

Diana and Johan in the jungle

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*A dream about whispering trees, dancing animals and wonderful music
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It's been very hot one day and everybody waited for the dawn, so it would become cooler.

Finally the adults sat in front of their houses and the kids played nicely together.

Diana and John went with their friends to play football.

On the way back, Tommy told her best friend, that he would go to see his uncle, who lives in the jungle. He already has been there and he was enthusiastic about those huge forest with the big trees. In the end Diana and John were very jealous, because they would have loved to come with Tommy into the jungle.

Late at night when they should sleep already they were still talking a long time about this magic forest and already sleeping, they saw those big trees and all the animals and they heard the sound of the whispering bushes. All of a sudden a fairy appeared and asked them if they would like to come with her into the middle of the inspiring wood.

"I will show you all secret things of that, - just come with me!"

The lovely fairy took them on both hands and immediately they flew into the rainforest.

Shortly afterwards the children stood in front of huge trees and thick branches, which reached to the ground. In between there were tremendous ferns and flowering bushes, which smelled wonderfully. Everywhere they saw a greenish roof and the sparkling raindrops fell onto the leaves making a magic music.

"Listen John, John, what beautiful music the rain is making!", says Diana.

"Be quiet and you can hear it clearly!"

Haydn: Serenade without first violin

"Whow, that wonderful", John whispered!

Suddenly a woman wrapped in greenish material appeared. "I am called "Rain Lisa", I am living here in that forest. Would you also like to hear my favourite song?"

"Oh yes, please!", both kids agreed.

Haydn: Serenade with first violin

"Please come with me", Rain Lisa suggested, "I will show you even more!"

"You do not need to be afraid!- There is no danger here at all, when I am with you!"

Shortly after a few steps, they bumped against two age-old tree trunks, which lay onto the ground.

And the trunks murmured: "we also would like to sing telling you something about the old times. Do you want to listen?"

Duet: Brahms

Diana and John thanked the trunks, and the trees smiled and were happy .

"Come further,- I would like to show you even more!"

The fairy took them to a beautiful spot surrounded by outstanding exotic trees.

As far as their eyes could see they saw the most colourful flowers.

"Come, lets sit down under the protecting leaves. Here it is nicely dry.

When all the monkeys saw the kids, the biggest of them came to Diana and John and proposed:

"May we show you our favourite dance?"

"Oh yes, the children shouted! And immediately the monkeys started to dance.

Mozart: Menuet - Kleine Nachtmusik

Shortly after the dance the fairy forced them to walk further.

They reached a wide river, when a fat hippo appeared and grumbled : "you have already heard a lot of songs, but mine is the best: just listen!"

Mozart: Horn quintet part 3

The kids applauded , so the hippo was very excited and turned over stretching his legs into the sky.

Again, the fairy took them by hand and took them further into the woods.

"Be quiet,- soon the parrots will come!" Colourful birds came.

One of them already has been far away in a foreign country Hungary, overseas. As those birds have an enormous memory, he still could remember a song from far away.

Haydn: All' Hungarese

As it was Sunday they came to a church, where they later attended the church service:

Bach: Jesus, bleibe meine Freude

was sang by a chorus of word hogs under the conducting of a lion.

But all of a sudden an elephant came, who also wanted to perform.

Cherubini: Sonate for horn and piano

But after that the porcupine and the zebra also wanted to perform, so they sang:

Brahms: A merry duet

In the end the elephant assembled all animals around him and promoted:

"I am the best singer of all, let me give you a proof!"

And with its gig voice he nearly blow all away:

Arias: Jarabe

And because the elephant trumped so loudly, Diana and John awoke.

"Did you also dream about the rainforest?" asked Diana her brother, still rubbing her eyes.

"Yes: it was wonderful,- but the best was the magic music!", John answered. So they went to their parents telling them all about their dream.

But the parents only smiled.