

Dramatisation. Robin Hood's adventures.

Scene 1.

Jack and Mary see a large notice and stop to read it.

Mary: Jack, read what is written in this paper.

Jack: " Fifty pounds for Robin Hood! The Sheriff of Nottingham." Ha! Ha! Ha! The Sheriff hopes that R. H. will be brought to him for fifty pounds! How foolish of him!

M: We must tell R. H. about it. He must be careful!

J: You are right! Let's run to Sherwood Forest and tell R. H. about it.

Sherwood Forest. R. H. is sitting on a tree stump. The children come running to him.

J: Robin Hood! R. H.! We have something to tell you.

R. H. Hello, Jack! Hello, Mary! What has happened?

M: We saw a paper on a wall in the town of Nottingham. It says fifty pounds for you!

J: The paper is written by the Sheriff. Be carefull, R.H.! He wants to catch you. He will give fifty pounds to the man who will tell him where you are.

R. H: Don't be afraid for me, children! I'm not afraid of the Sheriff. I'll go to see him myself, and he will give me fifty pounds to find me.

M: Oh, R. H. Don't go to Nottingham.

R. H: Don't be afraid, he will not know me. Come with me and see that. Wait for me here, I'll be back in a minute.

Suddenly an old man with along white beard comes in.

Old Man: Children, can you tell me the way to the place where R. H. lives?

J: What do you want there?

M: Nobody knows where R. H. lives! Go away! Go away!

Suddenly the Old Man begins to laugh. He pulls off his beard, and the children see that it is R. H. himself.

J: Oh, it's you, R. H.!

M: I was afraid of the Old Man.

R. H: Now, children, let's go to Nottingham. I'm going to see the Sheriff myself. Come with me.

Scene 2.

The Sheriff's office. He is sitting at the table and writing.

Sh. What do you want, Old Man?

R. H. I can show you the way to the place where R. H. lives.

Sh: Can you? I shall give you fifty pounds if you take me to R. H.

R. H: Come to the old tree near the forest tomorrow and you will
 See him.

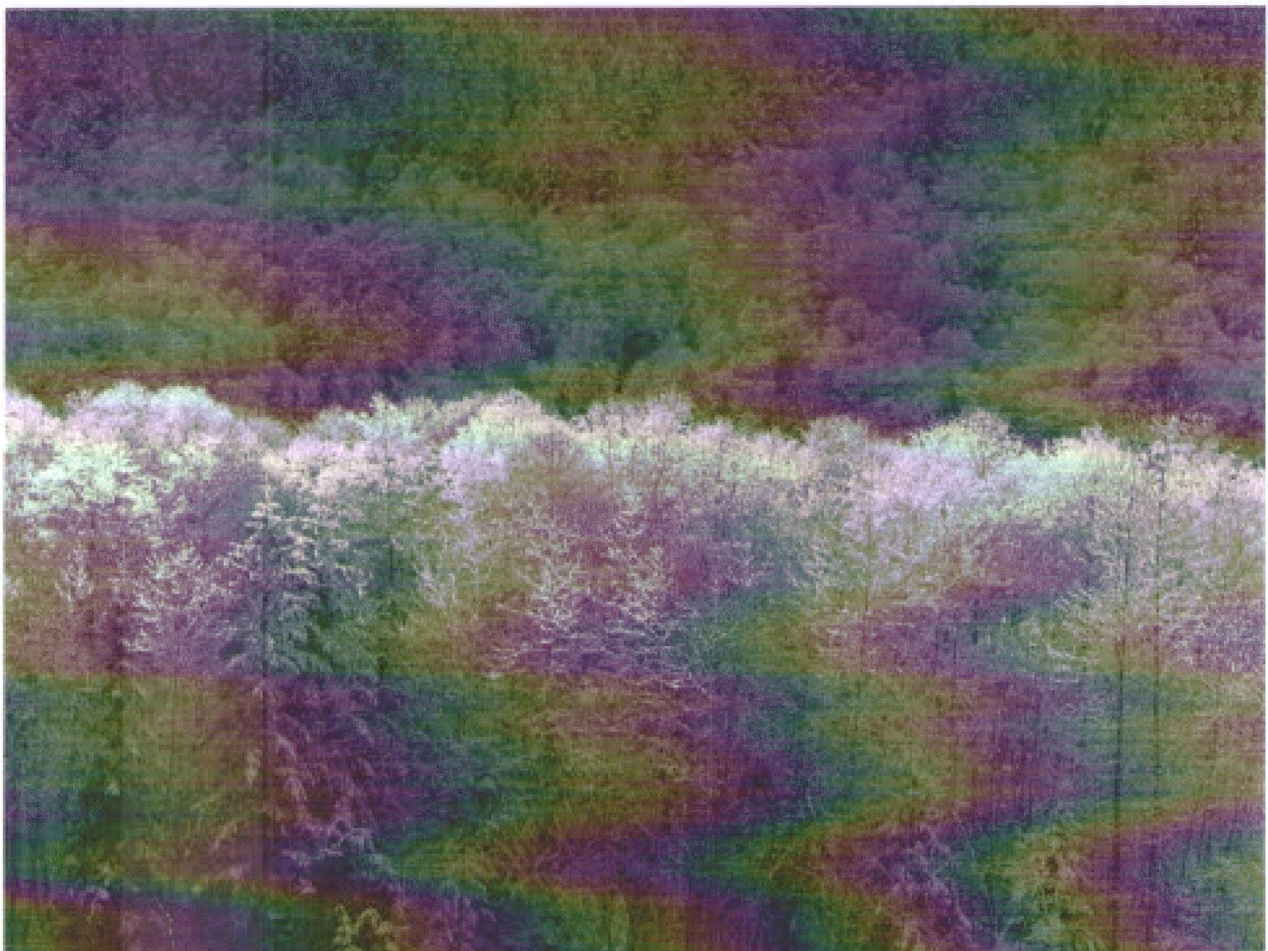
Sh: Very well, I'll come. I'll take two men with me.

R. H: Don't forget to bring the fifty pounds.

Sh: And who are these children?

R. H: They are my grandchildren and my friends. I'm an old man,
 And they help me. Come, children, we must go now.

The Sheriff is very glad. He rubs his hands, smiles
And begins to sing.



Scene 3.

In the middle of the stage there is a large old tree.

My friends, be ready to see the Sheriff here!

F. M: Why, is he coming here?

R. H: Yes, he will be here any time. I've invited him to this tree. He promised to bring me fifty pounds.

S. M: I can't believe it. Is he so brave?

R. H: He will bring two soldiers with him. Be ready to meet them.

J: R. H., they are coming.

R. H: Hide behind the tree, friends!

They all hide behind the tree. The Sheriff and his two men come in.

(to his men) Run, it's a trap!

But it Sh: This is the old tree. But I don't see the Old Man.

R. H: Here I am, Sheriff!

is too late. R. H's men catch them and place them before R. H.

R. H: So, you have come, Sheriff. You haven't broken your yesterday's promise.

Sh: I didn't see you yesterday.

R. H: Yes, you did. I was the Old Man who came to your office and told you where to find R. H.. Now I want my fifty pounds.

Sh: So you were the old man with two children! You have played a trick on me today, Robin Hood, but I shall catch you some other day

R. H: I'm not afraid of you! But now I want my fifty pounds.

Sh: I will not give you the money!

R. H: Then you and your men won't leave the forest. A promise is a promise.

Sh: You live in the forest and you do not need money.

R. H: I don't need money for myself. I want to give it to poor people.

The Sheriff has nothing to do but to give R.H. the promised money.

R. H: That's right. Now, children, take this money, go to Nottingham and buy some new clothes for yourselves. You helped me to get this money.

J: Thank you, Robin Hood!

R. H: Now, my friends, let the Sheriff and his men go home.

Sh: Remember, Robin Hood, I shall catch you some day.

R. H: (laughing) One! Two! Three! Try and catch me!

The Sheriff and his men go away. Robin Hood and his men are laughing.

Robin Hood





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