

# SPEAKING PARTS

In addition to the speaking parts shown below, this musical also includes five dance routines. Each dance should involve three or more children, the script provides further information concerning these. We also have a live performance video available to purchase which demonstrates these dance routines.

<b>CAST</b>	<b>PERFORMER</b>	<b>CAST</b>	<b>PERFORMER</b>
Little fir tree	.....	Narrator 4	.....
Tall tree 1	.....	Narrator 5	.....
Tall tree 2	.....	Narrator 6	.....
Tall tree 3	.....	Narrator 7	.....
Woodcutter	.....	Narrator 8	.....
Fox	.....	Narrator 9	.....
Owl	.....	Narrator 10	.....
Squirrel	.....	Narrator 11	.....
Rabbit	.....	Narrator 12	.....
<b>HOSPITAL CHILDREN:</b>		Narrator 13	.....
Child 1	.....	Narrator 14	.....
Child 2	.....	Narrator 15	.....
Child 3	.....	Narrator 16	.....
Child 4	.....	Narrator 17	.....
Child 5	.....	Narrator 18	.....
Nurse 1	.....	Narrator 19	.....
Nurse 2	.....	Narrator 20	.....
Mary	.....	Narrator 21	.....
Joseph	.....	Narrator 22	.....
Angel	.....	Narrator 23	.....
Shepherd 1	.....	Narrator 24	.....
Shepherd 2	.....	Narrator 25	.....
Shepherd 3	.....	Narrator 26	.....
Wise man 1	.....	Narrator 27	.....
Wise man 2	.....	Narrator 28	.....
Wise man 3	.....	Narrator 29	.....
Narrator 1	.....	Narrator 30	.....
Narrator 2	.....	Narrator 31	.....
Narrator 3	.....		

Alternatively, the narration could be read by one person to allow for greater flow and continuity

# SCRIPT

## THE LITTLE FIR TREE

*( For the opening scene, the little fir tree stands in the centre of the stage while the tall trees stand behind him in a semi circle. If you have a local forest or wood that is familiar to your school, the setting of the play could be made more personal. The first line could read; 'In the middle of the Forest of Dean / New Forest grew some fir trees...)*

Narrator 1: In the middle of a deep forest grew some fir trees.

Narrator 2: They grew tall and straight and stretched their branches high towards the sky.

Narrator 3: But there was one tree that was much smaller than the others and seemed to grow much more slowly. This made the smallest tree rather sad.

Little tree: I really wish that I could grow  
High up into the sky.  
But I just seem to stay quite small  
No matter how I try.

Narrator 4: The woodcutter came round to look at the trees.

Woodcutter: Don't give up now, little tree  
Just because you're small.  
Send your roots deep into the ground  
And you will grow quite tall.

Narrator 5: So the little tree sent down his roots and held his head up proudly.

Narrator 6: Children from the village often come to play in the forest.

Narrator 7: They swang on the branches and chased each other through the trees.  
It was their favourite place to play.

### **SONG 1: CHILDREN ARE YOU READY TO PLAY**

*(Some children run and play in and out of the trees during this song)*

Narrator 8: Sometimes the rain came to the forest. It fell on the trees and they grew strong.

### **SONG 2: SPLISH SPLASH PITTER PATTER**

*(Children perform appropriate dance routine dressed as rain drops.)*

Narrator 9: Sometimes the sun shone on the forest. It warmed the trees and they reached towards the sun and grew tall.

### **SONG 3: SUNLIGHT**

*(One child performs appropriate dance routine dressed as the sun.)*

Narrator 10: Sometimes the snow fell. The flakes fluttered on the trees and they grew strong in the cold wind.

**SONG 4: SEE THE SNOWFLAKES**

*(Children perform appropriate dance routine dressed as snowflakes.)*

Narrator 11: As the months passed, the forest trees grew strong and tall, but still the little fir tree did not grow very big. Some of the other trees laughed at him.

Tree 1: Hello Shortie

Tree 2: Hello Tiny

Tree 3: Hello Squirt

Narrator 12: One day the woodcutter came around again. He marked the trees with a large cross. All except the smallest tree.

Woodcutter: Please don't worry  
Little green tree.  
I have a very special job for you.  
Just you wait and see

Tree 1: I am tall and very strong  
What shall I be one day?  
A mast on a beautiful sailing ship  
That's what I'll be one day.

Tree 2: I am tall and very strong  
What shall I be one day?  
A telegraph pole with wires across.  
That's what I'll be one day.

Tree 3: I am tall and very strong  
What shall I be one day?  
A pole with a king's flag flying on top  
That's what I'll be one day.

Tree 1,2,3: You are short and not very strong.  
What will you be one day?  
You're too small to be any good.  
That's what WE all say!

Narrator 13: By and by the woodcutter came and chopped the large trees down.  
They were put on a big lorry and driven away.

Narrator 14: Now the small tree was left on his own and he felt lonely and sad, for nobody wanted him.

Little tree: I am short and not very strong  
What will I be one day?  
I'm much too small to be any good  
That's what - all say.

**SONG 5: ALL ALONE** *(Little fir tree sings solo.)*

Narrator 15: Two big tears rolled from the little tree. Not even his friends, the forest creatures, could cheer him up.

Fox: Hello, little fir tree  
Please do not be sad  
I'll snuggle close and be friends with you  
And that will make you glad.

Owl: Hello, little fir tree.  
Please do not be sad.  
No one's too small to be any good  
Remember that and be glad.

Squirrel: Hello, little fir tree  
Please do not be sad.  
I will sing a song for you  
And that will make you glad.

Rabbit: Hello, little fir tree.  
Please do not be sad.  
I will do a dance for you  
And that will make you glad.

**SONG 6: YOU ARE A SPECIAL TREE**  
*(Animals perform appropriate dance routine.)*

Narrator 16: But the little tree was not to be comforted, and eventually the forest creatures tiptoed quietly away and left him in peace.

Narrator 17: Then he gave himself a good shake and tried to be brave, for he saw the woodcutter coming.

Narrator 18: The woodcutter chopped the little tree down and carried him away.

Narrator 19: The woodcutter took the little fir tree to a very large building.

Narrator 20: He stood him up in a corner of a room.

Woodcutter: Please don't worry  
Little green tree.  
This is the special job for you,  
Just you wait and see.

Narrator 21: Some people came in and began to hang shiny coloured balls and strands of pretty tinsel on him, and a glittering star at the top.

Narrator 22: How beautiful I look! I wish the other trees could see me now, thought the little tree, and he wondered where he was.

Little tree: I look very wonderful  
I feel just like a king.  
Am I in a rich man's castle  
Or a palace for a queen.