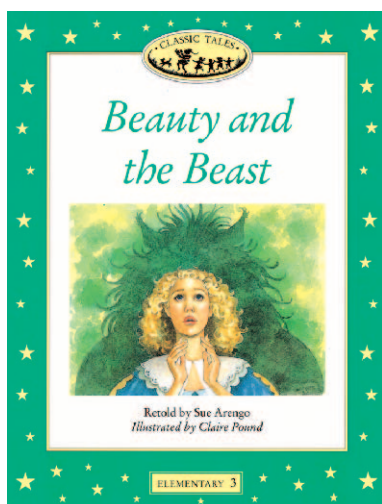


Beauty and the Beast

*A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald
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The story of *Beauty and the Beast*

Once upon a time there was a rich man who had three sons and three daughters. He had a lot of ships and the family lived in a big house by the sea. All the daughters were very beautiful but the most beautiful was the youngest daughter and everyone called her 'Beauty'. Beauty loved reading. But her older sisters only liked fine clothes and parties. They laughed at Beauty.

One day there was a terrible storm and all the man's ships were lost at sea. Suddenly he had no money. He had to sell his big house and the family moved to a little house in the country.

'You will have to work now,' the man told his children. 'But we don't know how to work, Father,' said the two older sisters. 'And we can't live here. It's too small.'

But Beauty worked hard for her father and her brothers. Every day she got up early. She did all the work in the house. Her sisters did nothing.

One day the man had a letter. He told his children, 'I must go away on business. One of my ships has come back from the East and we are rich again.' The two older daughters asked their father to buy them new dresses. Beauty only wanted a rose.

But, when the man found his ship, his friend said, 'Your gold has gone, and your ship has holes in it.' Then the man remembered his daughters. He couldn't buy fine dresses, but he bought two cheap little bags for them. He wanted to buy a rose for Beauty but the flower girl didn't have any.

On the way home, the man lost his way in a forest. A strange wind blew and it began to snow. He saw a light through the trees and went into a strange palace. There he found dinner, a bed, fine clothes, and a good breakfast. But he saw nobody.

In the morning the sun shone. He picked a rose from the garden for Beauty. When he picked the rose, an angry Beast came and said that he must die. The man said that he only wanted a rose for his daughter. The Beast wanted one of the man's daughters to come and live with him in his palace. If not, the man must die.

So the man went home and told his family the terrible news. Beauty said that her father would not die. She would go and live with the Beast. So she went to the palace with her father. That night she had a dream. A fairy told her that something good would happen to her.

Beauty lived with the Beast and he was kind to her. He gave her presents of books and fine dresses. Then one day Beauty looked in a magic mirror and saw that her father was ill and all alone. She wanted to visit her father and asked the Beast if she could go back to him for just one week. The Beast gave Beauty a magic ring and in the morning she woke up in her father's house. Her father was much better. Her sisters came and asked her to stay a little bit longer.

After ten days, Beauty had a dream that the Beast was dying because he couldn't live without her. So Beauty put her ring by her bed and in the morning she was back at the palace. When she found the Beast, she told him that she loved him and she would marry him. Then the fairy came back and something magic happened. The Beast was a handsome prince. The fairy said that Beauty understood that kindness was more important than beauty. Beauty and the Prince were married and lived happily ever after.

Characters in the play

Father	Horse	Fairy
Beauty	Sailor	Chorus
Charlotte	Maid	
Maria	Old Woman	
Beast	Flower Girl	



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SCENE 1

WE HAVE NO MONEY!

Chorus This is the story of a man, his daughters, and a beast.
Father Girls, girls!
Charlotte Here we are, Father.
Father We have no money!
Charlotte, Maria and Beauty No money!
Chorus All his ships were lost at sea.
Father You will have to work.
Chorus They will have to work. And they will have to sell their big house.
Charlotte How, Father?
Maria We don't know how to work.
Chorus They don't know how to work!
Beauty I'll clean the house, Father.
Father Thank you, Beauty.

SCENE 2

A LETTER!

Chorus One day a letter came for the man.
Father Girls!
Charlotte, Maria and Beauty Yes, Father!
Father I have to go away on business.
Chorus One of his ships has come back.
Father We are rich again.
Chorus He has gold and silver.
Charlotte, Maria and Beauty Hooray!
Charlotte Please buy me a new dress.
Maria Yes, a new dress for me too.
Father What do you want, Beauty?
Beauty I would like a rose.
Father I'll bring you a rose, Beauty.
Charlotte, Maria and Beauty Goodbye, Father.
Father Goodbye, girls.

SCENE 3

YOUR GOLD AND SILVER HAS GONE

Father Hello, my friend. Here I am.
Sailor I'm sorry, your ship has holes in it.
Chorus His ship has holes in it.
Father Oh, no!
Sailor And your gold and silver has gone.
Chorus His gold and silver has gone. He has no money to mend his ship. He must leave it.

SCENE 4

A ROSE FOR BEAUTY

Father I must buy something for my daughters. I can't buy fine dresses, but I can buy two of these little bags.
Old Woman Here you are, sir!
Father I'd like a rose, please.
Flower Girl I'm sorry. I haven't got any roses today.
Chorus No rose for Beauty!

SCENE 5

LOOK! A LIGHT!

Horse We're lost in this forest, and I'm tired.
Father Yes, I'm tired too.
Horse Look! I can see a light.
Father Yes, it's a palace.
Horse Let's go and sleep there.
Chorus They go to the palace but no one is at home.
Father Hello, hello! Is anyone there?
Chorus No one answered.
Horse Look, there's the stable! Goodnight.
Father Goodnight. (*He goes into the palace.*)
Chorus The man had dinner. Then he went to bed. But he saw no one.

SCENE 6

IT'S THE BEAST

Horse Good morning! Let's go home now.
Father Look, roses! I'll pick a rose for Beauty before we go.
Chorus Don't pick the roses!
Horse Oh, no! (*He sees the Beast.*)
Chorus Oh, no! It's the Beast. Oh, no!
Beast You must die for this!
Father I just wanted a rose for my daughter.
Beast Here is some gold. I want your daughter.
Father Oh, no! Don't take Beauty!
Beast Bring me Beauty or you will die.
Chorus The Beast wants Beauty to live with him.
Horse I want to go home!
Beast Remember, bring me Beauty!
Chorus Bring back Beauty or you will die!

SCENE 7

BEAUTY GOES TO THE PALACE

Father Here we are! This is the palace.
Beast What's your name?
Father Her name is Beauty. Be good to her, please.
Beast You must go in the morning.
Father Goodnight, Beauty. Don't be afraid.
Beauty Goodnight, Father. I love you.
Beast I will not hurt you. Goodnight.
Fairy Don't be afraid, Beauty.
Beauty Who are you?
Fairy I'm a good fairy.
Chorus She's Beauty's good fairy.
Fairy You are good to come here.
 Something good will happen to you.
Chorus Something good will happen to Beauty.

SCENE 8

A MAGIC MIRROR

Maid Beauty. This is a present for you.
Beauty Who is it from?
Chorus It's a present from the Beast!
Maid Look, there's a letter!
Beauty (*She reads.*) Dear Beauty,
 This is a magic mirror. Look into it when you want to see your father's face.
Maid It's a magic mirror from the Beast.
Chorus The Beast was kind to Beauty. She lived at the palace for two months and she was quite happy.

SCENE 9

MY FATHER IS ILL

Beauty Beast, I must go home.
Beast Why?
Beauty My father is ill and all alone. Please can I go and visit him?
Beast I love you. Please don't go.
Beauty Please let me go for just one week.
Beast If you go, you will not come back.
Beauty I will come back. I cannot marry you but I will be your friend.
Chorus She did not want to be his wife. He was so ugly!
Beast Please come back. I will wait for you.
Chorus So Beauty went to visit her father.



SCENE 10

I MUST GO TO THE BEAST

Beauty How are you, Father?
Father I've been so ill and sad. Your sisters are married and they never visit me.
Chorus The poor man was so happy to see Beauty. Just looking at her made him feel better.
Father Beauty, my love, I feel better now.
Beauty Good! Now you are well, I must go back to the Beast.
Chorus Beauty had a dream that the Beast was dying.
Beauty Yes, I love him, and I must go.
Chorus So Beauty went back to the Beast.

SCENE 11

I WANT TO MARRY YOU

Beauty Beast, what is it? Speak to me!
Beast I am dying. I waited for you but you did not come.
Beauty No, please don't die. I love you. Please live. I will marry you.
Chorus Then something magic happened. The sky was full of lights. And the Beast was a handsome prince.
Beauty Oh, you are handsome!
Beast Yes, a bad fairy put a spell on me. She said that no one could love an ugly Beast. But you have broken that spell.
Fairy Yes, Beauty, you understood that kindness is more important than a beautiful face. It is the most important thing of all.
Chorus Beauty and the Prince had a wonderful wedding. Her father came to live with them at the palace. And they all lived happily ever after.