

Readers' Theater (Turning Reading into Acting)
Tales of Imagination
Calvin Joins the Stretch-A-Book Club

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CHARACTERS:

Calvin and his Shadow

Mrs. Knowly

Stretch-e-Robot

Flower Green

Fairy Godmother

Honeybee, played by Calvin

Flowerettes

Rosie Rosa

Sally Sunflower

CALVIN AND HIS SHADOW

(Calvin Skips and Sings with
his shadow, attached papercut
shadow)

Ah ha ha, Oh ho ho, sunny day or
dull,

Copycat, copycat, copycat, copycat,
you're original.

Ah ha ha, Oh ho ho, oh so happily,
Ever-ever-happily be.

Ever so happily, happily,
happily...

we'll ever afterly be.
((Phone rings))

CALVIN:

Oh, Shadow, it's a text message from Mrs. Knowly at the library. She says it's time for a Stretch-A-Book Club meeting. She just got an email from Stretch-e-Robot. With all the activities to stretch this month's book selection. My favorite activity is turning reading into acting.

SHADOW (WHISPERS)

Will you be back before the sun goes down?

CALVIN:

Don't worry, I'll be back before the sun goes down.

LIBRARY

CALVIN:

Hi Mrs. Knowly. I can't wait to meet my new friends.

MRS. KNOWLY:

Hi Calvin. First, I'd like you to meet Stretch-e-Robot. He promises a smile of self esteem to every kid who stretches a book with him. Call him Stretch-e or Stretch-e-Rebot. Take your pick. The e is the trick. Click his keys to download your eeeeeActivities. Listen.

STRETCH-e-ROBOT (see illustration and mp3 audio of Stretch-e on www.images-press.com, listen to mp3 recording or have a kid from the cast with t-shirt with cut out of computer keyboard attached, lip sync or not)

I'm Stretch-e-Robot. Stretch-e is my name and reading is my game. I'm a pal to tots and tweens. Start with a book and before you end with a bow or two, I'm your pal of fun in between.

(optional) Look at the eCalendar for your daily cue...
 *read-a-longs to read by... *songs to sing and dance by...
 *crafts and games & activities to learn by... *readers' theater to perform by... *A fun way to build self-esteem by...

Kids need a Reading Pal. That's me, Stretch-e!

CALVIN:

It's great to meet you Stretch-e.

MRS. KNOWLY:

I downloaded the script of Flower Green so you can turn reading into acting.

CALVIN:

A green flower. Cool.

MRS. KNOWLY:

Well, not exactly, but you still have to use your imagination.

CHARACTERS

((RUN IN wearing hats or head bands with character names)

Hi Mrs. Knowly. (all together)

MRS. KNOWLY:

Welcome to StretchABookClub! Calvin, I'd like you to meet our guests from the Garden of the Dancing Flowers. You might like to know that Flower Green sprouted up from a seed in the garden of the Dancing Flowers. Let's act out the dialogues between Flower Green and Fairy Godmother and some of the other characters.

FAIRY GODMOTHER:

Flower Green, it's time for you to think of your future. It's time for you to have a pair of magic slippers. And I can't resist giving you a bag of magic coins...and some magic crayons. After all, you are my favorite sprout and I have great plans for you.

FLOWER GREEN:

Oh, thank you, Fairy Godmother. I have always dreamed of becoming a Garden Performer. Thank you for the magic slippers and the bag of magic coins and the magic crayons.

MRS. KNOWLY:

I like the way you looked up when you were reading. I like the way you were looking at Fairy Godmother.

HONEYBEE: (CALVIN, WITH HONEYBEE HEADBAND)

Buzz. Buzz. Lucky me, I was buzzing around with a little view of my own. As Flower Green was growing up, flowers sprouted from everywhere to watch her perform.

FLOWER GREEN:

I love to dance in the dewdrops. It is so refreshing. I pretend that I am a Flowerette with my own chorus line of flowers dancing in my shadow.

HONEYBEE: (CALVIN)

As Flower Green was dancing in one of the dewdrops, her magic crayons created the Flowerettes of her dreams...in another dewdrop... and another. But the dewdrops melted before the crayons could rub in the colors of the rainbow.

MRS. KNOWLY:

I like the way you read...in another dewdrop... and another. And you added a little sadness and suspense, too.

FLOWER GREEN:

I know what I'll do. I'll have a party and invite my friends to bring their Fragrances and Rainbow of colors to share.

MRS. KNOWLY:

Time passes. Let's share a scene at the nectar party. A shower of colors and fragrances is spilling into the garden.

FLOWERETTES:

(together, wearing headbands
or hats of colors of the
rainbow))

Look at us. All sprinkled with fragrances and the colors of the rainbow.

SALLY SUNFLOWER:

Rosie, you sprayed the most fragrance just like you promised.

ROSIE ROSA:

From now on, rosie Flowerettes will be my specialty. Sally Sunflower, you flashed the sunniest smile.

SALLY SUNFLOWER:

The Flowerettes made me feel like smiling.

MRS. KNOWLY:

Sally, I can feel the smile in your voice. I like the way you turned reading into acting.

FLOWERS: (TOGETHER)

Thank you for a great party. It's time to go back to the Garden of the Dancing Flowers.

(Flowerettes and Sally and
Rosie skip off the stage hand
in hand))

FLOWER GREEN (CALLS TO HER FRIENDS)

Take home your uniqueness but share and blend with others, for that is the magic of life.

CALVIN:

Did you catch the Flowerettes beaming the whole spectrum of light?!

FLOWER GREEN:

I can hardly wait for the new sprouts to spring up in the Garden of the World.

(Song. see mp3 on www.images-press.com Flower Green reminisces about her party)

Flower Flower, Flower Green.

(CONTINUED)

I was once a party Queen...in my dream.

I was a seed. I was a sprout.

The sun smiled down on me, and I grew up.

It was a wonderful dream...a potluck affair.

My friends were all there, with fragrance and colors to share.

What a surprise...a rainbow of dancers dazzling my eyes in my garden of the world.

We danced and we danced.

We twirled and twirled for hours and hours

in The Garden of the Dancing Flowers!

Flower Flower, Flower Green,

Flower Green, the Party Queen.

I had a great time at my party in the Garden of the Dancing Flowers. The dancers of the rainbow really dazzled my eyes. What would YOU think of having a fairy godmother?

CALVIN:

It COULD happen... IN YOUR IMAGINATION!

FLOWER GREEN: (RUNS OFF)

I've got to run. The new sprouts will be waiting for me.

CALVIN:

OK, it could happen in MY imagination, too. Hey, I love the Stretch-a-Book Club. It's fun to make new friends.

MRS. KNOWLY:

I'll send you a text when Stretch-e Robot emails me again.

CALVIN: (WAVES TO STRETCH-E)

See you later, Stretch-e. Turning reading into acting is fun. I've got to get back to my shadow before the sun goes down.

(Calvin runs out and finds his shadow.)

(Calvin Skips and Sings with his shadow, attached papercut shadow)

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CHOREOGRAPHY (optional) Flower Green's Song See
www.images-press.com CD page, Dialogue & lyrics

In my dream, I was a seed. (feet are in First Position, head is bowed, arms criss-crossed on chest with hands on shoulders)

I was once a party Queen. (arms slowly go up, out, up, and circle around head)

Flower, Flower, Flower Green. (with arms still up surrounding head, head tilts right, then left)

I was once a party Queen... (tilt right and left again)

in my dream, I was a seed. (quickly bow head and criss-cross arms on chest again)

I was a sprout. (on "sprout", lift head and smile)

The sun smiled down on me, (with arms still criss-crossed on chest, closeeyes, look up and smile, as if the sun is shining down warmly on your face)

and I grew up. (deep knee bend on "I grew..." from First Position, and then tip-toe on "up", arms immediately go up, encircling head)

It was a wonderful dream... (put hands, palms down, under chin)

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a potluck affair. (right hand extends right...)

My friends were all there, (left arm extends left, both arms are extended out at the sides)

with fragrance and colors to share. (Slowly bring arms in as if to hug yourself)

What a surprise...a rainbow of dancers (With both arms/hands together, slowly make a rainbow motion over head from left to right)

dazzling my eyes (make a 'finger mask" to encircle eyes, remaining fingers extended, tilt head back and forth, left and right, 4 times)

in my garden of the world. We danced and we danced. (Twirl a full circle right...)

We twirled and we twirled (Twirl a full circle left...) for hours and hours (On tip-toes, in Second Position, with arms up above, encircling head--have the arms float slowly down to the chest, where they criss-cross again on the chest)

in the garden of dancing flowers! (Bow head, as in the beginning)

Flower, Flower, Flower Green, (on tip toes, still in Second Position, slowly unfold arms, extend up, over head...)

Flower Green the party Queen! (...arms slowly float down each side, as if petals opening a flower. Tip toes go down, legs/feet end in Second Position, then stop, as if an open flower.)