

SCENE ONE: Down the Rabbit Hole

Alice: Hello everyone. My name is Alice!

It was so boring sitting on that riverbank with my sister.. There was nothing to do. I did try to peek at her book but it didn't have any pictures in it. She's always reading. I did think about making a daisy chain, but I felt a bit sleepy. So I thought I'd have a look at this little rabbit hole

Enter White Rabbit

W Rabbit: Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"

White Rabbit exits

Alice: Did you see that?

Wow! I have never seen a rabbit in waistcoat before. Have you?

And I have certainly not seen one that talks and takes a watch out of its pocket. How amazing?

I wonder where he's going?

Do you think I should race after him and find out?

Good, I will. Who knows? Maybe I will have an adventure in Wonderland. I'd better be quick.

Bye!

SONG: OH WHAT A STRANGE RABBIT HOLE THIS IS!

Oooh! What a strange rabbit hole this is!

Falling slowly, slowly down

Falling slowly down.

Falling slowly, slowly down

Falling slowly down.

I thought it would be dark

But it's as bright as can be.

It feels just like a huge, huge well

And there's so much to see.

It's like I'm in a lift,

That's slowly moving down.

I'd love to stop and watch the pretty scenery around.

Oooh! What a strange rabbit hole this is.

Falling slowly, slowly down.

Falling slowly down.

Falling slowly, slowly down.

Falling slowly down.

Wow! I think I saw a bookcase and a chair
And a great big pot of marmalade hanging in the air.
Maybe I'm on my way to the other side of the earth.
I could be in Australia. My cousin lives in Perth.

Oooh! What a strange rabbit hole this is!

Falling slowly, slowly down.
Falling slowly down.
Falling slowly, slowly down.
Falling slowly down.

Falling slowly, slowly down.
Falling slowly down.
Falling slowly, slowly down.
Falling slowly down.

Oooh! What a strange rabbit hole this is!

Alice lands in a dark long hall with cupboards

Enter White Rabbit

W Rabbit: Oh my ears and whiskers, how late it is getting!

He races off again.

Alice: Please stop White Rabbit, I'm too exhausted to chase you.
Oh my goodness! How did I get here and more importantly, how will I
get out again? That was just a long way down but it was a really
interesting journey, children.
It's pretty dark here and I can just about see a whole load of doors.
I wonder where they lead?
Oh look! What is that?

Focus on a three-legged table with a gold key on top of it.

Maybe this little key will fit one of the doors.
It's very small though and these doors have big keyholes.
Hang on! What's that little door down there?

She gets down and looks at the little door.

Hey, the little key does open it. Great!
Mmm I can see a beautiful little garden through it.
Oh, it's so lovely! I wish I could go into it but I couldn't even get my
head through that tiny gap let alone my shoulders.

Oh dear! I wish I could fold up like a telescope. Then I could easily slip through.
Do you know what a telescope is?
Yes that's right.
Oh, if only I was smaller I could go in that garden

Focus on a bottle with a DRINK ME label on it.

Hang on! What's this?
Mm, I do feel thirsty.
Shall I have a drink?
Better be careful that it isn't poison inside.
Let me read what it says. "This bottle does not contain poison"
Good, I think I'll have a drink. What do you think it is?
Really!
Here goes!
Oh, this tastes absolutely gorgeous. It's really delicious. Mmm, like - cherry tart, custard, pineapple, roast turkey, toffee and hot buttered toast. Mmmm!

Oh my goodness, something is happening to me!
I'm beginning to feel like a telescope closing.

Shrinking effect

Wow! Look at me. I am so little. I will easily get through that door now.
Hang on though. I don't want to get any smaller. I might end up like a candle that gets blown out. Goodbye!

Focus on a little cake in a box

Oh! What is this?
It says EAT ME on it.
Maybe if I eat this, I will get taller again.
What do you think. Should I eat it?
O.k. Here goes!

Growing sound

Oh no, now I am opening up like a large telescope.
Goodbye feet... I can't see you anymore.
Who will be able to put on your socks and shoes now?
I'm sure I won't be able to, I will be too high up here to be able to do it anymore. You will have to sort yourselves out.
I will be kind to my feet though, children, otherwise they may choose to not walk the way I want them to go.
And... I will make sure they get new shoes every birthday and Christmas to keep them happy.
I promise feet!"

The White Rabbit appears with white kid gloves and a fan.

W Rabbit: Oh! The Duchess, the Duchess!
Oh won't she be angry that I've kept her waiting.

Alice: Stop please, White Rabbit! Please rabbit speak to me!

*White Rabbit races off. He drops the kid gloves and fan on the floor.
Alice picks up the fan and begins to fan herself.*

Why won't he stop. He acts like he doesn't see me at all.
Oh dear, children! I am not sure I can deal with all this shrinking and growing.
I am not sure that it is even me anymore.
Supposing I have become someone else?
Maybe I am Tracey! She sits next to me in class.
No! I can't be her. Her hair is not the same colour as mine is.
Hang on! Perhaps I have become Rachael, the naughty girl who is always in trouble. Rachael always gets things wrong because she doesn't listen.
Let me see! Can I remember the words to Wincy wincey spider? If I can't maybe I have become Rachael. Please, I hope not.
Help me sing this children:

(Alice puts the gloves and fan aside to do this)

*Wincey wincey elephant climbs up the water spout
Down came the sun and dried poor elephant out.*

You see, I got it all wrong. Perhaps I have become Rachael.
Oh no! I want to be me, Alice. I want to carry on living in my lovely home with my lovely family.

Enter the White Rabbit looking anxious as if he's lost something.

W Rabbit: The Duchess! The Duchess! My dear paws!
Oh my fur and whiskers. She'll chop off my head, as sure as ferrets are ferret! Where can I have dropped them I wonder?"

Alice: Oh White Rabbit, I think I know what you are looking for.
The white kid gloves and the lovely fan! Now where did I put them?

*Alice tries to find them but they're gone.
Rabbit looks at Alice*

W Rabbit: Why Mary Ann! What are you doing out here?
Run home this minute and fetch me a pair of gloves and a fan! Quick now!

Alice races into audience.

Alice:

I am not Mary Ann, am I children?

He thinks I am his housemaid.

He'll be very surprised when he knows who I am.

Oh dear! I had better go to his house and get his fan and gloves.

I'd better drink some more of that shrinking stuff or I won't get into his house.