

Jimmy Same again please Miss (*Repeat pumping action and another carton drops*)

Dame That's just right, now hurry along with those Jimmy

Cow (*in panic*) Moo! Moo! (*cow starts jumping around*)

Jimmy Whatever's the matter Jessie, is there an earthquake? Here Mam, what do you call a cow in an earthquake?

Dame I don't know

Jimmy A milkshake! (*sees look on Dame's face*) I'll put the bucket under her (*puts bucket under cow and pumps. Two beakers fall out*) Two beakers!

Dame Bless her, she thinks of everything. Nothing worries me as long as I've got Jessie
(*Cue for number with Dame, Jimmy and cow. All exit. Dame re enters to pick up bucket*)

Dame After all that I go and forget the bucket

Sue (*offstage*) Yoo hoo! Dame Trot (*enter stage left*)

Dame Hello Sue, it's lovely to see you

Sue Hello Dame Trot, it's nice to see you too but..... (*looking behind Dame for someone*)

Dame But, you've come to see our Jack. I know, but be careful now, you'll get into trouble with your Father. (*To audience*) He's the Squire and very rich whilst I've got nowt!

Sue That's not true Dame Trot. YOU'VE got Jack!

Dame Eeh, isn't love wonderful? I wish I was nineteen again but you can't turn the clock back six years. Wait there Sue, I'll see if he's in. Are you there our Jack? (*Enters cottage*)

Sue She's a sweet old thing, but Daddy doesn't get on with her at all. In fact Daddy doesn't get on with any of his tenants and that makes me so unhappy (*sighs as Jack enters*), so unhappy

Jack Who's unhappy?

Sue Jack! I was unhappy – until you arrived!

Jack (*taking her hand*) That's better, now you're smiling again. But what made you sad?

Sue Oh it's Daddy, I know he doesn't like your Mother

Jack I don't suppose he approves of me either

Sue As a matter of fact he doesn't. He thinks you are a lazy good for nothing

Jack (*angrily*) Does he now? (*calmer*) Well I must admit I'm a bit of a dreamer

Sue And will your dreams ever come true?

Jack One just did, I'm here with you now and that's the only one that matters

Sue Oh Jack I'll share all your dreams

Jack Oh Sue and I'll work hard (*to audience*) starting tomorrow
(*Cue for duet with Jack and Sue. At end enter Squire*)

Squire And what do you two think you are doing? How many times have I told you my girl not to speak to that lazy good for nothing?

Jack But Sir, we were only..

Squire That's a lie! Listen to me girl, home's the place for you. Never let me find you in this vicinity again

Sue But Daddy!

Squire You heard what I said, now go on, shoo!

Sue *(stamps foot, then controls temper)* Goodbye Jack *(exits)*

Jack Goodbye Sue *(aside)* for now

Squire Goodbye for good! Never let me catch you near my daughter again!

Jack Oh don't worry Sir, you won't catch me

Squire Why you insolent young upstart! Go and tell your Mother I've come for the rent

(Jack starts to exit passing Jimmy as he enters)

Jack Trouble

Jimmy Eh? *(sees Squire)* Oh, hello and goodbye *(starts to exit)*

Squire Come back here *(Jimmy returns)*

Jimmy *(to audience)* Are we all happy?

Squire Your Mother's rents in arrears

Jimmy What's it doing in her ears?

Squire Tell your Mother I've come for the rent

Jimmy Right

Squire Thank you

Jimmy Thank you too

Squire And thank you too

Jimmy And thank you too

Squire And thank you too

Jimmy Aw, shut thi' gob. Mam!

Dame *(offstage)* Yes love

Jimmy It's old ferret face

Dame *(offstage)* Who?

Jimmy Dandruff head!

Squire Excuse me young man, I don't like to talk about my dandruff

for them. I never heard anything so ridiculous in all my life. I thought I could trust you. Get upstairs and stay upstairs, there'll be no supper for you

Jack *(Crosses right and turns)* But Mother

Dame Go on, OUT, before I lose my temper. *(exit Jack)* Eeh, I had such faith in that lad *(sniffing as she takes chair to centre)* and now where are we? We still owe the rent and we haven't even got Jessie. Oh dear, what's to become of us? *(breaks down head in hands and cries herself to sleep. Enter Fairy)*

Fairy Sleep on Dame Trot, 'twill soothe your troubled mind
Ere long you'll leave your worries far behind
You've lost your faith in Jack, or so it seems,
But soon Jack's bravery will realise your dreams

(Blackout)

Scene 6 Outside Dame Trot's Cottage

Fairy As darkness falls and moonlight starts to peep
The people of the village yield to sleep
But Jack's awake, for slumber has no hold
On one who's bought some beans with all his family's gold

(Fairy exits, Jack enters to stand at side of stage)

Jack Oh what a mess I've made of everything. No money. No Jessie. Mother's angry and I haven't seen Sue for hours; I do hope nothing has happened to her. I feel so alone in the world. I don't know what to do or where to turn. If only there was someone to light my way

Fairy *(re-entering)* The Dawn's first glow, the Sun's first ray
Bring forth the light and hope of a new day
And so my friends, the time is finally here;
To change Jack's fortunes round, I will now appear
Jack!

Jack Am I dreaming? Who are you?

Fairy Your Good Fairy Jack. I am here to help you

Jack Help me? But how?

Fairy You are right to fear for Sue's safety. She has been kidnapped and is destined to be held captive in the castle of Giant Grimm

Jack Giant Grimm! That monster!

Fairy Never fear! With your undoubted courage, you will climb to Giant Grimm's kingdom in the clouds, put an end to his wicked rule, free your loved one and claim for yourself all his untold riches

Jack Kingdom in the clouds? Riches? Rescue Sue? How can I climb to this kingdom? And what are these riches?

Fairy You cannot be expected to remember. When you were only a small child, the Giant stole these treasures from your Father. They are rightfully yours

Jack Rightfully mine? Very well Good Fairy, I'll dare to venture on this climb. But how?

Fairy Have you forgotten the beans you exchanged for a bag of gold?

Jack How could I forget? What a fool I was to swap a bag of gold for worthless beans

Fairy Not quite worthless Jack. You believed they were magic when you bought them and with my powers I will make them so. The beans your Mother so hastily threw out of the window shall take root and grow (*Waves wand*) Next to the window you will find your ladder to the clouds in the shape of a magic beanstalk

Jack A magic beanstalk? No way!

Fairy Come along with me and see for yourself

(Offers her hand which Jack takes. They exit. Blackout)

Scene 7 The Garden of Dame Trot's Cottage

(Beanstalk and ballet sequence. At end, enter Jack and Fairy)

Fairy Behold Jack, the magic beanstalk

Jack And I must climb up there?

Fairy The beanstalk will grow until it towers in the sky (*Waves wand*)

Jack It's growing further! The magic beanstalk, my path to the kingdom in the clouds. I shall rescue Sue from the clutches of Giant Grimm and reclaim our family treasures, This is where I start to prove myself!

Fairy Farewell Jack and good luck

Jack Thank you Good Fairy for your aid. You have trusted me and I will not let you down. I will meet with courage whatever lies before me (*looking up*) Beware Giant Grimm, your days are numbered!!

(Jack starts to climb. Blackout)

INTERVAL