

Beau the Blue Mouse

PROLOGUE

NARRATOR:

I would like to tell you the story of Beau the Blue Mouse. Now, as you may or may not know, millions of barn mice are born every year. There are usually gray mice and white mice or white with black spots on them. However, I'm going to tell you the story of a *blue* mouse. Now I know you're thinking that there's no such thing as a blue mouse, but every once in a while a mouse is born that is just a little different. Beau was one of these mice. Not only was Beau completely blue, but he also had an enormously long tail – both of which the other young mice would make fun of him for.

MUSICAL NUMBER – GROWING UP BLUE

NARRATOR:

GROWING UP BLUE
IS NOT NECESSARILY AN EASY THING TO DO
IT'S HARD TO MAKE IT THROUGH
GROWING UP BLUE
CAN GET YOU INTO LOTS OF FIGHTS
OVER THE DIFFERENCE
THOUGH IT REALLY MAKES NO SENSE
GROWING UP BLUE IS HARD TO DO

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO SEE
THROUGH THE THINGS YOU CANNOT HIDE
SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO SEE
THE GOOD THAT IS INSIDE

GROWING UP BLUE
IS NOT NECESSARILY AN EASY THING TO DO
IT'S HARD TO MAKE IT THROUGH
GROWING UP BLUE
CAN BE AN INCONVENIENCE
CAUSE NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE
JUST HOW IT FEELS TO BE
GROWING UP BLUE
GROWING UP BLUE
GROWING UP BLUE IS HARD TO DO

END OF MUSICAL NUMBER – GROWING UP BLUE

SCENE 1

NARRATOR:

There was also another young mouse named William. The other mice chastised him because of his enormous buckteeth. Everyday the bullies at school would make fun of him.

CHIP:

Ha ha, look at the teeth on that guy.

WILLIAM:

Leave me alone!

JOHNNY:

Yeah, is that guy, a mouse, or a walrus of some kind?

GEORGE:

Yeah, what are you doing in a barn? Shouldn't you be in the Arctic Ocean? That is your habitat isn't it? *(All of the bullies laugh)*

WILLIAM:

I mean it, you guys. Leave me alone!

CHIP:

Hey, if this guy's a walrus, then maybe we should take him to the pond and dunk him in.

JOHNNY:

Yeah!

GEORGE:

Or maybe we should take him to the zoo!

CHIP:

Yeah, he could be William the Wimpy Walrus!

MUSICAL NUMBER – WILLIAM THE WIMPY WALRUS

CHIP:

THERE ONCE WAS A WALRUS NAMED WILLIAM
WHO DECIDED TO LIVE IN A BARN
HE WENT AND MADE IT HIS HOUSE
WHILE MASQUERADING AS A MOUSE!

THE OTHER MICE WOULD COME TO SEE HIM
AND SAY "HEY WHAT'S THAT THING?"

CHIP, JOHNNY, & GEORGE

WE'VE NEVER SEEN A CLOWN QUITE LIKE THIS
HE OUGHT TO RUN AWAY AND JOIN THE CIRCUS
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A FREAK SHOW LIKE WILLIAM THE WIMPY
WALRUS!

JOHNNY:

THE ARCTIC WAS TOO DARN CHILLY
SO WILLIAM MIGRATED SOUTH
HE CAME TO MISSOURI IN SUCH A BIG HURRY
HE FORGOT ABOUT THE HUGE TEETH IN HIS MOUTH

AND THAT'S HOW THE WIMPY WALRUS
CAME TO CAUSE US SUCH A FUSS

CHIP, JOHNNY, & GEORGE

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HE OUGHT TO RUN AWAY AND JOIN THE CIRCUS
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A FREAK SHOW LIKE WILLIAM THE WIMPY
WALRUS!

GEORGE:

A WISE OLD MOUSE ONCE TOLD ME
TO WATCH WITH OPEN EYES
FOR LIONS DRESSED AS LLAMAS OR POSSUMS IN PAJAMAS
AND OTHER STRANGERS IN DISGUISE

AND NOW OUR WALRUS IMPOSTER
HAS BEEN CREATING QUITE A STIR

CHIP, JOHNNY, & GEORGE

WE'VE NEVER SEEN A CLOWN QUITE LIKE THIS
HE OUGHT TO RUN AWAY AND JOIN THE CIRCUS
THERE'S NEVER BEEN A FREAK SHOW LIKE WILLIAM THE WIMPY
WALRUS!

Dance Break

spoken

CHIP:

Hey guys, I have a poem for you!

(JOHNNY & GEORGE respond enthusiastically)

CHIP:

A walrus once came from the bay
And moved to the land one day.
His face was so pudgy
And his teeth were so ugly
He scared everybody away.

(JOHNNY & GEORGE laugh)

GEORGE:

That's a good one!

JOHNNY:

Wait I got one, too!

GEORGE:

Go for it!

JOHNNY:

He ain't all *that!*
What a rat!!

(GEORGE & CHIP groan in utter disgust)

CHIP, JOHNNY, & GEORGE

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THERE'S NEVER BEEN A FREAK SHOW LIKE WILLIAM THE WIMPY
WALRUS!

OH YEAH!

END OF MUSICAL NUMBER – WILLIAM THE WIMPY WALRUS

(The bullies continue to laugh and carry on)

BEAU:

Hey! What do you guys think you're doing!

JOHNNY:

Ha ha, not only do we have a walrus, but we have a blue water rat, too!

GEORGE:

Ladies and Gentlemen! Now presenting Oddball and Freak in their tour across the countryside!

CHIP:

I think it's time that we dunked both of these weirdoes into the pond.

JOHNNY & GEORGE:

Yeah!

(The three bullies close in on Beau and William)

BEAU:

Stay back or you're gonna get it!

CHIP:

What are you gonna do? There's three of us and two of you. You're outnumbered!

WILLIAM:

He's right, the two of us can't possibly take on the three of them.

BEAU:

Just stay back, it's tail time!

MUSIC CUE – TAIL TIME

BEAU:

Take that! *(Beau slings his abnormally long tail at them and knocks them back)*

JOHNNY:

Whoa! Will you look at the size of that tail!

GEORGE:

I've never seen a mouse move so fast!

CHIP:

Let's get him.

(All three bullies chase Beau but are repeatedly knocked back on the ground until they are panting exhausted on the floor.)

END OF MUSIC CUE – TAIL TIME

BEAU:
If you want some more, go ahead and bring it on!

CHIP:
Come on; let's get out of here. These two are nothing but a couple of freaks!

(The three bullies scurry off)

GEORGE:
Freaks!

JOHNNY:
Weirdoes!

(The three bullies exit offstage)

WILLIAM:
Oh, thank you, thank you!

BEAU:
Are you okay?

WILLIAM:
Oh, yes, thank you. I am now.

BEAU:
Good. What's your name?

WILLIAM:
My name is William, what's yours?

BEAU:
Beau. *(William pauses and looks at Beau uneasily)* What's wrong?

WILLIAM:
Well . . . Beau . . . I've, I've never seen a blue mouse before.

BEAU:
I know.

WILLIAM:
How, how did you become blue?

BEAU:
I was blue when I was born.

WILLIAM:

Wow, I didn't know there was a such thing as a blue mouse.

BEAU:

I think I'm the only one. It makes me feel like I don't belong here. I don't seem to fit in with any of the other mice. They don't understand that I'm just a mouse like everyone else, even though I'm blue.

WILLIAM:

I know the feeling. Everyone makes fun of me because I have these enormous buckteeth.

BEAU:

(Trying to be polite) Oh really? I hadn't noticed.

WILLIAM:

Oh, you don't need to pretend. I know my teeth are ugly, that's why I don't have any friends.

BEAU:

Well, you do, now!

WILLIAM:

Really? You want to be my friend?

BEAU:

Sure, I like you. And besides I think your teeth are kind of cool. I think straight teeth like mine are kind of dull. Just think of it. Every other mouse can say that they straight teeth, but only you can say that yours angle outward like that. Just like I can say that I'm the only mouse with blue fur.

WILLIAM:

(Smiling) Wow, I never thought of it that way before.

BEAU:

You see, you and I are different and that's what makes us interesting.

WILLIAM:

But what about all of the other mice? They don't like us because we're different.

BEAU:

Well if that's how they feel, then who needs them. We wouldn't want to be friends with guys like that.

WILLIAM:

I guess you're right.

BEAU:

You know what? I've been thinking that it's time for me to move on from this farm . . . you know, to find my destiny.

WILLIAM:

What's a destiny?

BEAU:

Well, I'm not exactly sure, but I know it's out there waiting for me.

WILLIAM:

How will you know when you've found it?

BEAU:

I'm not sure. But if you like you can come with me. Maybe you can find your destiny, too!

WILLIAM:

Hmm, I'm not sure I totally understand, but it's gotta be better than hanging around here.

BEAU:

Great, then you're coming with me?

WILLIAM:

Sure.

BEAU:

Alright!

MUSICAL NUMBER – HIT THE ROAD AND MOVE ON

BEAU:

YOU AND I DON'T BELONG HERE ANYMORE
WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE WE'VE NOT BEEN BEFORE
YOU AND I NEED TO FIND A BRAND NEW START
SO WE CAN CHASE EV'RY DREAM IN OUR HEART

BEAU & WILLIAM:

WELL, THE TIME HAS ARRIVED
THAT WE SHOULD GO HIT THE ROAD
AND MOVE ON

WILLIAM:

YOU AND I NEED TO GET ON OUT OF HERE
TO A PLACE WHERE THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO FEAR
WHO'S TO SAY WHETHER WE'LL COME BACK SOME DAY?
ALL WE KNOW NOW IS IT'S TIME TO GET AWAY

BEAU & WILLIAM:

WELL, THE TIME HAS ARRIVED
THAT WE SHOULD GO HIT THE ROAD
AND MOVE ON

WELL, THE TIME HAS ARRIVED
THAT WE SHOULD BOTH HIT THE ROAD
AND MOVE ON

END OF MUSICAL NUMBER – HIT THE ROAD AND MOVE ON