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HEIDI

A new musical
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SYNOPSIS

It's an usual day for the town of Maienfeld. Heidi, an orphan girl who had been living with her aunt Detie, since her mother's untimely death four years ago, is leaving the town to live with her grandfather on the mountain, because her aunt has taken a new job in Frankfurt.

The townspeople are horrified to learn about Heidi's departure. They have not seen the old man in many years and have conjured all sorts of stories about him.

Initially, Alp is gruff with Heidi. It is not long, however, before she is able to win him over. Heidi also makes friends with a goatherd, Peter.

Meanwhile, in Germany, Clara's father endeavors to find her a companion. Clara is quite frail, confined to a wheelchair, and without friends. Detie decides that Heidi would be the perfect companion for Clara and takes her from the mountain and her grandfather.

Clara is immediately besotted with Heidi – and the two girls become fast friends. Frau Rottenmeier, the housekeeper, is less certain.

Although Heidi is doing well in Frankfurt, she misses her grandfather and longs for Switzerland. It is Clara who ultimately decides that Heidi must return to the mountain.

Heidi triumphantly returns to the mountain to the surprise and delight of her grandfather. Peter is happy to see Heidi, as well, though he senses a change in her.

Many months later, Clara makes a visit to spend a month in the Alps with Heidi and Peter. In a fit of jealousy, Peter lashes out at Clara and hurls her wheelchair down the mountain. Grandfather lectures Peter angrily about the folly of anger. Clara is delighted to be free of her wheelchair. The commotion has caused the townspeople to gather on the mountain. They re-unite with Alp. In the triumphant final scene, the three children begin a memorable walk up the mountain.

Time: Long ago past

Place: An Alpine village in Switzerland and Frankfurt, Germany.

Characters:

HEIDI - an orphan girl living in Switzerland

GRANDFATHER/ALP – her grandfather

PETER – a young goatherd who lives in the mountains

CLARA – a little girl who lives in Frankfurt

AUNT DETIE – Heidi’s aunt who is moving to Frankfurt

FRAU STRASSER – a townspeople in Maienfeld

FRAU MUENSTER – a townspeople in Maienfeld

HERR REINGOLD – a townspeople in Maienfeld

MAYOR STRASSER – a townspeople in Maienfeld

BOY – a paper boy in Maienfeld

FRAU ROTTENMEIER – the housekeeper in Clara’s home in Frankfurt

FATHER – Clara’s father

TINETTE – a servant in Clara’s home

SEBASTIEN – a servant in Clara’s home

DAISY – a goat

DUSKY – a goat

TURK – a goat

SNOWFLAKE – a goat

The four townspeople will also “triple” as the individuals in Clara’s household and the goats.

Peter will double as the young paper boy. Clara will also double as a chorus person in “Home.”

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

NAME	CHARACTERS	CD Track	Script Page
A TYPICAL DAY IN MAIENFELD.	Ensemble	1	3
GOSSIP SEQUENCE #1	Townspeople	2	8
EVERYTHING	Heidi & Clara	3	13
KEEPING YOU IN LINE	Peter, Heidi & Goats	4	19
HOME	Townspeople	5	25
GOSSIP SEQUENCE #2	Townspeople	6	29
CHORES SONG	Grandfather, Heidi & Peter	7	31
FAREWELL, MY MOUNTAINS	Heidi & Aunt Detie	8	41

ACT II

WEEDS!	Frau Rottenmeir, Clara & Servants	9	44
WITH THE WIND IN MY HAIR	Heidi & Clara	10	50
GOSSIP SEQUENCE #3	Townspeople	11	55
WORDS GET IN THE WAY	Grandfather & Peter	12	56
WEEDS/Reprise	Frau Rottenmeier	13	59
EVERYTHING/Reprise	Heidi & Clara	14	61
GOSSIP SEQUENCE #3	Townspeople	11	72
A TYPICAL DAY IN MAIENFELD/ HOME REPRISE	Ensemble	16	75

[83 minutes running time]

ACT I

(Sound Cue #0: Pre-Show Alpine music)

Scene. The small Alpine village in Switzerland where Heidi lives. A typical morning.

(Sound Cue # 1: A Typical Day in Maienfeld)

SONG: A TYPICAL DAY IN MAIENFELD (CD Track 1)

Everyone moves with precision, as though they were part of a giant clock. It is their daily routine, sweeping walks, greeting one another, delivering the morning newspaper.

FRAU MUENSTER
SUN COMES UP.
CHURCH BELLS CHIME.

NEWSBOY

DING! DONG!

VILLAGE CLOCK
KEEPING TIME.

CUCKOO.
CUCKOO.

SWEEP THE PORCH
FREE OF GRIME
A TYPICAL DAY IN MAIENFELD.

A TYPICAL DAY IN MAIENFELD.

HEIDI

Aunt Detie, I'm so excited!

AUNT DETIE

(buttoning her dress) Child! Stop fidgeting!

HEIDI

What does he look like?

AUNT DETIE

Old.

HERR REINGOLD enters.

FRAU MUENSTER
SUN COMES UP.

BOY

HERR REINGOLD

IT'S TIME TO BAKE MY

CHURCH BELLS CHIME.

VILLAGE CLOCK

KEEPING TIME.

SWEEP THE PORCH

FREE OF GRIME

A TYPICAL DAY
IN MAIENFELD.

How long will it take us to get there?

A long time.

But we'll be there by nighttime, won't we?

I certainly hope so.

FRAU MUENSTER

(Sings)

EVERYTHING RUNS LIKE CLOCKWORK.

BOY

TICK TOCK.

CUCKOO.

HERR REINGOLD

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.

BOY

YUM YUM.

FRAU MUENSTER & HERR REINGOLD

EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR BUSINESS.

BOY

A SHOCK.

IT'S TRUE.

FRAU MUENSTER

(To DETIE)

A FACT WE ALL MUST FACE.

BOY

DUM DEE DUM.

DING! DONG!

CUCKOO!

CUCKOO!

YUM YUM.

HEIDI

AUNT DETIE

HEIDI

AUNT DETIE

BREAD.

IT'S YUMMY WITH A
SPREAD.

TRY IT.

A TYPICAL DAY
IN MAIENFELD.

MAYOR STRASSER enters.

F. MUENSTER	BOY	H. REINGOLD	M. STRASSER
<i>(Sings)</i> Sun comes up.	<i>(Sings)</i>	<i>(Sings)</i>	<i>(Sings)</i>
Church bells chime.		It's time to bake my bread.	It's a very nice day As I'm making my way Frau Muenster.
Village clock	Ding! Dong!		
Keeping time.		It's yummy with a spread.	Every morning I greet people out on the street, Herr Reingold.
Sweep the porch Free of grime	Cuckoo! Cuckoo!		The roses, So red. And oh, The Bread!
Everything's hunky dory. And so we begin our story. story.	Yum yum.	Try it.	And so we begin our
On a typical day in Maienfeld.		Everything's hunky dory. And so we begin our story.	And so we begin our
		On a typical day in Maienfeld.	On a typical day in Maienfeld.
	Tick tock! Cuckoo! Ding! Dong!		

(Music underscoring continues.)

HEIDI

Mayor Strasser! Mayor Strasser! You'll never guess. I'm going to live with my grandfather!

MAYOR STRASSER

Really? Your grandfather on the mountain? (To Detie) Are you mad?

HEIDI

You know him?

MAYOR STRASSER

He was a friend.

AUNT DETIE

(Pompously) I've been offered a job in Frankfurt. With a very prominent family.

HERR REINGOLD

You can't just leave with her with him. It's --

AUNT DETIE

I don't think it's any of your business. Unless you'd like to take her?

HERR REINGOLD

Well, I...

AUNT DETIE

Or perhaps you would, Frau Muenster.

FRAU MUENSTER

Me?

AUNT DETIE

I didn't think so.

FRAU MUENSTER

(Sing)

EVERYTHING'S OUT OF KILTER.

BOY (out of sync)

TICK TOCK.

CUCKOO.

HERR REINGOLD

EVERTHING'S OUT OF WHACK.

BOY

(out of tune)

DING! DONG!

MAYOR STRASSER

SHE HASN'T A SUITCASE.

BOY

NO SUITCASE,

IT'S TRUE.

AUNT DETIE

HER CLOTHES ARE ON HER BACK!

BOY

BOO HOO.

FRAU MUENSTER

It's an outrage!

AUNT DETIE

(Sings)

THE DECISION'S MINE.

Modulate

F. MUENSTER

BOY

H. REINGOLD

M. STRASSER

(Sings)
Sun comes up.
Church bells chime.

Village clock
Keeping time.

Sweep the porch

Free of grime.

Nothing is
tidy
Without our beloved
Heidi!
ON A TYPICAL

DAY IN
MAIENFELD.

So long!

(Sings)
Ding! Dong!

Cuckoo!
Cuckoo!

No yum yum.
Nothing is
Neat and tidy
Without our beloved
Heidi!
ON A TYPICAL

Tick tock!
Cuckoo!
So long!
Boo hoo!

(Sings)
How can I bake my
bread?
I should have stayed
in bed.

Buy it.

Nothing is
Neat and tidy
Without our beloved
Heidi!

TYPICAL
DAY IN
MAIENFELD.

So long!

(Sings)
It's a very sad
day. Heidi going a-
way,
Frau Muenster.

Never more to
meet, in the store or
street,
Herr Reingold.

The roses look
dead.

And oh...
Nothing is Neat and
Neat and tidy
Without our beloved
Heidi!

TYPICAL

DAY IN
MAIENFELD.

So long!

ALL wave goodbye on button.

Heidi runs to hug Herr Reingold, Frau Muenster, and Mayor Strasser.

HEIDI takes one last look at her little town, and exits, following Detie out of sight up the mountain.

FRAU MUENSTER
(looking at Mayor Strasser) Well, don't just stand there! Do something!

MAYOR STRASSER
What would have me do?

FRAU MUENSTER

You're the mayor! Stop them!

MAYOR STRASSER

My dear Frau Muenster, we may not like it, but if Detie wants to take Heidi to live with her grandfather then that's—

FRAU MUENSTER

Terrible is what it is!

HERR REINGOLD

It's a pity, that's for certain.

(Sound Cue #2: Gossip Sequence #1)

Old man hasn't been right since all that business--

MAYOR STRASSER

(sadly) Yes. I know it.

SONG: GOSSIP SEQUENCE #1 (CD Track 2)

FRAU MUENSTER

(Sings)

IN A RAMSHACKLE HOUSE
ON THE SIDE OF A HILL
LIVES A STRANGE OLD MAN,
HERR REINGOLD
A MEAN OLD MAN.

MAYOR STRASSER

FOR FOUR LONG YEARS
HE HAS LIVED ALL ALONE
ON THE SIDE OF THE HILL.

FRAU MUENSTER

AND HE KEEPS TO HIMSELF
AND HE DOESN'T SPEAK A WORD
EXCEPT TO THE BOY
WHO MANAGES THE HERD

MAYOR STRASSER

HARUMPHING
AND GRUMPING
WHILE THE WORLD GOES ON BELOW.

ALL THREE