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Libretto: Adventures of Great Rabbit

Scene 1: Hunger

[*Entering*]

Great Rabbit: My name is Great Rabbit
I'm one of a kind
With cunning and magic
I evade any bind.

My magic's a gift on my ancestral line
A gift that took many years to refine
Now I can conjure illusions so real
No one will doubt their look, taste, or feel.

But magic is finite
So I must to be wise
Without any magic
I'll meet my demise

You'd have to be foolish
To chase after me
My power's no secret
As anyone can see

[Great Rabbit conjures an illusion to show off his magical powers. He then sees Wildcat in the distance and goes off to side to hide behind a totem pole]

Wildcat: I'm so hungry
My tummy is growling
I have nothing to eat-
I'll have to go prowling

(*Seeing the kids*)

Look at all these tasty morsels,
So many to choose from!
Do I have to choose only one?

[As Wildcat is circling amongst the kids, he sees Great Rabbit hiding behind a totem pole]

Wildcat:

Who is that over there?

Is that Great Rabbit, the tricky hare?

He is the tastiest of them all

Nothing less will do for my dinner!

Great Rabbit:

Is that Wildcat I see?

Does she think that she can catch me?

She must not know of my magical
power-

My illusions will cause her plans to
sour

[Wildcat tries to capture Great Rabbit, who cleverly hides behind various totem poles. He manages to outsmart Wildcat and hops away. Great Rabbit then runs off to conjure an illusion]

Wildcat:

Go ahead
Hop away
You can't outrun me
When I'm hungry

(To the kids)

They call me the Wildcat
'cause I'm never afraid
I'm fast and ferocious
My fangs are like blades!

I'll catch the Great Rabbit
I won't break a sweat
He'll be so easy to catch
I'll even wager a bet!

Oh, my long beautiful tail
Is the source of my pride
Well, I'll be chasing Great Rabbit
'til there's no place to hide
He is no match for my bite or my speed,
Let my tail fall off if I fail to succeed.

[Wildcat exits to catch Great Rabbit]

Scene 2: Medicine Man in the Wigwam

(Great Rabbit sneaks on and talks with the kids)

Great Rabbit: Let's have some fun, what do you say?
Let's trick the wildcat and scare her away.
We'll teach her a lesson she won't soon forget
Her plans to eat me she'll soon regret.

[Great Rabbit asks the Children for help to conjures an illusion. They help Great Rabbit transform into the Medicine Man. Wildcat enters, searching and sniffing for Great Rabbit.]

Wildcat: Great Rabbit is nearby
I can see where he has tread
They lead up to that Wigwam
That must be where he fled.

(Great Rabbit emerges as a elderly Medicine Man)

Great Rabbit: Hello, Stranger. What brings you to this place?
Come inside my Wigwam and tell me of your case.

Wildcat: Thank you, Medicine Man, but I haven't the time.
I am hunting a rabbit. Have you seen one nearby?

Great Rabbit: A Rabbit, of course!
There are hundreds around.
But you must be tired.
Come inside and rest.

Wildcat: That's a kind offer
but I must decline.
That rabbit's around
I'm not far behind.

Great Rabbit: Soon it will be dark
It's pointless to keep looking
Would you like to eat something?
I have a rabbit stew cooking.

Wildcat: A rabbit stew? That sounds delicious!
And I'm surely tired.
A little rest and some food
Is just what I require!

(Wildcat comes inside and has a sip of stew and lays down to sleep. Great Rabbit watches for a second until he knows he is asleep)

Great Rabbit (*Aside*): Ha Ha Ha! My illusion worked!
She fell right for my trap

Ha Ha ha! Let me sneak away
Before she starts to wake

Ha Ha Ha When she wakes she'll find
There'll be no trace of a wigwam

Ha Ha Ha Leave her in the cold
That'll teach her not to be so bold

Ha Ha Ha! It went just as planned
She thought I was the Medicine Man

Ha Ha Ha! What a foolish cat
To believe everything she sees

(Begins to sneak away)

While she sleeps I'll be on my way
The predator's been tricked by the prey

[Exiting] Hop, hop, hop, let me sneak away
Hop...hop...hop

(Great Rabbit sneaks off followed by Wildcat waking up)

Wildcat: The cold wind is biting my face
I don't recognize this place
Where is the Wigwam and warm bed?
Has the Medicine Man up and fled?

Wait a minute! It was all a delusion
I was fooled by Great Rabbit's illusion!
He tricked me good and got away
But I will catch him and make him pay!

Oh, how could I be so foolish
To fall for his deception?
I swear on my tail
This will be the one exception!

[Exits to pursue Great Rabbit]

Scene 3: A Grand Feast

Great Rabbit is now the chief at a party. He wears a chief's hat as a disguise but his ears are still sticking up.

Great Rabbit: Today we gather with our friends
To celebrate this year
We'll feast and let our joy ascend
And laugh with lots of cheer

[Wildcat wanders to the door of the party]

Wildcat:

(Shivering)

My lips are turning b b b blue
My toes have all gone n n n numb
I'm l l l l lost in this snowstorm
Without a t t t tiny crumb

(Seeing Chief and party)

Maybe these folks have seen Great Rabbit!

I'm l..looking for a r..r..rabbit
He's b big and f fast
Have you seen one l lately
Has he h hopped on passed?

Have you seen one?

Great Rabbit: Calm yourself, my friend
This is a merry celebration
Come inside and feast
Before you wither from starvation

[Starts to enter, then pauses with doubt]

Wildcat: *(Aside to kids)*

Wait a minute! Is this Great Rabbit in disguise?
He won't take me by surprise!

(Duet)

(To Great Rabbit)

Dear Sir, it would seem to appear
That those two scalp locks look like rabbit ears.

Great Rabbit: Rabbit ears? Now isn't that funny!
No one's said I resemble a bunny.

Wildcat: Ah but then please explain,
Why your nose is split and looks so strange?

Great Rabbit: I was hammering wampum beads
When a piece shattered and flew.
It came at my face with tremendous speed
And split my nose in two

Wildcat: I do admit that is a pity good fellow
By why are the soles of your feet so yellow?

Great Rabbit: I was making a dye to color my clothes
When I spilled the mixture on my toes.

[Slight pause as Wildcat considers all of these answers]

(Continues) I hope I've calmed your doubt
Now come along and feast.
We're about to sing some songs
Would you like to join along?

Wildcat: He's answered my questions
But I still don't trust him.
If its is Great Rabbit in disguise
This song will give him quite a rise!

(Clears throat and sings. He tries to get a rise out of the Elder Chief to test his suspicion that Great Rabbit will be angered by the song and reveal himself)

Rabbits! Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits!
How I hate them! I hate them I hate them I hate them.
How I loathe them! I loathe them, I loathe them, I loathe them.
How I laugh at them! How I laugh at them! Ha Ha Ha...

Great Rabbit (Aside):

She thinks that he can make me mad
But I will not be had!

Wildcat:

Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits!
How I catch them! I catch them, I catch them, I catch them!
How I eat them! I eat them, I eat them, I eat them!
How I laugh at them! How I laugh at them! Ha ha Ha...

(Not letting on)

Great Rabbit: Wow! What a...

What a lovely song you sang!
You put on quite the show!
Now join us if you will
In singing one of ours

(To kids) Everyone ready? I can't hear you! Everyone Ready?

Great Rabbit and Chorus:

Today we gather with our friends
To celebrate this year
We'll feast and let our joys ascend
And laugh with lots of cheer

Today we sing with voices raised
To share our joy and health.
To mother earth, let her be praised
For giving us her wealth.

[Wildcat joins in]

Today we dance with spirits high
To step and move as one.
Together all our worries fly
To welcome in the fun!

(Great Rabbit to audience)

Everyone, that was Great!

Wildcat:

All of these festivities
Have made me very tired.
I think that I should go lay down
And rest as I require.

[Wildcat lays down and falls asleep]

Great Rabbit (Aside): Ha Ha Ha! My illusion worked again!
The predator's been tricked by the prey!
(Begins to sneak away)

Hop, Hop, Hop, let me sneak away

[Wildcat wakes up sharply, cold and shivering again]

Wildcat: I have no fire to keep me warm
Great Rabbit left me in this storm!

(Looking at what he ate)
What was that I had last night
I ate in such a hurry?
Without illusions I can see
It was only...Rabbit Pellets!!
Yuk!

Aria
I'm done with playing games
I'm weak from lack of meat
I have to make this next time count
I'll starve if this repeats!

I won't believe a thing I see
I won't fall for his ruse
The second I've an ounce of doubt
I'll charge in for the coup!

I swore on my long tail
Great Rabbit would be caught
And if I don't succeed this time
All would be for naught

[Exits to pursue Great Rabbit]

Scene 4: At Sea

Great Rabbit: When Wildcat wakes
She'll continue her search
She'll keep chasing me
To the ends of the Earth

My magic's run low

I need to be wise
With one last illusion
I can avoid my demise!

With one final trick
It needs to be great
To scare her away
Before it's too late.

I need to stop Wildcat
From chasing after me
By scaring her away
I can run and be free

Great Rabbit asks the kids to for help conjuring an illusion of a French Battleship by having the children impersonate the winds of the ocean. Wildcat approaches.

Wildcat: Where is Great Rabbit?
 Where could he be?

(See's battleship)

Wow that's a really big boat!

Could Great Rabbit be onboard
Trying to sail away?

(moving towards the ship)

Where is the captain of this ship?
Maybe he could give me a tip?

(Calling impatiently)

Captain, Captain, Captain, Captain!

(Great Rabbit appears, this time imitating a French Captain)

Great Rabbit: Here I am, Madame le Wildcat!
 It is I who wears the captain's hat.

Wildcat: Well, I'm looking for a rabbit that's trying to hide
 Did he snuck onboard when it was low tide?

Great Rabbit: I've seen nothing but seagulls fly overhead
 Maybe the other direction is where he's fled

(Wildcat turns away then pausing upon realization)

Wildcat: Wait a minute! Is this Great Rabbit in disguise?

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