

Babes in the wood 2026 – Audtion piece

Sam **(To Millie)** Millie, stop crying! You'll set off the flood warnings!

Mille **(Sniffs)** But Sam... we can't just leave him!

Nora Leave who?

Millie Him **(Waves to side of stage)**

(Enter – Puddlefoot, "QUAACK!" He puffs out his chest, does a heroic wobble, then trips over his own feet)

Millie Isn't he adorable?

Nora Look at the size of that! That's enough meat to feed the whole cast!

Marian Nora! We're not eating it!

Nora Shame. Loddon deli would probably make a lovely sandwich out of it...and no it's not coming home with us

Mille **(Strokes Puddlefoot)** But Nora, he followed us! He likes us!

Puddlefoot Quaaaack! **(He nuzzles Nora)**

Nora **(To Puddlefoot)** Oh, don't you start! Don't you give me those big, innocent eyes... **(Puddlefoot blinks slowly)**...and don't wag your little tail... **(He wags furiously)**...or do that cute little head tilt... **(He tilts his head)** that's just not fair... NO!!!! Ducks belong in ponds.

Millie But Nora, he's special! He saved us from a big muddy puddle!

Sam Saved you? He pushed you into it!

Millie Well, only a little bit.

Marian **(Soft, amused, stepping toward the children)** Well... it sounds to me as though he's already part of your little team. And any duck brave enough to save two children from a muddy puddle...**(Pats Puddlefoot)**...might just deserve a home with them.

Puddlefoot QUACK! **(He spreads his wings)**

Millie Please, Nora! We'll look after him. We'll feed him, and clean him, and teach him tricks!

Nora I don't know, he may grow into something bigger!

Sam / Millie Bigger????

Song #2 – There once was an ugly duckling (Bernard Cribbins)

Nora **(At the end of the song, defeated)** Ohhh... FINE! But he sleeps outside

Millie **(Hugging Nora)** Thank you, Nora! We'll name him...Puddlefoot

Sam Come on, Puddlefoot! You're part of the family now! **(Sam & Millie exit)**

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Pickle Come along, you two. This way... deeper into the trees. The special flowers are just through here

Sam Nora taught us all the names of the flowers **(Points)** Those are daisies and those are sweet peas

Pudding Does she come to the woods often?

Millie Yes, she likes to come into the woods and sit amongst the daisies and peas {pees}

Pudding Look, can you see those flowers over there? **(Points)**

Sam Yep, I can see them. They look beautiful

Millie Come on, Nora will be delighted with those

(Sam and Millie go across to the flowers (SR))

Pickle **(Stage whisper to Pudding)** Right, let's make a bee and buzz off

(Pickle and Pudding exit quietly; Millie looks round)

Millie **(Surprised)** Sam... they've vanished!

Sam So that's what they were up to!

Millie What are we going to do now? We're lost in the forest... again!

Sam I had a feeling those two were up to something. Look, I've been dropping a trail of breadcrumbs from the village. We just follow it back.

Millie I knew I could rely on you. What would I do without you?

Sam I'll always be here for you Millie, no matter what

Song #5 - No matter what (Whistle down the wind)

Sam Right then...we'll just follow the trail back.

Millie **(Looking around, baffled)** Sam... I can't see any trail.

Sam What? It's got to be here somewhere!

(Enter - Puddlefoot pecking at the ground)

Sam Oh no! That stupid duck has eaten all the breadcrumbs **(Puddlefoot runs up to Millie and makes a fuss)** You silly duck, how are we going to find our way home now? **(Puddlefoot shuffles forward with her wings drooping, head bowed, giving a soft, guilty little quack, the classic "I messed up" posture, then waddles off in shame - exit)**

Millie Don't shout at her like that, you frightened her

(SFX - Off stage - Evil Laugh – LFX – Lights dim)

Millie **(Grabbing Sam)** What was that?

Robin Hood **(Off Stage)** Fear not, children! Help is at hand!

Sam Who's that?

(Robin strides in, bow ready – Music – 1960's Robin Hood theme)

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Robin Hood I am Robin Hood! Hero of Sherwood! Defender of the poor! Champion of justice!
Stand behind me, you two. No witch, no henchman, no dark magic will ever get past
Robin Hood of Sherwood forest

Sam Millie! It's Robin Hood

****NOTE – No need to learn the songs for audition****

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