

The King Who Stole Spring

Synopsis

Erin, a young girl, is planting her flower boxes very early in the morning, which wakens her brother, Morrison (**PROLOGUE**). As the two of them greet the dawn, they are joined by their friends, the Children of the Village, who proceed to welcome the coming of Spring with song and dance. Zoe, the Spring Fairy makes her secret appearance and calls forth the flowers to bloom (**IF THE WORLD BELIEVED IN MAGIC**). That same day, King Pernicious is readying a series of royal decrees (**IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING**), when he is most distressed to discover that no one is present to listen to them. When he learns from his sidekick, Twerp, that the villagers are all busy in the garden, he decides to go to the people to issue his next one. (**IT'S GOOD TO BE THE KING—TAG**). After hearing the king's very mean decree, the children are feeling very low with no flowers to water (**THERE'S NO FUN IN FEELIN' BLUE**). Zoe, the Spring Fairy, makes herself known to Erin and the children, urging her to return to the garden where a gift awaits her. Erin sneaks into the now withered garden to find Lavender, her favorite flower near death. Before she dies, Lavender gives Erin the gift of her seeds (**THE DEATH OF LAVENDER: Scene+Incidental Music**). When Erin is afraid to defy the King's decree by planting the seeds, Zoe and her Pixies return to give encouragement to her (**THE SONG OF THE SEEDS**). The children find an abandoned hut in which to secretly grow the flowers. However, the flowers can't bloom until the children take the roof off of the hut, bathing them in the nurturing sunlight (**RAISE THE ROOF**). King Pernicious hears reports of an outlaw garden in the kingdom and at last he finds the children and their flowers (**RAISE THE ROOF—REPRISE**). Erin tries to explain to the king that the power of nature is more wonderful than any king's decrees (**IF THE WORLD BELIEVED IN MAGIC—REPRISE #1**), but he is not persuaded. As the king attempts to stomp on the flowers, he trips and falls in the mud. Erin helps him up, and teaches him to water the flowers, who then blossom for the king. King Pernicious decrees that gardens will henceforth be open to everyone. As Lavender and all the flowers reawaken, the entire company rejoices! (**IF THE WORLD BELIEVED IN MAGIC—REPRISE #2**).