



OUR DAILY BREAD

CANTATA

STAGING THE PRODUCTION

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OUR DAILY BREAD - SYNOPSIS

This simple story starts in a school with the children and their teacher. The children visit a farm to learn how wheat is grown.

Then they move onto an old working windmill where they see the grain ground between the millstones.

Lastly, they visit a Baker's shop where they help to make and sample some of the bread and cakes.

CHARACTER PARTS

<u>Speaking Parts</u>	Number of words	Scenes they appear in	Songs sung with the choir
Narrators (Split part into 4)	229	All scenes	
Teacher	73	All scenes	
Farmer	141	2	It takes a long time
Miller	131	3	
The Baker	54	4 & 5	The Baker's Song
Children	(These include 37 words spoken by the whole group)	All scenes	Apple Pie & Ice Cream + Our Daily Bread
Child 1	49		
Child 2	50		
Child 3	48		
Child 4	34		
Child 5	34		
Child 6	48		
<u>Non-speaking parts</u>			
The Miller's Cat		3	Mice, Mice
6 x Baker's Cooks		4	

COSTUMES & MAKE-UP

Character	Costume & make-up
Narrators (Split part into 4)	Smart out of school clothes
Teacher	Gown and Mortar Board, <i>Light make-up</i>
Children	School uniform (different coloured tops to the ones they wear in school)
Farmer	Tweed Jacket, Check shirt, old trousers, welly boots and straw hat. <i>Moustache.</i>
Miller	Black trousers, black tee shirt, white pinny, Flat, white chief's style hat. <i>Moustaches if male, rosy cheeks if female</i>
The Miller's Cat	Black leotard & legging, tail, cat mask or cat ears on head-band <i>Black nose dark eyes and whiskers</i>
The Baker	Blue trousers, white tee shirt, white pinny, tall chief's style hat. <i>Moustaches if male, rosy cheeks if female.</i>
6 x Baker's Cooks	As above

Some children are allergic to make-up. Please check before using it.

SONGS

PHOTOCOPIABLE SONG SHEET

CD WITH

- VOCAL TRACKS FOR PRACTICE
- BACKING TRACKS FOR ACTUAL PERFORMANCE
- LINK-UP MUSIC

MUSICAL SCORE

SONGS in order of appearance :

Our Daily Bread – Choir

It takes a long time – Farmer's Song with Choir

Mice, Mice – Cat and Choir

The Baker's Song – Baker, Cooks, Children and Choir

Apple Pie & Ice Cream – Children & Choir

Finale: Our Daily Bread – Cast & Choir

All stage performers that are singing need to have a simple routine for each song so that they don't look wooden.

SCENERY AND PROPS

Background : Large loaf of Bread.

Scene One – Classroom

Black/White Board with chalk or markers.

Scene Two – The Farm

Picture of Combine Harvester on a moveable stand.

Small hay bale

Sack with grains of wheat

Scene Three – The Windmill

Picture of a Windmill on a moveable stand.

Sack with flour

Scene Four – The Baker's

Picture of a big oven on a moveable stand.

Table for the 6 baker's to knead the dough

Dough

Bags of flour for the children

Scene Five – The Baker's Shop

Picture of loaves and cakes on a moveable stand.

Bread and cake – (Made from papier mache.)

Big Apple Pie