

The **MAGIC** Snowman



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BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S CLASSIC FALE, STONE SOUP

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**The magic is inside you,
The magic is right here.
Just a little bit of kindness,
A little bit of cheer.**

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INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL. A mysterious stranger arrives at a village where everyone is grumpy, gloomy, and just plain glum. The stranger's arrival marks one of the most magical days of the year – winter's first snow. But the freshly fallen snow fails to cheer up any of the grumpy villagers until the stranger decides to make a magic snowman. This interactive musical offers an abundance of warmth, spirit, and goodwill that will delight children of all ages.

Performance Time: Approximately 30 minutes.

Songs

Song 1: "Glum, Glum, Glum" (Leader/Players 1, 2, 3)

Song 2: "Winter's First Snow" (Leader)

Song 3: "Anybody" (Grumpp/Leader/Players 1, 2, 3/
Audience)

Song 4: "I'm Gonna Build a Snowman" (Stranger/
Grumpp/Hill/Villager)

Song 5: "Sometimes It Takes Two" (Stranger/Hill)

Song 6: "Mulligan's General Store" (Mulligan/Stranger)

Song 7: "Thank You" (Grumpp)

Song 8: "What Does It Do?" (All)

Song 9: "The Magic is Inside of You" (All)

Characters

(9 flexible)

(With doubling: 4 flexible)

STRANGER: Wears a cape.

HORACE/DORIS GRUMPP: Mayor; wears a hat and scarf.

LEADER: Leader of players.

PLAYER 1, 2, 3

HILL: Police officer; wears police uniform and cap.

MULLIGAN: Grocer.

VILLAGER: Grumpy.

With doubling:

Leader/Stranger

Player 1/Grumpp

Player 2/Hill

Player 3/Mulligan/Villager

Props

Large trunk

Hardhat

Native-American headdress

Police officer's cap

3 large snowballs to make snowman. (They can be made from paper machè or another lightweight material but must be able to be stacked securely.)

Pilot's helmets

Pilot's goggles

Pilot's scarves

Hat and scarf, for Mayor

Zucchini

Celery

Can of vegetable soup

Carrot

Fuzzy slippers

2 Potatoes

Computer disks

2 Lumps of coal

Half of a pepperoni pizza

Boomerang

Banana

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(AT RISE: Village green on a winter day. Leader and Players 1, 2, 3 appear onstage. Leader steps forward. Song: "Glum, Glum, Glum.")

LEADER: (*Sings.*) A long time ago, in the early part of winter
In a village far away
Lived a group of grumpy people
Miserable and sad
Everyone was feeling...

(*Players 1, 2, 3 come to life singing and dancing.*)

ALL: (*Sing.*) Glum, glum, glum, glum.
Glum, glum, glum, glum.

(*Players 1, 2, 3 continue "glumming" as Leader speaks.*)

LEADER: (*Spoken.*) No one knew for sure how long the village had been like this. But the situation seemed to get worse every winter. As the temperature became colder, the villagers became meaner.

PLAYER 1: (*Sings.*) Get out of my way!

PLAYER 2: (*Sings.*) Get out of my yard!

PLAYER 3: (*Sings.*) Hogwash!

PLAYER 2: (*Sings.*) Humbug!

PLAYER 1, 3: (*Sing.*) Leave me alone!

LEADER: (*Sings.*) To this grumpiness each and every villager succumbed. (*To audience, spoken.*) Can you guess how they all felt? If you can, sing along with us.

ALL: (*Sing.*) Everyone was feeling glum, glum, glum, glum.
Glum, glum, glum, glum!

(*Players 1, 2, 3 continue "glumming" as Leader speaks.*)

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LEADER: And that is where our story begins. It looked as though the village was doomed forever to be a glum and dismal place. Until one day when a mysterious stranger came along. *(With doubling: "I get to play the part of the mysterious stranger")* My friends here are the village people.

PLAYER 1: Hey, we're the Village People!

PLAYER 2, 3: The Village People? All right!

(Players 1, 2, 3 go to the trunk and pull out a construction worker's hardhat, a Native American headdress, and a police officer's hat. Each player takes a hat and puts it on.)

PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey! Hey!

(Players 1, 2, 3 dance wildly. Leader tries to calm them down.)

LEADER: No, no, no! Not the 1970s disco group. The people in the village in our story.

PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Ohhhhh!

PLAYER 3: Wait a minute, there's only three of us.

PLAYER 1: Yeah, what kind of village is that?

LEADER: A very small village.

PLAYER 2: We need more villagers!

PLAYER 1, 3: Lots of villagers!

LEADER: Where are we going to find more villagers?

PLAYERS: *(Indicating audience.)* Over there!

LEADER: That's a great idea! *(To audience.)* Who wants to be a grumpy villager? We need you to become members of the village by singing along with us. Everyone sing, "Glum, glum, glum, glum." Don't forget to sound grumpy. Ready?

ALL: *(Sing.)* Everyone was feeling glum, glum, glum, glum.

Glum, glum, glum, glum.

(Player 1, 2, 3 and the audience continue "glumming" as Leader sings.)

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LEADER: (*Sings.*) They were grouchy, they were glum
The village was in pandemonium
They were grumpy, they were mean
They acted like they had too much caffeine
They were crabby, they were grim
Their potential for happiness seemed slim
They were rotten, they were sad
Everyone was feeling awfully bad.

(*"Glumming" stops.*)

ALL: (*Sing.*) Yes, to this grumpiness
Each and every villager succumbed
Everyone was feeling...
Glum, glum, glum, glum!
Glum, glum, glum, glum!
Glum, glum, glum, glum, glum!

LEADER: (*To audience, spoken.*) Thank you for your help.
Now we will continue with our story. The day the
mysterious stranger came to the grumpy and glum village
just happened to be one of the most magical days of the
year. The day of winter's first snow. A day when anything
can happen.

(*Song: "Winter's First Snow"*)

LEADER: (*Sings.*) Winter's first snow is enchanting
Winter's first snow is a magical thing.
A blanket of white covers the land
Tucking it in for the night.

Under the snow the earth sweetly sleeps
And dreams of a beautiful spring
Its flowers will grow
When it wakes from its nap
Winter's first snow is a wonderful thing.

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Winter's first snow is entrancing
Winter's first snow is a mystical thing.
It comes in a hush
Like whispering a secret
Or making a wish on a far away star.

A vision of peace falls from the sky
And covers the ground everywhere
A landscape of hope for women and men
Something all people can share.

See the snow fall, watch the snow fall
Winter's first snow, winter's first snow.

(Players 1, 2, 3 begin singing background vocals.)

LEADER: In most villages, the first snowfall would be a
happy occasion—

PLAYER 1: There are so many fun things to do in the winter!

LEADER: Yes, that's right.

PLAYER 2: Let's act a few out and see if our audience can
guess what we are doing.

LEADER: Great idea. You can start and we'll help.

(Player 2 pantomimes "Skiing." Player 1, 3, and Leader join in. If audience has not already volunteered answers, ask if they know the answer.)

PLAYER 2: Skiing is right!

PLAYER 1: How about this one!

(Player 1 starts "skating." Player 2, 3, and Leader join in. Audience volunteers answers.)

LEADER: You are a very smart audience!

PLAYER 3: My turn to start one.

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LEADER: Okay, go ahead. (*Player 3 starts a "snowball fight" with Leader. Player 1, 2 join in to gang up on Leader. Audience volunteers answers.*) Yes, it's a snowball fight. As you can see, I'm in a bit of trouble and I need your help! Everybody pick up an imaginary snowball and throw it at my friends on the count of three. Ready? One, two, three! (*Players 1, 2, 3 are pelted with the "snowballs" from the audience. Players fall down and exit quickly to change into costumes if cast is doubled.*) Thank you! Now we can return to our story. In most villages, the first snowfall would be a happy occasion. But, the people in our village were so grumpy that no one thought about all of the fun winter could be. They only thought about how cold and gloomy they were. Nobody was gloomier and meaner than the Mayor of the village Horace/Doris Grumpp!

(*Mayor Grumpp comes downstage.*)

GRUMPP: My name is Horace/Doris Grumpp! My mama once told me that life was like a box of chocolates, well, chocolate gave me cavities, bad skin, and a stomachache. So I think life is pretty lousy. I think people are pretty lousy. I think everything is lousy! I keep pretty much to myself, and that's just fine with me.

(*Song: "Anybody"*)

GRUMPP: (*Sings.*) I do not like anybody
I do not want anybody
I do not need anybody
And that's just fine with me.

I won't dance with anybody
I won't sing with anybody
I don't smile at anybody
And that's just fine with me.

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People cause me problems
They just get in my way
If I stay away from people
My problems go away

I won't wink for anybody
I won't blink for anybody
Or clean the sink for anybody
And that's just fine with me.

I won't sneeze for anybody
Or bend my knees for anybody
I won't climb trees for anybody
And that's just fine with me.

People make me angry
They really make me mad
If they would all just go away
Life wouldn't be so bad.

GRUMPP: *(To audience, spoken.)* I do hope I have made my position clear. But just to make sure you were paying attention, I'm going to sing some more and let you fill in the blanks. *(Sings.)* I won't jog with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: *(Audience is encouraged to join in.)*
Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* Or play leap frog with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* Or drink eggnog with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* And that's just fine with me!
I won't play with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* Or spend the day with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* I have nothing to say to...

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LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* And that's just fine with me!

I don't have fun with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* I do not run with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* Or play accordion for...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* And that's just fine with me!

I don't swim with...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* Or work out in a gym with...

LEADER/PLAYER 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* I won't go out on a limb for...

LEADER/PLAYER 1, 2, 3: Anybody!

GRUMPP: *(Sings.)* And that's just fine with me.

Oh, that's just jolly and fine, with little old me!

That's just fine with me!

(Grumpp holds a defiant pose. Player 3 steps downstage.)

PLAYER 3: Then the mysterious stranger came to the village.

(Stranger enters wearing a cape.)

STRANGER: Greetings! Good day!

GRUMPP: *Good day?* It's cold and miserable!

STRANGER: But it's the first snow of the season! Isn't it beautiful?

GRUMPP: Beautiful? I suppose you've never had to shovel a driveway full of it. Who are you, anyway?

STRANGER: Just a mysterious stranger passing through town.

GRUMPP: You seem more like a mysterious weirdo, enjoying the cold and snow. Hmmph!

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(Officer Hill enters.)

HILL: Hello, Mayor Grumpp. Another lousy day.

GRUMPP: Yes, indeed, Officer Hill, but this mysterious stranger doesn't think so.

STRANGER: Officer Hill! I'm very pleased to meet you!

HILL: *(To Grumpp.)* Seems like a mysterious weirdo to me.

GRUMPP: That's what I thought.

HILL: *(To Stranger.)* Just what brings you to our village, stranger?

STRANGER: I'm just passing through, but since today is the first snow of the season, I thought I might build a snowman.

HILL: A snowman?!

GRUMPP: Don't we have an ordinance against that?

HILL: No, your honor, snowman-building is perfectly legal.

(Villager enters.)

VILLAGER: *(Grumpy.)* What's going on here?

GRUMPP: This stranger wants to build a snowman!

VILLAGER: A snowman?

STRANGER: This won't be an ordinary snowman, you know.

GRUMPP: Just what kind of snowman do you mean?

STRANGER: A magic snowman!

HILL: A magic snowman?

VILLAGER: A magic snowman?

GRUMPP: Ridiculous! Arrest the stranger, Officer!

OFFICER: Mayor Grumpp, he's not doing anything wrong. I can't arrest him.

GRUMPP: He's up to something, I can tell. He is very suspicious-looking.

STRANGER: I'm not here to cause you any trouble. I'm just here to build the most wonderful snowman ever seen!

(Song: "I'm Gonna Build a Snowman")

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STRANGER: (*Sings.*) I'm gonna build a snowman
I'll build him eight feet high
An amazingly wondrous snowman
An incredible frozen guy
A magical, miracle snow dude
Right here in your town
To bring you joy and happiness
Free of charge, no money down!

VILLAGER/GRUMPP/HILL: (*Sing.*)
"Magic snowman"? What a hoax!
We're not gonna fall for your magic jokes
Do you really think that we'll believe
We are not that easy to deceive
You can't fool us!

STRANGER: (*Sings.*)
But wait until you see my snowman
You won't believe your eyes
I'm not trying to trick you
I'm not telling you lies
This snowman will make you happy
That I guarantee
If you'll just help me build him
Then I'm sure you'll see.

GRUMPP: (*Sings.*)
I knew it, I knew it, I knew there'd be a catch
He wants us to help him build it!
I knew it, I knew it!

VILLAGER: (*Sings.*)
I'm not going to do it. I won't help at all
All he wants is our free work!
I'm not going to do it!

VILLAGER/GRUMPP/HILL: (*Sing.*)
We knew that you were up to something
From the moment you arrived
We knew you would try to trick us.
We knew it! We knew it! We knew it!

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We knew it ! We knew it!

Go ahead and build your snowman
But you'll get no help from us!

(Villager and Grumpp exit. Officer Hill remains in the background observing the Stranger.)

STRANGER: *(Sings.)*

I'm gonna build a snowman, I'll build it by myself
I said I'm gonna build a snowman.
I'm gonna build it all by myself.
You know I'll build it all alone
I'm gonna build it by myself!

(Stranger starts rolling snowballs onto stage. Stranger should be struggling with the largest snowball as Officer Hill watches.)

HILL: Looks like hard work.

STRANGER: Yes, it is very heavy. *(Puts largest snowball in place.)* There, the first part is in place.

HILL: Congratulations, that's quite a job to do alone.

STRANGER: Thanks.

HILL: When does the magic part begin?

STRANGER: As soon as it's finished.

HILL: Oh.

STRANGER: Perhaps you could give me a hand.

HILL: Me?

STRANGER: Yes. If you helped me, the job would get done faster.

HILL: I suppose it couldn't hurt. *(Hill helps Stranger put second snowball in place.)* There.

STRANGER: Thank you, Officer. Some jobs are much easier when two people do them.

HILL: Yes, you're right.

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(Song: "Sometimes It Takes Two")

STRANGER: *(Sings.)*

Doing something by yourself
Can make you feel proud
Getting something done yourself
Makes you want to shout out loud
But sometimes things get kind of hard to do
All by yourself
That's when you are going to need two
People to get it done

STRANGER/HILL: *(Sing.)*

Sometimes it takes two
Sometimes it takes two
To get it done it can be fun
To work with a partner in unison
Sometimes it takes two
Sometimes it takes two
It takes two. It takes me and you.

HILL: *(Sings.)*

Wilbur Wright wanted to build
A machine to make him fly
But he couldn't do it by himself
No matter how hard he tried
So
He asked his brother Orville for a hand
"Hey! Orville, can you help me out?"
And now airplanes are flying all over the land
(Spoken.) Look! Here comes one now!

*(Cast members not in song "fly" across the stage in helmets, goggles,
and scarves.)*

STRANGER/HILL: *(Sing.)*

Sometimes it takes two
Sometimes it takes two

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Don't play solitaire
If you're a pair
You are certain to get somewhere
Sometimes it takes two
Sometimes it takes two
It takes two
It takes me and you.

STRANGER: (*Sings.*) Like Fred and Barney. [*or Wilma and Betty; Pebbles and Bamm Bamm, etc.*]

HILL: (*Sings.*) Like Ernie and Bert.

STRANGER: (*Sings.*) Like peanut butter and jelly.

HILL: (*Sings.*) Like dinner and dessert.

STRANGER/HILL: (*Sing.*) It takes two, it takes me and you!

STRANGER: (*Spoken.*) Thank you, Officer Hill, that was very nice of you to help.

HILL: My pleasure, Stranger. It was actually kind of fun being nice. I think I'll go down the street and find someone else to be nice to. Goodbye, Stranger. (*Mulligan the Grocer enters, carrying a basket full of groceries.*) Mrs./Mr. Mulligan, hello! Making deliveries?

MULLIGAN: Yes, these are Mrs. Dooley's groceries.

HILL: I'll deliver them for you!

MULLIGAN: You will?

HILL: Yes, I'd be happy to do something nice for you.

MULLIGAN: Are you feeling all right, Officer Hill?

HILL: I'm feeling wonderful, Mrs./Mr. Mulligan. I'll take those. (*Takes groceries.*) Have a nice day! (*Hill exits.*)

MULLIGAN: That was strange. Say, you must be that mysterious snowman-building stranger the Mayor told me about.

STRANGER: At your service. And who do I have the pleasure of meeting?

MULLIGAN: Mulligan's the name. Owner and operator of Mulligan's General Store. Best doggone general store you'll ever see. I have everything. My motto is "If I don't have it, you don't need it."

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STRANGER: Very impressive.

MULLIGAN: So let's have a look at this here snowman.

Hmmm, doesn't look very magical to me.

STRANGER: That's because he's not done yet. It takes more than just snow to make a snowman.

MULLIGAN: What else does it need?

STRANGER: I think he needs a nose. But I'm not sure what to use to make a snowman nose.

MULLIGAN: Well, whatever you might decide to use, I'm sure I have it in stock at Mulligan's General Store.

(Song: "Mulligan's General Store")

MULLIGAN: *(Sings.)*

If I don't have it, you don't need it
My store is well supplied
Every single shelf is full
And every customer is satisfied
At Mulligan's General Store
I've got pliers and watches and roses
At Mulligan's General Store
I have dozens of items for snowman noses.

(Mulligan pulls various items from the basket until the correct item is found.)

MULLIGAN: I have just the thing! *(Pulls out a zucchini from basket.)* A zucchini!

STRANGER: I don't think so.

MULLIGAN: Okay, how about some celery? *(Pulls out a celery stalk.)*

STRANGER: That looks weird.

MULLIGAN: I've got it! A can of vegetable soup! *(Pulls out a can of soup.)* Mmm mmm, good!

STRANGER: That isn't quite right, either.

MULLIGAN: *(Pulls out a carrot.)* We could try a carrot.

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STRANGER: That's perfect!

MULLIGAN: Another satisfied customer!

(Sings.) You'll find everything you want and more
At Mulligan's General Store!

(Stranger sticks carrot into snowball to make snowman's nose.)

STRANGER: *(Spoken.)* The nose looks terrific, but he's missing something. I know...he needs eyes. But you probably don't have anything that I could use to make eyes.

MULLIGAN: Nonsense!

(Sings.) If I don't have it, you don't need it
My store is well supplied
Every single shelf is full
And every customer is satisfied.

At Mulligan's General Store

I have soda pop, burgers, and fries

At Mulligan's General Store

I have hundreds of items for snowman eyes!

(Spoken.) Here we go, fuzzy slippers! *(Pulls out a pair of slippers.)*

STRANGER: Are you kidding? He'll get athlete's eye!

MULLIGAN: Good point. *(Searches in basket.)*

Eyes...eyes...aha! *(Pulls out two potatoes.)* Two potatoes!

Here's spud in your eye!

STRANGER: Not bad, but not what I'm looking for.

MULLIGAN: Check this out. *(Pulls out computer disks.)*

Computer disks! *(Holds them up for snowman's mouth.)*

Makes him look smart, doesn't it?!

STRANGER: Nope, that's not it, either.

(Mulligan searches in basket and pulls out two lumps of coal.)

MULLIGAN: Well, I've got a couple of lumps of coal.

STRANGER: Excellent, that's just right!

MULLIGAN: Yet another happy Mulligan's shopper!

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(Sings.) You'll find everything you want and more
At Mulligan's General Store!

(Stranger sticks lumps of coal onto snowman to make eyes.)

STRANGER: He's looking really good, but he has no
expression on his face. You wouldn't happen to have—?

MULLIGAN: Say no more. Remember who you're talking to.

(Sings.) If I don't have it, you don't need it

My store is well supplied

Every single shelf is full

And very customer is satisfied

At Mulligan's General Store

I have auto parts, pets, and shoelaces

At Mulligan's General Store

I have millions of things to finish snowman faces.

(Spoken.) Ta-da! Half of a pepperoni pizza! *(Holds it up to
make snowman's mouth.)* Look at that smile!

STRANGER: That's a little too much.

MULLIGAN: I know what you need! A corncob pipe!

STRANGER: No way! Next to melting, smoking is the
leading cause of death in snowmen.

MULLIGAN: Good point. *(Pulls out a boomerang.)* How about
a boomerang? *(Holds it up to snowman's face.)*

STRANGER: That's not quite right. What else have you got?

(Mulligan searches in his basket and pulls out a banana.)

MULLIGAN: A banana? *(Holds it up to snowman's face.)*

STRANGER: Not bad. Let's go with the banana.

(Mulligan sticks banana onto snowman for mouth.)

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MULLIGAN: And now your snowman face is complete! So where can you find everything you need for your snowman?

STRANGER: (*Sings.*) At Mulligan's General Store.

MULLIGAN: (*Sings.*) I've got scissors, cucumbers, and toasters

STRANGER: (*Sings.*) At Mulligan's General Store

MULLIGAN: (*Sings.*) I have onions, and pencils, and sneakers

STRANGER: (*Sings.*) At Mulligan's General Store

MULLIGAN: (*Sings.*) I've got hardware and software and sportswear

You'll find everything you need and more

At Mulligan's General Store.

MULLIGAN/STRANGER: (*Sings.*)

You'll find everything you need and more

At Mulligan's General Store!

STRANGER: Mrs./Mr. Mulligan, you're wonderful! I couldn't have built this snowman without you. Thank you very much. Your store really does have everything!

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