

Dick Whittington Audition Piece 1

(There are two sections to this audition, please prepare BOTH parts. Part 1 is where the first character we see is Dick.)

Dick Hiya everybody! Well I've done it, I've left my home in Gloucester and I'm on my way to London, am I there yet? Oh I'm sorry, we haven't been introduced have we? My name's Richard Whittington but most people call me Dick. Everyone say 'Hello Dick!' I'm off to London to seek my fame and fortune; they say the streets there are paved with gold! I hope so 'cos I've eaten all my sandwiches and I'm nearly out of pants. And to be perfectly honest, I'm ready to give up and go home...

(SFX: Fairy spell. Fairy appears SR.)

Fairy Hello Dick! Hello boys and girls!

Dick Oh hello, who are you?

Fairy I'm Fairy Bow Bells. Let not your heart be troubled...

Dick Pardon?

Fairy That means don't be sad; I am here to help in your hour of need.

Dick Oh I'm in need alright, of sandwiches. Have you got any?

Fairy No.

Dick How about pants?

Fairy No Dick, you can think bigger than that...

Dick *(Doubtful,)* Big pants?

Fairy This is going to be tougher than I thought. Now, do not be downhearted; keep on your journey and you will fulfil your destiny. But London is a busy place, with good people and bad people. So to help you choose your way, I am sending you on with a magical friend...

Dick Oh I could do with company, I've been pretty lonely since I left home...

Fairy Help me call him boys and girls, on the count of three, everyone shout 'Tommy'. 1, 2, 3, Tommy!

(SFX: Spell. Tommy appears SR.)

Dick What's that?

Fairy This is Tommy, your new companion.

- Dick** A cat? *(Tommy looks hurt.)* Oh I'm sorry to be rude, I didn't know this new friend would be a cat that's all. You will still be my friend won't you?
- Tommy** *(Nods and nuzzles.)*
- Fairy** Very good. Then you two must haste to London, your adventure awaits! And trust in Tommy, he'll bring you good fortune that's for sure.
- Dick** Oh I will, see you later everybody. Come on Tommy!
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(In Part 2, Dick is reflecting on what a great 1st day he's had since arriving in London.)

- Dick** You see that Alice? This is just the beginning. Now I've got a job; if I can work hard and earn lots of money, then one day I'll be rich enough to find a girl, get married and have a family.
- Alice** Wow, that's a pretty big dream for a young lad like you.
- Dick** I know, but if you believe in yourself and work for your dreams, anything is possible. And I'm a pretty romantic person at heart.
- Alice** So am I. And this girl – the one you're going to marry – do you know what she'll be like?
- Dick** Oh yes. She'll be pretty of course - and very kind. And she'd have to be clever; someone who I could talk to and share my life with. *(Gazing into her eyes,)* Someone, you know, like...you.
- Alice** Oh Dick! *(She turns away bashful,)* Then if we're sharing hopes and dreams, would you like me to tell you mine?
- Dick** Yes please.
- Alice** Well, I was hoping that one day I might meet a boy, just like you.
- Dick** You were?
- Alice** Yes. In fact, I have met that boy just like you
- Dick** *(Crestfallen,)* Oh.
- Alice** Yes. He's about your age - and your height. He's so kind and caring and... *(Dick is looking sad.)* You know it's you I'm talking about, right?
- Dick** Oh, *(realises.)* Oh!
- Alice** I like you, I like you very much.
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Dick You do? Well that's a coincidence 'cos I like you too.

Alice Oh Dick...

Dick Oh Alice...