

THE BROTHERS THREE

by

JANET GRIERSON - ROSEMARY and GARY DAVERNE

Chant: No. 1 WORK Everyone.

(Children enter in groups chanting and miming farming chores eg. digging, hoeing and picking fruit into a basket etc.)

Work! Work! Never any fun
Must keep working 'til the job is done.

Work! Work! Never any fun
Must keep working 'til the job is done.

Repeat as a round building in intensity, then quieter under stortyeller.

Storyteller: *(Over single chant)*

A long time ago, in a country, far, far away, there lived three brothers. They worked and lived on a farm with their mother, near a small village.

Farming was such hard work and it payed so little for the time put into it.

No one got rich farming.

The brothers wanted to be rich - filthy rich. *(Chant stops)*

Song: No. 2 IF WE HAD LOTS OF MONEY Everyone.

Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, what we could do with money
Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, pots and pots of money
If we had lots of money.

Verse 1 If we had lots of money
We would all live just like kings
We would not have to think about
The price of anything.

We would all live
Just like kings
We would buy a house, a boat, a car and
Drink champagne, eat caviar.

Verse 2 If we had lots of money
We would join the social scene
Never work, play all day
Life would be a dream.

We would all live
Just like stars we would
Wear designer clothes and drive
Around the town in fast, flash cars.

Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, what we could do with money
Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, pots and pots of money
If we had lots of money.

Verse 3
(sung as a round) If we had lots of money
We would all live just like kings
Would not have to think about
The price of anything.

We would all live
Just like kings
We would buy a house, a boat, a car and
Drink champagne, eat caviar
Buy a house, a boat, a car and
Drink champagne, eat caviar.

Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, pots and pots of money
If we had lots of money.

Storyteller: The work was hard, the days long and the return small.
The Brothers dreamt of being rich, really rich.
Together they decided to leave the farm and the village. They would go
and seek their fortunes in the city.
They would all learn a trade and meet up again in five years time.
Their mother must be told of their important decision.

Song: **No. 3 BROTHERS' SONG** Brothers and Everyone.

Verse 1
(Brothers) Mother we have something
That we want to say
It's important news
We must tell you right away
We are tired, we are poor
And we feel there must be more
We are leaving town to
Travel our own way.

Verse 2
(Brothers) Farming in the fields
Our returns are few
To the city life
This is something we must do
We will go, we will learn
We will master a fine trade
In a few short years
Our fortunes will be made.

Bridge
(Everyone) They must go, seek their fortunes
Learn a trade, in the city
They must go, seek their fortunes
Learn a trade, in the city.

Verse 3
(Everyone) Mother they have something
That they want to say
It's important news
They must tell you right away
They are tired, they are poor
And they feel there must be more
They are leaving town to
Travel their own way.

Bridge
(Everyone) They must go, seek their fortunes
Learn a trade, in the city
They must go, seek their fortunes
Learn a trade, in the city.
They are tired, they are poor
And they feel there must be more
(Brothers) We must go, seek our fortunes
We are leaving town to
Travel our own way.
(Everyone) They are leaving town to
Travel their own way.

(The Brothers leave the stage with their mother. Crowd scene with everyone in fields. ie holding pitchforks spades etc.)

Storyteller: Early the next morning the Brothers went to the fields and said goodbye to everyone.
For their mother, five years was going to be a very long time.

(The Brothers return carrying suitcases and walk through the crowd, shaking hands. The crowd chatter dies away as musical introduction to the song "Five Years" starts and Mother comes to the front of the stage).

Song: No. 4 FIVE YEARS (Mother's Song) Mother and Everyone.

Mother
Verse 1 Five years is a very long time
And I know I will miss those
Three sons of mine
But I wish you all the best
I hope your dreams come true
And you know that ev'ry day
I will think of you.

Verse 2 Working in the fields your returns are few
But I hope in the town you will
Learn something new

And I wish you all the best
I hope your dreams come true
And you know that ev'ry day
I will think of you.

(Optional instrumental break into key change)

Everyone Five years is a very long time
 And we know you will miss your
 Three sons so fine
 And we wish them all the best
 We hope their dreams come true
 And you know that ev'ry day
 We will think of them with you.

(Brothers leave stage waving goodbye)

Storyteller: *(Over the music to Five Years). Crowd scene in the village. The Brothers are mingling and talking with the villagers .*

The five years passed and the Brothers returned to the village. One brother had learnt the trade of ship building. One had become a locksmith and the other had learnt the art of making spy-glasses and telescopes. Trades they had learnt, but as to making a fortune? Unfortunately. No.

While they were at the market place, being welcomed home by the villagers, there was much excitement in the crowd. A King's messenger entered.

No. 5 FANFARE *(Messenger enters pretending to blow a trumpet)*

Messenger: Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye. I have an important and urgent announcement from the King.
The Princess has been kidnapped.
Nobody knows where she has been taken or what has happened to her.
If anyone can find the Princess and bring her safely back to the palace they will be handsomely rewarded with riches and land.
(Messenger walks off the stage)

(Crowd mumble amongst themselves)

Storyteller: The Princess had been kidnapped. The villagers could not believe it. They all wondered where she had been taken to. The Brothers had an idea.
They could find where the Princess was being held prisoner. One had a spy-glass through which he could see anything hidden from man's eyes.
The second had a boat strong enough to take them anywhere the Princess might be.
The third had a skeleton key which would unlock any door that imprisoned the Princess.
Together they would be able to find the Princess and set her free.

(The Brothers huddle together to make a plan)

Storyteller: They decided to visit the King and tell him of their plans.

No. 5A FANFARE *(King and Guards enter. Gymnasts, jugglers, magic acts, recorder groups perform)*

(The Brothers approach the King and bow)

Storyteller: "Your Majesty," they said. "We have come to tell you we will try to find the Princess and set her free. We have a boat we can sail anywhere, a spy glass through which we can see anything *(Brother 1 holds up a spy-glass, a large one)* and a special key which will unlock any door." *(Brother 3 holds up a very large key)*

The King wished them all the best of luck. He reminded them that whoever brought the Princess back safely to the palace, would be well rewarded .

With excitement and anticipation about their adventure, the Brothers set sail the next morning, determined to find the Princess and make their fortunes. *(Crowd waves them goodbye)*

Song: **No. 6 FIND THE PRINCESS** Everyone.

Verse 1 The brothers three set off to sea
 To try to find the princess
 Spy glass in hand, they left the land
 Sailed to find the Princess.

 Searched the ocean far and wide
 Sailed a sturdy ship
 Find the Princess was their aim
 on this awesome trip.

Verse 2 The brothers three set off to sea
 To try to find the Princess
 They took a key, to set her free
 When they found the Princess.

 Searched the ocean far and wide
 Sailed a sturdy ship
 Find the Princess was their aim
 on this awesome trip.

Verse 3 The brothers three set off to sea
 To try to find the Princess
 At last they saw, a distant shore
 Heard of a captive Princess.

 Searched the ocean far and wide
 Sailed a sturdy ship

Find the Princess was their aim
on this awesome trip.

Verse 4 The brothers three, they set her free
For they had found the Princess
They sailed away, home in a day
They had saved the Princess.

Searched the ocean far and wide
Sailed a sturdy ship
They had saved the Princess
an awesome trip.
Searched the ocean far and wide
They had saved the Princess
on an awesome trip.

SEA SCENE: *Acted during the song: FIND THE PRINCESS*

*The brothers board their boat and set off. (Cardboard, cut-out boat that the brothers kneel - walk behind, across the stage.)
Brother 1 looks through his spy glass and points to where the Princess is.*

They arrive on the shore, leave the boat and go to where the Princess is behind a barred door.

Brother 3 holds up the large key and unlocks the door.

They take the Princess back to the boat, looking around, checking for the kidnapper.

They sail back home. (Knee-walk across the stage behind the cut-out boat.)

The villagers greet the brothers and the Princess as they walk up to the palace.

The King greets his daughter and welcomes the three brothers.

Storyteller: The Brothers had found the Princess.
They had set her free and brought her safely to the palace.
It was a happy, festive occasion, as the villagers welcomed them all home.
Mother was very proud of her three sons.
The King was over joyed and as promised, rewarded each of the Brothers with gold and a title to a piece of land.

(The brothers bow and acknowledge their rewards.)

Everyone: HOORAY!! *(Everybody shouts and cheers.)*

Storyteller: The Brothers had finally made their fortunes.

Song: No. 7 IF WE HAD LOTS OF MONEY (Reprise) Everyone.

Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, what we could do with money
Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, pots and pots of money
If we had lots of money.

(sung as a round) If we had lots of money
We would all live just like kings
Would not have to think about
The price of anything.

We would all live
(If we had lots of money we would all live just like kings)
Just like kings
(Would not have to think about the price of anything)
We would buy a house, a boat, a car and
Drink champagne, eat caviar.
Buy a house, a boat, a car and
Drink champagne, eat caviar.

Money, money, money, lots and lots of money
Money, money, money, pots and pots of money
If we had lots of money.

THE END