Rumpelstiltskin

a fairytale for children of any age

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after tales from the Grimm brothers

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Hello everybody,

We will present you a musical fairy tale.

That means that from the music you hear,

you may understand what is going on in the fairy tale.

For instance you will not see the glimmering of the gold,

you will hear it!: (piccolo's, measure 141-155)

And in the woods you will hear this scary beast: (measure 59-68)

Then there is the daughter of the miller and she loves dancing: (measure 78-85)

When she handles the spinning wheel you will hear this: (measure 106-121 without oboes)

A special tune is for the strange little chap: (measure 303-308)

And when there is a feast it goes like this: (measure 450-461).

So, and that will do.

@ 0 The fairy-tale of Rumpelstiltskin is set in a beautiful area, with charming villages and large forests, sloping fields and murmuring brooks,
 birds chirping in a competition for the loveliest sound.
 Now close your eyes and let the music lead you in a wonderful walk along this magnificent landscape.



@ 1 Once upon a time, not too long ago,
in a small village, not too far from here,
there was a miller who had a nice daughter;
a frank and lively girl that was very pretty as well.



@ 2 This merry girl always wanted to help in daily household with all kind of jobs and, she became a very skilful girl.
For instance she learned the spinning of lovely strong threads and yarn from sheep wool or flax with a spinning wheel.



Moto Mechanica, allegro

@ 3 From all that practicing she became very experienced in the spinning of wool and cotton.
 From all these yarns and threads she made really fabulous dresses.
 So it could happen that people in the village made up that the millers daughter could spin even gold from straw.



Moto Mechanica, allegro

But, that was a little exaggerated of course. @4 People did not really mean that the millers daughter could make gold, they only meant that, the clothes she made were exceptionally beautiful. And her father, the miller, was very proud on that. Therefore, one day, even the king got information about that village with the lovely millers daughter. And, because the king was just looking around for a queen, he ordered for a horse and carriage and went to the village with the miller and his nice daughter.



@ 5 When the king arrived in the village,

he was instantly impressed by the appearance of that nice young girl.

And he asked the miller if indeed, the millers daughter could spin gold from straw.

Yeah, and that dear father, he was so confused

by the visit and the interest of the king for his daughter,

that he confirmed that indeed, his daughter was able to spin gold from straw.



@ 6 But a king cannot marry any lump of a girl.
He was not completely stupid.
He had to know for sure that this girl could spin gold.
And he wanted to see that with his own eyes.
So he asked the miller if he might invite the millers daughter
to the royal palace for a demonstration of her skills in the spinning of gold.



@ 7 Now there was no way back for the miller.He agreed that his daughter could visit the royal palace to show her peculiar ability in the spinning of gold.

Hence it could happen that, just a minute later, the royal carriage, with the king and the millers daughter,

went back to the royal palace.



Marcia Pomposo, maestoso

8 The king, he did not waste too much time and directed the millers daughter straight to a big hall that was packed full of straw and a spinning wheel.

He told her to spin all the straw to gold before dawn.

Then he would marry her.

If it happened that she could not make the gold, she would be in big trouble,

because cheating a king is not a healthy profession.

Then the king left the hall and locked all doors very securely.



@ 9 The poor girl was completely muddled.
Al that stupid baloney of the people about gold; she could not spin any gold never not.
And she cried so terrible that after a while she fell asleep.



@ 10 Suddenly the girl awoke. Then what was that? There in a corner of the hall?
It seemed that there was somebody there!
But what a strange little chap was that!



@ 11 That little chap asked the girl why she cried so badly.
But, he was well informed about al the problems of the girl.
It happened to be not just a strange little chap,
It was a very special little chap.



@ 12 After the girl had told the little chap why she was so gloomy, he proposed to spin all the straw to gold for her.
But, he did want some reward for that
and asked her what she could offer when he would spin all straw to gold.
After some consideration the millers daughter decided to give him her nice necklace as a reward for that remarkable job.

No sooner said than done and the little chap started on at once with the spinning wheel.



@ 13 After all the impediment of that day the millers daughter did fall asleep rapidly. And only early next morning, she awoke with a start, since the king had entered the hall, curious about the progress of the young girl. The girl was quite flabbergasted and very delighted, when she saw that all the straw had been turned into gold by the strange little chap, that was disappeared without a trace. And the king, he was very satisfied with all that gold. Nonetheless he hesitated if he would marry that girl. Therefore he got her to an even bigger hall with even yet more straw and he locked the doors carefully to prevent the girl from escaping.



@ 14 That made the girl very sad of course but fortunately the strange little chap showed up again. The millers daughter had already given her necklace and the only thing of value there was left now was the beautiful ring that was a remembrance to her old grandmother. In despite of that she decided to offer the ring to the little chap

if he could spin all the straw to gold again.



@ 15 Due to the cozily snoring of the spinning wheel, the millers daughter had soon dozed asleep.
When she awoke next morning, due to the arrival of the king,
who entered the hall even more curious on the girls progress than the day before, all the straw had been turned to gold.
The king was very enthusiastic. But he did not show that.

And he detained the girl into a really stupendously big hall, full of straw.



@ 16 The poor girl was very sorrowful due to the extreme demands of the king.And when the strange little chap appeared again, the girl had nothing left to offer for his strains.Therefore the little chap asked, for her first born child, after she had married the king.

That did not feel good.....

Only because she did not have anything else to offer, she agreed.

And the strange little chap went immediately at work with the spinning wheel.



The pile of gold that was in the big hall next morning @ 17

was so huge that one could not look across.

The amount was even that colossal, that the king did not need to reign for the rest of his life.

You will understand that he was very satisfied with the result

and decided at last to marry the handsome daughter of the miller.

That could bring him a lot of profit.

And there was a grand wedding ceremony at the palace

where of course the miller was invited as well.



Valse Romantique

@ 18 The young queen became very lucky at the palace.Especially when after one year a beautiful rosy cheeked son was born.And the king, he could not be richer with so much wealth.

But then..... one night.....



@ 19 Suddenly that strange little chap appeared at the queen again.



@ 20 And, he wanted the son of the queen, the young prince.That was what the millers daughter had promised him, as a reward for the turning of all the straw to piles of gold.

But the queen would have nothing to do with that.

And she was crying, crying, moaning and weeping.



The queen cried so terribly and it was so moving, that the strange little chap began to feel pity for her. So it could happen that the little chap made her a new proposal; The prince might stay with the queen if she was able to guess the name of the little chap. Well, that sounded very fortunate to the queen. That could not be too difficult!!! And she started to mention all names that she already knew by memory. But unfortunately that did not include the name of the little chap.

@ 21

That is because strange little chaps always have names very different from normal people. The little chap got impatient and said that he would return next day, allowing the queen to gather all the names that she could find.



@ 22 The queen immediately sent all the court servants on mission

to collect every name that could be found in the country.....

When the strange little chap appeared to the queen next day, she read aloud all the names from the list.

But none of the names was from the little chap.

And with a mean smile he told the queen that he could give her

only one more day to contrive his name.

Otherwise he would take the young prince.



@ 23 The poor young queen could hardly manage all that trouble.She called all the court servants together and pleaded for all possible information they had gathered.

Then one of the servants told that during his quest for names,

he had met some strange situation.

In the middle of the night on some open space in the woods,

a strange small lad was dancing around an open wood fire, singing a funny song:





@ 24 Immediately the queen recognized

that this must be the name of the strange little chap.

And when the little chap appeared to her next day, she asked him:

"Perhaps you are called Roast-ribs, or Sheepshanks, or Towsplash

or Bearnhap or Spindleshanks?"

"Or can it be Rumpelstiltskin?"



@ 25 The strange little chap busted out in anger and stamped on the floor as an idiot.



@ 26 The strange little chap stamped on the floor with so much violence, he got so outrageous that he did split in two pieces by his own anger and vanished through a hole in the floor.



Diluvio Abuso a Pondera

@ 27 Ever since nothing was heard from that strange little chap.

The king gave orders for repair of the floor and organized an extraordinary festival at the palace that took seven days and seven nights.

And, they lived happily together ever after.



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