

ACT I Scene 1
OPENING SONG – ALL “LET’S ALL GO TO THE FAIR!”

(At end of song all exit to fair)

NARRATOR

Our story starts with Alice, reading beneath a tree, she closes her book with a thoughtful look and says...

ALICE

This is dull to me. And what is the use of a book without pictures or conversations?

In my world the books would be nothing but pictures. That’s it, Dinah! If I had a world of my own everything would be nonsense. Nothing would be what it is, because everything would be what it isn’t, and contrary wise what it is, it wouldn’t be and what it wouldn’t be it would...you see?

NARRATOR

Soon she closes her eyelids, falling asleep, dreaming her way to wonderland.

IN MY MIND

ALICE: (SINGS)

In my mind my life is free
No one there controlling me
I can do what I like
Climb a hill or ride a bike
By the Sea

In my mind I can escape
From the things in life I hate
I will search then instead
For the sights inside my head
and I’ll find my fate

ALICE: (SINGS)

With no-one to say what I can or can’t do
All the dreams that I have now are bound to come true.
See the world like a queen, with the squirrels I’ll converse.

(White Rabbit runs quickly by XSL to SR trying to find watch in jacket back and looking for rabbit hole)
(Spoken to Dinah) Was that a white rabbit that just ran by?

ALICE: (SINGS)

With all of this knowledge, what should I do first?

In my mind I’m sure to see
The adventure waiting me
I will learn yes I must
It’s myself that I should trust
Yes my mind is the key.

(XSR to SL White Rabbit runs past one last time panicky)

RABBIT

(Looking at watch) I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date. (Backtracks, looking around) Oh my, oh my, I'm late, I'm late.

ALICE

(to Dinah) How very curious! I've never before seen a rabbit who could speak or tell time. (To rabbit) Please wait! (Dinah follows Alice)

RABBIT

If I wait I'll be late! I'll be late if I wait! (Stops at rabbit hole turns and talks to Alice) No time to say hello, goodbye, I'm late, I'm late, I'm late.

(Alice follows the White Rabbit to the hole.)

ALICE

Where are you going?

RABBIT

Down this rabbit-hole!

ALICE

May I come with you?

RABBIT

It's a long fall. Does falling make you ill?

ALICE

I've never fallen down a rabbit-hole before, so I'm sure I wouldn't know.

RABBIT

(Exits thru the hole) The Queen will never forgive me. Oh my ears and whiskers. Oh my dear ears and whiskers.

ALICE

He's gone. Should I follow? I dare say it would make for a curious adventure. (to Dinah who shrugs) Are you sure I should follow? (MUSIC) Well, here goes...(Alice jumps into the rabbit hole)

(B.O. FLYING/SCENE CHANGE/EFFECTS)

(Alice dives into the hole as the music swells. LIGHTS change)
(Alice double starting top falling down w/scenery flying upwards)