

Mysterious Man
Jack
Little Red Ridinghood
Narrator

Underscore

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Cue: **MYSTERIOUS MAN** (holding sack of gold):
In need of another cow?

(Mysterious Man drops sack of gold; Baker turns around at the sound of the falling coin; Mysterious Man crows as Baker picks up money. Baker exits)

(Jack, carrying the hen and a golden egg, comes upon Little Red Ridinghood, who wears a cape made of wolfskin. She utters with a certain confidence and bravado)

Brightly (♩ = 138)

(CUE - END)

JACK: What a beautiful cape!
(Little Red Ridinghood snarves around with a knife.)

(CUE - END)

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD: Stay away from my cape or I'll slice you into a thousand bits!

JACK (Stepping back): I don't want it! I was just admiring it!

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD (Proud): My granny made it for me from a wolf that attacked us. And I got to skin the animal — and best of all, she gave me this beautiful knife for protection.

JACK (Competitive): Well, look what I have. A hen that lays golden eggs.

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD: I don't believe that egg came from that hen. Where did you get that egg?

JACK: I stole this from the kingdoms of the Giant — up there. And if you think this is something, you should see the golden harp the Giant has. It plays the most beautiful tunes without your even having to touch it.

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD (Longing for Jack): Of course it does. Why don't you go up to the kingdom right now and bring it back and show me?

JACK: I could.

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD: You could not!

JACK: I could!

LITTLE RED RIDINGHOOD: You could not. No. No! (Soluble a badly erst)

JACK: I am not a liar! I'll get the harp. You'll see. (Exit)

(Narrator enters)

NARRATOR: After having cast out Rapunzel to a remote desert, the Witch returned to take the Prince by surprise. And as he leapt from the tower — the thorns into which he fell pierced his eyes and blinded him.

(Rapunzel's Prince enters and slowly starts the forest, whispers. He exits)

Adagio (♩ = 126)

(CUE - END)

SEGUE