

Babes in the wood 2026 – Audtion piece

(Enter - Lord Goodheart (With presence and calm authority))

Goodheart People of Sherwood and Loddon... pray forgive my sudden arrival

Robin **(Surprised)** Lord Goodheart

(The Merry Men bow)

Sam Father! You're home! Truly home!

Millie We missed you every single day!

(They run and hug him)

Nora My Lord! Back from crusading, at last. You've missed quite the mess, honestly; we were starting to think you'd left us to it.

Goodheart Ah, Nora... only you would welcome a returning lord with a scolding...

Nora I have stayed loyal to King Richard and yourself, I even had a pair of knickers made out of a union Jack

Goodheart Are they uncomfortable?

Nora Well they were... until I took the flagpole out

Goodheart **(Turning to Merryman)** Rise, my brave of Sherwood you have defended these lands better than any army. **(To Willy)** And you, Willy, if that spoon has frightened even one villain today, I shall have it placed in the castle armoury.

Robin My Lord, Sherwood stands ready to report all that has happened in your absence. And I suspect you have already seen the first signs of our... recent troubles

Goodheart The moment I returned to Nottingham, I came straight here... and what a tale has been laid before me! I have heard how the Sheriff of Nottingham has ruled with greed instead of justice... **(Looks at Sheriff)** though, judging by the state of you, it seems that you've already had a little taste of your own medicine

And then there's you, Griselda. **(Turns to her)** While I was away, you've been weaving wicked spells, spreading fear through Sherwood. You have been making life miserable for anyone who has been unlucky enough to cross your path

Yet I hear of courage that refuses to fall — Robin Hood and his Merry Men, Nora with her fierce determination, and every soul who stood together when evil was sure it had already triumphed

Therefore, let it be known that Griselda the Witch is banished from Nottingham! She shall be sent to a cold, dark and unforgiving place...

Griselda NOOOO, not....

Goodheart Yes... Suffolk...And the Sheriff shall answer for every misdeed before King Richard himself

Everyone Hurray **(Encourage the audience to join in)**

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Marian **(Grace and warmth)** My Lord, your return brings hope to every corner of the Shire.
We are blessed to have you home again

Goodheart Come, all of you. Nottingham awaits us, and today we walk back in peace, not fear.

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