

PETER AND THE WOLF

NARRATION AND MUSIC

NARRATOR

ORCHESTRA

Each character in this story is represented by an instrument of the orchestra -

The CAT by the FLUTE

Flute plays

The DUCK by the OBOE

Oboe plays

The CAT by the CLARINET

Clarinet plays

The GRANDFATHER by the BASSOON

Bassoon

The WOLF by the THREE HORNS

Three horns play

PETER by the STRING QUARTET

Strings play

And the RIFLE SHOTS by the KETTLE DRUM and BASS DRUM

Drums play

From this point on the sign * indicates where the Narrator is cued by the conductor

* Early one morning Peter opened the gate and went out into the big green meadow.....

The PETER theme

* On a branch of a big tree sat a little bird, Peter's friend. "All is quiet", chirped the bird gaily...

The BIRD theme

* Just then a duck came waddling round. She was glad that Peter had not closed the gate, and decided to take a swim in the pond in the meadow...

The DUCK theme

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(over the music)

* Seeing the duck, the little bird flew down upon the grass, settled next to her and shrugged her shoulders...

Continues...

* "What kind of a bird are you, if you can't fly?", said he. To this the duck replied: "What kind of a bird are you, if you can't swim?" and dived into the pond.

'Arguing' music!

m They argued and argued, the duck swimming in the pond, the little bird hopping along the shore.

Continues...

* Suddenly, something caught Peter's attention. He noticed a cat crawling through the grass....

The CAT theme

* "LOOK OUT!", shouted Peter, and the bird immediately flew up into the tree...

'Flying' music!

* while the duck quacked angrily at the cat.

'Quacking' music
then CAT theme

* The cat walked round the tree and thought: "Is it worth climbing up so high? By the time I get there the bird will have flown away"

CAT theme continues
then MUSIC STOPS

* Grandfather came out. He was angry because Peter had gone into the meadow. "It is a dangerous place. If a wolf should come out then what would you do?"

GRANDFATHER theme

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* Peter paid no attention
to his Grandfather's words.
Boys like him are not afraid
of wolves.

PETER theme

* But Grandfather took Peter
by the hand, locked the gate
and led him home.

GRANDFATHER theme

* No sooner had Peter gone
than a big grey wolf came
out of the forest.

WOLF theme

* In a twinkling the cat
climbed up the tree...

Cat-climbing music

* The duck quacked, and in
her excitement jumped out
of the pond.

Excited duck music!

(over the music)

* But no matter how hard
the duck tried to run --

continues....

* she couldn't escape the
wolf--

"

* He was getting nearer--- "

* nearer-----

"

* catching up with her-----

getting louder....
Suddenly stops.

* - and then he GOT her, and
with one gulp, he swallowed
her.

Sad music

* And now- this is how
things stood. The cat was
sitting on one branch...

CAT theme

(over music)

* the bird on another...

BIRD reference..

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(over music)

* Not too close to the cat

continues

* And the wolf walked round
and round the tree looking at
them with greedy eyes.

Wolf theme

* In the meantime Peter,
without the slightest
fear, stood behind the
closed gate watching all
that was going on.

Peter theme

* He ran home, got a strong
rope and climbed the high
stone wall.

continues

* One of the branches of the
tree round which the wolf
was walking, stretched out
over the wall.

continues, then pause.

* Grabbing hold of the
branch-----

descriptive music ...

* Peter lightly climbed
over on to the tree..

comment

* Peter said to the bird:
"Fly down and circle the
wolf's head. But take care
he doesn't catch you!"

Bird and Peter music

* The bird almost touched
the wolf's head with his
wings while the wolf snapped
angrily at him from this
side and that

Angry music

* How the bird did worry the
wolf. And how the wolf tried
to catch him. But the bird
was cleverer and the wolf
simply couldn't do anything
about it.

Snapping music!

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* Meanwhile Peter made
a lasso and carefully
letting it down.....

Lasso music

(over music)

* caught the wolf by the
tail and pulled with all
his might

descriptive

* Feeling himself caught,
the wolf began to jump
wildly trying to get
loose.

descriptive

* But Peter tied the other
end of the rope to the
tree....

continues

* and the wolf's jumping
only made the rope round
his tail tighter

continues
Stops.

* Just then -

Chords

* The hunters came out
of the woods..

More chords

* following the wolf's
trail and shooting as
they went.

Hunters music

* But Peter, sitting in
the tree, said "DON'T
SHOOT! Birdie and I
have caught the wolf.
Now help us take him
to the zoo!"

Bird and Peter music

* So!

Chords

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* So!

Chords.

* Imagine the triumphant procession.

Chords.

* Peter at the head..

Peter music

* After him the hunters leading the wolf..

Hunters music.

* And winding up the procession, Grandfather and the cat. Grandfather tossed his head discontentedly: "Well! And what Peter hadn't caught the wolf? What then?"

Cross G/father music!

* Above them flew birdie chirping merrily: "My! What brave fellows we are, Peter and I! Look what we have caught!"

Happy Peter/bird music!

* And if one would listen very carefully one could hear the duck quacking inside the wolf: because the wolf in his hurry had swallowed her - alive!

Music speeds up and ends.
