

ACT 1

PROLOGUE

SONG **OVERTURE**

MUSIC **PLAY ON**

MUSIC **UNDERScore**

(FAIRY STARLIGHT is bouncy and energetic, grabbing the audience's attention. FAIRY MOONBEAM is mysterious, magical, and ideally a bit odd - we're not sure quite what to make of her. FAIRY DUST is accompanied by a walking stick and falls asleep intermittently. As they describe the flashback it magically appears.)

STARLIGHT A long time ago in a palace quite nearby,
A princess was born, 'neath a darkened night's sky.

MOONBEAM The bells at the abbey rang celebration songs
While the Princess fell asleep where she stayed all-night-long

(FAIRY STARLIGHT and FAIRY MOONBEAM look to FAIRY DUST who has fallen asleep and begins to snore)

STARLIGHT *(Stage whisper)* Fairy Dust!

MOONBEAM *(Stage whisper)* Fairy Dust!

BOTH *(Louder stage whisper)* Fairy Dust!

(FAIRY DUST wakes with a start)

DUST Yes dear, two sugars please!

STARLIGHT Fairy Dust, it's your go!

MOONBEAM We've rehearsed this!

DUST Right you are Fairy Starlight, Fairy Moonbeam. Terribly sorry my dears. Where did we get up to?

MOONBEAM "While the Princess fell asleep where she stayed all-night-long".

DUST Ah yes. Here we go then.

Her father was proud, Old King Cole is his name.
Her mother, Queen of Hearts was quick to proclaim
Her love for the child, next in line to the throne.

MOONBEAM She'd captured the moment upon her iPhone

STARLIGHT So the princess was born to a household full of love.
And her happiness guaranteed by us, well sort of.

MUSIC PLAY ON

(CARABOSSE enters. Evil music sting. The flashback disappears.)

CARAB. Yuk! All that rhyming, my word what a bore.
I'd save your breath or your voice will get sore!

STARLIGHT Now see here Carabosse, there's no need to be rude.
Dear Aurora's your niece, what's got you in a mood?

CARAB. So much joy for one Princess's birthday
While another is ignored, and I suspect foul play!
My daughter Avarice deserves just as much praise
But her birthday's forgotten -

STARLIGHT - that's not true -

CARAB. - like always!

MOONBEAM Aurora is in line to the throne, she comes first.

CARAB. So's my darling Avarice, as you know, you're well versed!

DUST But it's Aurora's christening for which we are keen.

CARAB. A christening you say, organised by the Queen?

DUST That's right. What's the problem? You ought to just tell her.

CARAB. Where's my invite for a start? Who am I, Cinderella?

STARLIGHT Time to go, for I fear we have said far too much.

MOONBEAM I think you're right Starlight -

DUST - maybe just a touch.

CARAB. Fine then, go! Scurry off! I've no use for you here.

MUSIC PLAY OFF

(FAIRY STARLIGHT, FAIRY MOONBEAM and FAIRY DUST exit hurriedly)

(Aside) I've no invite, so what? I shan't shed a tear.
I'll gatecrash the party, can't be hard to spot.
There'll be no expense spared, seems a shame to boycott.

My sister, the Queen, I'll surprise when I show

Her the gift that I have for the Princess although
I shan't tell you now, for it's key to the plot
So a spoiler could jump in and ruin the lot.

I'm off to the christening to fulfil my duty
Here begins the tale of Sleeping Beauty!

(CARABOSSE exits to dramatic music which transitions into the opening number)

MUSIC

PLAY OFF