Rise and Shine

Infant Script

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RISE AND SHINE - Cast List

| Narrator | 1 | 4 lines | Farmer Frank | 4 lines |
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| Narrator | 2 | 4 | Mum | 1 |
| Narrator | 3 | 4 | | |
| Narrator | 4 | 4 | Hens Hazel | 2 |
| Narrator | 5 | 4 | Harriet | 2 |
| Narrator | 6 | 4 | Hetty | 2 |
| | | | Chicks | 1 |
| Hedgehogs | Daddy Hedgehog | 3 | Colin Cockerel | 1 |
| | Mummy Hedgehog | 3 | | |
| | Harry | 2 | Lambs Larry | 2 |
| | Herbert | 2 | Lenny | 2 |
| | Henrietta | 2 | Laura | 2 |
| | Hannah | 2 | | |
| | | | Sheep Sally | 3 |
| Sunbeams | | non-speaking | Sam | 3 |
| Raindrops | | 1 | Honey the horse | 1 |
| • | | | Doris Duck | non-speaking |
| Flowers | Daff | 4 | Ducklings | 1 |
| | Fiona | 4 | Cat | non-speaking |
| | Daisy | 4 | Kittens | 1 |
| | Primrose | 4 | Rachel Rabbit | 1 |
| | Bluebell | 4 | Caroline the cow | 2 |
| Children | Joe | 13 | Granny | 2 |
| | Jenny | 10 | Gramps | 2 |
| | Jess | 12 | • | |

RISE AND SHINE - SCRIPT

Narrators 1,2 and 3 are stage left, and narrators 4,5 and 6 are stage right. The Hedgehog family are asleep onstage.

SONG 1: SPRINGTIME

Narr 1 Welcome to Meadow Hill Farm at Easter time.

Narr 2 Spring is such an exciting time of year.

Narr 3 In a warm nest, near the edge of the farmyard, a family of hedgehogs was fast asleep.

Narr 4 All was quiet in the cosy hedgehog home.

Narr 5 Except for the odd snuffling and snoring.

Narr 6 But soon all that was to change.

[The Sunbeams cross the stage to tinkling musical sound effects]

Daddy H [Yawns and stretches]
Oh that was a long sleep. [Gently shakes MH] Wake up Mummy Hedgehog.

Mummy H [Yawns and stretches] Oh I'm so tired. We must have been asleep for ages.

Daddy H All winter my dear.

[The Sunbeams cross the stage to tinkling musical sound effects]

Mummy H Well it's spring now. Time to get up.

Daddy H I'll wake the children. [Gently shakes the children as he says their name] Wake up children ... Harry, Henrietta, Herbert ... come on Hannah ... time to get up.

[The children yawn and stretch]

Harry Do we have to?

Henrietta I'm tired.

Herbert I want to go back to sleep.

Hannah [Jumps up] Great, the sun's shining. What's for breakfast?

Mummy H Worms.

Children Yippee!

SONG 2: RISE AND SHINE

The song provides an opportunity for the hedgehogs to perform a simple dance routine based on waking up. At the end of the song they exit. Several flowers enter and curl up on the stage.

Narr 1 In Meadow Hill farm garden seeds and bulbs are asleep in the flowerbeds.

Narr 2 But the warm spring sunshine will soon wake them up.

[The Sunbeams cross the stage to tinkling musical sound effects.

The flowers begin to slowly uncurl, twisting and turning gracefully, until fully stretched. They remain standing for their introductions]

Daff [Arms forwards outstretched together, then open wide. Addresses the

audience]

Hello, I'm a brand new daffodil. What a wonderful spring morning.

Fiona Hello everybody, I'm Fiona, a *forget*-me-not.

Daisy [Addressing Fiona and giggling at her joke] We'll try to remember that

Fiona. [Addressing the audience] Hello everybody, I'm Daisy.

Primrose Hello everybody, I'm Primrose.

Bluebell Hello everybody, I'm Bluebell.

All [All flowers look offstage] And here come the Sunbeams.

[The Sunbeams cross the stage to tinkling musical sound effects]

All Hello Sunbeams. [They wave, and the Sunbeams wave back before exiting]

Daff [Sitting down] Ooh, I feel lovely and warm now.

Fiona [Sitting down] Yes, I'm glad the Sunbeams woke us up.

Daisy [Sitting down] I'm still a bit sleepy.

Bluebell [Sitting down] Well I'm a bit thirsty.

Narr 3 Oh good because here comes Joe with his watering can.

Joe [Joe enters] Look at my beautiful new flowers.

Narr 4 Plants need sunshine and water to grow.

Joe [As he waters the plants they all stand tall again]

Here you are my beauties. Have a little drink.