

The Little Mermaid – A Play

Scene 1

Narrator 1: The little mermaid lives in a beautiful castle in the deep blue sea.

Narrator 2: She lives with her five sisters and her father, the Merking.

Narrator 3: Her sisters tell her stories of the world.

Narrator 4: They tell her stories of ships and people, stories of music and songs, stories of the sun, the moon and the stars.

Narrator 1: The little mermaid wants to go and see the world.

The Little Mermaid: When can I swim up to see the world?’

The Little Mermaid’s father: On your birthday.

Narrator 2: Very soon it is the little mermaid’s birthday.

The Little Mermaid: I’m so happy. Now I’m old enough to swim up and see the world.

The Little Mermaid’s sisters: Yes, today is a special day.

Narrator 3: The little mermaid swims up and up and up!

Narrator 4: She sees the sun in the sky and birds flying in the sky.

Narrator 1: She hears the birds singing and the water splashing on the beach.

Narrator 2: She sees children playing on the beach and laughing. ‘The world is wonderful!’ she says.

Narrator 3: The next day the little mermaid tells her sisters that she wants to swim up and see the world at night.

The Little Mermaid: Please come with me.

Sister 1. The world is dark at night.

Sister 2: There's nothing to see. Our world here at the bottom of the sea is always colourful and beautiful. Stay here with us.

The Little Mermaid: No. I can go alone. I want to see the moon and the stars!

Narrator 4: The little mermaid swims up and up and up!

Narrator 1: She sees the dark blue sky, the moon and thousands of stars.

The Little Mermaid: The world at night is wonderful!

Narrator 2: Then she sees a big ship.

Narrator 3: There are beautiful, colourful lights on the ship.

Narrator 4: She hears music playing and sees people dancing.

Narrator 1: It's the Prince's birthday party.

Narrator 2: The Prince is very handsome. The little mermaid wants to dance with him.

Narrator 3: But mermaids with tails can't dance...

Narrator 4: Suddenly the sky becomes dark and the wind blows.

Narrator 1: The sea becomes rough, and there are big waves.

Narrator 2: The little mermaid hears thunder, and she sees lightning in the sky. There is a storm, a terrible storm!

Narrator 3: The big waves hit the ship! The wind blows and blows and the ship turns over.

Narrator 4: The Prince falls into the sea. He falls down, down, down to the bottom of the deep blue sea!

Narrator 1: The little mermaid quickly swims down, down, down and saves the Prince.

Narrator 2: The little mermaid swims to the beach with the Prince.

Narrator 3: The Prince is very tired. He opens his eyes and smiles at the little mermaid.

Prince: Thank you. But please don't go. Stay here with me.

The Little Mermaid: I can't.

Narrator 4: The little mermaid swims home to her sisters.

The Little Mermaid: I must tell you about the storm.

Narrator 1: The Little Mermaid tells her sisters the story of the Prince's birthday party.

Narrator 2: the beautiful lights,

Narrator 3: the music,

Narrator 4: the dancing

Narrators 1, 2, 3 and 4: and the terrible storm.

The Little Mermaid: I don't want to be a mermaid, I want to be a girl. I want to have legs and dance with the handsome Prince.

The Little Mermaid's sisters: That's impossible! You're a silly little mermaid. Mermaids can never be girls!

Sister 3: That's impossible.

Sister 4: You're a silly little mermaid. Mermaids can never be girls!

Sister 5: Come here. I want to tell you a secret! You can have legs and you can be a girl. You must go to the Merwitch. She can help you, but you must give her your tail!

Narrator 1: The little mermaid swims to a dark, ugly place.

Narrator 2: There are no beautiful, colourful sea plants. There is ugly, grey seaweed.

Narrator 3: There are no beautiful, colourful fish. There are ugly, grey sea worms and...

Narrators 1, 2, 3 and 4: a tree with mermaids' tails!

Merwitch: What do you want?

The Little Mermaid: I want to be a girl.

Merwitch: I can give you a magic drink, but... you must give me your beautiful tail!

Narrator 4: The little mermaid says goodbye to her sisters.

The Little Mermaid's sisters: Don't go. Don't drink the magic drink. Don't give your beautiful tail to the Merwitch. Please stay here with us!

Sister 1: Don't go.

Sister 2: Don't drink the magic drink.

Sister 3: Don't give your beautiful tail to the Merwitch.

Sister 4: Please stay here with us.

The Little Mermaid: I can't. I want to go to the Prince.

Narrator 1: The little mermaid swims to the beach and drinks the magic drink.

Narrator 2: Her sisters stay behind a rock.

Narrator 3: They see the Merwitch swim home with the little mermaid's beautiful tail.

The Little Mermaid's sisters: Our little sister's a girl now.

Sister 5: Our little sister's a girl now.

Narrator 4: In the morning the Prince sees the little mermaid sleeping.

Narrator 1: He goes to her and looks at her beautiful face. The little mermaid opens her eyes and smiles.

Prince: I know you! You're the mermaid! The beautiful mermaid from the storm!

The Little Mermaid: I'm not a mermaid now. I'm a girl.

The Prince: You're my beautiful mermaid from the sea. I'm a very happy man and I want to stay with you forever!