



LUCY LOCKETS LUCKY DAY

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Characters in order of appearance

Horrible Hector

Miserable Mary

Lucy Locket Principal Girl

Jack

Lance

Rosie

Poppy

Lily

Rob Principal Boy

Queen of Joyland

Dame Winsome Winifred (Queen's Lady-in-waiting)

The Children Of Joyland

Act 1
Scene 1
“Joyland”

(It is early morning and the stage lighting is dimly set.)

HECTOR *(Enters left.)* What a lovely gloomy day it is here in Joyland. Of course the sun isn't up yet. I like it best when it's gloomy. Don't you like it when it's gloomy, dark and horrible. *(Miserable Mary enters right)* Who are you?

MARY What's it to do with you?

HECTOR Everything in this town is to do with me.

MARY Are you the King then?

HECTOR Of course not, I am known as Horrible Hector, quite simply because I am Horrible to everyone. Now, who are you?

MARY If you must know I'm Miserable Mary.

HECTOR Because your miserable?

MARY No, because I make everyone else miserable.

HECTOR And what are you doing here in Joyland?

MARY I'm here because I intend to muscle in on any troublemaking around here.

HECTOR No way. I'm the chief troublemaker here and chief trouble maker I shall remain.

MARY I don't think so, I was the biggest troublemaker in Happyboro, or Depressionville, as it became known after I'd finished with it.

HECTOR What made you leave if you was so in control?

MARY Because there was no more trouble to be caused and quite simply, causing trouble is my business.

HECTOR Well, you're not stopping here, because I'm not stepping aside for you or anyone else.

MARY Why not. After all, you haven't done a very good job of troublemaking, otherwise this place wouldn't still be called Joyland.

HECTOR Well, it just so happens that I'm about to make Old King Coke change the towns name from Joyland to er! er! Gloomland.

MARY And what makes you think the King will change the towns name?

HECTOR Because I have managed to make his life so unhappy for so long that he would do almost anything to see the back of me.

MARY Surely you haven't kept the King unhappy just to change the towns name, have you?

HECTOR Of course not. He's now concerned that his unhappiness is spreading to affect his whole Kingdom so he's now getting so desperate to be happy again that he will do almost anything and I might just claim the whole Kingdom to release him from his misery.

MARY I wouldn't mind being Queen of this Kingdom. Move over Hector, Mary's moving in.

HECTOR Oh no your not.

MARY Oh yes I am. (*etc. twice*)

HECTOR We'll see, I've just got to make sure the King remains unhappy and his misery spreads far and wide.

MARY Yes, but we will see just who is the biggest troublemaker in (*pulls face*) Joyland.

LUCY (*Enters left, moves down centre*) It's almost time for the sun to welcome a lovely new day here in Joyland.

MARY (*to Hector*) Who is she?

HECTOR One of the most infuriating people in this town, The always cheerful Lucy Locket.

MARY Cheerful Lucy Locket, how awful.

LUCY Good morning.

HECTOR What's good about it?

LUCY Every morning is good if you intend making it a good morning.

HECTOR Well, I don't, so it won't.

MARY Clear off, Locket, you're making me feel ill.

LUCY I'm sorry, I don't know you.

MARY You'll be sorrier when you do know me. Right, I'm going to start looking for trouble (*Exits right.*)

HECTOR Not on my patch , you don't. (*Exits left.*)

LUCY So, now we have a double helping of trouble to deal with. Oh well, we'll worry about those two later, let's just enjoy a new dawn in Joyland.

(Stage lights on full as Lucy Locket stays on and joins in opening number sung by Rosie,Jack, Poppy, Lance, Lily and Joyland Children`s Chorus)

(at end of song children exit)

LUCY What a lovely morning, Hi everyone.

ALL Hi Lucy.

LUCY Let's have the daily news. First, your good news.

JACK I've got a new job.

LANCE I've got a new job too.

ROSIE Great, what are you going to do?

LANCE We are both going to work in the Palace.

JACK The King and Queen has asked us to be what they call their go betweens.

ROSIE Go – betweens.

JACK Yes, to go between the King and Queen and the people that live here in Joyland.

LANCE To deliver the Royal messages.

POPPY So you are going to be Royal Heralds?

JACK No, Go – betweens and we've got to go and get started.*(Jack and Lance exits left)*

LUCY That's very good news that they have a job. Any more good and cheerful news.

ROSIE Our new singing group has had it's first, and very successful, rehearsal.

LUCY Has this new group got a name?

POPPY Not yet, but I'm sure we'll think of one soon.

ROSIE It's great fun and all are welcome.

LILY Why don't you join our group Lucy?

LUCY I think I would like that.

LILY We're going to sing at the Royal Birthday Festival.

LUCY Now that is really good news, and now, bad news. Has anyone got any bad news. No , then it's just me, look (*shows remains of pocket on coat*)

ROSIE What has happened Lucy?

POPPY Lucy Locket has lost her pocket.

LUCY I caught it on a low branch, but it's not just my pocket, I've lost my note book as well so I'm afraid that's the second bit of bad news this morning.

POPPY Second, what is the first bad news?

LUCY You will all know of Horrible Hector.

ROSIE Yes, we all know Hector, the most horrible person in the whole Kingdom.

LUCY Well, we have another trouble maker in town now.

LILY Not another person as horrible as Hector

LUCY This new one could be worse.

ROSIE No one could be worse than Horrible Hector. The other day a little kiddie was in the market place with his pet mouse and Hector stood on it.

LILY Hector stood on the little pet mouse?

ROSIE No, he stood on the kiddie.

POPPY If we are going to sing at the Royal Birthday party we should go and practise ,come on. (*All exit right except Lucy*)

LUCY (*to herself*) I'm glad we had at least some good news this morning.
(*Rob enters left*)

ROB Hello, can you help me? I've wandered many a mile and seem to be lost.

LUCY This is Joyland and I am Lucy.

ROB Thank you, and I am Rob. I found this pocket book as I came up the lane. Would you know of anyone losing a book.

LUCY It's mine, I lost It just this morning, this must be my lucky day.

ROB I'm pleased to be of assistance, This looks a happy place, I think I'll stay for awhile.

LUCY I'm afraid there's not many jobs on offer in Joyland.

ROB Never mind, I'm happy to help where I can.
(Jack and Lance enter left, both are reading Royal Proclamations)

LANCE Please prepare to welcome her Royal Highness

JACK The most beautiful.

LUCY Who wrote that?

JACK The Queen of course. We'll have to start again now.

LANCE Please prepare to meet Her Royal Highness.

JACK The most beautiful.

LANCE Clever.

JACK Talented.

LANCE Brainy.

JACK Smart.

LANCE Charming.

JACK And modest Queen Coke of Joyland.
(Queen enters left)

QUEEN Thank you, thank you. I am underwhelmed by your welcome. Were you underwhelmed, Winifred. *(looks about)* Winifred, where are you? *(calls)* Winifred.

DAME *(Dame enters left)* Did someone call?

QUEEN I did.

DAME Oh, do you want me then?

QUEEN Not particularly.

DAME Look, Queenie, me old china. My name is Winifred and if you didn't want me why call out Winifred.

QUEEN Because Winifred, you are supposed to be my Lady - in - waiting.

DAME That is true, I'm your Lady - in - waiting for a better job.

QUEEN I don't know why King Coke gave you the job as my Lady – in – waiting in the first place.

DAME Probably to pay you back for agreeing to marry him.

QUEEN What did you say?

DAME Probably to pay you-----

QUEEN I heard.

DAME I much preferred my previous job

QUEEN What was that?

DAME Life Guard during the off season at the Leisure Centre.

QUEEN But the Leisure Centre is closed during the off season.

DAME I know, it was lovely and peaceful when the door was closed and locked.

QUEEN What about when the doors where unlocked and open?

DAME There was a terrible draft which gave me flue and colds so bad I just couldn't work when the Centre was open.

QUEEN (*Seeing Lucy*) Ah! Now let me think, you are Lucy Locket, and known as the most cheerful person in this town.

LUCY Yes. I always try to remain happy.

DAME And who is this young stranger?

ROB I am Rob, I have just arrived in town and hope to stay awhile.

QUEEN Well, Rob, you are very welcome.

ROB Thank you. I am anxious to work and make myself as useful as possible.

DAME (*aside*) Work? Being useful? What a strange lad.

ROB Well, I just hope there's something I can help with. Is there anything I can do at the Palace?

QUEEN I think there maybe a job for you, as you will hear shortly, if you are staying.

ROB (*looking at Lucy*) Oh yes, I'm staying.

QUEEN Good, then you will now hear my Royal Announcement.

DAME Oh blimey, not another one.

QUEEN What do you mean, another one, this is my first today.

DAME Yes, but you make dozens of Royal announcements everyday, why?

QUEEN Because I'm the Queen, and while the King wants to stay in the Palace, I will continue to make the Royal Announcements.

DAME Fair enough, if you must. (*Dame stuffs something in her ears, or puts on ear defenders*) Ready when you are, Queenie.

QUEEN Summon my people, please. (*Jack and Lance call to summon villages.*)

JACK All attend her Majesty.

LANCE Calling all Joyland people. (*Rosie ,Poppy and Lily enter right,all talking then silence. Queen looks at Jack and Lance*)

QUEEN Well, call them to order.

JACK To order?

QUEEN Tell them to be silent.

LANCE They are silent.

QUEEN Look, before I speak, I expect you pair to say 'Pray silence for the Queen'

JACK Oh sorry, 'Pray silence for the Queen.

DAME (*Lifting ear protectors*)Pardon, I didn't catch that.

JACK]
LANCE] (*Together*) 'Pray silence for the Queen.

DAME I was silent.

QUEEN I want everybody to be silent.

JACK They are.

QUEEN Oh no they're not.

ALL Oh yes they are. (*Twice*)

QUEEN Alright, then I'll start my Royal Announcement. As you know King Coke has always made a very large donation of money to the townspeople on his birthday, all as his father, Old King Cole used to do.

DAME I liked him, Old King Cole was a merry old soul.

LUCY Well, Old King Coke is also a merry person.

QUEEN No longer, I'm afraid, he is very unhappy.

DAME So Old King Cole was a merry old soul but
Old King Coke is a miserable old bloke.

QUEEN Yes, you could say that.

DAME I just did.

QUEEN Anyway, the King is very concerned because his unhappiness seems to be spreading. Therefore the King has decided that, as the unhappiness started with him he will abdicate on his birthday unless he is made happy again before or on that day. So, be very clear, he won't be giving you any monetary gifts this year if there is no change in his personal outlook by then.

DAME Leave us?

QUEEN Yes, we shall just move on and there will be no more Royal donations for you.

DAME We are going to lose our King and the money. Blimey, we are in for a miserable time.

LUCY We cannot allow this to happen, we must think of ways to make him happy again.

ROB I will stay and try to help you to cheer up the King.

QUEEN Thank you. You will be well rewarded if you manage to stop the misery. Now I must return to the Palace. Good luck with your efforts.

*(All move to exit except Lucy, Rob, Rosie, Poppy and Lily They move down stage ready to sing in front of tabs)
Close Tabs*

ROSIE Let's hope our singing at the Kings Birthday will cheer him up if all else fails.

POPPY Yes, but we do need to practise.

LILY Well, there's no time like the present, lets practise.

ROB I'd like to join in.

(Group Song in front of tabs At end of song Lucy and Rob exit left. Rosie, Poppy and Lily exit right)

Open Tabs