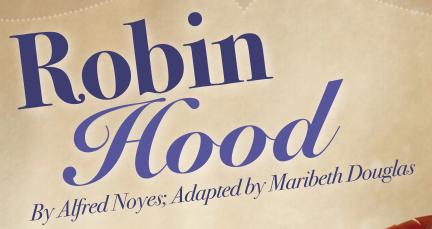


## Director's Notes:

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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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."



## **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! 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