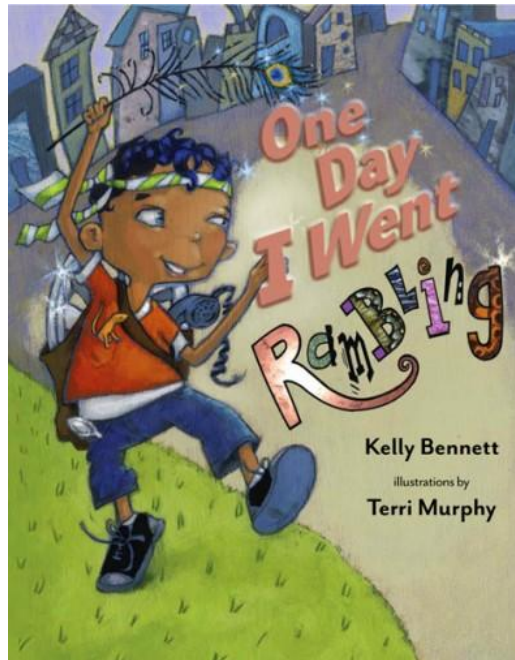


A Readers' Theatre Production of
One Day I Went Rambling



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What is Readers' Theatre ?

Readers' Theatre is a joint dramatic reading from a text, usually with no memorization, no movement and a minimum of props. It involves children in oral reading through reading parts in scripts. Unlike traditional theatre, the emphasis is on oral expression of the part - rather than on acting and costumes – which celebrates the theme of *One Day I Went Rambling* perfectly!

What is its purpose?

It enables students to bring a text to life and together create a powerful interpretation. It offers less confident readers support from peers and provides a genuine social purpose for attentive reading. It also provides students with models for creating 'the voice behind the page' in their own silent reading. Readers' Theatre provides a real context for reading and has obvious benefits for students by increasing their skills as readers, writers, listeners and speakers.

In the same way that a television adaptation can push book sales through the roof, Readers' Theatre can take students into the world of a text and entice them into enthusiastic reading.

Getting Started:

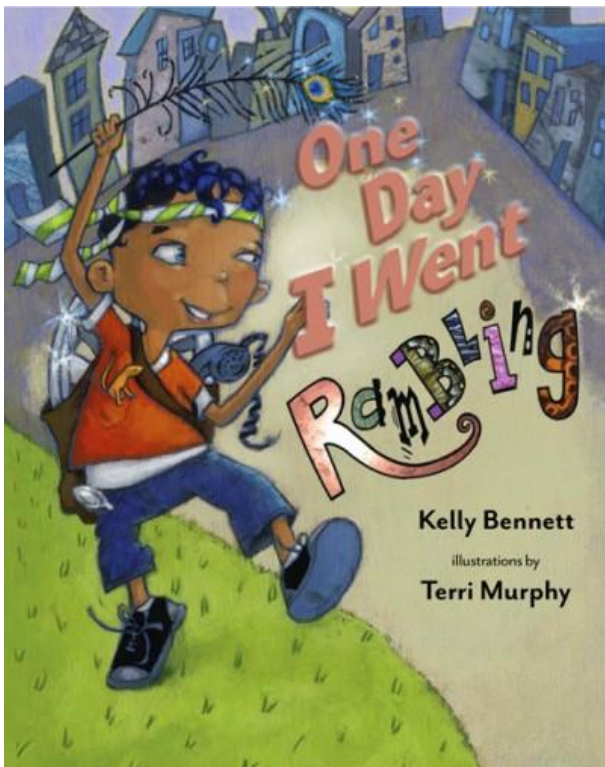
The following pages contain all that is necessary to present a Readers' Theatre Production of Kelly Bennett's *One Day I Went Rambling*.

- A Playbill is a promotional flyer in which multiple copies can be printed out to be distributed to members of the audience. Cast members can be listed, if desired.
- Cast List
- Props List (optional – not mandatory for Readers' Theatre production)
- The Script

“Ahoy mates, time’s a wasting. Climb aboard! Let’s sail away. We’ll explore the world together, finding adventure along the way.”

Reference: “Instructional Strategies Online – Readers' Theatre.” Online Learning Centre. Web. 1 Dec. 2011.
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ANNOUNCING A READERS' THEATRE PERFORMANCE OF KELLY BENNETT'S



Date _____

Time _____

Place _____

CAST MEMBERS

Zane _____

Scott _____

Lamar _____

Jess _____

Beau _____

Lu _____

Tran _____

Ruth _____

Marj _____

Pete _____

Joan _____

Cast Members (in order of appearance):

Zane

Lamar

Beau

Tran

Marj

Pete

Scott

Jess

Lu

Ruth

Joan

All Cast (All cast members minus Zane speak together)

Zane and Crew (All cast members speak together)

Props (if desired- not mandatory for production):

Paper plate hubcap

Long string of green yarn

Toy magnifying glass

Large box

A woman's slip

A basket containing various objects and/or homemade band instruments

Paper bag vest

Plumes or peacock feathers

A saucepan

A comb with teeth missing

Shiny stones (or buttons)

Presenting *One Day I Went Rambling*

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Act I

ZANE: (Mysteriously) One day I went rambling and found a shining star. (Hold paper plate hubcap overhead.) A flying saucer's crest...

LAMAR: (Mockingly) A hubcap.

ZANE: (Look to Lamar and shrug.)
(Excitedly, twirl green yarn around like a cowboy's lasso) One day I went rambling and found a long lasso. A cowpoke's twirling rope...

BEAU: (Roll eyes) A strand of vine.

ALL CAST: (Tauntingly) You're crazy! Why go rambling? It's just a waste of time.

ZANE: Still, I kept rambling and found a shiny band (Slips pop top ring on finger. Eyes go wide.) A pirate's magic ring...

TRAN: (Slaps hand on forehead in dismay) An old pop top.

- ZANE: (Look to audience and shrug)
One day I went a rambling and found a wooden barge. (Look to the large box with amazement) Huck Finn's trusty craft...
- MARJ: (With hands cupping mouth) A packing crate.
- ZANE: One day I went rambling and found a bright white sheet.
(Wave slip like a flag) A covered wagon top...
- PETE: (Laugh and point at Zane) That's Granny's slip.

Act II

ZANE: (Busy – either pantomiming or actually studying and arranging items in a storage box.)

ALL CAST: What's up, Zane? What you doing with that stuff?

ZANE: (Smile) It's secret. You'll find out soon enough.
(Look to audience) Next time I went rambling, so did Scott, Jess and Beau.

SCOTT, JESS, BEAU: (Observe Zane with great interest)

ZANE: They peeked around the corner. I pretended not to know.
I went right on rambling and found a smooth, brown vest. (Slip on the paper bag vest.) A mighty warrior shield!

JESS: Hey, that's cool.

ZANE: Next time we went rambling along came Marj and Tran.

MARJ & TRAN: (Smiling and waving plumes in the air)

ZANE: We found some flutter plumes. A Spanish dancer's fan.

LAMAR: (Mocking cruelly, holding a saucepan) Look here. Is this one of your treasures?

SCOTT: (Whisper) Ignore him.

MARJ, FRAN, JESS, SCOTT, BEAU, SCOTT, AND ZANE: (Look to Scott and shrug)

Act III

ZANE: We kept on rambling and found a long white tooth. (Holding the comb missing teeth near mouth)

LU: A broken comb.

RUTH: A viper fang!

ZANE: One day we went a rambling and found some sparkling stones.

PETE: (Observing a stone with great amazement) Wow, what are these?

JOAN: Priceless jewels.

ZANE: Next time we went rambling we took our treasures, too.

ALL CAST MINUS LAMAR AND LU: (Each holding a prop surround the box)

ZANE: Gather round, I told my friends. There's lots of work to do.

LAMAR & LU: (Waving hands, hurried) Wait up! We won't poke fun at you. We're ready for adventure. Can we come rambling, too?

ZANE (Surrounded by all cast): Ahoy mates, time's a wasting.

JOAN, BEAU & TRAN: Climb aboard! Let's sail away.

MARJ, PETE & SCOTT: We'll explore the world together.

JESS, LU & RUTH: Finding adventure along the way.

ZANE and CREW: (Laughing, playing, enjoying one another – possibly playing homemade instruments)

LAMAR: (Shout) Hey!

ZANE and CREW: (All stop and look to Lamar at once.)

LAMAR: (Points off stage) What's that?

ZANE and CREW: (Look to one another, shrug, and smile)

The End

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