SCENE TWO | MOCK TURTLE SOUP

THE WHITE RABBIT ENTERS: **SFX CUE: SEASIDE SOUNDS**

RABBIT: I'm late! I'm late! Well actually…I'm not late anymore thanks to Alice! Speaking of Alice, where has she got to? Will you all help me shout for her after three? One, two, three! ALICE!

ALICE RUNS ON.

ALICE: [*To the wings:*] Goodbye, Mr. Hatter! Goodbye, March Hare! Sweet dreams Dormouse! See you at the party! This place is so curious! It's a…it's a…

RABBIT: Wonderland?

ALICE: I couldn't have put it better myself! Where are we?

RABBIT: The seaside! It's the quickest way to the palace.

ALICE: Oh! I do like to be beside the seaside!

MUSIC CUE: 'SWIMMIN WITH THE WIMMIN' – GEORGE FORMBY

RABBIT: That sounds like the Mock Turtle! He makes the most delicious soup you can imagine! My favourite is his 24-carrot soup.

ALICE: Is it nice?

RABBIT: It's a bit rich!

THE MOCK TURTLE ENTERS WEARING A BOATER.

ALICE: Curiouser and curiouser!

MOCK TURTLE: Oooh! Hello duck!

ALICE: I'm not a duck!

MOCK TURTLE: You're talking to a giant turtle! You must be quackers!

RABBIT: Mock Turtle, this is Alice!

MOCK TURTLE: I've never heard of an 'Alice' before!

ALICE: I'm not from here. I'm from England.

MOCK TURTLE: The further off from England the nearer is to France…Would you like to hear my story?

ALICE: Absolutely Mr. Turtle!

MOCK TURTLE: [*To audience:*] Would you like to hear my story? Then I shall tell it. Sit down both of you please and don't speak a word until I am finished.

ALICE: Of course!

MOCK TURTLE: That was two words…

ALICE: Sorry!

THE MOCK TURTLE INHALES DRAMATICALLY.

MOCK TURTLE: Once…I was a *real* turtle.

THE MOCK TURTLE BURSTS INTO TEARS.

RABBIT: Beautiful, Mock Turtle!

ALICE: Thank you sir, for your…interesting story!

MOCK TURTLE: I'm not finished!

BOTH: Oh!

MOCK TURTLE: When I were a little hatchling, I went to school in the sea. My teacher was an old Turtle. We used to call him 'Tortoise'.

ALICE: Why did you call him Tortoise if he was a Turtle?

MOCK TURTLE: We called him 'Tortoise' because he 'taught us'!

MUSIC CUE: PUNCHLINE DRUM

RABBIT: Bravo Mock Turtle! I never get tired of hearing your stories!

MOCK TURTLE: You're too kind!

ALICE: Wait! Where's the Duchess? She said she'd meet us here?

DUCHESS(OFF): I'm coming!

MUSIC CUE: ITSY BITSY TEENY WEENY YELLOW POLKA DOT BIKINI
THE DUCHESS ENTERS WEARING HER BIKINI, SUNGLASSES AND A GIANT SUN HAT.

ALL: Duchess?!

DUCHESS: Hello boys and girls! Do you like my new bikini? It's from Primarni. I got it for a ridiculous figure!

RABBIT: We can see that!

DUCHESS: Cheeky Rabbit! [NAME OF MAN] likes it! His eyes are popping out of his skull!