

The Nutcracker

Scene 1: Mouse

Twas the night before Christmas
when all through the house,
not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse.

(Mouse actions/small scatty mouse, Switch with squeaking sound)

Scene 2: Christmas Tree

(Christmas tree lights on, hang decorations, hold/stack presents)

Here comes uncle with presents for me
Placing them carefully under the tree
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.

(Snoring)

Scene 3: Sugar Plum Fairy

(Spotlight on tight feet, Dance of the sugarplum music – shared attention)

**(Dance of the Sugar plum fairy - dancing with stuffed tights,
glitter sprinkling)**

(Music stops abruptly)

Scene 4: Rat

(Squeaky rat, Scurry backwards and forwards)

Everything stopped, I smell a rat!
Scurrying quickly, like this and like that
The nutcracker came and scared him away
No more rat, hip hip hooray!!!

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(Everybody marching hands/feet, banging drums in rhythm, nodding heads as appropriate)

Scene 5: Flowers

Everything's Rosey in a garden bright
Sunshine and flowers, what a delight.
Stop and listen, lend an ear
Beautiful music, can you hear?

(Flowers/chiffons/Scented, dancing 'up up up up up , down down down' to waltz of the flowers)

Scene 6: Snowflakes

(White fabric/card/wall – snowflake with torch for shadows, slow spinning – visual tracking – Waltz of the snowflakes in background. Snow/ice/sensory equivalent on trays)

The moon shone on the new fallen snow
Gave the brightness of day to the objects below
Shimmering, shining, shadows and sheen,
Icicles left where snowflakes had been

Scene 7: The End

(Mouse switch and Mouse return)

Twas the night before Christmas
When all through the house
Nothing had been quiet
Not even a mouse