

Sleeping Beauty



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This script is written so that the eight characters, are played by four people (as specified below). If you would prefer a larger cast, this can be easily amended with just a few adjustments to certain lines.

Princess Aurora/The Queen – Sleeping Beauty/The mother of Sleeping Beauty.

Prince Phillip/The King – A Charming Prince/The father of Sleeping Beauty.

Maleficent – A wicked and evil Fairy.

Fairies Faith, Hope & Charity (one person) – Identical fairy sisters.

(Fairies ideally need 3 different colour/types of hat to differentiate them)

Synopsis

Furious at not being invited to Princess Aurora's birthday party; evil fairy Maleficent casts a wicked spell. On her twenty-first birthday the Princess will prick her finger on a needle die. Luckily, the good fairies come to the rescue and add a clause to Maleficent's spell. The Princess doesn't die, but falls into a deep sleep, which lasts for one hundred years. But at the end of that time, she can only be awakened by true loves kiss.

NB

This Pantomime runs approximately 20 minutes without songs.

If you prefer to include songs, it runs approximately 20-25 minutes (if the musical numbers are kept to around one minute).

It is set over 4 scenes. 2 x Woodland and 2 x Inside the Palace.

Verses for suggested songs are noted at the end of the script, in order to keep the musical numbers short. If required, backing tracks for songs can be found on YouTube.

Sound effects (SFX) have been kept minimal and different effects can be found on YouTube and other online sources. If you are feeling creative you can make sound effects with things from around the house or on your mobile device.

Props required:

1 x Sword for Prince Phillip

2 x wands. One for Fairies and one for Maleficent (could be a stick)

Costumes are optional but fun. Raid your wardrobe or dressing up box!

To make a distinction between the fairies (if played as written), different coloured hats or wigs are required.

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Scene 1

On route to the party.

SFX Fairy bells.

Fairy Faith Hello I'm fairy Faith. I'm just on my way to a Birthday party for Princess Aurora. She's a special little girl. The King and Queen had almost given up hope of producing an heir when, hey presto, the Princess came along. If you didn't know better you might suspect there was a little magic involved! *(she winks)*

SFX Evil sting. Maleficent enters

Maleficent Where are you going?

Fairy Faith Oh, Maleficent, you startled me.

Maleficent Did I hear you say, that you were going to the palace?

Fairy Faith The palace? No, definitely not.

Maleficent You're lying!

Fairy Faith I'm not lying.

Maleficent Oh, yes you are.

Fairy Faith Oh, no I'm not.

Maleficent We're not starting this already, are we?

Fairy Faith I didn't start it, you did!

Maleficent Oh, no I didn't.

Fairy Faith Oh, yes you did.

Maleficent Will you shut up! Where are your tiresome sisters today?

Fairy Faith They're here somewhere.

Maleficent I assumed they would be. Don't you get fed up with them hanging around all the time?

Fairy Faith Never. There's a special bond between sisters, especially triplets.

Song 1

We are family - Sister Sledge

For Fairy

Maleficent I couldn't imagine anything worse. You look the same, you dress the same, you even sound the same!

Fairy Faith I know, even our mother can't tell us apart.

Maleficent Are they going to the palace with you?

Fairy Yes, we're all going...*(she slaps her hand over her mouth)*

Maleficent Ah-ha! So you are going to the palace!

Fairy Faith You tricked me!

Maleficent What's the occasion?

Fairy Faith It's nothing. You'd find it boring...a waste of time! I must be off...I'm running late.

Fairy Faith exits.

Maleficent She's lying! There's something happening and they don't want me around. I'm going to get to the bottom of this.

Fairy Hope enters.

Fairy Hope Hello Maleficent.

Maleficent Fairy Hope, what a surprise! Where are you off to?

Fairy Hope Err...nowhere.

Maleficent Are you looking for your sister?

Fairy Hope Yes, have you seen her?

Maleficent You've just missed her. She's on her way to the palace.

Fairy Hope She told you that?

Maleficent Yes, why wouldn't she? After all, it's not everyday we're invited to the palace.

Fairy Hope But I thought you weren't invited!

Maleficent You thought wrong!

Fairy Hope I love birthday parties, don't you?! I can't believe the Princess is a year old already.

Maleficent It's Princess Aurora's Birthday?

Fairy Hope Yes, of course. Why else would she be having a party? I must be off...I don't want to be late.

Fairy Hope exits.

Maleficent So, they don't want me at the party! How dare they! I am the most important fairy of all. It's because I'm not nice, like those hoity-toity, mamby-pamby, toffee-nosed fairies.

Fairy Charity enters.

Maleficent Fairy Charity, what a surprise!

Fairy Charity Hello Maleficent. You don't look very happy...what's up?

Maleficent (*angrily*) What's up? What's up? I'll tell you what's up.

Fairy Charity Oh dear, I don't think I want to know.

Maleficent I've not been invited to Princess Aurora's Birthday party, that's what's up!

Fairy Charity How do you know about the Birthday party?

Maleficent Let's just say a little bird told me. Or should I say, a little fairy?

Fairy It's no surprise that you're not invited. Every time you go to the Palace you cause trouble. Last time, you turned queen's sister into a lizard, and made her lady in waiting disappear altogether.

Maleficent That was fun! I was bored of listening to her prattle on. She was much quieter after that!

Fairy Charity You mustn't do things like that.

Maleficent Why not?

Fairy Charity Because, it's nasty. That's why you're not invited to the party.

Maleficent They can't do that to me. I'll teach them a lesson they'll never forget!

SFX Evil sting. Maleficent exits.

Fairy Charity Oh dear! Maleficent is furious! I shall inform the King immediately.

Fairy Charity exits.

Scene 2

The palace.

Queen and King enter. The Queen carries the baby princess in a bundle.

Queen The party is in full swing, but I keep thinking I've forgotten something.

King I'm sure it's nothing important dear.

Queen Probably not, but I can't shake this niggling feeling.

Fairy Charity enters.

Fairy Charity Your Majesties, I have some bad news.

Queen What is it Fairy Charity?

Fairy Charity It's Maleficent your Majesty. She's furious about not being invited to Princess Aurora's Birthday party.

Queen Of course! Maleficent! I knew there was something. I forgot to post her invitation.

Fairy Charity She was invited?

Queen After what she did to my sister! You don't think I want to get on the wrong side of her, do you? I will send my apologies.

Fairy Charity She won't believe you. She thinks you've excluded her on purpose.

Queen She must be livid! She'll want revenge. What if she does something terrible?

King What can she do? We have Faith, Hope and Charity on our side.

Fairy Charity You enjoy the party and let us worry about her.

Fairy Charity exits.

SFX Party sounds (people, music & party poppers etc)

Fairy Faith enters.

Fairy Faith You certainly know how to throw a party.

Queen Thank you Fairy Faith. It is Faith isn't it? You fairies are so alike. If it wasn't so ridiculous, one would almost imagine you were the same person.

Fairy Faith I know right! We get that all the time.

Queen I'm glad you're enjoying the party. It been a great success!

King And even better, Maleficent hasn't turned up to ruin things. Maybe she thought better of it.

Fairy Faith I'm sure you're right.

Queen Aurora is so lucky. Look at all her gifts.

Fairy Faith We haven't given the Princess our gifts yet. If we may...

King That's so kind.

Fairy Faith (*waving her wand*) For Princess Aurora...

The precious gift of beauty is the gift that I bestow.

Her hair will always shine and her skin will always glow.

She'll light up any room from the minute she walks in,

With sparkling eyes, a button nose, and a big infectious grin.

SFX Magical bells.

Queen Thank you, Fairy Faith.

Fairy Faith You're welcome.

Fairy Faith exits.

King The fairies are very generous.

Queen They certainly are.

Fairy Hope enters.

King Fairy Hope, do you have a gift too?

Fairy Hope (*waving her wand*) To Princess Aurora...

The precious gift of kindness is the gift that I bestow.

Aurora's gentle nature will always steal the show.

With a wicked sense of humour and a happy disposition,

She'll always have a zest for life and plenty of ambition.

SFX Magical bells.

Queen Thank you, Fairy Hope.

Fairy Hope You're welcome.

Fairy Hope exits.

King What a wonderful present!

Queen How lucky we are!

Fairy Charity enters.

King Fairy Charity, another gift?

Fairy Charity (*waving her wand*) To Princess Aurora, the precious gift of...

SFX Evil sting. Maleficent enters.

King Maleficent!

Maleficent So, you thought you could throw a party without me?

Queen It's my fault, Maleficent. I'm sorry, I meant to send your invitation, I just...

Maleficent Save your breath. I don't want to hear your pathetic apologies. It's too late for that! I've come to give Aurora a very special gift for her first birthday.

King Really, there's no need...

Maleficent I insist. This is the gift that I bestow. The Princess will grow into a wonderful young woman and everyone will love her.

Queen That's a wonderful gift...

Maleficent I haven't finished yet! On her twenty-first birthday, she will prick her finger on the needle of a Singer Sewing Machine...and die! (*evil laugh*)

SFX Thunder. Maleficent waves her wand..

Queen Nooo! I beg you, take it back.

Maleficent A gift given by a fairy can never be taken back. You should have considered the consequences before you excluded me from the celebrations. (*evil laugh*)

Song 2

Trouble – Elvis Presley

For Maleficent

SFX Evil sting. Maleficent exits.

Queen (*sobbing*) My daughter is doomed!

Fairy Charity Not quite, I still have my gift to give.

Queen Please help me Fairy Charity, reverse Maleficent's evil spell.

Fairy Charity I'm sorry your Majesty, I can't do that. It is not within my power.

Queen Nooo!

Fairy Charity I cannot reverse her spell, but I can add a clause. On her twenty-first birthday, Princess Aurora will prick her finger on the needle of a Singer Sewing Machine...but she will not die. Instead she will fall into a deep sleep, which will last for one hundred years. When she sleeps, the kingdom will sleep too. When a hundred years have passed, she will be woken by a true loves kiss.

King A hundred years? Can't you make it a couple of weeks?

Queen I'll miss the second series of Bridgerton!

King I'm more a Masterchef fan. I was watching Australian Masterchef yesterday. Some guy made a meringue and everyone cheered, which was odd. Usually in Australia, they boo meringue.

Fairy Charity It must be one hundred years. Maleficent's spell is too powerful, after a mere couple of weeks, true loves kiss will not be strong enough to overcome it. Not even after a couple of years.

King There is another way to prevent this. Aurora won't be able to prick her finger on the needle of a Singer Sewing Machine, if such a thing did not exist. From this day, all sewing machines in the kingdom will be destroyed, and anyone found in possession of one will face imprisonment. Let it be known throughout the kingdom.

The King and Queen exit.

Fairy Charity The Kings orders were carried out and all Singer Sewing Machines were destroyed. When she heard about the clause in her evil spell, Maleficent was furious. In her anger, she turned the Queen into a lizard and stormed out of the palace. She hasn't been seen since. The King forbid the very mention of her name and her curse was never spoken of. Over the coming years, Princess Aurora did indeed grow to be beautiful young woman...

King enters.

King Who are you talking to?

Fairy Charity (*pointing outwards*) The audience. I'm just filling in a few bits!

King Sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt. Please continue.

Fairy Charity Thank you.

King exits.

Fairy Charity Where was I? Oh yes, the Princess grew into a beautiful young woman, and eventually the day of Aurora's twenty-first birthday arrived.

Aurora enters.

Fairy Charity Happy birthday, Princess Aurora.

Aurora Thank you, Fairy Charity.

Fairy Charity You look exactly like your mother did, when she was your age.

Aurora I wish I could remember her.

Fairy Charity She would be so proud of you. What plans do you have for your birthday?

Aurora I haven't any. Father insisted I spend the day at home. Quite a change from my usual birthday festivities.

Fairy Charity That's a lovely idea. I can't think of a better way to spend your birthday, than with family and friends. Have fun dear!

Fairy Charity Exits.

Aurora I suppose Fairy Charity is right. I'll keep myself busy and investigate some of the lesser used rooms in the Palace. The tower for instance, I've always wondered what's up there?

SFX Evil sting. Maleficent enters wearing a black cloak with a hood.

Maleficent Hello, my pretty.

Aurora Hello, old lady. Do I know you?

Maleficent No dear, we've never met.

Aurora What brings you to the Palace today?

Maleficent I have a surprise for you, my sweet. A gift, it's from your mother.

Aurora You knew my mother?

Maleficent We were good friends. She made me promise to give you this present on your twenty-first birthday.

Aurora Where is it?

Maleficent It's in the highest room of the tallest tower. Would you like me to show you?

Aurora What a coincidence. I was just saying that I've never been to the top of the tower.

Maleficent Well then, let's go.

Aurora and Maleficent exit.

Fairy Faith So far, so good. To be on the safe side, the King persuaded Aurora to spend her birthday in the Palace. Hope, Charity and myself have been on the look out for Maleficent, but there's been no sign of her. I expect she's forgotten about

the curse, they do say that the first sign of old age is losing your...umm....err... never mind!

Fairy Faith exits.

Aurora and Maleficent enter.

Aurora Phew, that is quite a climb!

Maleficent Cover your eyes, and no peeking.

Aurora covers her eyes.

Aurora I can't stand the suspense!

Maleficent I promise it will be worth it. Are you ready?

Aurora Yes, I'm ready.

Maleficent Then look now.

Aurora uncovers her eyes. She looks confused.

Aurora I've never seen anything like it. What is it?

Maleficent It's a Singer Sewing Machine, my dear.

Aurora What does it do?

Maleficent Many years ago, everyone owned a machine like this. It was used to create fine garments. This particular one belonged to your mother.

Aurora Really?

Maleficent Yes, really.

Aurora How does it work?

Maleficent I'll show you.

Aurora That's very kind. It looks complicated. *(pointing)* What does this do?

Maleficent That's the pedal my dear?

Aurora *(pointing)* And this?

Maleficent That's the cotton my dear.

Aurora *(pointing)* And this...Ow, I pricked my finger. What is that?

Maleficent That my dear, is the needle! *(she throws off her hood. Evil laugh)*

Aurora I don't understand. What's so funny?

Maleficent You'll see.

Aurora I don't feel good. My head is spinning. I think I'm going to... *(she puts her hand to her head as she disappears from the screen)*

Maleficent *(evil laugh)* Revenge at last! A whole kingdom destroyed by one little prick...who'd have believed it possible? *(evil laugh)*

SFX Evil sting. Maleficent exits.

Scene 3

Overgrown woodland.

SFX Magical Bells. Fairy Charity enters.

Fairy Charity So it was, that Princess Aurora fell into a deep sleep. As Maleficent had predicted, the whole kingdom slept with her. Everyone in the Palace slept, the courtiers, the cooks, even the dogs in the yard. In time, the gardens became overgrown with thorns and brambles...and that awful mossy stuff that grows in the grass that you can never get rid of. The Palace vanished beneath a wilderness and the legend of Sleeping Beauty came to be. Occasionally, a brave knight would attempt to fight his way through the undergrowth...but none succeeded. A hundred years passed. If you need a comparison, it's like being on hold for the complaints department of your Internet provider. Then one day, a handsome Prince happened to pass by.

Fairy Charity exits and Prince Phillip enters.

Prince I seem to be lost. What is this bleak and desolate place that I have stumbled upon? I'm usually with at geography, I had an excellent teacher. I wouldn't have swapped him for all the tea in Denmark!

Maleficent enters.

Prince Excuse me old woman, would you be so good as to tell me where I am?

Maleficent Who are you?

Prince I am fearless Prince Phillip of Snogovia.

Maleficent Who?

Prince Fearless Prince Philip of Snogovia...surely you've heard of me. I'm always in magazines, hanging out with my celebrity mates.

Maleficent Like who?

Prince I used to be good friends with Gary Barlow but he blocked me on Twitter. Whatever I said, whatever I did, I didn't mean it!

Maleficent Are you the one who's going to save the Princess and wake her from her one hundred year sleep?

Prince I wish I could sleep for one hundred years, I suffer with terrible insomnia.

Maleficent Have you seen a doctor?

Prince Yes, he said not lose any sleep over it! If there is a Princess to be saved, then I'm your man! As my name suggests, I am fearless.

Maleficent It's extremely perilous and fraught with danger.

Prince Ha, I laugh in the face of danger!

Maleficent You'll never make it, those thorns are like daggers!

Prince If I didn't know any better, I'd say that you were trying to put me off.

Maleficent Why would I do that?

Prince I don't know.

Maleficent Consider carefully, young man. It would be a shame if that handsome face of yours got scarred and disfigured.

Maleficent exits.

Prince What a strange old woman! I'm sure that speech would deter a less courageous man. But not I, Fearless Prince Phillip of Snogovia!

Fairy Charity enters.

Fairy Charity Did I hear you say that you are going to rescue Sleeping Beauty?

Prince Sleeping Beauty? She sounds like a bit of a catch. I'll try my best, ma'am.

Fairy Charity And you're not worried that it's perilous and fraught with danger?

Prince Not I, Fearless Prince Phillip of Snogovia.

Fairy Charity *(aside)* Hmm...I have a good feeling about this chap. A hundred years have passed, so his timing is excellent! He must be our man! I think I'll give him a little help.

Prince Who are you talking to?

Fairy Charity Just myself. I like the look of you. If you're serious about this rescue, then I am going to give you something to help you on your way.

Prince Why would you do that? Who are you?

Fairy Charity Let's just say, I'm a friend. Here, take this magic sword. It cuts through anything. Oh, and a piece of advice...only true loves kiss will wake the Princess.

The Prince takes the sword and holds it up to admire it. As he is doing so, Fairy Charity exits.

Prince That's mighty generous of you Miss *(he looks around)*...oh, she's gone! I guess that's my cue to get on with it.

SFX Dramatic music as the prince brandishes the sword, chopping through the imaginary undergrowth. Eventually he stops.

Prince At last, the Palace! This sword cut through those brambles like a hot knife through butter! Now, where do I look for the Princess? In the stories of my childhood, she would be found in the highest room of the tallest tower...I guess I'll start there.

The Prince exits and Maleficent enters.

Maleficent Blast! My warnings did not deter this one and he's made it to the Palace. Looks like I'm going to have to dispose of him myself.

Maleficent exits.

Scene 4

The tower.

Prince enters.

Prince This is it! The highest room in the tallest tower, and there's the Princess. Wow, she is the most beautiful girl I've ever seen! If I'm her true love, then all I have to do is kiss her. We Snogovian's are renowned for our sensational smooches!

Prince Phillip disappears from view.

SFX Big kiss.

Aurora and Prince Phillip re-appear.

Aurora *(yawning and stretching)* Who are you?

Prince Prince Phillip of Snogovia, at your service.

Aurora Did anyone ever tell you that you should ask a girl before you kiss her?

Prince I had to kiss you, it was the only way to wake you up. You've been asleep for a hundred years.

Aurora A hundred years? I don't believe you.

Prince Only true loves kiss would wake you from your slumber.

Aurora Then you are my true love?

Prince It looks that way.

Aurora As ridiculous as it sounds, I believe you. You have a trusting face, you remind me of...my father. Besides that, that kiss was well worth waiting a hundred years for.

SFX Evil sting. *Maleficent enters*

Maleficent *(puffing)* You should believe him.

Aurora Who are you?

Maleficent *(puffing)* Give me a second. The last time I made the trip up these stairs was a hundred years ago. I'm no spring chicken y'know! I find I only need three shops these days...Specsavers, Boots and Greggs. My life is just specs, drugs and sausage rolls!

Prince She's the old lady who tried to stop me from rescuing you.

Aurora Hold on...it's coming back to me now. You're the one who showed me the sewing machine. The one I pricked my finger on.

SFX *Magical bells. Fairy Charity enters.*

Fairy Charity *(puffing)* She's the evil fairy who cast the spell that put you to sleep.

Prince She's a fairy?

Aurora *(to Fairy Charity)* Who are you?

Fairy Charity Give me a sec, I need to catch my breath. You know, I tried to get into a nightclub last week and the doorman wouldn't let me in because he said I'd had too many.

Aurora What drinks?

Fairy Charity No birthdays!

Prince She's the lady who gave me this sword.

Maleficent You are an interfering busy body, Fairy Charity.

Prince You're a fairy too? Will someone tell me what's going on here?

Fairy Charity Keep up lad. She's a bad fairy. I'm a good fairy. She cast a spell. I saved the day. She pricked her finger and fell asleep. You woke her with true loves kiss.

Maleficent And now, I have to kill you.

Aurora Nooo!

Fairy Charity Quick Prince Phillip. Use the magic sword to defeat her.

Prince Phillip brandishes his magic sword and Maleficent steps back.

Aurora Look out! The window!

Aurora, Fairy & Prince It's behind you!

Maleficent waves her arms around as she loses her balance and falls backwards. She screams as she falls from the window and disappears from the screen. Everyone leans as they listen as her screams get quieter, until they eventually stop.

Prince It's a very tall tower!

Aurora She's gone!

Fairy Charity Good riddance!

Aurora Because of that awful woman, I've missed one hundred years. How will I ever catch up on everything? It will take forever!

Aurora You could try Facebook!

Prince I'll tell you. Marry me Princess Aurora, and we'll have all the time in the world.

Aurora How can I refuse? After all, you must be my true love...it's in your kiss.

Song 3

It's In His Kiss - Cher

Aurora

*Prince Phillip and Aurora disappear from screen **SFX** Kissing.*

Fairy Charity Really, you two...get a room!

They re-appear.

Fairy Charity And that's the end of our pantomime – the tale of Sleeping Beauty. Maleficent was defeated and the Prince fulfilled his duty. The kingdom woke and once again was filled with fun and laughter, And Sleeping Beauty and her man lived happily ever after.

The end.

Suggested Songs

Song 1

We Are Family – Sister Sledge

We are family
I got all my sisters with me
We are family
Get up everybody and sing

Everyone can see we're together
As we walk on by
And we fly just like birds of a feather
I won't tell no lie
All of the people around us they say
Can they be that close?
Just let me state for the record
We're giving love in a family dose

We are family
I got all my sisters with me
We are family
Get up everybody and sing

Song 2

Trouble – Elvis Presley

If you're looking for trouble
You came to the right place
If you're looking for trouble
Just stare in this face
I'm only made out of
Flesh and blood
But if you're looking on
Some trouble
Why don't you try it on your own

Because I'm evil
My middle name is Misery
Said I'm evil, child
Yeah, don't you mess around with me
I'm evil, I tell you I'm evil
So don't mess around with me
Yeah!

Song 3

It's In His Kiss – Cher

Does he love me, I want to know
How can I tell if he loves me so
Is it in his eyes, oh no you'll be deceived
Is it in his eyes, oh no you'll make believe
If you want to know, if he loves you so
It's in his kiss
That's where it is, oh yeah

Oh-oh, kiss him and squeeze him tight
And find out what you want to know
If it's love, if it really is
It's there in his kiss
How 'bout the way he acts, oh no that's not the way
And you're not listening to all I say
If you want to know, if he loves you so
It's in his kiss

Oh yeah it's in his kiss, that's where it is!