

PART OF Act I Scene 5...

ALICE

You seem to be having some trouble and what a state you're in.

RABBIT

I just can't seem to unravel this mess. Can you tell me what time it is?

ALICE

(Looking at the Rabbit's watch) Well, I dare say, no wonder you're late. Why, how can anyone understand this watch? It seems to be running backwards! You should have someone to help you.

RABBIT

You're hired! Room and board, plus tea with jam and bread every other day.

ALICE

I don't want you to hire me – and I don't care for jam.

RABBIT

It's very good jam.

ALICE

Well, I don't want it at any rate. This is all so dreadfully confusing.

RABBIT

That's the effect of living backwards, it always makes one a little giddy at first.

BACKWARDS SONG

RABBIT:

(SINGS)

Is today tomorrow, or is yesterday today?
This has been my sorrow and my ultimate dismay
I set out to borrow, but I end up giving things away.

Ev'rything is backwards
Ev'rything I do
I never know if I'm coming or going away!
Ev'rything is backwards
What is false is true
I want to work but I can't 'cuz my work's always play
Life is backwards
I live it night to day.

Everything is backwards
Seasons are reversed
I go through life living summer, spring, winter, then fall!
Ev'rything is backwards
Endings all come first
Dwarfs are all big, and you guessed it, my giants are small
Life is backwards
I live it none to all

I grow up and then I'm born
I wake up nights and go to sleep in the morn
And though I may sound angry,
I'm really happy, which means I'm forlorn'

Everything is backwards
Years turn into days
I always know what has happened before it's begun
Everything is backwards
All my life's a maze
I try to walk, but of course, when I walk then I run
Life is backward
I live it old to young'

I grow up and then I'm born
I wake up nights and go to sleep in the morn
And though I may sound angry,
I'm really happy, which means I'm forlorn'

Everything is backwards
What a way to be
Feeling the pain long before you're delivered the blow'
Ev'rything is backwards
Life is agony'
Ask for sun and I'm sure to be standing in snow
Life is backwards
I live it fast to slow!!!