



Director's Notes:

I chose this play because it's symbolic of what we each must do; help each other and give of ourselves. It's about how magical things can happen when we volunteer and are generous and kind. (Pay particular attention to the fairies, who underscore this theme in the play!) I must also emphasize that this production happened only as a result of the hard work and sacrifice of all the parents of cast members who supported this effort.

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Robin Hood

By Alfred Noyes; Adapted by Maribeth Douglas

An adaptation of Alfred Noyes' 1911 play, "Sherwood; or Robin Hood and the Three Kings" . Noyes, an English poet and Commander of the Order of the British Empire, is best known for his ballads, like "The Highwayman" . This was his only full-length play.

"God bless the kindly name of Robin Hood."

W A T E R T O N
P L A Y H O U S E



Sherwood

By Alfred Noyes

Sherwood in the twilight, is Robin Hood awake?
Grey and ghostly shadows are gliding through the brake,
Shadows of the dappled deer, dreaming of the morn,
Dreaming of a shadowy man that winds a shadowy horn.
Robin Hood is here again: all his merry thieves
Hear a ghostly bugle-note shivering through the leaves,
Calling as he used to call, faint and far away,
In Sherwood, in Sherwood, about the break of day.
Merry, merry England has kissed the lips of June:
All the wings of fairyland were here beneath the moon,
Like a flight of rose-leaves fluttering in a mist
Of opal and ruby and pearl and amethyst.
Merry, merry England is waking as of old,
With eyes of blither hazel and hair of brighter gold:
For Robin Hood is here again beneath the bursting spray
In Sherwood, in Sherwood, about the break of day.
Love is in the greenwood building him a house
Of wild rose and hawthorn and honeysuckle boughs:
Love is in the greenwood, dawn is in the skies,
And Marian is waiting with a glory in her eyes.
Hark! The dazzled laverock climbs the golden steep!
Marian is waiting: is Robin Hood asleep?
Round the fairy grass-rings frolic elf and fay,
In Sherwood, in Sherwood, about the break of day.
Oberon, Oberon, rake away the gold,
Rake away the red leaves, roll away the mould,
Rake away the gold leaves, roll away the red,
And wake Will Scarlett from his leafy forest bed.
Friar Tuck and Little John are riding down together
With quarter-staff and drinking-can and grey goose-feather.
The dead are coming back again, the years are rolled away
In Sherwood, in Sherwood, about the break of day.
Softly over Sherwood the south wind blows.
All the heart of England his in every rose
Hears across the greenwood the sunny whisper leap,
Sherwood in the red dawn, is Robin Hood asleep?
Hark, the voice of England wakes him as of old
And, shattering the silence with a cry of brighter gold
Bugles in the greenwood echo from the steep,
Sherwood in the red dawn, is Robin Hood asleep?
Where the deer are gliding down the shadowy glen
All across the glades of fern he calls his merry men--
Doublets of the Lincoln green glancing through the May
In Sherwood, in Sherwood, about the break of day--
Calls them and they answer: from aisles of oak and ash
Rings the *Follow! Follow!* and the boughs begin to crash,
The ferns begin to flutter and the flowers begin to fly,
And through the crimson dawning the robber band goes by.
Robin! Robin! Robin! All his merry thieves
Answer as the bugle-note shivers through the leaves,
Calling as he used to call, faint and far away,
In Sherwood, in Sherwood, about the break of day.

CAST

In Order of Appearance

Serf

Reuben Baldry

Prince John

Connor McCue

Prince's Retainers

Joel Pollock, Xavier Jones

Sheriff of Nottingham

Owen Prendergast

Sheriff's Men

Benny Dickson, Brock Richards

Forest People

Reggie Pollock, Caroline Baldry,
Joseph Steed, James Cunningham,
Ava Baldry, Margaret Baldry

Shadow-of-a-Leaf

Winston Kipp

Little John

Bentley Douglas

Fairy Queen

Kathlyn Prendergast

Fairies

Kathryn McCue, Elizabeth Wilde,
Talia Richards

Little Fairies

Clara Prendergast, Ivory Wilde,
Sabrina Kipp, Rachel McCue

Robin Hood

Todd Pollock

Friar Tuck

Drew Dickson

Merry Men

Walker Cunningham, Daniel
Douglas, Finn Jones, Mark
Prendergast

Widow Scarlett

Hannah Richards

Fitzwalter

Eric McCue

Marion

Grace Prendergast

Rustics

Adeline Pollock, Jacqueline Douglas,
Bronwyn Steed, Kathlyn Prendergast

Jenny

Isabelle Steed

King Richard

Taylor Steed

Will Scarlett

Reggie Pollock