



**Trusty Sidekick Theater Company Presents**

# *A Perfect Party* **For Trees**



Storybook adaptation of the original play  
Created for classroom presentation and dramaturgy  
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**This is The Bear.**

**The Bear loves to nap and play the glockenspiel.**

**Technically, he is a person in a bear hat.**

**But he is also very bear-ish.**

**The Bear is very kind, and tries hard to make everyone happy.**

**“Today is a wonderful day, because today is the forest’s birthday,” says The Bear.**

**Yay!**



**“The forest needs a Perfect Party!” says The Bear.  
“And it’s up to me to make it perfect!”**

**The Bear can’t do it himself, so he asks his neighbor, The Beekeeper, to help him.**

**“Will you be the host of the party?” he asks.**

**The Beekeeper has always wanted to host a party.  
He's excited to try, but he doesn't know how to  
do it.**

**"I'd love to be the host!" he says.**

**"But I hope there are no bees there!"**

*Do you want to know a secret?*

**The Beekeeper hasn't even seen a bee before!**



*What sound does a bee make?  
Shhh. We don't want to scare  
The Beekeeper.*

**The Beekeeper and The Bear invite everyone to the forest for A Perfect Party for Trees.**

**“This will be great!” says The Bear, even though he is nervous that it might not be perfect.**

**“This will be great!” says The Beekeeper, even though he is nervous that he won’t know what to do, (especially if he sees a real bee).**

**“Is that a bee!?!” The Beekeeper yells. It isn’t, it’s a rock.**



**Would you like to come  
to the party, too?**

**A hiker named Ms. Branch arrives at the party just in time.**

**“I found the party!” she says.**

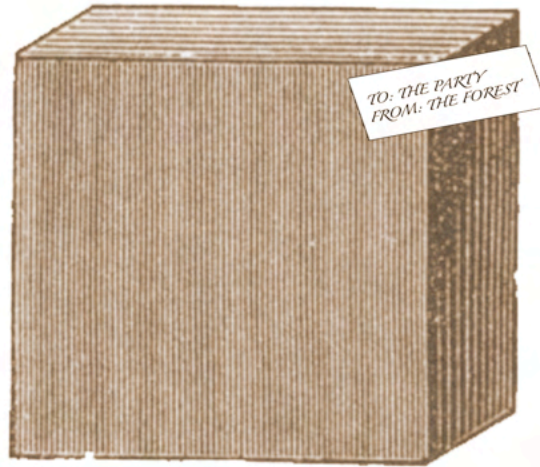
**“Welcome to the party!” says The Beekeeper.**

**Ms. Branch loves to go for hikes and sing, and she’s very good at getting lost.**



**She loves to walk so much that she always wants to keep going and going from place to place.**

**She never wants to stop.**



**Ms. Branch has a box in her hands.  
It has a Beautiful Gift Tag on it.**

**Let's see what it says:**

*TO: THE PARTY  
FROM: THE FOREST  
(PLEASE PICK UP AND CARRY ME)*

*FOR: THE BEEKEEPER  
AND THE BEAR.  
(YOU'LL FIND THEM BY THAT TREE).*

**The Bear is very excited to see the box.**

**“Everyone in the forest knows the Song of the Perfect Party!” says The Bear.**

*YOU'LL KNOW YOUR PARTY IS PERFECT  
PERFECT FOR YOU AND THE BEES  
WHEN A BOX ARRIVES  
AND YOU FIND  
THE SPIRIT OF THE TREES*

**“A present for us? What’s inside?” asks  
The Beekeeper.**

Can you help  
us knock  
on the box?



**KNOCK K**

**KNOCK K**

**KNOCK K**

**What's inside the box?**

**Wow! A funny little badger comes out of the box!**

**“Are you the Spirit of the Trees?” asks The Bear.**

**“I am The Badger!” answers The Badger.**



**“Oh,” says The Bear.**

**“I’ll never make the Perfect Party...”**

**“Hello Ms. Branch!” says The Badger.**

**“Hello party guests!”**

**“Dirt alert!” says The Badger.**

**Badger loves dirt and digging.**

**“I need to make a gift for the trees!” says The Badger. “But I need some help.”**



**Can you become a badger and help?**

**What does it look like when YOU dig?**

**We dig and dig together!**

**Hey look, we found all of the pieces of Badger's present!**

**Some rocks and worms and a few treasures, too.  
Let's put them all together!**

**We put all of the pieces we found into the box.  
Badger works and works, and \*POP\* out comes a  
very special jar he made.**



**“It's full of dirt!” says The Beekeeper.**

**“I think the trees will love it!” says The Bear.**

**“It's the best dirt!” says The Badger,**

**“Thanks for your help! Bye everyone!”**



**We helped Badger make a nice present for the trees, a special jar with dirt inside.**

**Look, there's another Beautiful Gift Tag on the jar.**

**Let's see what it says:**

*GOOD PARTY  
BETTER AND BETTER  
SOME SAY IT'S THE BEST*

*PLEASE TAKE THIS GIFT  
AND GIVE A LIFT*

*TO:*

*THE LONG-LOST NEST*



**“Oh my. We have to go somewhere else?”  
says The Beekeeper. “I hope there are no bees  
there...”**

**The Beekeeper is worried about seeing some bees.**

**“I’m great at getting lost! I can show you the way  
to the Long Lost Nest,” says Ms. Branch.**

**“But then I have to get going...”**

**Ms. Branch can show us where to go, but then she  
wants to keep walking.**

**“Maybe we’ll find the Perfect Party there...”  
says The Bear.**

**Bear is still worried that the party is not perfect.**

**We all take a little hike to bring Badger's gift  
to the Long Lost Nest.**

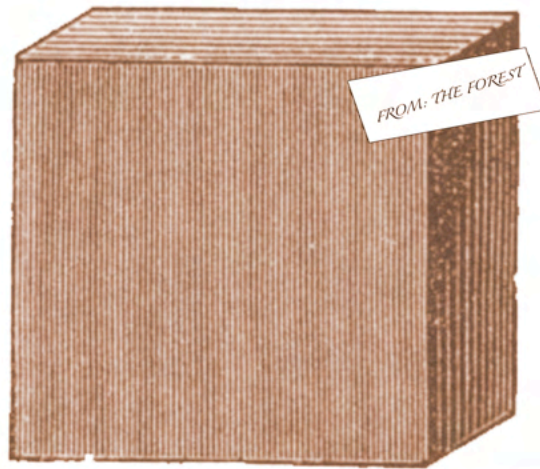
**While we walk we see so many trees,  
and lots of leaves.**



What do you see when you walk  
in the forest?

**Everyone arrives at the Long-lost Nest together.  
There's a big nest and a box in the middle of it.**

**“Look, I found another box!” says the Beekeeper.  
This box has another Beautiful Gift Tag on it.**



**Let's see what it says:**

*FROM: THE FOREST  
TO: MS. BRANCH  
IF YOU DO NOT MIND*

*OPEN ME  
HEAR AND SEE  
A SONG BIRD YOU WILL FIND*

**“Maybe I'll stay a little longer...” says Ms. Branch.**

**KNOCK K  
KNOCK K  
KNOCK K**

**What's inside the box?**

**Out comes a beautiful little bird, the Thrush.**

**The Bear is excited! “Are you the Spirit of the Trees?” he asks.**



**“I’m Thrush.”**

**“Oh,” says The Bear.**

**“I’ll never make the Perfect Party...”**

**The Beekeeper checks to make sure that the Thrush is not a bee. “No bees, please!” he says.**



**Thrush sings a beautiful song, and now The Beekeeper is sure that she is not a bee at all.**

**“Not a bee!” he says. “Welcome to the party!”**



**“Oh? My invitation must have gotten lost,” Thrush says. The Thrush is upset that she didn’t get invited to the party.**

**“I’m sorry,” says The Bear. “But we’d love to have you at the party. We brought some dirt that The Badger made for the trees!”**



**“Badger is so good at presents,” says The Thrush. “I wish I had something to give...”**

**“We helped The Badger! Maybe we can help you, too?” asks The Bear.**



**“Your song is very nice. I think that it would make a great gift,” says The Bear.**

**“I suppose that is a good idea. Can you help?” asks The Thrush.**



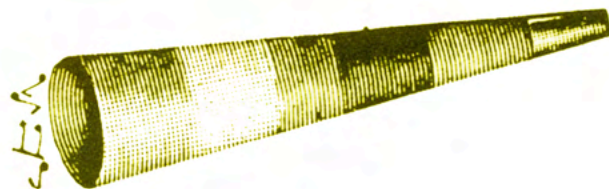
Would you like to help?

What is your bird song?

**While we were making our song, The Beekeeper found a kazoo that looks like a bee! Uh oh!**



Do you remember what sound a  
bee makes?



**“BZZZZZZ!”**

**“Hey, this isn’t so scary... this is fun!” says  
The Beekeeper. “Maybe bees aren’t so bad...”**

**“That’s a really great song,” says The Thrush.**

**Let’s all put our song into the box!**



**\* POP\* The song goes into the box, and out comes another Beautiful Gift Tag.**

**Let’s see what it says:**

*GIFTS AND GUESTS  
AND ALL OUR FRIENDS  
THERE’S ONE MORE PLACE TO SEE  
  
BRING IT ALL  
TO: THE MAGIC CIRCLE  
A PERFECT PARTY FOR YOU AND TREES*



**“Let’s go to the Magic Circle to find the Perfect Party!” says The Bear.**

**The Bear is excited to find the Perfect Party and the Spirit of the Trees.**

**“Ok, bye everyone!” says Ms. Branch. She always wants to get going.**



**“I have an idea for how to get there, and a game to play along the way!” says The Beekeeper. “Bzzz!” He’s excited to host and to show you the way.**

**Ms. Branch goes one way, and we go another.**

**“Bye, Ms. Branch,” says The Bear. Bear is sad she doesn’t want to stay.**



**The Beekeeper has an idea  
for a game to play while we  
walk and find The  
Magic Circle.**

**When you see something that isn't a bee,  
you tell him, like this:**

**“BZZZZZ! That tree is not a bee!”**

*Do you want to try?*

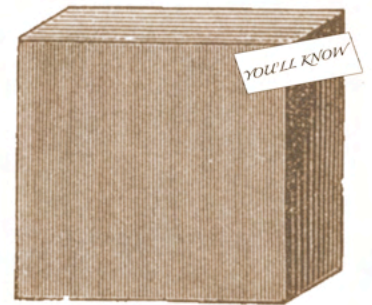
**Everyone arrives at the Magic Circle.**

**There are so many trees and leaves here! It's very peaceful.**

**The Beekeeper is very proud that he thought up a game along the way.**

**“Look, it's the last box!” says The Beekeeper.**

**The Bear is so excited. There is another Beautiful Gift Tag.**



**Let's see what it says:**

*YOU'LL KNOW YOUR PARTY IS PERFECT  
PERFECT FOR YOU AND THE BEES  
WHEN A BOX ARRIVES  
AND YOU FIND  
THE SPIRIT OF THE TREES*

**“That's the Song of the Perfect Party!**

**This must be the box with the Spirit of the Trees inside!” says The Bear.**

**KNOCK K  
KNOCK K  
KNOCK K**

**What's inside the box?**

**The Bear opens the box up very carefully...  
And there's nothing inside!**

**“I’ll never make the Perfect Party!  
I’ll never meet the Spirit of the Trees!” says  
The Bear. The Bear is sad.**



**“I’m no kind of bear at all...”  
The Bear sits down by himself.**

**The Beekeeper sits down next to him.**

**“Bear, when I came to the party today,  
I didn’t know anything about bees, trees,  
or parties...”**

**“What?!” says The Bear. He’s very surprised.**



**“I’m sorry I didn’t tell you. But I wanted to  
be a great host. And now I’ve had so much fun  
making music and making up games, it really  
has been the perfect party. For me.”**

**Just then, Ms. Branch comes back. “And you  
were a great host!” she says.**

**“Hey Ms. Branch! Thanks!” says The Beekeeper.**

**“I missed being at the party!” says Ms. Branch.**

**“And I missed you! Also I wanted to show you these cool sticks that I found!”**

**The Bear is happy to see Ms. Branch and her sticks, but he’s still sad about the box.**

**“We opened the final box, but there’s no Spirit of the Trees inside... I’ll never make the Perfect Party,” says The Bear.**



**Ms. Branch sits down, too.**

**“Hey Bear, I have a secret way to talk to the trees. Maybe we can ask them what would make their party perfect?”**

**“Yes!” says The Bear**

**“Ok, we have to sit quietly together, and just listen. Are you ready?” asks Ms. Branch.**

**“I am,” says The Bear.**



Can you sit quietly and  
listen to the trees?

Take a breath.

Do you hear the wind?

What about the leaves?

**“I hear them!” says The Bear.**

**“So do I!” says The Beekeeper.**

**“The trees told me... to be a bee! BZZZZZZZ!”**



**The Beekeeper is dancing around like a bee.**

**He’s not afraid of bees any more, he IS a bee.**

*What sound does a bee make?*

**Ms. Branch and Bear laugh and dance.**



**The Bear is playing his glockenspiel.**

**“What did the trees tell you, Bear?” asks Ms. Branch.**

**“They told me I’ve been talking to them all along!” says The Bear.**



**“They’ve been listening to my Bear song, and they love it and it makes them so happy!”**

**“Wow, that’s amazing!” says The Beekeeper.**

**“What did the trees tell you, Ms. Branch?”**

**“The trees said that they LOVE their gifts,”  
says Ms. Branch.**

**“The trees loved Badger’s jar of dirt.  
The trees loved Thrush’s song. And the trees  
especially loved all the fun we had.”**

**“I’m a great host! Bzzz!” says The Beekeeper.**

**“But they’d love one last gift,” says Ms. Branch.**

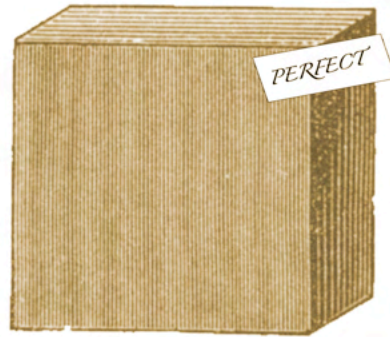
**“They’d love it if we put whatever WE want in  
the last box as the last present.**

**I pick... this flower.”**



**What would you like to put in  
the box to give to the trees?  
You can imagine anything.**

**We put all of our gifts into the box, and \*POP\* out comes one final Beautiful Gift Tag.**



**Let's see what it says:**

*THIS PARTY WAS ALWAYS PERFECT  
PERFECT FOR BEARS, BEES, AND LEAVES*

*IN YOUR BAG IT FITS  
WITH ALL YOUR STICKS  
THE SPIRIT OF THE TREES*

**“In my backpack?” says Ms. Branch.**

**“I knew it was heavy today!”**

**“The Spirit of the Trees was in Ms. Branch’s backpack all along!” says The Beekeeper!**

**Ms. Branch opens up her backpack and out comes the most beautiful Spirit of the Trees! It floats onto the sticks she found and up up up into the air.**

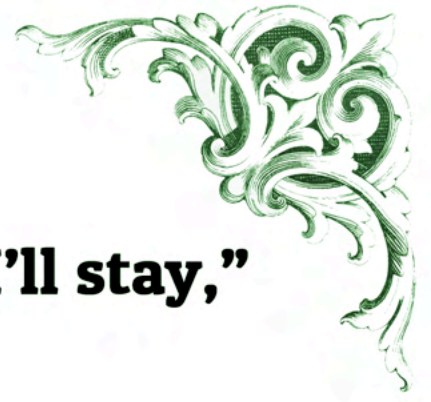
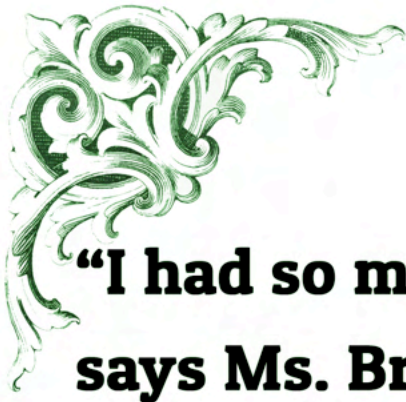
**The Spirit of the Trees is green, and mossy, and smells like the trees. It moves like the wind and the birds and the leaves.**



**Can you move like  
The Spirit of the Trees?**

**Everybody celebrates. HOORAY!**

**Let's have some cake and then a parade.**



**“I had so much fun today, I think I’ll stay,”  
says Ms. Branch.**

**“I loved hosting and becoming a BEE!”  
says The Beekeeper.**

**“I loved the whole party. It was perfect,”  
says The Bear.**

**Especially because you were there.**



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