty:

And me!

Weather-vane:

I don't know! Just as well I
know what I'm doing! Just as well I'm the
only person around here who knows what
they're doing...But I can't do anything
until I've fixed my hair. I'll see you
later.

CURTAIN

(minor)

Music: English Country Garden

Music: Mountain King

Scene 1
in the ice cave

WIZARD OF ICE
SNOWFLAKE, BLIZZARD,
ICICLE, CLOUD, FREEZE
SUNFLOWER, CORNFLOWER AND TULIP

(Enter Snowflake, Blizzard, Icicle, Cloud and Freeze with Sunflower, Cornflower and Tulip, and carrying Gertrude's special fire plant.)

Snowflake:

Here we are, home again!

Sunflower *(shivering):*

I want to go back to my nice warm greenhouse.

Icicle:

Nonsense, you'll soon get used to it in here.

Sunflower:

No, I won't, it's too cold for me.

Cornflower:

And if it's too cold for her, it's too cold for me.

Tulip:

And it's even colder for me.

Blizzard:

Just grow another layer of petals and you'll be fine.

Sunflower *(louder):*

No, I won't! I want to go home!

Cornflower and Tulip:

We want to go home too!

Snowflake:

Sssh! The Wizard will hear you. You'll spoil the surprise.

Sunflower:

I don't care!

Wizard of Ice (*offstage*):

What's all that noise in there?

(*Enter Wizard of Ice*)

Wizard of Ice:

What's all this?

(*He touches the fire plant and jumps back*)

Where did you get those flowers?

Blizzard:

We captured them from the Wizard of Fire.

Sunflower:

But -

Icicle (*pushing Sunflower out of the way*):

We brought them back specially for you.

Wizard of Ice:

Aha! Good, good... Put them in the cold room where they can't do any more harm. They'll be frozen solid. We'll see how the Wizard of Fire likes that. Let him try and interfere with the winter now!

Sunflower (*shivering*):

The c-c-cold room? It can't be any colder than this.

Snowflake:

You'll like it in the cold room. It's deep in the heart of the ice cave, deep in layer upon layer of ice left over from the Great Ice Age.

Cornflower:

It doesn't sound like my kind of place at all.

Tulip:

It isn't the sort of thing we're used to.

Blizzard:

Come on, this way.

(*Exit Snowflake, Icicle, Blizzard, Cloud and Freeze with reluctant flowers. Sunflower's cry of protest echoes back to the Wizard.*)

Music: Mountain King/Carmina Burana

In the fire cave

WIZARD OF FIRE
EMBER, FLAME, SPARK,
FIREFLY, GLOW, SIZZLE
PETUNIA, MARIGOLD, FORGET-ME-NOT, CARNATION

Ember:

Well, here we are!

Flame:

What do you think?

Spark:

Isn't it cosy?

Glow:

Isn't it lovely and warm?

Petunia:

It's choking me!

Marigold:

I can't breathe!

Petunia:

We've got to get out in the open air!

Forget-me-not:

I'm going to wilt. Let me out!

Carnation:

We need fresh air! And sunshine!

(Marigold and Petunia head for the way out, but the Wizard of Fire is in the way. Enter Wizard of Fire.)

Wizard of Fire:

Aha! Visitors! Too cold for you outside, is it?

Ember:

We got them from the Wizard of Ice.

Marigold:

But -

Flame *(pushing Marigold out of the way):*

We brought them back specially for you.

Petunia:

But -

Spark (*pushing Petunia out of the way*):

Will we put them in the hot room?

Wizard of Fire:

Good idea. Let them feel the warmth of fire,
and they'll never want to go back to the ice
cave.

Marigold:

The hot room?

Glow:

It's my favourite place in the whole world.

Petunia:

It can't be any hotter than this!

Wizard of Fire:

The hot room's right in the heart of the
volcano. Molten lava runs round the edges
and you can fry an egg on the rocks.

Forget-me-not:

We're not very fond of fried eggs.

Carnation:

And I don't think we'll like the molten lava either.

Flame:

Come on, this way.

(Exit Fire creatures, flowers.)

Music: Carmina Burana

CURTAIN

Music: the Bear went over the Mountain

Scene 2

**On the side of the mountain DAISY, ROWAN, GERTRUDE,
JACK FROST, DENNIS,
PING AND PONG,
LIVE ROCKS**

(Enter Daisy, Rowan, Jack Frost and Dennis)

Daisy:

Whew, this is a hard climb!

Jack Frost *(giving a hand to help her):*

We're nearly there.

Daisy:

We'd better wait a bit. Gertrude's having trouble keeping up. Maybe you should go back and give her a hand, Rowan.

Rowan:

Why me? Why can't he go? (points to Jack Frost)

Daisy:

Don't be silly. It doesn't matter who goes.

Dennis:

Gertrude's got Ping and Pong with her anyway.

Jack Frost:

They'll be about as much use as a chocolate teapot! I'll go back and have a look. You wait here.

(Exit Jack Frost. Daisy sits on a rock. Suddenly she jumps up.)

Daisy:

That rock just moved!

Rowan:

It can't have done!

Daisy:

Oh, yes it did.

Rowan:

Oh, no it didn't.

(To audience) Did you see it move?

(Wait for audience response)

Dennis:

Rocks usually stay in one place.

(Daisy prods at the rock. It moves again but Dennis and Rowan aren't looking.)

Daisy:

There you are!

Rowan:

Don't be silly. You must be seeing things.

(Enter Jack Frost backwards pulling Gertrude, with Ping and Pong pushing. They slip and go backwards, then reappear.)

Music: Bear

Gertrude:

Can I just have a rest here for a minute? my poor old bones are creaking.

(Gertrude starts to sit on the rock that moved.)

Daisy:

No, don't do that!

Gertrude *(halfway down):*

No, I've got to have a rest.

(Sits down. Rock moves. Gertrude jumps up with a scream.)

Gertrude:

It's alive!

Daisy:

There you are. I told you.

Rowan:

You're both seeing things.

(Daisy and Gertrude move away from the rocks.)

Rowan *(to Jack Frost):*

Well, what's the plan?

Jack Frost:

Plan?

Rowan:

I thought you had a plan for beating the wizards and getting the flowers back.

Jack Frost:

Not me! You must be thinking of somebody else.

Daisy:

Why don't we just find the wizards and ask them nicely if we can have our flowers back?

Rowan:

Oh, yes, brilliant!

Daisy:

Well, why don't you think of something then?

Jack Frost:

It's quite simple really. The flowers are in the ice and fire caves. We just have to get into the caves and rescue them.

Rowan:

Oh yes, simple!

Daisy (*glaring at Rowan*):

It is simple. Jack can take us into the ice cave and Dennis can show us the fire cave... and then we'll find the flowers.

Ping:

What if -?

Pong:

What if we meet the wizards?

Ping:

What if they -?

Pong:

What if they aren't very p-p-pleased?

Gertrude:

You'll just have to stand up to them!
Wizards are like nettles in the garden - the more you're scared of them, the worse they are. Just remember that the next time you're scared of something!

(Gertrude stands too near the rocks by mistake. A rock

moves and pushes her. She screams. Several other rocks start to move. Gradually they form a circle round Daisy, Gertrude, Rowan, Jack Frost, Dennis, Ping and Pong, who huddle together centre stage.)

Daisy:

I don't like this!

Jack Frost:

Let's get out of here!

Dennis:

There'll be rocks all around us soon.

(Jack Frost and Dennis look at each other and start to sing 'Rock around the clock'.)

Music: Rock around the Clock

(The rocks start dancing - after a while Jack Frost and the others join in and sing, then dance their way off the stage.)

CURTAIN

Music: Mountain King

Scene 3

In the ice cave **JACK FROST, DENNIS
DAISY, ROWAN
WIZARD OF ICE
SNOWFLAKE, BLIZZARD,
ICICLE, CLOUD, FREEZE**

(Enter Jack Frost furtively. He runs back and beckons to the others - enter Daisy, Rowan and Dennis also furtively.)

Jack Frost:
Here we are then. Home, sweet home.

Daisy:
Is this where you live?

Rowan *(aside):*
No wonder he's so weird!

Dennis *(shivering):*
It's a bit chilly.

Jack Frost *(surprised):*
Is it? It feels just right to me.

Daisy:
Where are the flowers?

Jack Frost:
I expect they've put them in the cold room.

Rowan:
You mean there's somewhere colder than this?

Jack Frost:
Oh, yes, the cold room's deep in layer upon layer of ice left over from the last ice age. This way...

Dennis *(teeth chattering):*
I think I'll pass on the cold room if it's all the same to you.

Jack Frost:
Wait over there by the entrance and keep a look out. We'll go and get the flowers.

(Dennis hides by entrance. Exit Jack Frost, Daisy and Rowan and then enter again almost at once surrounded by ice creatures.)

Snowflake:

Welcome home, Jack Frost!

Blizzard:

The wizard of Ice won't be very pleased to see you.

Icicle:

You've been working against us.

Snowflake *(to Cloud and Freeze):*

Go and get the wizard.

(Exit Cloud and Freeze)

Jack Frost:

I'm just helping those very nice people to get their flowers back. Come on, let them go. They won't bother us any more.

Blizzard:

No, they won't, because the wizard will freeze them solid.

Icicle:

They'll be ice-lollies.

(Enter Wizard of Ice followed by Cloud and Freeze)

Wizard of Ice:

So, Jack Frost, you dare to show your face here again after all!

Jack Frost:

Please let my friends go.

Wizard of Ice:

I'll think about it.

(Short pause)

Well, I've thought about it, and the answer's no. I'm just going to have to FREEZE YOU ALL!

(He raised his arm to freeze them, and Dennis the Dragon pops up behind him, breathes and - the lights go out,

there's a flash, the lights come on again, and all that's left of the Wizard of Ice is a pile of icy-coloured clothes on the floor)

Daisy:

Where's he gone?

Jack Frost:

You've melted him! Wow! Dennis! How did you do it?

Dennis (*coming forward - ice creatures shrink away from him*):

I just opened my mouth and breathed fire. I didn't know I could do that!

Jack Frost:

Quick, let's get the flowers out to Gertrude before he un-melts himself, and then we can go and sort out the Wizard of Fire.

Music: Mountain King/Carmina Burana

In the fire cave

**WIZARD OF FIRE
EMBER, FLAME, SPARK,
FIREFLY, GLOW, SIZZLE
GERTRUDE, PING, PONG
JACK FROST
DAISY, ROWAN**

(Enter Gertrude, Ping and Pong furtively)

Ping:

It's not very p-p-pleasant in here.

Pong:

Wouldn't it be p-p-prudent to wait outside until the others come?

Gertrude:

I want my flowers back. I'm sure we can manage without the others.

(Ping and Pong look at each other and shrug their shoulders.

The three of them creep round the side of the cave. Gertrude keeps getting the feeling someone's following her, but when she turns round the first few times it's only Ping and Pong. Then Ember, Flame and Spark appear and join the procession, they all go round in a circle and Gertrude bumps into Ember. They both jump and scream.)

Music: Bear (quietly)

Gertrude:

Who are you?

(Fire creatures swarm round Gertrude, Ping and Pong. Enter Firefly, Glow and Sizzle and do the same.)

Ember:

No, who are you?

Flame:

And what are you doing here?

Gertrude:

We've come for the flowers you stole.

Spark:

The Wizard of Fire won't be very pleased. He wants to keep them. Somebody stole his fire

plant that was growing by the cave entrance
and he really misses it.

Ember *(to Firefly and Glow):*

Go and find the Wizard. Bring him here.

Glow:

This is going to make his day!

(Exit Firefly and Glow)

Gertrude:

But my flowers won't be happy here. It's too hot.

Flame:

No, it isn't!

Spark:

It's just right!

Ping:

That's a matter of op-p-pinion.

(Enter Wizard of Fire with Firefly and Glow)

Wizard of Fire:

Intruders! In my cave! What am I going to do with you?

Ember:

Throw them in the volcano!

Flame:

They'll make a good blaze.

Spark:

They'll keep us warm.

Wizard of Fire:

Yes! I'll throw them in the volcano.

(Enter Jack Frost, Daisy and Rowan behind the wizard. He goes towards Gertrude, Ping and Pong, arms raised in anger. Jack Frost throws frost over him. Daisy and Rowan help to tie him up in it. He freezes. Fire creatures back off in horror.)

Jack Frost:

There, that's sorted him out!

Gertrude:

Now let's get my poor little flowers out of here and back to the park. We've got work to do!

CURTAIN

Music: Carmina Burana

Music: Floral Dance

Between scenes:

On the way home - dance/procession in front of curtain by Gertrude, Daisy, Rowan, Jack Frost, Dennis, Ping, Pong and all flowers to cover scene change.

Music: English Country Garden

Scene 4

In the park

**WEATHER-VANE, BAND
GERTRUDE, DAISY,
ROWAN, JACK FROST,
DENNIS, FLOWERS,
PING, PONG,
FLUTTER, FLAP AND DOTTY
GOOD FAIRY DILLY**

*(It's still chaos in the park. The band are sitting about playing cards. The weather-vane sits gloomily in the middle of the chaos. Flutter, Flap and Dotty sitting around listlessly)
(Enter Gertrude, Daisy, Rowan, Jack Frost, Dennis, Ping, Pong, all flowers. Weather-vane jumps up.)*

Weather-vane:

There you are! I thought you were never coming back!

Gertrude:

Look at the state of this place. What have you been doing? I thought you would have tidied up by now.

Weather-vane:

It's not my fault. I did my best... but I came over all dizzy and had to sit down for a while, then I had to fix my hair, then my back went...

Gertrude:

Never mind all that. Let's get busy.

(They stand and stare at the mess in despair.)

Daisy:

Where are we going to start?

Rowan:

It'll take us until the next millennium to tidy this lot up.

Flutter:

It'll never get done!

Flap:

Everything's so awful!

Dotty:

It'll be all right if we all help.

Gertrude:

Many hands make light work. But all the same...

Music: Sugar Plum

(Enter Good Fairy Dilly with suitcase. She puts it down and stares at the mess.)

Dilly:

Well, don't tell me, let me guess
How you got in this awful mess.
Did you have a tornado while I was away?
Or a herd of elephants round to play?

Gertrude:

Dilly! Thank goodness.

Daisy:

Dilly, can you help?

Rowan:

Please?

Dilly:

Just tell me all that's happened here
And then I'll get my wand in gear.

Daisy:

The Wizards were angry.

Rowan:

The Fire and Ice creatures came.

Gertrude:

They took away my flowers.

Jack Frost:

Dennis melted the Wizard of Ice with one

single dragon breath.

Dennis:

Jack Frost tied up the Wizard of Fire with ice.

Jack Frost:

It's going to be summer all the year round!

Daisy:

Summer!

Rowan:

And holidays!

Daisy:

And sunshine!

Rowan:

And fun!

Music: Summer Holiday

Jack Frost, Dennis, Daisy and Rowan sing:

We're all going on a summer holiday
No more working for a week or two
Fun and laughter on a summer holiday

Gertrude (loudly):

STOP!

(They all stare at her)

Gertrude:

We can't have summer all the year round.

Daisy:

Why not?

Gertrude:

It wouldn't be good for the garden. The plants need summer and winter - and spring and autumn as well. The summer ones need to rest in winter. They couldn't flower all the year round - it would wear them out. They need cold and rain just as much as warmth and sun.

Weather-vane:

And what about Christmas? You wouldn't have Christmas if it was summer all the year round.

Dilly:

Not have Christmas? That's really tragic.
I can see I'll have to work some magic.

(Dilly gets wand out of suitcase and waves it. Curtain comes down for a few minutes. Music - band or instrumental 'Winter Wonderland'. Curtain up - stage is tidy with Xmas tree in place and a layer of snow in places.)

FINALE

(Gertrude, Weather-vane, Daisy, Rowan, Jack Frost, Dennis, Ping and Pong on stage)
Winter Wonderland part 1 (1st verse)

Sleigh-bells ring, are you listening?
In the lane snow is glistening
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walking in a winter wonderland.

Daisy:

What about the Christmas tree lights?

Dennis:

Allow me!

(Dennis breathes on Xmas tree and lights go on. Everyone cheers.)
(Enter flowers and Dilly, Flutter, Flap and Dotty)
Winter Wonderland part 2

Gone away is the bluebird
Here to stay is a new bird
He sings a love song, as we go along
Walking in a winter wonderland.

(Dilly waves wand over Jack Frost and Dennis)

Dilly:

You two are going to run the weather.
And if you both can work together
I'll even give you some extra staff
Here they are - try not to laugh.

(Enter Wizard of Ice and ice creatures from right and Wizard of Fire and fire creatures from left. Wizards look smaller and less powerful - they shuffle along.)

All sing:

In the meadow we can build a snowman

And pretend his name is Parson Brown.
He'll say 'Are you married?' We'll say 'No, man,
But you can do the job when you're in town!'

Later on, we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid the plans that we made
Walking in a winter wonderland.

CURTAIN

We wish you a merry Christmas

THE END