

Act I

Spoken during intro music:

Father: Once upon a time, there lived a poor woodcutter,

Mother: his wife,

Father: and two children at the edge of a deep, dark forest.

Mother: The man made brooms to sell

Father: and the woman sold a few items of hand-stitched clothing. But times were hard and they earned very little money, so the family was hungry.

Mother: One day, after their mother went off to market, the boy, Hansel, and his sister, Gretel, did chores around the house. They were joined by several youngsters in raggedy clothes who occasionally

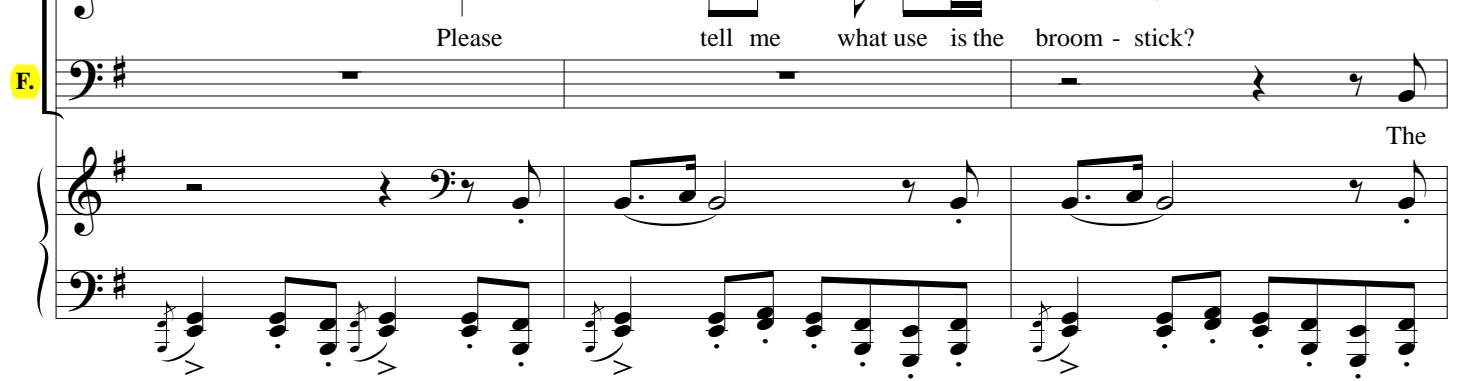
Father: and mysteriously

Mother: would wander out of the woods and appear at their door.

Father: Hansel and Gretel didn't ask questions; they were just happy for the company! And, as is often true with children, work soon turned to play.

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M. 

F. 

Please tell me what use is the broom - stick?

The

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F. 

broom - stick, the broom - stick, oh what is it for, oh what is it for? They ride on it,

p *cresc.*

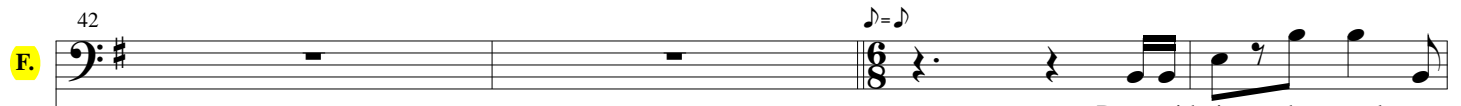
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F. 

they ride on it, the witch - es!

f *decresc.*

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F. 

Deep with-in the woods at

p *dim.* *p*

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F. mid - night hour, a sor - c'ress rules with the dev - il's pow'r!

p

50

F. At twelve o' clock the world is a - sleep, she's off for a witch - es'

cresc.

54

F. date to keep. Up the chim - ney so high,

mf *p*

58

F. on her broom - stick she'll fly. O - ver

p

Leo. *

61

F.

hill and dale, — through a breeze or gale, — wheth-er foul or fair, they

p *cresc.* 3 *cresc.*

64

F.

fly through the air. On a broom - stick, on a broom - stick up

f *p* *cresc.*

68

M.

The witch - es! But the

F.

high, up high, the witch - es!

f *dim.*

72

M. 

F.  gob - bling witch?

Well at first you'd find she seems quite kind, but her

76

F.  ho - cus po - cus fo - cused mind en - chants the chil - dren

79

F.  ten - der and sweet. She gives them cake and can - dy to eat.

dolce

82

F.  On e - vil - bent with

un poco più animato

mf *decresc.* *p*



85

F.

foul in - tent, she lures the babes, so hun - gry and spent. In the

88

F.

ov - en red hot she— shoves ev - 'ry tot. She shuts the door down un -

91

F.

- til they're baked brown. From the ov - en, from the

94

F.

ov - en come gin - ger-bread

97 *a tempo*

M. *And the gin-ger-bread chil-dren?*

F. *chil - dren! Are*

dolce *pp*

Leo. * Leo. *

101

M. *by the sor - c'ress the sor - c'ress.*

F. *gob - bled at din - ner by the sor - c'ress.*

pp

104

M. *Heav'n help us, the chil - dren, oh what can we do?*

F. *pp cresc. f*

107

F.

Hey moth-er, moth-er, wait for me.

110

F.

We'll both find our chil-dren and set them free!

113

ff

ff

Leg. * *Leg.* *

117

ff

ff

95 **Un poco più tranquillo**

M.W. And that dear maid ——— quite read - y for bak - ing.

fp *fp* *p dolce*

Un poco più tranquillo

100 **Father Witch** *[ossia: Mother Witch 8^{va}]* **Mother Witch**

F.W. Come, lit - tle mou - sey, Come in - to my

105

M.W. hou - sey! For - get your man - ners so

F.W. Feast on some - thing so scrump - tious,

109

M.W. bump - tious. **Father Witch**
[ossia: Mother Witch 8^{va}]

F.W. Some choc - o-late cake — and do - nuts glazed.

dolce

113 **Mother Witch**

M.W. You — shall both — be quite — a-mazed! Try lol - li-pops and fresh

p dolce

p *p*

117

M.W. cus-tard with ber-ries, a light mer-ingue fit for an-gels or fair-ies. **Father Witch**
[ossia: Mother Witch 8^{va}]

F.W. Chew rais-ins and

p

121 **Mother Witch**

M.W.

F.W.

These treats _____ are just
gum - drops and bub - ble gum, ice cream, and can - dy.

cresc.

125

M.W.

F.W.

sim - ply quite hand - y, **Father Witch** And all _____
[ossia: Mother Witch alone] *tr*

And all _____

p espr. *mf*

130

M.W.

F.W.

tru - ly dan - dy!

tru - ly dan - dy!

tr *dim.* *f*

Hansel: No thank you...lady. I'm not going inside.

Gretel: You're a stranger and just a little bit too friendly.

Witch (M): My my my, aren't they just so very clever?

Witch (F): Little smarty pants.

M: Why, my delicious

F: hmhhh

M: darling children. I just want to welcome you to my home. We're going to have a yum, yum, yum

F: ahhh

M: fun, fun, fun time together. Now let's see. First I'll eat

F: (whistles)

M: feed your little brother; he looks even hungrier than you, sweetie pie.

F: and you could use a few gumdrops.

M: Here you are, my puny little dumpling – eat up!

69 **L'istesso tempo** (♩=♩)

M.W. *he he he he he he!*

[ossia: Mother Witch alone]

F.W. *he he he he he he!*

più cresc.

f

72

M.W. *Pre -*

[ossia: Mother Witch alone] *a la beat boxing (think Bobby McFerrin)*

F.W. *bah*

f

mf

77

M.W. *-pare to zoom, oh trust - y broom. Now pay me heed, my wood - en steed.*

F.W. *doom bah chu etc.*

f

81

M.W.

F.W.

At dawn of day I

bah doom bah chu

mf

86

M.W.

F.W.

zip a - way and hold on tight with all my might.

f

91

M.W.

F.W.

At mid-night dark just for a lark we witch-es form a

bah doom bah chu

fp

96

M.W.

ghast-ly swarm.

F.W.

cresc.

f

101

M.W.

With three and four come five and more, add sev - en friends, it

F.W.

bah doom bah chu

p

106

M.W.

nev - er ends, and nine plus one makes ten for fun. I'll make my date, I won't be late.

F.W.

cresc.

111

M.W.

F.W.

My com-rades ride close by my side.
bah doom bah chu

mf *p cresc.*

115

ff

121

ff

126

M.W.

F.W.

Brr! broom-stick hi!
Brr! broom-stick hi!

ff *f* *ff*