

MELLOW

PLAYERS	Poppysweet Daisychain, Mrs Daisychain, Grimeface Evilslime, Harvey Smiles, Officer Proudfoot, Master of Ceremonies (M.C), Audience
M.C	Ladies and Gentlemen, the show which you are about to see is a story of sorrow -
AUDIENCE	OHHHHH!
M.C	A story of evil -
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
M.C	A story of love and courage -
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
M.C	You will meet a lovely girl called Poppysweet Daisychain. (Poppysweet comes forward and curtsies).
AUDIENCE	OHHH!
M.C	You will meet an ugly villain called Grimeface Evilslime. (Grimeface comes forward twisting his moustache and snarling at the audience)
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
M.C	And you will meet a handsome hero called Harvey Smiles. (Harvey strides forward, smiling and bowing)
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
M.C	(Signalling for silence) The story begins in the home of Poppysweet and Mrs Daisychain, where something appears to be not only not quite right, but wrong. (Leaves stage)
MRS DAISY	(Crying) I don't know what to do, Poppysweet, my dear. We haven't any money left, and we can't pay the rent to Mr Evilslime.
AUDIENCE	OHHH!
POPPYSWEET	Don't worry Mama. I'm sure Harvey Smiles, my sweetheart, will help us. He has gone to try to find gold in the hills. I'm sure he will be back soon.
EVILSLIME	(bursting in on the scene): Aha! Mrs Daisychain, where is the money you owe me? (Gnashes his teeth)
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
MRS DAISY	(whimpering) I am sorry, Mr Evilslime, but I have no money.
EVEILSLIME	Then out you go into the street – the dirty, dirty street.
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
POPPYSWEET	Oh, Mr Evilslime... please, please don't throw us out into the dirty, dirty street! I'll do anything to save my mother from such shame.
EVILSLIME	(twirling moustache and grinning wickedly) Anything?
POPPYSWEET	Anything!
EVILSLIME	Absolutely anything? Then marry me, Poppysweet, and your mother shall live here and never be cast out into the dirty, dirty street.
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
POPPYSWEET	(to the audience) There is nothing else a poor defenceless girl can do! (begins to weep) Oh, how I wish Harvey Smiles, my brave, handsome hero, was here!
HARVEY SMILES	(bursting onto stage) Here I am to save you, Poppysweet, my love.
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
HARVEY SMILES	(holding up a bag) I have found gold in the hills. (Flings the bag at Evilslime) Take your money, Evilslime.....and begone!

AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
EVILSLIME	(pulling a pistol from his belt) I intend to take more than the money, Harvey Smiles!
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
M.C	(returning) See the wicked Evilslime point his pistol at Harvey, grab the money, take hold of Poppysweet, and drag her from the room.
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
HARVEY	(raising his hand to his eyes) That evil villain has taken my dear Poppysweet away in his carriage.
MRS DAISY	(crying) Oh, what shall we do? What shall we do?
HARVEY	Have no fear, Mrs Daisychain. I will rescue her!
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
MRS DAISY	You are so brave Harvey.
HARVEY	(smiling) Yes, I know. Now, Mrs Daisychain, find Officer Proudfoot, and tell him to meet me at Slime Hall within the hour.
M.C	The scene now changes to a room in Slime Hall, where the dreaded Evilslime is tying Poppysweet to a chair.
POPPYSWEET	Help! Help!
EVILSLIME	Do not scream, my little sweet. You will come to no harm. I will look after you.
POPPYSWEET	Oh, no, no!
EVILSLIME	Oh, yes, yes! (pulls the pistol from his belt again) Soon I will do away with Harvey Smiles, and then you and the gold will be mine.
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
HARVEY	(bursting into the room) Unhand that girl, Evilslime!
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
EVILSLIME	(swinging the pistol around to aim at Harvey) Prepare to meet your doom.
M.C	Watch Harvey Smiles, without fear or reason, launch himself at Evilslime, and try to wrench the pistol from him. Backward and forward they wrestle, until at last, Harvey dashes the pistol from Evilslime's hand, so that it hurtles across the floor.
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
OFFICER PROUDFOOT	(entering and picking up the pistol) You vicious, scheming, ungentlemanly days are over, Evilslime! Hold out your wrists while I put on the cuffs.
EVILSLIME	(gnashing his teeth) Curses! You may have beaten me today, but I will return!
AUDIENCE	BOOO!
PROUDFOOT	Enough! Off to the jail with you. (He marches Evilslime off stage at gunpoint)
HARVEY	(untying Poppysweet) At last you are safe!
POPPYSWEET	Only because you are so strong and brave, my dear Harvey.
HARVEY	I know – but such is the courage that the good and pure have when they fight evil.
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!
POPPYSWEET	You are so good, too, Harvey
HARVEY	I know, Poppy.
M.C	Now the two sweethearts leave the room and this play, to live happily ever after.
AUDIENCE	OHHH!
M.C	And Grimeface Evilslime languishes in the jail until he has paid for his crimes.
AUDIENCE	HOORAY!