

FAIRY: Our story begins with a poor dairy farmer,
Who copes with two sons, so her life's full of drama.
A hard-working mother called "Dame Dotty Dimple",
Her first boy is clever ... (She pauses and gestures to Jack's "vision" SL.)
... the other's more "simple"! (She looks SL at Simon's "vision" and rolls her eyes!)

(On the next line, JACK moves quickly to adopt a "heroic pose" and freezes again. If using a followspot or intelligent, it can iris down to him alone.)

FAIRY: Our hero is Jack – he'll show courage and bravery,
Faced with that ogre so bad and unsavoury.
Who would believe that a lad from the dairy,
Could take on that Giant, so big and so scary!

(Possibly the followspot or intelligent moves to light SIMON only.)

FAIRY: But now to Jack's brother – and *his* name is Simon, (She emphasises "his".)
So daft, you may think, he's not worth wasting time on,
Although, unlike Jack, he's not bright as a penny,
He's happy-go-lucky, so friends he has many!

(The spot on the 3 PRINCIPALS SL fades out and they exit DSL in the dark as the FAIRY turns back to the audience and continues:)

FAIRY: Together we'll stand – and that bad Witch will fail,
For it's panto tradition that good will prevail!
One day we'll be rid of that Giant, I declare,
But for now life goes on ... in the old Village Square ...

(She waves her wand and Music #2 starts as Tabs open, cloth flies out or lights bleed through gauze into Scene 1. The FAIRY looks pleased, then exits happily SR as the number starts.)