

Never Far From Wonderland

ALL

On summer days like these
You hear a whisper on the breeze
And voices singing through the trees
With words you cannot understand
The day is hazy hot and slow
And you have nowhere else to go
But deep inside I think you know
You're never far from Wonderland.

There are no windows and no doors
No one to tell you what you're looking for
But if you only can believe
There is no limit to the things that you might see
The places and the people there will be
When you step into Wonderland.

On summer days like these
The wind is rustling in the trees
You hear a voice upon the breeze
You are halfway to Wonderland

Never Far From Wonderland

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Take no notice of the grownups that you meet
Or to the noises coming from the street
Just relax and listen to your own heartbeat
You're never far from Wonderland
It's world that anyone can enter in
If you only trust your senses to begin
To feel the wonder of the crazy world within
So come with me to Wonderland

On summer days like these
Just reach a hand out if you please
And follow where the voices lead
To find yourself in Wonderland.
Yes follow where the voices lead
You're never far from Wonderland.

Caucus Race

DODO

It is quite an intense competition
You adopt an athletic position
I can say without fear of suspicion
You must race just as fast as you can.

MOUSE

You'll be trying so hard to keep breathing

DUCK

And all of your feathers are heaving

DODO

Never think for one second of leaving

ALL

We must all race as fast as we can

DODO

On your marks.....

Get set.....

GO!

DODO

Caucus race

It's a raucous chase

Caucus Race

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ALL

And it's hardly ever in good taste
It's a caucus race
So, let's all keep up the pace
Till someone claims the winner's place

ALICE

I'm losing my breath from the running
And the rules seem quite fiendish and cunning
I don't know if I'm going or coming
But I'm running as hard as I can

DUCK

I feel that my feathers are flying
But my hope of a victory is dying

MOUSE

But remember the aim is for drying
We must all race as fast as we can

Caucus Race

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ALL

Caucus race

Such a raucous chase

And it's hardly ever in good taste

Caucus race

So, let's all keep up the pace

Till someone claims the winner's place

Caterpillar Intro

CATERPILLAR

I think being shorter is better all round
You feel very safe with your feet on the ground
You'll be able to hide and you'll never be found
Being so tiny brings pleasures profound.

ALICE

But I'd like to be taller, it's more fun you see
I could take down the jam from that high shelf for tea
I could see over fences much more easily
I want to be taller it's better for me

CATERPILLAR

Take a piece of my mushroom just here on the right
You'll soon get your wish if you swallow a bite
Just give it a try and you'll grow like a weed
You'll notice the change with incredible speed

Taller and Smaller

CATERPILLAR

We're quite the pair

We're walking on air

I haven't a care

Since we got taller

ALICE

It's hard to believe

What we could achieve

Looking down on the trees

Now we are taller

TOGETHER

Now we've got it right

Found the perfect height

Yes the future's bright

Now we are taller

INSTURMENTAL

TOGETHER

Now we are taller

ALICE (spoken)

But now you mention it, it is a long way down.

Taller and Smaller

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ALICE

It's making me scared
So high in the air
I was happy down there
When we were smaller

CATERPILLAR

Let's try just a piece
Of the mushroom beneath
Chew it up with our teeth
And we'll get smaller

CATERPILLAR

Now we've shrunk down in size
Can't believe our own eyes
But it's worth it to try
Being smaller

ALICE

We're so nimble and light
We can dance through the night
And It just feels so right
Being smaller

Taller and Smaller

Continued/...

TOGETHER

Now we've got it right
Found the perfect height
Yes the future's bright

Now we are smaller

INSTRUMENTAL

ALICE AND CATERPILLAR

Being smaller.
Yes we're making our way
Through the forest today
And we're happy to say
That we're smaller
Yes we're happy to say
That we're smaller.

The Pepper Song

DUCHESS

Please speak softly to my boy

And just ignore his sneezes

He does it to annoy

Because he knows it teases.

DUCHESS AND COOK

Ooh la la la pepper makes it better

Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

Spicy nicey peppercorns

Keep your baby snug and warm

Ooh la la la lovely, lovely pepper

DUCHESS

I speak softly to my boy

And bless him when he sneezes

For he can thoroughly enjoy

The pepper when he pleases

DUCHESS AND COOK AND ALICE

Ooh la la la pepper makes it better

Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

The Pepper Song

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DUCHESS AND COOK AND ALICE

Spicy nicey peppercorns

Keep your baby snug and warm

Ooh la la la lovely, lovely pepper

DUCHESS

Put more pepper in the pot

Tastes too spicy? No, it's not!

Everybody likes it hot

Sprinkle on the pepper

DUCHESS, COOK, ALICE

Ooh la la la pepper makes it better

Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

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It Is Always Teatime

MAD HATTER

I could write the great American novel

MARCH HARE

I could design and weave a splendid tapestry

DORMOUSE

I could row the Channel backwards on a shovel

MAD HATTER/DORMOUSE/MARCH HARE

But not right now because it's time for tea.

ALICE

Oh, I see.

MAD HATTER

I could learn to speak Swahili at my leisure

MARCH HARE

I could take employment in a factory

DORMOUSE

I could paint a portrait like the Mona Lisa

MAD HATTER/DORMOUSE/MARCH HARE

But not right now because it's time for tea

It is always tea time

No more me time

Rush to eat another currant bun

It Is Always Teatime

Continued/...

It is always teatime

No more free time

It seems as though this meal is never done

MAD HATTER

I would like to take a trip up to the mountains

MARCH HARE

I would like to take a trip down to the sea

DORMOUSE

I would like to take a letter to the post-box

ALL (INC ALICE)

But not right now because it's time for tea

MAD HATTER

We get to eat an awful lot of pastry

MARCH HARE

And some is sweet and some is savoury

DORMOUSE

We would like to eat a tasty roasted chicken

ALL

But not right now because it's time for tea

It Is Always Teatime

Continued/...

MAD HATTER

More tea? Everybody move round.

ALL (chanting quietly)

Tea tea sandwiches cake

More little pastries then move on one place

Tea tea there's more in the pot

And there's plenty more sandwiches like it or not

ALL

It is always tea time

No more me time

Rush to eat another currant bun

It is always teatime

No more free time

And nothing else will ever end up done

Beautiful Soup

MOCK TURTLE

Beautiful soup so rich and green
Waiting in a hot tureen
Who for such dainties would not stoop
Soup of the evening beautiful soup
Beee- ootiful soup, beeee-ootiful soup
Soup of the evening beautiful soup
Beee-oootiful soup!

Beautiful soup who cares for fish
Meat or any other dish
Who would not want to join our group
For soup of the evening beautiful soup
Beee- ootiful soup, beeee-ootiful soup
Soup of the evening beautiful soup
Beee-oootiful soup

VOICE OFF STAGE

The trial is beginning! The trial is beginning!

ALICE

Oh, I'd better go then. I don't want to miss the trial.

Beautiful Soup

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GRYPHON

Are you sure? I mean the Mock Turtle is about to sing another verse.

ALICE

Oh, that's very kind of him but really there's no need.

GRYPHON

Well, come on then. Let's get you to the trial.

GRYPHON AND ALICE RUSH OFF. THE MOCK TURTLE IS OBLIVIOUS AND CONTINUES

MOCK TURTLE (sings)

Beautiful soup is piping hot

Bubbling in a massive pot

Show me the man it does not suit

Soup of the evening beautiful soup

Beee-ootiful soup, beeee-ootiful soup

Soup of the evening beautiful soup

Bee-ootiful soup

Bee-ooo-ooo-ooo-oooo-ooo-ooo-tiful soup

No such thing as Wonderland

ALICE (sings sadly)

On summer nights like these

The sun is sinking through the trees

There are no voices on the breeze

And I begin to understand

That as the sunset falls across the stream

That all of this was just a crazy dream

And life goes back to normal and it seems

There's no such thing as Wonderland

There are no magic creatures here

No more King of hearts to fill my heart with fear

No Dodo, Mouse or Caterpillar dear

And it's all becoming clear

That as the twilight steals across the scene

Yes all of this was just a crazy dream

And life goes back to normal and it seems

There's no such thing as Wonderland.

ALICE IS ALMOST CRYING NOW. HER VOICE IS BREAKING A LITTLE

No such thing as Wonderland

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ALICE (singing)

Yes life goes back to normal and it seems

There's no such thing as Wonderland

More Pepper

MAD HATTER/ MOUSE/WHITE RABBIT

Ooh la la la pepper makes it better

Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

Spicy nicey peppercorn stops you feeling so forlorn

Ooh la la la let's all have some pepper

MOUSE

Never lose your faith my dear

The world has more surprises

And Wonderland is there to see

Just open up your eyes-es

MAD HATTER/ MOUSE/WHITE RABBIT/ALICE

Ooh la la la pepper makes it better

Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

Spicy nicey peppercorn stops you feeling so forlorn

Ooh la la la let's all have some pepper

MAD HATTER

You (all YOU) can find your way to magic lands

Before the sun arises

WHITE RABBIT

And you'll meet many old friends there

And some of perfect sizes

More Pepper

Continued/...

MAD HATTER/ MOUSE/WHITE RABBIT/ALICE

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Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

Spicy nicey peppercorn stops you feeling so forlorn

Ooh la la la let's all have some pepper.

ALICE

Come with us to Wonderland

Let me take you by the hand

Find it hard to understand

Have a bit more pepper

MAD HATTER/ MOUSE/WHITE RABBIT/ALICE

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Ooh la la la nothing nice as pepper

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