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THE GREAT BIG GREEN HAM

By Nessah Muthy

Cast size: 3

This play is suitable for: Group, Family Friendly, under 16's

STEP 1: REHEARSE

- Make sure you have enough people for each part or maybe you could play multiple parts.
- Try to learn all your character's lines, if possible.
- If you're looking for some guidance, check out our [How To... videos](#). We've brought together a bunch of the best actors and directors to give you their tips and advice on how to make the best film you can.

STEP 2: RECORD

- Use a phone to film your performance or record directly on your Zoom or video chat platform.
- Record your performance in well-lit spaces so we can see you clearly but avoid standing right in front of a window on sunny day, and remember to keep private items out of view.
- Try to cut out all background noise by closing windows and doors.

STEP 3: UPLOAD

- We would love to see your performance. To upload your recording to us, click [here](#).
- Please **do not share** your recording on YouTube or other similar platforms. This is so we can keep all the recordings in the same place and to respect and honour our writers' copyright and publication permissions.
- We will be creating a film of each script from the videos submitted.
- We want this to be something everyone can take part in so please do get in touch if you have any access requirements or if there is anything else we might be able to help with.
- If you are having difficulty uploading your recording, please get in touch with us via email: admin@theatre-centre.co.uk or phone: 020 7729 3066.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

- Recommend to a friend by inviting those you know to rehearse, record and upload their own performance.
- Encourage others by using [#ImagiNation19](#) on your social platforms. State what play you have performed but remember to not share your recording publicly.
- Thank you for being part of ImagiNation.

Dear Families,

The Great Big Green Ham is intended as a little bit of fun, a little bit of a laugh and whole load of silliness.

I would love for you to embrace its chaos and its comedy with abandon - what does The Great Big Green Ham look like? Is there anything around your house that you can use to make them? (Please don't feel the need to purchase anything especially though.)

Also, don't feel you have to stick to the script at all times. Wren's character in particular might nod or shake their head instead of speaking the word 'No.' etc.

The greatest takeaway of the piece is one of hope. My intention was to say, it's ok to be confused, scared even, but, hopefully, together, there is always a way through **and** there is **always** a magical, fantastical world on the cusp of your imagination to escape to, even if just for a little while...

With best wishes,

Nessah Muthy

PS - I also hope the piece gives you and your families, at least one, great, big, giant belly laugh!

Characters

Bailey

Wren

Phoenix

*No character has an affixed gender.

Bailey: Haha! For I am, The Great Big Green Ham!

Wren: Ahhh!

Bailey: I live in the deep, deep blue sea and I'd just like some Scrabby Scrabbers to come play with me!

Wren: I'm not a Scrabby Scrabber!

Bailey: No!? Well you look like one to me! Scrabby Scrabber I am certain!? Jelly toes and a welly nose?!

Wren: No way!

Bailey: Cactus bum and apple thumbs?!

Wren: No I haven't?!

Bailey: Donut biceps and coconut triceps?!

Wren: No!

Bailey: What have ya got then? Cheeky one!

Wren: Erm, er....lightening cheeks?!

Bailey: Woah!

Wren: And a cycling beak!

Bailey: Oh I say! Cycling beak how very...chic!

Wrens: And my knees are made of cheese!

Bailey: Woah! There's a pong on the breeze! Stop shaking those please?! You must be a Fibberty Beep!?

Wren: Yep!

Bailey: Nice to meet you, I'm loving your Jeep!

Wren: Thank you!

Bailey: What about you?! This is Scrabby Scrabber I remember now! Landed from space, check out that tan - alien glam! I know you love chase, fancy a race?!

Phoenix: No.

Bailey: What about flying?! Sliding and gliding?! Come have some fun, awesome one!

Phoenix: No.

Wren: I'd like to fly!

Bailey: Yeah! We can go soaring -

Phoenix: Boring...

Bailey: What about a song? We can all bop along?

Phoenix: This is silly.

Bailey: GREAT BIG GREEN HAM says yes you can!

Phoenix: What even is a Big Green Ham?

Wren: Yeah? What even is a Great Big Green Ham?

Bailey: Ok, ok, good question...are you ready? (*Singing and dancing*) Great Big Green Ham likes to jam, the dancing kind, not the conserve kind! Big Green Ham is a friendly kinda spam. I do the film flam, the mim cam, bit of jiggy, jiggy woo bam. I'm a funny kinda ham, I like playing games, I like funny names, I don't got no chains! Hipstock, clock drop, itty bitty, mitty moon pop. Pop! Pop! Pop! Pop! I'm a big green ham, I'm anything you wanna be man/mam! Now slide, that move, now slide, that groove...

Phoenix: This doesn't change anything...It's still...scary...

Wren: Is the big green ham scary?

Bailey: No...The Big Green Ham is a friendly kinda ham...

Bailey stops dancing.

Bailey: It's ok...we don't have to do this anymore, not if you don't want to...Silly anyway right...how about we all just snuggle instead? Come on...

Phoenix: I have something to tell you...

Bailey: Ok...

Phoenix: A big tell...Sometimes, do you get... the missings...?

Wren: What's the missings?

Phoenix: You know...the missings...like missing in your belly -

Wren: Are you hungry?

Phoenix: No! Do you ever get like you're missing...like inside, like everything is all get smashed and mashed together in your tummy...swirling and whirling right up to your belly button and whooshing all the way down again, like it's never gonna go away... You ever get that?

Bailey: Yeah. Yeah I do. All the time.

Phoenix: Really?

Bailey: Absolutely. And you know what? It's ok. It's completely a million, billion, zillion ok.

Wren: I get the missings too, is that ok?

Bailey: Of course...It's ok to be worried, scared maybe? But you know what, there's always something we can do, there is. And there's always snuggles...come here...

Phoenix: Nah...(Singing) Great Big Green Ham...you wanna jam!? Scrabby Scrabber is here to play! Jelly toes and a welly nose?! Cactus bum and apple thumbs?! Donut biceps and coconut triceps?!

Bailey: Let's slide and soar!

Wren: We're gonna rock the floor!

Bailey, Phoenix and Wren dance together and sing...

Phoenix: I'm Scrabby Scrabber I like to race and I like a chase. I may be from outer space, but there's nothing I like more than chilling with the human race. I'll eat plaice, lace, I'll even eat your pencil case! So Fibberty beep, over to you, where we gonna head now, take me too!

Wren: I'm Fibberty Beep and I'm real neat. I like a beat coz I've got five feet. My knees maybe cheese, but I'm begging please, let's go to the deep blue seas! My jeep is ready the music loud, come on everybody bring your crowd! Big Green Ham we coming real soon, so see you in the afternoon!

Bailey: Great Big Green Ham says welcome mans/mams! Big Green Ham likes to jam, the dancing kind, not the conserve mind! Big Green is a friendly kinda spam, I do the film flam, the mim cam, bit of jiggy, jiggy woo bam. I'm a funny kinda ham, I like playing games, I like funny names, I don't got no chains! Hipstock, clock drop, itty bitty, mitty moon pop. Pop! Pop! Pop! Popp! I'm a big green ham, I'm anything you wanna be man/mams!

All: Now slide, that move, now slide, that groove...Now slide, that move, now slide, that groove...Now slide, that move, now slide, that mighty groove, YEAH!

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