

## Act 1, Scene 1 – Village Square

*[Fairy Fafnee, an aloof, condescending and foul-tempered magical creature emerges from behind the curtains and regards the audience with utmost disdain.]*

**Fafnee** Oh, you're here. Great... *[sighs]* Well I suppose we'd better get this out of the way then. Hello everyone, my name is Fairy Fafnee and I have the task of narrating tonight's panto to you. Yay for me. My name is Fairy Fafnee. As you will see, I'm known for being very sweet-natured and kind – even with those whom I consider to be inferior to me, which is exactly everyone. Maestro darling, are you waiting for a royal invitation or something? Come on, let's start the music!

## Song 1 – Royal Visit Day (Topsy Turvy – Hunchback of Notre Dame)

**Fafnee**           COME ONE, COME ALL  
                      ALL THE GENTRY AND THE BRUTES  
                      WE WON'T JUDGE YOUR ATTRIBUTES  
                      COME ONE, COME ALL  
                      FOR THIS TALE OF LAUGHS AND HOOTS  
                      THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTITUTES *[The curtain starts to open.]*  
                      IT'S THE TALE OF PUSS IN...  
**All**               BOOTS!

*[As the curtain opens and we see the Village of (Town Name) which includes a working windmill. Several Villagers including Rosette, Josette and the tom-boyish Jenny are preparing for a feast as Fafnee walks among them. Some people are hanging up bunting while others are carrying flowers and dishes of baked goods. On the trap is a small monument.]*

**Fafnee** Welcome to the village of *(Town Name)*; a town of pathetic peasants and penniless plebs.

**Villagers** Hey...

**Fafnee** Oh it's true and you know it – a wretched little village where despondency, depression and despair are the order of the day. Every day that is, except for today.

**Rosette**           ONCE A YEAR WE GET A VISIT FROM THE KING

**Josette**           ONCE A YEAR WE HAVE TO CLEAN UP EVERYTHING

**Jenny** ONCE A YEAR WE GET TOGETHER, DANCE AND SING  
**Rosette/Josette** FOR TODAY IS ROYAL VISIT DAY  
**Villagers 1&2** IT'S THE DAY WE GET A TASTE OF ELEGANCE  
**Villagers 3&4** LOOK OUR BEST;  
**Villager 5** I EVEN CHANGED MY UNDERPANTS  
**Fafnee** EVERYTHING IS A-OKAY ON ROYAL VISIT DAY

**All** ROYAL VISIT!  
**Fafnee** EVERYONE IS SO INVITING  
**All** ROYAL VISIT!  
**Fafnee** EVERYTHING IS SO EXCITING  
CELEBRATE AND SING YOUR CARES AWAY  
THAT'S THE WAY ON ROYAL VISIT DAY

*[The Musketeer enters looking important.]*

**Musketeer** Presenting; his Royal Majesty, Ruler of the Kingdom of High Rise, Builder of Walls, Banisher of Foreigners, and Grower of Unconventional Hair – King Trumpadon the Orange! *[The Villagers burst into applause and whoops as King Trumpadon enters along with a couple of Guards.]*

**Trumpadon** Wow... Wow... Thank you. It's a great pleasure for you guys to have me here today in the town of... *[He leans to the Musketeer who whispers in his ear.]* (Town Name.) I'm afraid the Queen's running late, but she'll be here real soon, okay.

**Rosette** Long live the King!

**Josette** Long live the Queen!

**Jenny** Yeah, whatever.

**All** ROYAL VISIT!  
**Trumpadon** EVERYONE WILL COME TO SEE ME  
**All** ROYAL VISIT!  
**Trumpadon** DON'T YOU ALL WISH YOU COULD BE ME?  
**All** RAIN OR SHINE WE DO IT COME WHAT MAY  
**Rosette** ALL YEAR LONG WE HAVE BEEN WAITING  
**Josette** IT'S BEEN QUITE EXCRUCIATING  
**All** FINALLY IT'S ROYAL VISIT DAY

*[Everyone gestures as the monument opens up and Queen Shalayna bursts through.]*

**Shalayna** Hello everybody! How nice to see you all! How are you poppets? *[Villagers 6&7 each give her a big bunch of balloons.]* Oh thank you – how very, very nice of...

*[Shalayna starts levitating as the balloons pull her up.]* Oh no! What's happening?

Someone help me!

**All** ONCE A YEAR WE THROW A PARTY HERE IN TOWN

**Shalayna** What's going on?

**All** ONCE A YEAR WE TURN HAL QAMEL UPSIDE DOWN

**Shalayna** Please let me down!

**All** ONCE A YEAR WE DRINK UNTIL OUR SORROWS DROWN

**Shalayna** Don't just stand there!

**All** ONCE A YEAR IT'S ROYAL VISIT DAY

**Shalayna** What's wrong with everyone today?

**All** IT'S THE DAY WHEN WE PUT ON OUR SUNDAY BEST  
GATHER UP AND WELCOME OUR MOST ROYAL GUESTS  
ONCE A YEAR WE GET TO PARTY  
DANCE ALL NIGHT AND EAT SO HEARTY  
TO THE VILLAGE SQUARE WE MAKE OUR WAY  
AND CHEER THE KING AND QUEEN WHO COME  
ON ROYAL VISIT DAY

**Shalayna** ROYAL VISIT

**Fafnee** PLUSH AND POSH AND SO EXQUISITE

**All** ROYAL VISIT DAY!

**Fafnee** Everyone in the village was very excited to see the royal party arrive. Everyone, that is, except for –

**Shalayna** Whoa-whoa-whoa! What do you think you're doing?

**Fafnee** I'm narrating the show love.

**Shalayna** But I'm stuck up here.

**Fafnee** I can see that. I can also see your underwear. Now stop interrupting. I'm about to introduce the main character of this show.

**Shalayna** Well why didn't you just say so? Go ahead. Tell them all who the star of the panto is.