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Libretto: The Feast in the Sky

[Parrot enters and prepares excitedly for the Feast]

Parrot:       The Feast in the Sky  
                  The Feast in the Sky  
                  Soon I will fly to the Feast in the Sky (x2)

                  Occasions like this  
                  Come once every year  
                  I'll ready myself  
                  With lots of care

                  I can't wait to see  
                  My family and friends  
                  Who've flown many miles  
                  To come and attend

                  The Feast in the Sky,  
                  The Feast in the Sky,  
                  Soon I will fly to the Feast in the Sky (x2)

[Tortoise crawls on grumpily]

Tortoise:     Why is Parrot flapping 'round  
                  Squawking like a lunatic?  
                  Could it be the time has come  
                  For the birds to have their picnic?

[aria] All through the land  
          Through the woods and through sand  
          Food can't be found  
          Since the famine's come 'round

                  The famine's caused  
                  My mood to turn foul  
                  I've eaten so little  
                  It's hollowed my jowl.

                  These birds have food  
                  And tons to spare  
                  I'll find a way  
                  To take my fair share, take my fair share!

[Parrot notices Tortoise and calls over like an excited little child]

Parrot: Hello Mr. Tortoise! You seem to be down  
What can I do to help fix your sad frown?

Tortoise: Hello Ms. Parrot, It's just that I see  
You're off to a feast and did not invite me...

Parrot: You know Mr. Tortoise, this Feast is for birds  
Bringing a Tortoise would be quite absurd!

Tortoise: Perhaps you can make an exception for me  
Since I'm a gentlemen, I'm sure you'd agree.

Parrot: No way Mr. Tortoise, you're slow on your feet  
But you leave behind a big trail of deceit.

Tortoise: (aside)  
My plan isn't working; I'll change my approach  
I must change my tactic for fear of reproach

(To Parrot)  
I see that I'm not welcome here; I know that I am not a bird  
I was only asking you 'cause of something I've heard.

[Short Musical Interlude - Tortoise acts like he's about to leave]

Parrot: (aside)  
Perhaps I should listen to what Tortoise knows  
He's old and he's wise, even if he is slow.

(to Tortoise)  
Wait! What was that you were going to say to me,  
Before you got up and walked away from me?

[Musical Interlude - Tortoise makes a show of stopping and "deciding" its for the best he tell Mr. Parrot, goes to kids to ask]

Tortoise: I've heard the rules read  
I've learned what they have said  
The feast is for the birds-  
Those, those are the words

Chorus: The rules, they do not say  
One couldn't pretend  
To dress like a bird

'Till the festival's end

Dressed up like a bird  
A tortoise can attend  
To fly to the Feast  
With his Parrot friend

Parrot: Promise me this  
That all that you say  
Is not a trick  
To get your way

Tortoise I've learned  
When you make trouble  
It snaps back  
At you double.

*Chorus* The rules, they do not say  
One couldn't pretend  
To dress like a bird  
'Till the festival's end...

Parrot: Good! Great! Grand!  
Then I'll make  
You wings for disguise  
Rise, sail, soar  
With us birds  
Up into the sky

Chorus (both):  
The rules, they do not say  
One couldn't pretend  
To dress like a bird  
'Till the festival's end...

Parrot: I'll ask my friends  
To lend their feathers  
We'll make you wings  
By putting them together

[Parrot goes off to get wings]

Tortoise: See you soon Miss Parrot!

Tortoise: [excited]

One small step  
Small it may seem  
One small step  
Towards my lovely scheme

One small step  
The cards are in play  
One small step  
To the payday

I need food  
The birds have it all  
Since they won't share  
I'll take it all!

One small step!

[Parrot enters with wings]

Parrot: I'm back Mr. Tortoise  
I've come with a gift  
A new pair of wings  
To set you adrift

Tortoise: With these new wings  
I'll look like a bird  
My tortoise appearance  
Will now be obscured

Parrot: These wings are special  
They require a song  
To stir up the magic  
And lift them along

Both: Let's ask all our friends  
To gather around  
With all of their voices  
The magic will be found

[to kids]

Are you ready? x3

Chorus: Us animals, both big and small  
Are gathered here to sing  
We look up to the sky and call

For wind to lift our wings

We ask the wind to send a gust  
To lift our wings in flight  
To stir the dust and give us thrust  
To fly to newer heights

(chorus repeats)

**[Parrot and Tortoise fly to the Great Feast in the Sky]  
End of Scene 1**

**Scene 2**

**[Parrot and Tortoise arrive at the Great Feast in the Sky]**

Parrot: We finally are here at the feast in the sky  
Come meet all my friends who will want to say HI!

[Tortoise is completely distracted by the buffet that is on display across the “cloud”]

Tortoise: [aside]

I can smell all the food  
That’s been cooked with such care,  
All of these smells  
Make my poor nostrils flare!

[Tortoise moves towards buffet]

Parrot: [pulling tortoise away]

Mr. Tortoise, come on! There’s no time to stall,  
The feast lasts a day, which is no time at all!

Tortoise: Go on ahead, I’ll be at the buffet,  
I’ll catch up with you once I eat this soufflé!

Tortoise: The steaming hot soup [Sniff]

Parrot: Eat the food later

Tortoise: Freshly cut fish [Sniff]

Parrot: And stop with those sniffs

Tortoise: Succulent fruits [Sniff]

Parrot: You'll anger the guests

Tortoise: Yam pottage dish! [sniff]

Parrot: Let's not cause a tiff

Chorus: Here we are  
We're at the feast with lots to do  
Here we are  
She/I want(s) to see friends, He/I want(s) the stew

Parrot: Tortoise, come on! [squawk]

Tortoise: She won't stop squawking

Parrot: Don't make my friends wait, [Squawk]

Tortoise: And won't let me eat

Parrot: There's no time to waste [Squawk]

Tortoise: I've no time for games

Parrot: Let's go celebrate! [Squawk]

Tortoise: While I'm weak on my feet (x2)

Chorus: Here we are  
We're at the feast with lots to do  
Here we are  
She/I want(s) to see friends, He/I want(s) the stew

(back and forth)

Parrot: I want to see friends

Tortoise: I want the stew

Parrot: I want to see friends!

Tortoise: I want the stew

Both: There's so much to do! (x2)

Tortoise: How can I manage  
To grab my fair share?

I'll need a bold plan  
To catch Parrot unaware!

Tortoise: You know Ms. Parrot  
I just had a thought  
I need a bird name  
To not get caught.

I'll choose a new name  
To not cause a fuss  
The name that I choose  
Will be All of Us

Both: All of Us, All of us!

Parrot: So your name, it will be All of Us!

That's a great name  
Now come meet my friends

[Tortoise heads over to kids]

Tortoise: Be right there  
I've matters to attend

Tortoise: (to kids)  
Watch what I do  
And what I say  
To trick Ms. Parrot  
To get my own way.

(to Parrot)  
One quick question  
From you I implore  
There's all this food  
But who is it for?

Parrot: (Thinking it obvious)  
I thought that you knew  
Not having to discuss,  
That all of this food  
Is for Everyone

Tortoise: All of us!  
Parrot: Everyone!  
Tortoise: All of us!

Parrot: Everyone

(To get her to say the opposite)

Tortoise: Everyone

Parrot: All of Us

Tortoise: That's my name!

Don't forget Ms. Parrot, my bird name is All of us!  
And like you just said, the food is for All of us!  
So therefore the food is all for me! It's Mine!

Parrot: [Tortoise pushes through to start eating]

Now wait, that's not fair!  
I brought you up here.  
The least you could do,  
Is be kind and share!

Tortoise: Too late!

[aria]

All of this food  
Is now mine to take,  
From yam pottage dishes,  
To juicy red steak!

She said the food is for All of us  
And my bird name is All of Us

I won't starve with all of this food  
Now there's hope to lift my mood

She said the food is for All of us  
And my bird name is All of Us

I'll eat some food now  
Store some in my shell  
This terrible hunger  
Will soon be dispelled!

Ha Ha Ha!

[Tortoise digs into the food]



Parrot: I'm so mad! I'm so mad!  
I'm so mad, I could squawk.

Squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk!

Tortoise's greed  
Not leaving a seed  
Has angered me

He'll soon be remiss  
To think I'll dismiss  
His selfishness!

Stealing and thieving  
Cunning, deceiving  
Is not what friends do!

Squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk, squawk

Tortoise: Now that I've taken all the food that's around  
It's time to fly back to my home on the ground.

Ready, set, go!

[Tortoise jumps]

[musical interlude- comical mid flight realization he is falling and not flying]

Tortoise/Parrot:  
I'm/He's falling too fast  
From all of the weight,  
Of the food that I/he took  
And the rest that I/he ate. (x2)

Tortoise: Ahhhh

[Tortoise crashes down, landing hard and cracking his shell]

### **Scene 3: The Fall**

Tortoise: Help I've fallen and I can't get up!

Tortoise: That landing hurt!  
The ground is hard  
I've cracked my shell in two,

The food is crushed;  
It's my shell is ruined  
Now what am I to do?

My plan has failed  
Because of my greed  
Now I am left  
Completely bereft

My hunger got me carried away  
This the price that I have to pay?  
My Shell! My Shell! My Shell! My Shell!

Ah!

[Parrot flies down and arrives]

Parrot: You know Mr. Tortoise  
You reap what you sow  
This is what happens  
When you stoop low

The tricks that you played  
Were not very nice  
Trickery comes  
At a high price

On top of the tricks  
You gave in to greed  
Left nothing for us  
Not even a seed! Not even a seed!

You know Mr. Tortoise  
You reap what you sow  
This is what happens  
When you stoop so low, when you stoop low.

Tortoise: I am so sorry  
I was so rude  
All I could think of  
Was taking the food.

Parrot: If you were hungry  
You should have told me.  
Instead of stealing food  
And being greedy.

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