

## The World Is Round

### **PRE SHOW ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CHORUS MEMBER**

#### Intro

#### **Chorus**

Once upon a time, the world was round. And you could go on it, around and around. Everywhere there was somewhere, that's the way it was.

I tell you at this time, the world is round. And you could go on it, around and around. Everywhere there was somewhere. And everywhere, there were men (men), women (women), children (children), dogs (dogs), cows (cows), pigs (pigs), rabbit (rabbits), cats (cats), lizards (lizards), and animals (animals), and children (children). And everyone, dogs (dogs), cats (cats), sheep (sheep), rabbits (rabbits), lizards (lizards), and children (children). all wanted to tell everybody all about it. And then there was Rose.

#### **Rose**

I am a little girl, my name is Rose. Why am I a little girl? Why is my name Rose?  
(repeat)

#### **Chorus**

And would she have been Rose if she had not, been Rose. And if she had been Rose would she have been, a twin. And if she had been Rose would she have not, been Rose. She use to think and then she use to think, again. A Rose, is a Rose. (repeat)

### Scene 2: Mr. Rogers

#### **Deirdre**

And singing that made her so sad she began to cry.

And when she cried, Love the dog cried.

#### **Sophie**

Rose had two dogs, a big white one called Love and a little black one called Pepe.

#### **Deirdre**

He lifted up his head and looked up at the sky and he began to cry and he and Rose and Rose and he cried and cried and cried until she stopped and at last her eyes were dried.

**DANIEL**

And all this time the world just continued to be round. Rose was her name all the same and her father's name was Bob and her Mother's name was Kate and her uncle's name was William and her aunt's name was Gloria. They all had names and her name was Rose.

**CARLY**

They all had names and her name was Rose, but would she have been.

**SOPHIE**

She used to cry about it.

**CARLY**

Would she have been Rose is her name had not been Rose. Love drank his water and as he drank, it just goes like that.

**JENNA**

Like a song. Like a nice song.

**CARLY**

And while he was doing that Rose sang her song. This was her song.

**ROSE**

(singing) I am a little girl, my name is Rose. Why am I a little girl? Why is my name Rose?

**JENNA**

And as she sang this song and she sang it while Love did his drinking.

**SOPHIE**

Rose had a cousin named Willie. And once...

**CHORUS**

(singing) He almost drowned.

**SOPHIE**

Twice...

**CHORUS**

(singing) He was almost drowned.

**SOPHIE**

Each time was very exciting.

**CHORUS**

(singing) The world is round. The moon is round. The lake is round. And he almost drowned.

**WILLIE**

(singing) My name is Willie, I am not like Rose. My name would be Willie, whatever arose. (repeat)

**CHORUS**

(singing) Drowning. Forgetting. Remembering. I am thinking. (repeat)

**SOPHIE**

And once he was almost drowned. (repeat)

**DEIRDRE**

Twice, he was almost drowned. (repeat)

**CARLY**

That was very exciting. (repeat)

**JENNA**

Each time was very exciting. (repeat)

**DANIEL**

The world was round, and there was a lake on it, and the lake was round. Willi went swimming in the lake.

**Scene 2: Pee-Wee**

**CARLY**

Rose did not care about the moon, she liked stars. Once someone told her that they stars were round and she wishes they had not told her that.

**DANIEL**

Ready to assist you Pee Wee! Her dog Love did not care about the moon either and he did not care about the stars. The secret word of the day is Little

PeeWee shows the audience "Little"

**Love**

That excited Love and even made him bark.

SOPHIE

Well once they were out in the evening in an automobile, Rose and Love and the lights of the automobile were alight so who could listen to the bright moon-light.

Love

Not Rose nor love not the Rabbit not they

DEIRDRE

Oh hi Pee Wee. It was a little rabbit. And there he was right in front and in the light and it looked as if he meant it but he really could not help it, not he not the little rabbit.

DANIEL

Bob, Rose's rather was driving and he stopped but that did not help the rabbit. Light is bright and what is bright will confuse a rabbit.

Love

So the little Rabbit danced from one light to the other.

DEIRDRE

And then Bob the father said let out love perhaps he will help the rabbit to run away.

SOPHIE

So they let out the white dog Love and he went up to say how do you do to the rabbit.

Love:

That is the way Love was, he always went up to say how do you do.

CARLY

And when he said how do you do to the rabbit the little rabbit forgot all about light being bright.

DANIEL

He just left that light and Love the dog was disappointed because the little rabbit had not said how do you do back again.

SOPHIE

It was a lovely night and Love came back into the car and Bob the father drove on home and of course Rose sang as the rabbit ran and her song began.

ROSE

(singing) I am a little girl, my name is Rose. Why am I a little girl? Why is my name Rose?

SOPHIE

And Rose burst into tears. She did then she burst into tears.

CARLY

Rose was funny that way.

DEIRDRE

There at the school were other girls and Rose did not have quite as much time to sing and cry.

CARLY

The teachers taught her that the world was round that the sun was round that the moon was round that the stars were round and that they were all going around and around and not a sound. It was so sad it almost made her cry but then she did not believe it.

### **Scene 3: Harold**

WILLIE

It is not easy to give a lion away.

LION

What did you say?

WILLIE

I said it is not easy to give a lion away.

LION

There is a Lion and its name is Lion and Lion  
Lion is its name.

SOPHIE

Rose began to cry. Just try. Not to make Rose  
cry. Just try.

CARLY

That is what Willie said to the lion when he  
gave Rose the lion.

SOPHIE

His lion. Oh yes his lion.

DEIRDRE

Well there was more to it than that. When Rose  
knew about a lion his lion Willie's lion she  
remembered her dog Love.

SOPHIE

He was clipped like a lion but it was not  
that. It was when Love was only three months  
old and had never seen a Lion.

DEIRDRE

Love was not a barker and when he was three  
months old he never had barked.  
They began to be worried lest he could not  
bark, like children who will not talk. Well  
anyway.

ROSE

(singing) I am a little girl. My name is Rose.  
Why am I a little girl? Why is my name Rose?

SOPHIE

Rose began to cry.

ROSE

I knew

DEIRDRE

She said

ROSE

I knew I would sing.  
And this is everything.  
I wish

DEIRDRE

She said

ROSE

I wish I knew  
Why wild animals are wild?  
Why are they wild?  
Why are they wild why why?

SOPHIE

And once more Rose began to cry.

DEIRDRE

Love was asleep he knew he could bark,  
So why stay awake to hear Rose cry and sing  
And sing and cry. Why.

CARLY

And then later on when Love saw a wild animal  
he sometimes did anybody sometimes did, he

did not bark he just turned his head away as much as to say, I did once but not again, wild animals are not interesting.

DEIRDRE

Love mostly barked in his sleep.  
He dreamed.

SOPHIE

And when he dreamed, he made a strangled bark,  
Like anybody dreaming.

ROSE

Rose was thinking all about everything when she heard that her cousin Willie had a lion.

(cue 155)

#### **Scene 4: Mary Poppins**

DEIRDRE

Just shaking the rain off. (singing) If the world is round would a lion fall off.  
(repeat)

ROSE

Rose certainly made a noise when no one was found

CARLY

Rose oh Rose look down at the ground  
And what do you see

ROSE

You see that the world is not round.

JENNA

That is what Rose said when she knew that it



was true that a lion is not blue

ROSE

Of course she knew that a lion is not blue  
but blue is her favorite color.

SOPHIE

Her name is Rose and blue is her favorite  
color. But of course a lion is not blue.

ROSE

Rose knew that of course a lion is not blue  
but blue was her favorite color.

### **Scene 5: Willie & Rose**

Willie

Once upon a time Willie was always there of  
course

Rose

He was

Willie

That was where Willie was and the lion,

Rose

He had almost forgotten that there had been  
a lion.

Willie

And he had almost forgotten that it had a  
name.

Rose

When mountains are really true they are blue.

Willie

(singing) My name is Willie, I am not like  
Rose. My name would be Willie, whatever  
arose. (repeat)

No said Willie.

### **Scene 6: Cinderella**

DEIRDRE

Rose knew they were blue and blue was her  
favorite color. She knew they were blue and  
they were far away or near just as the rain  
came or went away. The rain came or the rain  
went away any day.

CARLY

Rose would say when every day she came that  
way. Rose was at school there.

ROSE

Listen. Mountains are high, up there is a  
sky, rain is near, mountains are clear  
mountains are blue that is true and one  
mountain two mountains three mountains or  
four when there are mountains there always  
are more. Even from the door.  
There the mountains were and they were blue,  
oh dear blue blue just blue, dear blue sweet  
blue yes blue.

LION

And then Rose began to think. It was funny  
about Rose she always could just begin to  
think. She would say to her father Bob:

ROSE

I am talking on the phone; Father I have a  
complaint to make, my dog Love does not come  
when I call.  
(cue 195)

LION

Rose was always thinking.

ROSE

It is easy to think when your name is Rose.

SOPHIE

Rose would get all round thinking

DEIRDRE

her eyes

DANIEL

her head

deirde

her mouth

JENNA

her hands,

SOPHIE

she would get all round while she was  
thinking and then to relieve her hearing

CARLY

her thinking

SOPHIE

she would sing. She sang a song of the mountain. She sang,

ROSE

Dear mountain tall mountain real mountain  
blue mountain yes mountain high mountain all  
mountain my mountain, I will with my chair  
come climbing and once there mountain once  
there I will be thinking, (singing) mountain  
so high, who cares for the sky yes mountain  
no mountain yes I will be there.

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CARLY

Tears came to her eyes.

ROSE

Yes mountain she said yes I will be there.  
The first thing about which Rose had to make  
up her mind was what kind of a chair would  
she want way up there. She might take a camp  
stool that would be easiest to carry but that  
would not look very well up there. She would  
want one that would look well way up there  
and that would be comfortable to sit in  
because she would be sitting a long time once  
she really did get all the way up there and  
it would have to be one that the rain would  
not harm because clouds are rain and surely  
there would be clouds up there.

LION

No matter how many things Rose thought about  
there would always be some way it could be  
done better

ROSE

As Rose thought of this she began to feel  
very funny she just naturally did begin to

feel very very funny. Do you suppose that  
Rose is a rose If her favorite color is blue.  
And now she had to make up her mind what to  
do. It was a long way to go And so From  
morning to evening she did not get there.

### SOUND OF MUSIC

CHORUS

(singing) So Rose

CARLY

left early so no one saw her and her chair  
she held before her and the mountain was high

CHORUS

(singing) and so

SOPHIE

was the sky and the world was round and was  
all ground and she began to go, even so it  
was a very long way to go

CHORUS

(singing) even if

JENNA

a mountain does not grow even so, climb a  
mountain and you will know even if there is  
no snow.

CHORUS

Rose said

DEIRDRE

As she was going, nobody does like to go,  
nobody does say no and so Rose did go.

DANIEL

(As she) Began to go it was early morning you know, the birds began to stir and then she heard some birds making funny screams as they flew. She is climbing the mountain a chair in her arms, and always around her she is full of alarms.

ROSE

Oh no. Well shall I go?

*A bit between Rose and Willie*

Oh Willie.

I wish I was not dead said Rose, but if I am I will have torn my clothes, blackberries are black and blueberries are blue strawberries are red and so are you. Rose is beginning to feel as funny as she can. Anybody try to climb a mountain all alone with only a blue garden chair to hold there and everything on a mountain that is there and then see what it is that ran.

**HARRY POTTER**

CARLY

Water

DANIEL

yes

SOPHIE

and birds

JENNA

yes

DEIRDRE

and rats

CARLY

yes

DANIEL

and snakes

SOPHIE

yes

JENNA

and lizards

DEIRDRE

yes

CARLY

and cats

DANIEL

yes

SOPHIE

and cows

JENNA

yes,

DEIRDRE

and trees

CARLY

yes and scratches yes,

DANIEL

and sticks yes, and flies yes, and bees yes

SOPHIE

but not a Rose with a chair, all a Rose with  
a chair can dare is just not stare but  
keeping on going up there.

JENNA

She did.

ROSE

She never dragged the chair she carried it  
before.

**Scene 7: ANNIE**

CHORUS

What is it that water does  
It falls down, it rises up  
That is whe-en it is dew  
That is something else Rose knew  
It's a waterfall

ROSE

dear little bird dear little water and dear  
little third, not dew, not a few but a water  
otter,

CHORUS

Rose knew about everything  
Everything that water does  
There's an awful lot it does  
Lakes and rivers, oceans, fogs  
It's a waterfall

ROSE

not you no not you you cannot frighten me no  
not you.

CHORUS

So then Rose was frightened through and  
through  
And the chair which was very blue  
And the otter Rose would like him too  
Even better if his color had been blue

ROSE

She decided she did not like water to fall,  
water fall water fall,

CHORUS

Rose, Rose  
--Rose was carrying the chair



Look over there  
--Went to see if there was room  
There's no room  
--There is room where it is tall  
You'll be all alone  
--Room behind the waterfall

Rose and her chair went away  
Couldn't go down, no, not there  
Not ever again there  
Never could go anywhere

It's a waterfall X 3  
Rose was so alone!

ROSE

So she went on climbing higher and higher and  
higher and blinking,

### SCENE 8.5

ROSE

And a mountain is so much harder than a hill  
and still. Go on.

CARLY

How many minutes go around to make a second

DANIEL

how many hours go round to make a minute

SOPHIE

how many days go around to make an hour

JENNA

how many nights go round to make a day and

was Rose found.

DEIRDRE

She never had been lost and so how could she be found even if everything did go around and around.

ROSE

Anything can happen while you are going up hill.

CARLY

It all grew rosy they call it an alpine glow when it does so but Rose well Rose is her name and blue is her favorite color. And then she knew

ROSE

Yes

DANIEL

she had heard it too, Red at night is a sailor's delight Red in the morning is a sailor's warning,

SOPHIE

And said she

ROSE

is it rose or red

JENNA

And said she

ROSE

is it morning or evening

DEIRDRE

And said she

ROSE

am I awake or am I in bed,

CARLY

And said she

ROSE

perhaps a sailor does not know perhaps  
somebody just told him so.

CARLY

And then she remembered everything she had  
heard it was not about a bird it was about a  
spider, A spider at night is a delight a  
spider in the morning is an awful warning,  
and then she remembered about the moon,

ROSE

if you see the new moon through a window with  
glass not any trouble will ever pass no it  
will not

DANIEL

and then she remembered just when she was  
about to be scared that after all she had  
never cared no she never had cared for any  
moon so what was the use how it was seen.

### **Scene 9**

ROSE

So Rose did not sing but she had to do something.

SOPHIE

And what did she do well she began to smile she was  
climbing all the while not like on a stair but climbing a  
little while everywhere and then she saw a lovely tree and  
she thought

ROSE

yes it is round but all around I am going to cut

CHORUS

(singing) a rose is a rose

ROSE

And so it is there and not anywhere can I hear anything  
which will give me a scare.

CARLY

And then she thought she would cut it higher, she would  
stand on her blue chair and as high as she could reach she  
would cut it there. So she took out her pen knife, she  
would just stand on her chair and around and around even if  
there was a very little sound she would carve on the tree

CHORUS

(singing) a rose is a rose

ROSE

Until it went all the way around. Suppose

JENNA

She said. This is a Daisy Duck figurine.

ROSE

It would not go all the way round. Suppose

DANIEL

This is a stuffed cat. She said.

ROSE

It would not go all the way around.

DEIRDRE

This is a stethoscope. But she knew it would go around. So  
she began. She put the chair there she climbed on the chair  
it was her blue chair but it excited her so that she  
several times almost fell off the chair.

ROSE

And Rose forgot the dawn.

JENNA

Forgot the rosy dawn for the sun forgot she was the only one and all along there she had to carve and carve and carve with care. It was almost done and she was cutting it in the last Rose and just then well just then her eyes went on they were round with wonder and alarm and her mouth was round and she had almost burst into a song because she saw on another tree over there that someone had been there and hard carved a name and the name dear me the name was the same it was Rose and under Rose was Willie and under Willie was Lion. It made Rose feel very funny.

ROSE

It really did.

### **Scene 10**

DEIRDRE

She climbed on and on

DANIEL

and she could not tell not very well whether it was night or day

JENNA

but she knew it was day and not night

CARLY

because it was really quite bright.

ROSE

Rose was a little lonesome, she had her blue chair. She was a little lonesome.

SOPHIE

For the first time since she began to climb Rose did not know what to do next.

**Scene 11**

SOPHIE

Once upon a time way back, there were always meadows with grass on them on top of every mountain. A mountain looked as if it had rocks way up there but really way up there there was always grass and the grass always made it look elegant and it was nice.

ROSE

Grass is always the most elegant.

DANIEL

More elegant than rocks and trees.

ROSE

Trees are elegant and so are rocks but grass is more so.

DEIRDRE

And here way up there was grass and it was going on and on and it is so much harder to climb up and up and up on grass than on rocks and under trees.

JENNA

And when you are walking on grass it is harder to see where there is.

CARLY

And anyway what did it. The grass did not say anyway, it was green and nothing green ever has anything to say.

ROSE

Rose knew that that is why she always did prefer blue.

**Scene 12**

DANIEL

It is hard to go on when you are nearly there but not near enough to hurry up to get there.

ROSE

And Rose was there.

**Scene 13**

ROSE

She was all alone on the top of everything.

CHORUS

and she was sitting there and she could sing. This was the song she sang, it began.

**ROSE**

(singing) Here I am. Seeing I am sitting I can see I am. when I wish I wish that I was where I am. I am Rose and Rose is me I can see that I can see, yes I can. Once I said, these apples are red but was it in my head. Sleep I think I am awake I think I am. I am Rose but when I sing, I am Rose like anything, when I sing. Once I knew, once I knew I thought I knew my chair was blue. Once I knew nobody knew, but oh I knew. Where is he when I am there, who is where oh who is where, where is who. Here I am. Sitting I am seeing I can see I am. When I wish I wish that I was where I am. So I see and I suppose, I am I am I am Rose, I am Rose. (repeat) A Rose is a Rose. I am Rose, my eyes are blue. A Rose is a Rose. I am Rose, and who are you. A Rose is a Rose. I am Rose, when I sing. A Rose is a Rose. I am Rose, like anything. Here I am.

**CHORUS**

I am here and here is there and where is here and where is  
there. (repeat 4X)  
Drowning. Forgetting. Remembering. I am thinking. (repeat  
4X)

SOPHIE

It was getting darker and darker and there was no moon,  
Rose never had cared about the moon but there were lots of  
stars and somebody had told her that stars were round, they  
were not stars, and the stars were not any comfort to her.

#### **Scene 14**

JENNA

Well it was night and night well night can be all right  
that is just what a night can be it can be all night.

ROSE

And Rose knew that, Rose knew so much it made her clutch  
the blue chair closer as she sat on it there.

CARLY

And then just then what was it, it was not lightning it was  
not a moon it was not a star not even a shooting star it  
was not an umbrella it was not eyes in the dark oh dear no

ROSE

It was a light.

DEIRDRE

A light and oh so bright. And there it was way off on  
another hill and it went round and round and it went all  
around Rose and

ROSE

It was a search light surely it was



DANIEL

And it was on another hill and he made the light go round  
and round and made the ground green not black and made the  
sky white not black and Rose

ROSE

Oh Rose just felt warm right through to her back

JENNA

and she began to sing and she sang

ROSE

I am a little girl, my name is Rose

JENNA

And she cried and cried and cried

WILLIE

and the search light went round and round around and round.

### **Scene 15**

DANIEL

Willie and Rose turned out not to be cousins, just how  
nobody knows, and so they married and had children and sang  
with them and sometimes singing made Rose cry and sometimes  
it made Willie get more and more excited and they lived  
happily ever after and the world just went on being round.

(singing) It's such a good feeling, to know you're alive.  
It's such a happy feeling, you're growing inside. And when  
you wake up ready to say, " I think I'll make a snappy new  
day." It's such a good feeling, a very good feeling. The  
feeling you know. That I'll be back when the day is new.  
And I'll have more ideas for you. And you'll have things  
you'll want to talk about. I will too.

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