



## Scene 1

TOUR GUIDE:                   **... And just over this hill we can still see the remains of Sandburgh Castle, the summer home of the royal family. Its mighty walls have long since come down.**

DAD:                               *(to the family)* **Like the walls of Jericho!**

TOUR GUIDE:                   **Local legend has it that brave knights protected a beautiful princess not only from bands of robbers, but also from a fire-breathing dragon which some say still patrols the forest to this day!**

*(everyone chuckles)*

DANIEL:                         **Yeah, right. Let me at him! I'll take care of him!**  
*(brandishing an imaginary sword)*

BROOKE:                         **Daniel the Dweeb ... you, take on a fire-breathing dragon? You can't even go to sleep until Mom checks the closet and under your bed.**

DANIEL:                         **If I did see a dragon, I would beg him to consider you for lunch, *Babbling Brooke*.**

BROOKE:                         **That's mean, Daniel.**

DANIEL:                         **Oh, sorry *princess Brooke*! Maybe you shouldn't call me *Daniel the Dweeb*. *(resumes imaginary swordplay)***

DAD:                               *(snapping pictures)* **Kids, will you pay attention please?**

BROOKE:                         **I thought this was supposed to be a vacation.**

MOM:                             **Be patient and before you know it we'll be swimming back at the hotel.**

DAD:                             **Come on, we need to catch up!**

*(The group starts to move ahead, leaving Brooke lagging behind, Daniel battling the imaginary dragon, Dad snapping more pictures, and Mom struggling with her hat and purse, etc. Brooke is slow to move, bored.)*



*She wanders over toward a robe that she sees on the ground as the tour group walks offstage.)*

BROOKE: *(standing by the robe)* **Oh my, what's this?** *(picks it up)* **This robe is beautiful. I wonder who it belongs to?** *(looks around and doesn't see anyone)* **I guess it wouldn't hurt to try it on.**

*(music begins to "A Faraway Land")*

*(The minute she puts it on the trumpet fanfare is heard. She looks around alarmed as a boy runs up to her.)*

PAGE ONE: *(after the fanfare)* **Excuse me, princess. Have you by chance seen the carpenter? I must find him immediately. There's a problem with the castle.**

BROOKE: **Huh? Oh, I'm not from around here ... we were just** *(she points off toward the group that just exited)* **... did you just call me princess?**

*(She notices his clothes and looks confused.)*

PAGE ONE: *(excitedly)* **Are you from "The Shining Kingdom"?**

BROOKE: *(confused)* **Uh, I'm from Oakland.**

PAGE ONE: **Hmmm, the Land of Oak. I was hoping ...**

BROOKE: *(interrupting)* **I, I, uh, better catch up to the group.** *(a little nervous at what she is seeing)* **I have to watch out for that dragon you know!** *(nervous laugh)*

PAGE ONE: **Oh my, the dragon is on the loose again? Oh ...** *(he starts to leave but turns back)* **please forgive the hasty departure, and welcome to Castle Sandburgh, Princess of the Land of Oak. But now I must find Sir Brags a Lot. He will protect you.** *(he rushes off)*

BROOKE: **Uh, I ... wait! Hey kid, come back! I'm not a princess.** *(twirls around in the robe)* **Wow, this robe is beautiful. I can't believe someone just left this lying around. I can see how he might mistake me for a**



**princess. I wish I was a princess, (*daydreaming*)  
being waited on hand and foot, Daniel would have to  
do everything I tell him, no homework, I wouldn't  
have to go on all of Dad's lame vacations.**

*(She twirls as the music changes, and watches all the  
excitement in the land.)*

**SONG: "A FARAWAY LAND"**

**A FARAWAY LAND**

**verse 1**

Once upon a time  
Words were rhymed  
And poets penned us happy endings  
A princess tale  
Will never fail  
And ours is only just beginning

**chorus**

Kings and queens, fairytale dreams  
Come with me where the livin' is grand  
Damsels in distress and legendary quests  
Follow me to a faraway land  
Princess gowns, imperial crowns  
Come with me where the livin' is grand  
Adventurous knights, dragons in flight  
Follow me to a faraway land

**verse 2**

A long time ago  
The story's told  
Epic tales of rags to riches  
The same today  
Is on display  
As ours unfolds in just an instant

**chorus**

Kings and queens, fairytale dreams  
Come with me where the livin' is grand  
Damsels in distress and legendary quests  
Follow me to a faraway land



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## Scene 2

*(The scene is now filled with castle characters.)*

**BROOKE:** **Wow, this is way better than the last castle tour!  
Those costumes look real!**

*(She listens in as those around her are talking. They don't pay any attention to her.)*

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **Hello, Lady Windabag! So good to see you.**

**LADY WINDABAG:** **You are looking fabulous as usual, Princess Pride!**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **Thank you, dear. Hello, Madame Luxuree! Did your  
new maid fix your hair? It is simply stunning.**

**MADAME LUXUREE:** **The right maid is worth her weight in gold!**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **I so agree.**

*(Sir Brags a Lot walks up to a couple of knights with Page One, they are laughing and having fun.)*

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **Sir Burlyman, Sir Court Lee, I would like to  
introduce you to my new page, Page One.**

**PAGE ONE:** **Pleased to meet you, Sirs.**

**SIR BURLYMAN:** **So, Page One, has Sir Brags a Lot been filling your  
ears with never-ending stories of his death-defying  
acts of courage?**

**PAGE ONE:** **I've heard a few stories. I'd love to hear the one  
about the dragon!**

**SIR COURT LEE:** *(to Sir Burlyman)* **Did you ever notice how he is  
always alone when these amazing acts of courage  
take place?**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **Well, these men probably don't want to hear that  
old tale again.**

*(Across the stage we hear from the ladies again.)*



- LADY WINDABAG: **So how was your shopping trip abroad?**
- MADAME LUXUREE: **Did you get to go to the new department store, “Saxon 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue”? I can’t wait to go there myself!**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **Well, I had quite an exhausting time of it, but I *did* succeed! Of course, shopping is one of my best talents!**
- MADAME LUXUREE: **Indeed!**
- (Across the stage we hear from the guys again. Brooke is watching all this in awe.)*
- PAGE ONE: *(to Sir Brags A Lot, who has moved towards centerstage)* **You must tell me about the dragon ... you must!**
- LADY WINDABAG: *(talking to Princess Pride as she moves towards centerstage)* **Oh, do tell us what happened! How many dresses did you get?**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **Well, there I was trying on the most beautiful gown and when I looked in the mirror I saw ...**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **The most hideous monster I had ever seen and out of his mouth flew ...**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **This gorgeous, flaming red shawl made of the softest silk, trimmed with ...**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **A gooey stream of spit. Just as I approached he swung his giant tail covered in ...**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **Tiny pearls and spectacular gold ribbons that were absolutely ...**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Grotesque spiny scales this long! Simply ...**
- BOTH TOGETHER: **Amazing!**
- (music begins to “Isn’t That Amazing”)*
- PAGE ONE: **Incredible!**



MADAME LUXUREE: **Remarkable!**

SIR COURT LEE: **Unbelievable!**

PAGE/MADAME/COURT: **That's AMAZING!**

**SONG: "ISN'T THAT AMAZING"**

### **ISN'T THAT AMAZING**

#### **verse 1 (dialog, Sir Brags a Lot)**

I love to tell the one about the dragon  
Especially the part where I arrive  
It was chaos everywhere around the castle  
You know, we're all fortunate I'm still alive  
As fire exploded from the dragon's tongue  
The peasants screamed and broke into a run  
I braved the flames and took my stand  
And slew the dragon with my bare hands

#### **chorus**

Isn't that amazing, count me in as your number one fan  
This splendid presentation and adventurous retelling is  
compellingly grand  
Isn't that amazing, a tale that's thrilling is in demand  
I've never heard of one as dangerous or dreadfully hilarious  
in all the land  
It's more than I can understand, isn't that amazing

#### **verse 2 (dialog, Princess Pride)**

The most elegant apparel is my unquenched desire  
So I took a jaunt to France for the richest attire  
Whatever it takes, a weeklong shopping spree  
It's a difficult life but, c'est la vie  
Then before my very eyes, was the ideal dress  
Shimmering sapphire and the rubiest of reds  
It fit like a fairytale, perfect in all regards  
But most delightful was mom's credit card

#### **chorus**

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compellingly grand  
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in all the land  
It's more than I can understand, isn't that amazing

**bridge**

I'm astoundingly valiant and inspiringly finessed  
I'm perfectly polished and impeccably dressed  
No matter the challenge whatever the quest  
Nothing can stop them from utter success

**chorus**

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This splendid presentation and adventurous retelling is  
compellingly grand  
Isn't that amazing, a tale that's thrilling is in demand  
I've never heard of one as dangerous or dreadfully hilarious  
in all the land  
It's more than I can understand, isn't that amazing  
Isn't that amazing  
Isn't that unbelievably, awesomely, strikingly, simply the  
best  
Isn't that amazing

**Scene 3**

**MADAME LUXUREE: We must go shopping together soon.**

*(The ladies walk off to the side.)*

**SIR BURLYMAN: You must let me join you on your next dragon hunt!**

*(The men walk over to join the ladies. Brooke is standing there taking it all in and suddenly the carpenter walks up to her.)*

**CARPENTER: Hello, my lady! I'm looking for the Princess.**

**BROOKE: Oh, I think you must be talking about her!** *(pointing to Princess Pride)*

**CARPENTER: Thank you so much, Brooke.**



**BROOKE:** **Hey, how did you know my name?** *(He has already walked off.)*

*(The carpenter walks over to Princess Pride.)*

**CARPENTER:** **Excuse me, Princess, but I must speak with you right away.**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **I'm sorry. But we're not hiring right now.** *(she ignores him)*

**CARPENTER:** **It's about your castle.**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **Oh yes, this is the carpenter Page found to inspect the castle. What did you discover?**

**CARPENTER:** **I'm afraid it's quite serious. Your castle is on the verge of falling down. It has been built right on top of an underlying layer of sand.**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **Okay.**

**CARPENTER:** **See that storm in the distance? Once it arrives, I'm afraid the walls will crumble.**

**BROOKE:** *(just like Dad said it)* **Like the walls of Jericho!**

**PAGE ONE:** **The walls of what?**

**BROOKE:** **Oh, uh, sorry ... Jericho. Happened a long time ago.**

**CARPENTER:** **You must leave immediately.**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **There's nothing you can do to fix this?**

**CARPENTER:** **Simple repairs won't solve the problem you have.**

**LADY WINDABAG:** **Where shall we go? We'll all be out on the street ... homeless!**

**SIR COURT LEE:** **This is totally unbelievable!**



- PRINCESS PRIDE: **Carpenter, do you know of any castles for sale in the area?**
- CARPENTER: **I'm afraid all the castles in this area are built on sand. May I ask you why have you made your home so far away from the King?**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **We enjoy our freedom and our privacy!**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **The King seems to have so many rules. We like it out here, because we can live our own way.**
- CARPENTER: **And do you live happily here?**
- SIR COURT LEE: **Our life is glorious here! *(everyone loudly agrees)***
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **Yes! I have so many wonderful clothes and parties! Of course, everyone else is understandably quite jealous of me, and I fear they talk about me behind my back.**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **And, there are constant bands of robbers attacking the castle, that nasty killer dragon, and now even our castle is falling apart?**
- MADAME LUXUREE: **Our life is terrible here! *(everyone loudly agrees)***
- CARPENTER: **You know, you weren't meant to live this way. The King loves you and is very concerned about you, and has been preparing a wonderful place for you in His kingdom.**
- SIR BURLYMAN: **But how will we get there?**
- CARPENTER: **If you follow me, I'll lead you all the way, and I'll never leave you.**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: ***(to the princess on the side)* I don't know why we need him, I know every road in this country. But ... I could use a break from leading, so ... I say we follow him.**



**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **Hmmm. He seems to be a trustworthy man. (to the carpenter) We will follow you for now, Carpenter.**

**PAGE ONE:** **So Brooke, are you coming with us on this unexpected quest? I'm excited, but yet worried at the same time. What do you do in Oak Land when disaster strikes?**

**BROOKE:** **Well ... (she thinks about it for a second) we pray to God. He is our King. Nothing is a surprise to Him. My parents tell me all the time that He has a perfect plan for me ... for each of us. When things get confusing, we put our hope in Him and know He will lead us down the right path.**

*(music begins to "He Has a Perfect Plan for Me")*

### **SONG: "HE HAS A PERFECT PLAN FOR ME"**

#### **HE HAS A PERFECT PLAN FOR ME**

##### **verse 1**

Two different paths before me on the road  
Which one to take, how will I ever know  
I'll trust Him, He's always good  
That's the truth, I read it in the Word  
I'll truly seek His will for my life  
And when I do I know I'll find

##### **chorus**

He has a perfect plan for me-e-e  
Before the world even came to be-e-e  
I'll follow faithfully because  
He has a perfect plan for me, yeah

##### **verse 2**

Three little birds sitting on the window sill  
Not one falls unless it's the Father's will  
Even more than He cares for the birds  
He loves His kids, I read it in the Word



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His plan gives me a future and hope  
So I'll trust God I know He's in control

**chorus**

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Before the world even came to be-e-e  
I'll follow faithfully because  
He has a perfect plan for me, yeah

**chorus**

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**chorus**

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**Scene 4**

*(They are all traveling down the road together with Carpenter in the lead.)*

**MADAME LUXUREE:** *(very dramatically)* **I have had enough! This narrow way is ridiculous. My heels keep getting caught in ruts. The other road we passed was so wide and smooth. I refuse to go another step on this road.**

**PAGE ONE:** **But Madame Luxuree, this is the road the Carpenter says leads to a better place.**

**MADAME LUXUREE:** **I don't care. I would rather take my chances on the wide road we just passed. Anyone that wants to join me, come on, let's go.**

*(A few others could join her as she walks offstage. Everyone continues to walk, and a bridge is visible in the distance. Princess Pride, Brooke and Carpenter stay behind.)*

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **Well, I'm having the same problem with my heels, and these are my Parisian pumps! Maybe that other road would be better.**

**CARPENTER:** **Princess, to many people the wide road seems right, but I promise you it only leads to disappointments. This road will lead us straight to "The Shining Kingdom."**

*(Sir Brags a Lot walks back to them.)*

**LADY WINDABAG:** **Is that a river up ahead? Great, this water will ruin my cashmere pashmina!**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **Looks like there's a bridge.**

**FEE FEE:** **Halt! I am Fee Fee, the keeper of the bridge. If you wish to pass this bridge you must pay a toll.**

**CARPENTER:** **What is your fee, Fee Fee?**

**FEE FEE:** **Show me your food!**



SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Forget it!**

CARPENTER: **Page, show her the food bag, please.**

*(Page One runs up with a large burlap bag of food and opens the top for the bridge boss.)*

FEE FEE: **If you want to cross this bridge, you must give me everything in that bag ... except the brussel sprouts and the cow tongue. You can keep those.**

LADY WINDABAG: **This is not right! We have no idea what is down the road. We must have food. You demand too much!**

FEE FEE: **Not my problem, lady. Pay up or turn around.**

SIR COURT LEE: **Next thing you know, they'll be bottling water and charging us for that!**

CARPENTER: **Please give the lady the food so we can be on our way.**

*(They cross over to the other side.)*

PRINCESS PRIDE: **This is great. We'll starve before we ever get there!**

BROOKE: **I have some gummy worms in my pocket. I can share with you guys.**

PAGE ONE: **I don't know about Oak Land, but Brooke, we don't eat worms here.**

CARPENTER: **Please don't worry about what you will eat or what you will drink. I will take care of you if you trust me!**

LADY WINDABAG: **Don't worry, just trust you? That sounds crazy.**

*(music begins to "I'll Trust You, Lord")*

BROOKE: *(thoughtfully, starting to figure it out)* **I think that the carpenter is right. It's the same thing that Jesus says, "Your Father in Heaven knows what you**



need.” He’ll take care of you. Every day, we have to remember to trust Him for everything.

**SONG: “I’LL TRUST YOU, LORD”**

*(During the song, Carpenter hands out bags of bread-like substances.)*

**I’LL TRUST YOU, LORD**

**chorus**

Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord  
Woah, I will  
Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord  
Woah, I’ll trust You, Lord

**verse 1**

Don’t worry about tomorrow  
Tomorrow will worry about itself  
Be thankful for His mercies  
His mercies are knew each day

**chorus**

Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord  
Woah, I will  
Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord  
Woah, I’ll trust You, Lord

**verse 2**

Don’t worry about what you’ll wear  
Don’t worry about what you’ll eat or drink  
The Lord is there to guide you  
And He will provide each step of the way

**chorus**

Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord  
Woah, I will  
Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord  
Woah, I’ll trust You, Lord

**chorus**

Everyday I’ll trust You, Lord



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## Scene 5

*(As they travel down the road munching on bread, they see a man sitting on a log beside the road.)*

**BROOKE:** **This is the best bread, I've ever had! Can I have the recipe for my mom?**

**CARPENTER:** **Sorry, but the recipe for Daily Bread is an old family secret. My Father created it.**

**SIR BURLYMAN:** *(spoken with a mouthful of bread)* **This is good stuff, could I have some more please?**

**CARPENTER:** **Ask and you shall receive!** *(he hands over some more)*

**LADY WINDABAG:** **Sir Burlyman do not eat with food in your mouth. I mean, do not *talk* with food in your mouth, even though this bread is quite heavenly!**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **I must say, Carpenter, you have certainly made good on your promise. This bread is delicious, and so satisfying!**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **Are you sure you're just a carpenter? First, you lead us through these roads like a professional guide, or a shepherd, or something.**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:** **And then you whipped up this yummy bread and gave us more than we needed.** *(everyone shakes their head in confusion)*

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **You are indeed a most remarkable carpenter! You are different; you seem to have some very noble qualities about you!**

**LADY WINDABAG:** **Sir Brags a Lot, do you recognize that man up ahead?**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **He looks like a wealthy merchant I met once at a tournament. He wanted a champion like myself to**



be a spokesperson for his new restaurant chain. His name is Count Ze Coins.

COUNT ZE COINS: Well, hello fellow travelers. And where might you be traveling?

PAGE ONE: We are on our way to “The Shining Kingdom.”

COUNT ZE COINS: I’ve heard of it, but I have interests elsewhere. Perhaps you have heard of my restaurant chain, “Jester in the Box”? I have more than 60 of them across the country.

BROOKE: Do you serve burgers there?

PAGE ONE: Boogers?! Gross! Worms are bad, but boogers, that’s much worse! If I go to the Land of Oak, remind me to take my own food.

BROOKE: Hamburgers! You know, meat patties in buns?

SIR COURT LEE: That’s the same absurd idea the Earl of McDonald keeps talking about!

LADY WINDABAG: Isn’t that the man who lives in the White Castle? His wife’s name is Crystal.

SIR COURT LEE: No, no, different guy. This guy keeps talking about having the peasants drive their carts up to a window to pick up Jolly Meals for their kids.

EVERYONE: *(preposterous, ridiculous, absurd, etc.)*

COUNT ZE COINS: *(to himself)* Not a bad idea, but back to my point. If any of you might be interested in buying a franchise, you could make a lot of money.

SIR COURT LEE: How much are we talking?

COUNT ZE COINS: Billions! We serve our “all-lamb” *(makes quote marks with fingers)* patties, twenty percent lamb and eighty percent “something else.” Then you cheat on



**the scales a little. Your “quarter pounder” (*finger quotes again*) patty can really be closer to an eighth of a pound, and no one knows the difference.**

- PAGE ONE:**                    **You’re basically stealing from people.**
- COUNT ZE COINS:**        **Ah, nobody cares. You’ll get rich quick on my plan!**
- SIR COURT LEE:**           **This sounds like a great offer. I want to be rich!  
Where do I sign?**
- CARPENTER:**              **Dishonest gains will destroy you. Sir Court Lee, you  
must seek out a treasure of a different kind. The  
wealth the Count has will fade, but the King has  
treasures for you that will last forever.**
- BROOKE:**                    **You are so right! In my land, it’s the same. Money  
won’t make you happy. Jesus said we should store  
up treasures in heaven, not treasures on earth.  
Those are the ones that last!**

*(music begins to “Treasures in Heaven”)*

**SONG: “TREASURES IN HEAVEN”**

**TREASURES IN HEAVEN**

**chorus**

Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
Where moth and rust won’t destroy  
Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
Living for the kingdom brings peace and joy

**chorus**

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**verse 1**

Wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too  
It’s a matter of how you live, so be careful what you choose



The things of this earth are fading, let's live a life that's  
anticipating

**chorus**

Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
Where moth and rust won't destroy  
Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
Living for the kingdom brings peace and joy

**verse 2**

Seek first the kingdom of heaven, not the things of this  
world  
No more takin' I'll start givin', I've gotta stop keepin'  
score  
Whatever I do big or small, I'm gonna do it all for the glory  
of God

**chorus**

Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
Where moth and rust won't destroy  
Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
Living for the kingdom brings peace and joy

**bridge**

I want to live every day for You, Jesus  
I want to live every day for You, Jesus  
I want to live every day for You, Jesus  
I want to live every day for You, Jesus

**chorus** *(with bridge lyrics too)*

Hey, hey, store up treasures in heaven  
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**chorus** *(with bridge lyrics too)*

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Living for the kingdom brings peace and joy  
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**Scene 6**

**SIR COURT LEE:**            **On second thought, I think I'll pass, Count. They're right. I don't want to spend my life cheating others.**

**COUNT ZE COINS:**       **Fine** (*irritated*) ... **"have it your way!"** (*he stomps away*)

**BROOKE:**                    **You know, I'm starting to see a lot of things here that are very familiar.**

**PAGE ONE:**                **What do you mean? Are we getting close to Oak Land? Guys, remember, stay away from the food!**

**BROOKE:**                    (*laughing*) **No, it's very far away. What I meant is, that I can see that you are all really nice people ... mostly ... and that you want to do the right thing, but you are really used to going your own way, and living for yourselves.** (*they start to look offended*) **You aren't much different from me and my friends!**

**SIR BRAGS A LOT:**        **So, what's the problem with that?**

**BROOKE:**                    **Well, the Bible says that to be happy and content, we should live differently ... not just try to always get our own way, and do what comes naturally. We need to live the Kingdom way.**

**PRINCESS PRIDE:**        **So, what is different about this Kingdom way of living?**

*(music begins to "The Backwards Life")*

**BROOKE:**                    **Well, its kind of ... living backwards!**

**SIR COURT LEE:**            **Backwards?**

**SONG: THE BACKWARDS LIFE**

**THE BACKWARDS LIFE**



**verse 1**

Some times the ways of God feel out of sync  
With the way our world prefers to think  
But I believe He always knows what's best  
Even when up feels down and right feels left

**chorus**

I wanna live the backwards life  
Where things aren't always as they seem  
I wanna live the backwards life  
The best isn't always what you think  
Just like God chose a shepherd boy to one day be the king  
I wanna live the backwards life  
You know I want to live the backwards life

**verse 2**

You've heard it said the last will be the first  
And to be great you must serve  
Jesus showed us what He meant by this  
He came to die so we might live

**chorus**

I wanna live the backwards life  
Where things aren't always as they seem  
I wanna live the backwards life  
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Just like God chose a shepherd boy to one day be the king  
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**chorus**

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**chorus**

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I wanna live the backwards life  
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Just like God chose a shepherd boy to one day be the king



I wanna live the backwards life  
You know I want to live the backwards life  
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## Scene 7

PAGE ONE:                   *(walking backwards)* **I declare this is “Backwards Day.” Everyone must wear something backwards as a reminder!**

SIR BURLYMAN:           **Watch out, Page!** *(runs into a group of fierce looking knights)*

PAGE ONE:                   **Woah, sorry!** *(He moves back towards the others.)*

KNIGHT:                     **Going backwards is a good idea for you.**

PRINCESS PRIDE:         **What do you mean? We are actually going to “The Shining Kingdom.”** *(she points ahead)*

KNIGHT:                     **Forget it! No one can go that way. The Dragon Doom is blocking the narrow road. He devours all who come near.**

PAGE ONE:                   **That’s no problem! Sir Brags a Lot can kick his tail! I mean** *(suddenly serious)* **... he has defeated many dragons. He’ll save us!**

SIR BRAGS A LOT:         *(Looking rather embarrassed)* **Well, I might have exaggerated the telling of a few of my stories.**

SIR COURT LEE:           **There’s a shocker!** *(rolling his eyes)*

SIR BRAGS A LOT:         **Uh ... you see ... I have, uh ... well ...** *(says this quickly)* **I’ve never even seen a dragon before!**

*(Everyone makes a surprise gasp!)*

KNIGHT:                     **Many have tried to overtake the Dragon Doom and it’s impossible. I say leave while you can!**



- PRINCESS PRIDE: **But we've come so far, and the carpenter has proven to be right about everything. He said he could take us all the way.**
- CARPENTER: **Good knight, do you recognize me?**
- KNIGHT: **Well, I (*squinting to get a better look*) ... sorry, have we met, Carpenter?**
- CARPENTER: **I wasn't always a carpenter. You work for my Father. He sent me to seek and find these people, and to bring them safely to Him. Now, I must fight and defeat the awful dragon.**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: (*steps forward*) **Let me go and fight with you.**
- SIR BURLYMAN: (*steps forward*) **And I!**
- SIR COURT LEE: (*steps forward*) **And him! (*points to the knight*)**
- CARPENTER: **No, I must do this alone.**
- LADY WINDABAG: **You could be killed!**
- CARPENTER: **Even if you hear that I have been killed slaying the dragon, don't worry. My Father has guaranteed that by His power, I will be victorious over the Dragon Doom. Follow down this road, and after three days, I will see you again. Remember, I brought you this far, and I will take you all the way.**  
(*he walks off alone*)
- LADY WINDABAG: **But he said he would never leave us.**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **And who is his father?**
- PAGE ONE: **I don't understand.**
- BROOKE: (*thoughtfully*) **I think I do. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**



**KNIGHT:**                    **I didn't recognize him before, but now I see. Surely, your carpenter is the son of the King! And now, he is taking on the terrible dragon for you. You must be greatly loved.**

*(music begins to "This Is How We Know")*

**SONG: THIS IS HOW WE KNOW**

**THIS IS HOW WE KNOW**

**dialog**

Romans 5:8 says, "God demonstrates His own love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

**chorus**

This is how we know we're loved  
While we were sinners Christ died for us  
We have life through the gift of God's Son  
This is how we know we're loved  
This is how we know we're loved

**verse**

Jesus came to earth  
The Son of God  
Light into our darkness  
The Living Word  
Holy and True  
Our Hope has come to save us

**chorus**

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While we were sinners Christ died for us  
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**bridge**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
Great I AM, The Prince of Peace  
Left His throne in heaven above and came to rescue me



**chorus**

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**Scene 8**

*(Everyone is moving down the road slowly.)*

PAGE ONE:                   **Look, there's the gate up ahead!**

PRINCESS PRIDE:           **This is what the carpenter wanted us to find!**

SIR BURLYMAN:           **I can barely see the castle over the gate, but it looks incredible!**

SIR BRAGS A LOT:         **This must be "The Shining Kingdom"!**

*(Suddenly the gate opens and standing there is the carpenter, only now he is dressed in royal robes.)*

EVERYONE:                 *(gasps, "Is that the carpenter?" "It is him!" etc.)*

SIR COURT LEE:           **Carpenter, is that you?!**

PAGE ONE:                 **We thought you were a goner when you left to take on the dragon.**

CARPENTER:               **It was a difficult battle, but there was no other way. I promised my Father, the King, to see you safely home.**

LADY WINDABAG:         **Your father is the King? I'm speechless!**

SIR COURT LEE:           **And He knows us?**



- CARPENTER: **He knows every one of you by name and wants to bring you in, not just as His subjects, but as part of His family.**
- BROOKE: **You're the King's son ... you were a carpenter ... you sacrificed for us ... now we may enter the Kingdom!** *(putting it all together)*
- PAGE ONE: **Wow! Come on, Brooke, let's go check it out!**
- CARPENTER: **Not so fast, Page. It's not quite time to move in yet. There are so many others who need to find the Kingdom.**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **And what can we do?**
- CARPENTER: **You need to point others to me. I am giving each of you a new name, a name that will remind you of your new role in the Kingdom ... a reminder to be different so you will draw others to the Kingdom.**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **We need to live backwards!**
- CARPENTER: **Yes! Princess Pride, from this day forth you shall be known as Princess Delight and your generous heart will outshine anything you wear. Sir Brags a Lot, you will be Sir Bravehearted! You will fight battles for your King and place all the glory at His feet. Lady Windabag, you will be called, Lady Kindwords and your cheerful spirit will infect all those around. Sir Burlyman, you will be Sir Lendahand and Sir Court Lee, you shall be Sir Friend Lee. Together you shall spread good will and a helping hand wherever the King leads you!**
- PAGE ONE: **What about me?**
- CARPENTER: **Page One, you shall be Page Turner! You must tell everyone what happens on the last page of the story!**

*(music begins to "Happily Forever After")*



PAGE ONE:                    **Alright!** (*excitedly, then suddenly concerned*) **Uh, what happens?**

CARPENTER:                **We all live ...**

EVERYONE:                 **... happily forever after!**

**SONG: “HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER”**

**HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER**

**verse 1**

We know the story from beginning to end  
It's all for God's glory, that's how we'll live  
Our King has redeemed us  
His Son has set us free and we can live

**chorus**

Forever after, woah, woah  
Forever after with our Lord  
Forever after, woah, woah  
Who knows all He has in store  
No one can imagine  
And who could ask for more  
Than happily forever after

**verse 2**

We know this road will be narrow  
But we know He'll walk with us to the end  
He's promised He'll never leave us  
In every moment He's always near and He'll be here

**chorus**

Forever after, woah, woah  
Forever after with our Lord



Forever after, woah, woah  
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**bridge**

This is not a fairytale  
One day we'll dwell in the house of the Lord  
Together we will always be  
Forever and evermore

**chorus**

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**Scene 9**

*(The song ends and everyone but Brooke is gone.)*

**BROOKE:** *(starts to turn to Carpenter as she speaks)* **Carpenter, what about my name ...** *(Her voice fades as she realizes everyone is gone. Her robe is gone as well. She turns and sees her family enter.)*

**DANIEL:** **Dad, there's Brooke. I told you she was around here somewhere. She probably got on the wrong road.**

**MOM:** **Hello, sweetheart, where have you been?**

**TOUR GUIDE:** *(in mid-sentence)* ... **So no one knows just what happened to cause the castle to crumble to the ground.**



**BROOKE:** Well, I know! (*rapid-fire*) **Jesus said, if you hear My words, and don't follow them, your life will be like a castle built on the sand. When the storms of life come, it will crumble. But there's good news. God has made us for a new Kingdom, and because Jesus took on the payment for our sin and defeated the dragon of death, we can live the backwards life now, and live happily forever after in the Kingdom of God!**

*(everyone is frozen in amazement for a moment)*

**DANIEL:** **Castle built on sand?!**

**TOUR GUIDE:** **Well ... archeologists *have* said there seemed to be a problem with the foundation, but how would you know that, princess? (*treating her like a little child*)**

**BROOKE:** **I'm NOT a princess ... I learned it from the carpenter.**

**MOM:** **What carpenter?**

**BROOKE:** **He's one of my new friends.**

**DANIEL:** **You have friends?**

**BROOKE:** *(starts to respond to Daniel, but stops herself, and says to herself quietly)* **Be backwards, be backwards.**

**DANIEL:** **What are you saying?!**

**BROOKE:** **Actually, Daniel, I was reminding myself that I am fortunate to have you as my little brother *and* I think you are going to be a great champion for Jesus someday!**

**DANIEL:** **You do?!**

**BROOKE:** **I sure do. In fact, I'm going to give you a new name. You shall no longer be called Daniel the Dweeb.**



**From this time forward, you shall be called, Daniel the Dragonslayer!** *(She puts her arm on his shoulder. Suddenly proud, he resumes the imaginary swordplay bigger than ever.)*

MOM: *(both look bewildered)* **Wow, I think our little princess is growing up.**

DAD: *(putting his arms around both kids)* **We gotta get a picture of this! And they all lived happily ever after!**

BROOKE: *(smiling at Dad)* **You mean, happily forever after!**

*(music begins to “Happily Forever After Curtain Calls”)*

### **SONG: “HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER CURTAIN CALLS”**

#### **HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER CURTAIN CALLS**

##### **chorus**

I wanna live the backwards life  
Where things aren't always as they seem  
I wanna live the backwards life  
The best isn't always what you think  
Just like God chose a shepherd boy to one day be the king  
I wanna live the backwards life  
You know I want to live the backwards life

##### **chorus**

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##### **chorus**



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