# THE FROG PRINCE

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#### ESCENA 1 - THE WIZARD'S SPELL

Àudio de música inici. Apareix un personatge amb una

capsa de crispetes. Veiem com parla a algú. S'està comportant com un mal amic i està sent molt maleducat.

BOB

No! It's my popcorn! All mine! Not yours! I don't want to share! Sharing is boring! You can't have any. Zero. None. Nothing! You're not my friend.

I don't need friends.

Friends are slow... and noisy... and take your things with you. I like to play alone. Alone is better! Just me and my popcorn. Mmm! Yum-yum-yum! See? I'm happy! So happy! No friends, no problems!

Just me... and... my popcorn.

De cop escolta un so màgic. Busca un lloc per amagar-se. Després de provar un parell de llocs s'acaba amagant dins d'un llac. Tot seguit, el bruixot fa un parell de trucs de màgia mentre el busca.

WIZARD

(d'incògnit)

Hi, Bob™ Can I have some popcorn, please? I'm hungry.

BOB

No, it's all mine.

WIZARD

Oh, but you have lots of popcorn. Sharing is caring.

BOB

(fa el gest de compartir i riu) It's a joke-hahaha! You believed that? La la la! I don't want to share. Sharing means having less. I want all the popcorn for me.

WIZARD

(es treu la capa)

BOB

Who are you?

WIZARD

(a públic)

I'm a wizard. I don't like people who don't share their things and who aren't friendly. You're not being nice. You're not being polite. You're

being a good friend.

En BOB busca un amagatall mentre el Wizard parla.

WIZARD

Where are you?

(No el troba) Oh. you're

Are you here? (No el troba) Oh, you're not here.

Are you there? Oh, you're not there.

Are you behind the tree? (...) Oh, no, you're not behind the tree.

Are you in front of the house? (...) Oh, no, you're not in front of the house.

(Dirigint-se al públic) Have you seen him? Do you know where he is? (Espera la resposta) Oh, you mean in the lake? Oh... shhhh...

Abra-cadabra! Zig-zag-zoo!

If you're not a good friend... this spell is for you!

You were not sharing.
You were not friendly.
You were not kind.
You were not nice.
Now you'll be a frog — with big, big eyes!

Veiem com de manera màgica, en BOB es transforma en una granota.

FROG

Ribbit... Ribbit... What happened to me?

WIZARD

You'll be a frog... until you find...
A true friend. A real friend. A kind friend.

Sortida del Wizard en un núvol de fum (efecte visual o teatral).

ESCENA 2 - THE LONELY PRINCESS

Apareix una princesa jugant sola amb una pilota.

PRINCESS

Bounce the ball, catch the ball!

Bounce the ball, catch the ball!

Throw the ball, catch the ball!

Throw the ball, catch the ball!

But... it's boring to play all by myself.

I play alone... I jump alone... I sing alone...

Mmm... I would love to have a friend!

(Song 1: I want a friend) Princess

I want a friend to laugh and play, To run and jump and shout 'hooray!' A friend to sing, a friend to share, To play with toys and brush my hair!

# ESCENA 3 - THE BALL IS IN THE LAKE

La pilota cau al llac.

PRINCESS

Oh no! My ball! Where's my ball?
Where is it? Is it here? Is it there? Is it behind the tree? Is it in front of the house? Is it in the lake?

La granota surt fent un salt espectacular.

FROG Hello!

PRINCESS
Who is that?

FROG Ribbit!

PRINCESS Who is that?

FROG

It's me. I'm here! Hello

PRINCESS
A talking frog?

FROG

Yes!

# PRINCESS (incrèdula) A talking frog?

FROG Yes!

La princesa surt corrent.

FROG

Wait, wait, don't run away. I'm not scary.

PRINCESS

But you're a frog and your're speaking! You're speaking English

FROG

I també puc parlar català.

PRINCESS

This is crazy! How did you learn it?

FROG

It's a long story. Want to be my friend?

PRINCESS

Your friend? Oh, come on, you're a frog!

FROG

Yeah, so what?

La princesa camina cap a un costat i reflexiona amb el públic.

PRINCESS

A friend, a frog...what a crazy idea... (s'atura) But, wait a second, the frog can help me find my ball.

FROG

So what do you say? Friends?

PRINCESS

FROG

Oh yes, don't worry! That's easy for me! I can jump, I can swim and I can catch the ball.

# PRINCESS

That would be amazing!

FROG

But remember if I get the ball you'll be my friend. Deal?

PRINCESS

Deal!

La granota i la princesa encaixen les mans. La princesa s'apropa a públic i deixa entendre que no ho farà.

PRINCESS

Friends? Me and the frog? Hahahaha! No way! Come on! I just want my ball back. Found it?

FROG

Here it is! Here's your ball... my friend!

La princesa li treu de les mans ràpidament.

PRINCESS

You believed me? La la la!

No way!

Thank you frog. Bye now!

FROG

Bye? But we had a deal... We were going to be friends... You said so.

Es sent una VEU EN OFF amb la veu d'en BOB dient: It's a joke—hahaha!You believed me? La la la la la!

FROG

(trista i reflexiva)

Oh, no. That's what I used to say. I did the same thing with the popcorn and the wizard. Oh, now I feel very bad. I don't want to be unfriendly. I don't want to be rude. I want to share. I want to be a good friend.

(Song 2: We had a deal) Frog 2 estrofes.

So alone, I feel so blue,
I helped you... but you left too.
I just want someone to care,
A true friend, kind and fair.

I helped you fast, I helped you quick,
But now I feel... a little sick.
You said 'Let's be friends,'
But then you said it isn't true...
Now I'm lonely... Boo-hoo-hoo!

# ESCENA 4 - THE PALACE

El rei/reina llegeix el diari.

KING/QUEEN

It's a beautiful day. The sun is shining, it's windy but it's nice and warm. It's a perfect day to go for a walk.

Se sent la granota raucar de fons.

FROG

Ribbit!Ribbit!Ribbit!

KING/QUEEN

What is that sound?

Is it an elephant?" (fa so d'elefant)

Is it a lion? (fa rugit de lleó)

Is it a monster?

Oh... it's a frog! There's a frog singing...

La granota hi torna, cada vegada més fort i insistent.

FROG

Ribbit!Ribbit!Ribbit!

Arriba la princesa.

KING/QUEEN

Oh, hello my lovely daughter. Have you heard the frogs singing?

PRINCESS

(nerviosa)

Frogs singing? No, no, no...

Se sent el plor de la granota de fons.

FROG

Ribbit!Ribbit!Ribbit!

KING/QUEEN

PRINCESS

Daddy, that's not a frog, it's a...mmmm... it's a... it's a... motorbike? Or motorbike?

Or maybe a train?

El so de la granota és més i més insistent i molest.

KING/QUEEN

Oh, this is very annoying! I'll go and see what's happening.

PRINCESS

(off)

Don't worry, daddy. I'll go and see. You can stay here and read your newspaper.

La princesa marxa.

# ESCENA 5 - THE FROG WANTS A FRIEND

FROG

Ribbit, ribbit (segueix plorant).

Veiem com la princesa arriba al llac.

PRINCESS

Please frog, be quiet!

FROG

Ribbit!

PRINCESS

Oh, come on, stop! Stop crying!

FROG

But I'm sad... You said you would be my friend and you left me here alone. We had a deal.

PRINCESS

But. . . you are a frog! You don't have real hands, like me.

FROG

You're right, I don't have human hands, but I can swim very fast.

PRINCESS

And you don't have human legs, like me.

FROG

You're right, I don't have human legs, but I can jump very high.

PRINCESS

And you don't have a human nose, like me.

FROG

You're right, I don't have a human nose, but I can smell the rain.

PRINCESS

And you don't have human hair, like me.

FROG

You're right, I don't have human hair, but I have a smooth skin and I can feel the sun and the cold water.

PRINCESS

You're very different.

FROG

You're right, but I have something special.

PRINCESS

What's that?

FROG

I have a big heart! I can feel things. I can feel happy, sad, brave or scared. And now, I feel very sad because you don't want to be my friend.

PRINCESS

You're green! I don't want a frog friend!

La granota s'enfonsa al llac, molt trista. La princesa marxa.

# ESCENA 6 - THE PROMISE

La granota continua plorant, cada vegada més fort i insistent.

FROG

Ribbit!Ribbit!Ribbit!

PRINCESS

I can't sleep! The frog has been crying... all night

Apareix el pare.

KING/QUEEN Did you hear that sound again?

PRINCESS
Yes, I did...

KING/QUEEN What is it?

#### PRINCESS

It's a frog, daddy. And it's crying. And I think it's because of me. It's my fault.

KING/QUEEN What happened?

#### PRINCESS

I made a promise. We had a deal. I lost my ball in the lake and the frog got it for me. I promised we would be friends. But I left.

# KING/QUEEN

What? You made a deal with the frog... and then you broke it? (pausa, mira la filla amb tristesa)

My daughter... a promise is not just words.

A promise is something you keep - even when it's not easy.

(agafant-li la mà, amb tendresa)

If you make a promise... you must keep it.

Your word matters. When we break a promise, we break a little piece of someone's heart.

(torna a mirar-la als ulls)

You said you'd be her friend and she believed you. And now she's all alone... and very sad. A true princess — a true person — always keeps her word.

La princesa es queda pensativa i comença a cantar. La princesa s'adona del que ha fet. REFLEXIÓ PRINCESA (song)

Song 3: I'm sorry Princess

I told a lie, and made her cry...
I took my ball and said goodbye.
Now I feel it in my heart...
I must go back, I must restart.

A friend like you is kind and true,
I should have stayed and played with you.
I'm sorry now, I know I was wrong,
Can you forgive me? It's been so long...

So here I am, I'm back again,

I hope we can still be good friends. You got my ball, and something more-A big "I'm sorry" from my core.

etc.

# ESCENA 7 - THE PROMISE

La princesa va fins al llac buscant a la granota.

# PRINCESS

Frog, frog! Are you here? ... Frog, I've been thinking... I want to be your friend... I'm sorry...Frog, we had a deal. A promise is a promise.

La princesa no troba la granota. Es troba una canya de pescar i unes botes de pescador. Mira entre les coses que ha pescat el pescador i comença a treure objectes diversos.

# PRINCESS 1, 2, 3 big fish...

What's this? A can of coke? In the lake? This is not good. We need to keep the lakes clean...

And what's this? A boot. Inside the lake? This is not good. We need to keep the lakes clean...

And this? A bag of chips? In the lake? This is not good. We need to keep the lakes clean... And this? A pair of boxers?

La princesa va traient peces de roba i les va comptant.

#### PRINCESS

1, 2, 3 socks... 4, 5, 6 t-shirts 7, 8, 9 trousers...

Ohh there are so many things in the lake, but, where's the frog? I feel bad, the frog was sad and now I am sad too. We had a deal and I left. Oh frog... I'm sorry. Frog! Frog!

(Dirigint-se al públic) Can you help me call the frog

Froooooog (...) I must find the frog!

La princesa decideix saltar a l'aigua a buscar a la granota. Se senten sons d'aigua "splash". I surt la princesa amb la granota.

# PRINCESS

Yes, I found the frog! I found you! Frog, are you OK? I'm sorry

FROG

Oh, I am very sad... You came back...? A life without friends is like a day without sun.

PRINCESS

You're right, I know now. Do you want to be my friend?

FROG

Oh, really?

PRINCESS

Yes, of course, you don't have human hands, but you have a big heart. And you're very funny, hahaha.

Es fan una forta abraçada i es desfà l'encanteri.

PRINCESS

But, you're...

FROG

Human? Yes! I was under a spell. But now I know the value of friendship.

PRINCESS

Me too. I'm so happy to have a friend like you! But I liked you as a frog too, hahaha.

FROG

Want some popcorn? Ribbit?!Hahaha

(Song 4) A friend like you Princess and BOB

A friend is kind, a friend is true, A friend will always play with you! Not big or small, not frog or queen, It's what's inside that can be seen.

I like to laugh, I like to play,
I like to smile every day.
But what I really love to do
Is to share it all with a friend like you.

A friend like you is kind and fun, We jump and sing and dance and run. You help me when I feel so blue, I'm happy with a friend like you.

We share our toys, we share our dreams,

We tell each other silly things.
We hold hands when the sky is gray,
We make the rain just go away!

A friend like you is kind and fun, We jump and sing and dance and run. You help me when I feel so blue, I'm happy with a friend like you.

Even if we're far apart,
You're always close inside my heart.
Friends like you are hard to find—
So sweet, so strong, so true, so kind

A friend like you is kind and fun,
We jump and sing and dance and run.
You help me when I feel so blue,
I'm lucky to have a friend like you.