

Stageplay
Calvin's Adventures in the Stretch-A-Book Club
A Party at the Library

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Cast of Characters

:	Calvin's Adventures at the Stretch-A-Book Club, A Party
:	Calvin
<u>Calvin's role:</u>	Allie Alfie
<u>librarian:</u>	Mrs. Knowly
<u>Mrs. Knowly's role:</u>	Miss Muffin
:	Stretch-e-Robot
:	Alice Ann
:	Uncle Spurge
:	Miss Henny Penny
<u>cat personified:</u>	Annabelle
<u>dog personified:</u>	Abner
<u>Flower personified:</u>	Daisy
:	Houseboater
<u>Gull personified:</u>	Gilly
<u>voices on the phone:</u>	Mom and Dad

Scene

Calvin & Shadow spot, Library, offsite Alice Ann and Uncle Spurge (spot or video projection, or voices only)

Time

party time

ACT I

Scene 1

(Calvin is playing with his shadow.
Skipping and singing or humming.)

(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 receives a text on his iPhone, from Mrs.
Knowly.)*

CALVIN:

Oh, Shadow, it's a text from Mrs. Knowly.

Stretch-a-Book Club calling. There's a party at the
library. Right now.

((Calvin texts back)

On my way!

SHADOW (WHISPERS):

Will you be back before the sun goes down?

CALVIN:

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

*((his shadow gives him a hug and Calvin
hurries to the library.))*

LIBRARY

CALVIN:

Hi Mrs. Knowly. What's up?

MRS. KNOWLY:

Hi Calvin. Can you help with the party? Tom Techie is
off on Saturdays. Please check email and see if there's
anything from Stretch-e-Robot. At least some songs to
download.

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CALVIN: (GOES TO THE COMPUTER)
Here's something from Stretch-e.

STRETCH-E-ROBOT:
Welcome! Your party will be on track with party pak.

Download your script of Liberty Cafe.

Turn reading into acting, make a play.

Download Miss Muffin's songs,

All the characters join in when the bell Ding dongs.

CALVIN:
Oh, Thanks for the party pak, Stretch-e. Hey, Mrs.
Knowly, you got your song(s).

PARTY GUESTS:

(Kids rush in, all together)
Hello, we're here for Alice Ann's party.

MISS HENNY PENNY:
Alice Ann's Mother called Liberty Café. She said the
party's at the library.

ANNABELLE
We have a message for Mrs. Knowly.

MRS. KNOWLY:
I'm Mrs. Knowly, the librarian.

CALVIN:
And I'm Calvin.

ABNER:
Uncle Spurge is bringing Alice Ann to the library for a
party.

GILLY:
It's a surprise.

HOUSEBOATER:
Alice Ann's family just moved here from another city.

DAISY:
Then a new baby arrived.

MISS HENNY PENNY:
And with the holiday, Alice Ann's birthday was squeezed
to the bottom of the family memo board.

HOUSEBOATER:

But Alice Ann got an invitation from Uncle Spurge for an overnight on his houseboat.

MISS HENNY PENNY

And breakfast at Liberty Cafe'...

ANNABELLE:

...but Uncle Spurge is bringing Alice Ann to the library first for the party so we snuck out and left a sign of "lunch" specials.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

There's a cake special, too.

GILLY:

There's a hole in the cake.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

There was a hole in the cake.

Now the cake has a halo.

GILLY:

Whipped cream and strawberries.

CALVIN:

Angel cake?

ANNABELLE:

For twin angels.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

Shh!

ABNER:

I bet Alice Ann will choose Penny pancakes for lunch.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

You know, it's all in the beat.

ABNER:

What do you mean?

MISS HENNY PENNY:

The beat of the batter. You know...the stirring and dropping and flipping...

ABNER:

The beat's in the bite!

CALVIN:

Ha! Funny Punny Penny Pancakes

I'd try Liberty Waffles.

Start with a bottom. Then pop-um, and top-um, and eat-um.

MRS. KNOWLY:

Yum yum!

GILLY:

What about Gilly's Granola Goblet?

DAISY:

A bowl on a stem?

ABNER:

Goblet-dy gook.

GILLY:

OK, hold the clams.

ABNER:

Goblet-y fruit?

DAISY:

The cherry on the top gets my smile.

ABNER:

A smiling sundae?

ANNABELLE:

I'd go with a Liberty Smoothie.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

It's in the blending.

DAISY:

It's in the straw.

CALVIN:

Ive got one. It's in the slurp.

ANNABELLE:

Meow. It's in the lick.

HOUSEBOATER:

What about Liberty Oatmeal. Spurge says, a spoonful of sugar makes the oatmeal go down.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

I tell Uncle Spurge, brown sugar makes a brown sugar crown and Uncle Spurge says, a crown of brown sugar please.

ANNABELLE:

I get the last lick!

HOUSEBOATER:

I bet Uncle Spurge will go with Pie in the Sky.

CALVIN:

Do you mean Liberty Pie?

MISS HENNY PENNY:

Eggs USA.

CALVIN:

Hey. I want my eggs on tortilla chips.

HOUSEBOATER:

Eggs UFO.

CALVIN:

yummy Flying Object.

MRS. KNOWLY:

You're getting long winded with the specials, and you're making me hungry.

Take a breath. Slow down. This is an awfully long message.

DAISY:

We just thought we should tell you why Alice Ann thinks all the doors of her life are closing.

MRS. KNOWLY:

Of course! Now a new door is opening for Alice Ann.

ABNER:

And Uncle Spurge is her lucky star guiding her through the new door.

ANNABELLE:

It's like Uncle Spurge waves his magic wand and all Alice Ann has to do is reach out for her lucky star.

MRS. KNOWLY:

It really is as simple as accepting the invitation.

Sometimes opening a new door is that simple. But it's not always obvious. For Alice Ann, accepting the invitation was a smart choice.

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CALVIN:

And a door to a new adventure opens!

MRS. KNOWLY:

You play a part in opening your new door.

HOUSEBOATER:

I'd go for a party and lunch at Liberty Cafe' any time.

GILLY:

They are late!

MRS. KNOWLY:

It's okay. We can get started. Calvin, will you be Alice Ann's big brother, Allie Alfie?

CALVIN:

You mean twin angel? Okay, I'm big brother...by three minutes. I can hardly wait to surprise Alice Ann.

CALVIN:

Mrs. Knowly, will you pleasssss be Miss Muffin?

MRS. KNOWLY:

But I'm so plain.

CALVIN:

We'll dress you up while we're waiting for Alice Ann. You need some toppings.

MISS MUFFIN:

OK! Let's practice.

(MUFFIN: (song)

I'm Muffin, Miss Muffin, Miss Muffin is my name.
And-par-ties-are my...gammme...

'cause I'm a party prop.

I'm a prop from a bak'ry shop.

Oh please...make me ov-er.

I need some...dis-guis-in'...and ac-ces-so...riz-in'.

Al-a...ka-zam-ka...zam...squirt whipped cream...and a dab of jammm.

Add the top...a round red knot...

I see you smile...now I'm dressed-up in style...

With my cher-ry...my top knot...

(MORE)

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MISS MUFFIN: (cont'd)

I'm top notch. I'll...be your party prop.

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MUFFIN SPEAK:

I like my top knot! I was the plainest prop in the bakery shop. I dreamed of being chosen for a party. Thank you for choosing me so that my wishes could come true. And...here's to your wishes, too.

CALVIN:

You're top notch!

MUFFIN:

Remember, muffins like to be top notch, like you!

MISS HENNY PENNY: (RINGS BELL)

Ding dong, ding dong.

SPOT: (outside the library)

ALICE ANN:

S-t-r-e-t-ch-Y-a-w-n! What should I wear?

S-t-r-e-t-ch...p-u-l-l!

ANNABELLE, THE CAT:

Meow...where is Alice Ann?

SPOT:

ALICE ANN:

Uncle Spurge, are you asleep?

DAISY:

Hello. Is Alice Ann coming?

ANNABELLE, THE CAT:

Meow... where is Alice Ann?

SPOT:

ALICE ANN: (PULLS UP THE SHADE TO LET IN THE SUN)

Uncle Spurge, wake up! Wake up!

ABNER, THE DOG:

Woof, woof, Where is Alice Ann?

DAISY:

Hello. Is Alice Ann coming?

ANNABELLE, THE CAT:
Meow... where is Alice Ann?

SPOT:

ALICE ANN:
Rat-a-tat-tat! (drum sticks, etc. making noise)

MISS HENNY PENNY:
Hi. I made muffins! What happened to Alice Ann?

ABNER, THE DOG:
Woof, woof, Where is Alice Ann?

DAISY:
Hello. Is Alice Ann coming?

ANNABELLE, THE CAT:
Meow... where is Alice Ann?

SPOT:

ALICE ANN:
Swish-swoosh! (swooshes water through the window from
the garden hose)
((Uncle Spurge finally stops pretending
to be asleep, thinking the party is
ready and it is time to get to the
Library.)
Uncle Spurge, you're awake!

HOUSEBOATER:
Muffins are ready to decorate. Did Alice Ann oversleep?

MISS HENNY PENNY:
Hi. I made muffins! What happened to Alice Ann?

ABNER, THE DOG:
Woof, woof, Where is Alice Ann?

DAISY:
Hello. Is Alice Ann coming?

ANNABELLE, THE CAT:
Meow... where is Alice Ann?

SPOT:

ALICE ANN:
Uncle Spurge, I'll race you to Liberty Cafe!

UNCLE SPURGE:

First stop is straight ahead at the library. I want you to meet Mrs. Knowly.

GILLY, THE GULL: (CALLS)

Alice Ann! Alice Ann is coming!

SPOT:

ALICE ANN:

I'm winning!

GILLY, THE GULL:

It's Alice Ann!

ALL TOGETHER:

Shh! Shh! It's Alice Ann.

ALICE ANN AND UNCLE SPURGE:

(enter, Uncle Spurge has his banjo)
Good Morning. Mrs. Knowly?

ALLIE ALFIE: (JUMPS OUT)

Surprise! Happy Birthday, Alice Ann!

ALL:

Happy Birthday, Alice Ann!
(Set the party in motion!)

EVERYONE! (TAP AND CLAP ALONG.)

MISS MUFFIN: (SONG)

Cupcakes & muffins...all start out as somethin'.

MISS HENNY PENNY:

Problem is they always look so plain.

MISS MUFFIN:

And that's why I'm here. Can I get a cheer?

I'm Muffin. Miss Muffin is my name!

I need some style. I need pizzazz.

I need a little bit of color razzmatazz. (accessories)

And yes, some...sprinkles...

ANNABELLE:

They'll help a lot.

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MISS MUFFIN:

But I'm not done until there's something on my top.

ABNER:

Hmmmmmmmm...What could that be?

GILLY:

How about some frosting?

DAISY:

Maybe some rainbow sprinkles?

HOUSEBOATER:

Who likes chocolates?

DAISY:

How about some candy?

MISS MUFFIN:

What do you think, kids? Can we make a party?

Accessorize, maximize, surrrrrrrrrrrprise me!

((accessories: furry whipped
cream-looking collar/boa etc. sparkley
jacket or t-shirt, red hat/baret/ribbon)

I know you'll smile when I'm dressed up in style.

Come on now. Help me look top notch.

And while we're at it... Let's sing a little Miss
Muffin style birthday song,

Everybody knows the song, right?

Here we go...

Happy Birthday to you.

Happy Birthday to you.

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday,

Happy Birthday to you!

ALICE ANN:

Yippee! Wishes can come true! (calls mom and dad on
cell phone)

MOM AND DAD:

Happy birthday Alice Ann! Happy Birthday Allie Alfie.

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ALICE ANN:

Can I come to Uncle Spurge's for my birthday again next year?

MOM AND DAD:

Remember wishes can come true.

ALLIE ALFIE:

A twin birthday is cool!

MISS MUFFIN:

You've been a sensation at using your imagination. You're all top notch. Now take a bow or two. Thank you for choosing me so that my wishes could come true. And...here's to your wishes, too. Remember, muffins like to be top notch, like you!

CALVIN:

Mrs. Knowly, you're a great party prop. I love Miss Muffin.

ALICE ANN:

It was the most fun helping Miss Muffin be top notch and discovering I'm top notch, too.

CALVIN:

It has been a great party. I like my new friends. But, I promised my shadow I'd get back before the sun goes down.

ALL:

Bye Calvin.

((They all wave good bye, and leave for Liberty Cafe...scene shifts)

Shadow song: Calvin meets his shadow and they skip and play and sing.

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.