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Clutterbuck



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Beth is a young girl who has just moved house with her mum, dad and her bossy, pink-haired, punk rocker big sister, whom she does not get on with.

She is feeling sad at having to leave behind all her friends and everything that is familiar to her, to start again in a new school where she doesn't know anyone. Beth's bad mood is made worse by the fact that she has just been told off for riding her bike through the flowerbed, leaving deep tyre tracks in the ground. She then accidentally breaks her dad's rocking chair. In temper she picks up a ball of wool and throws it out of the window where it lands amongst the flowers.

Beth's parents are very cross with her and leave her with a list of chores to do while they pop to the shop. Her annoying big sister just laughs at her and makes fun of her, so Beth takes herself out into the garden, putting her dad's magnifying glass in her pocket as she goes.

It is while she is sitting on the swing feeling sorry for herself that she hears a voice talking to her from the flowerbed and an amazing adventure begins.....



Based on the original book 'Voices in the Flowerbed' by Peter (Scully) Earp

Written and produced by Roger Betts and Peter Earp
Lyrics and narrative: Peter Earp
Music: Roger Betts

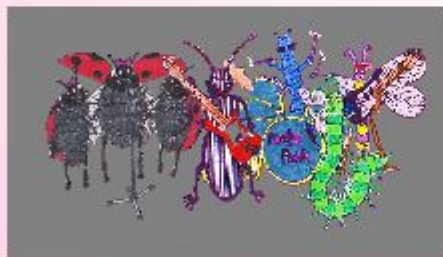
Narrator: Lauren Ham
Illustrations: Kimberley Winder

The Musicians

Roger Betts - guitar, keyboards, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, bass, synths
Peter Earp - percussion
Stuart James - drums, cajon
Ollie Kirtley, Hugh Laursen - drums
Jerry Baker - electric guitars
Melissa Lynch - fiddle, piano
Paul Betts - piano
Steve Messenger, Marcus Lillington - guitar

The Players and Vocalists

Beth: Carmel Hassle
Jeremy: Peter Earp
Whingey: Michael Hartnet
Cyril: Michael Hartnet
Cuthbert: Roger Betts
Gilbert: Pete Dunbar
Harriet: Melissa Lynch
The Desperettes: Trixie Douglas
Punchy Picnic: The Dogends



The Story in Music

1. Overture
2. It's Just Not Fair
3. Follow Me
4. Oh What a Sight
5. You Can do Anything
6. So Many Arms and no one to Hold
7. Amazing World
8. Wellington Wobbly Whapshot
9. Nobody Loves Me
10. You Don't Have to be Big to be Big
11. Litterbug Jitterbug
12. Flowerbed Rap (Rhapsody in Bluegrass)
13. There's Always a Reason to Smile
14. Everyone is Special
15. World of Make Believe



The Characters

Jeremy : Magic two inch tall dragon and guide

(Wing Commander) Whingey Worthy: Short sighted eccentric dragon fly.

Cuthbert Clutterbuck: Insecure dancing caterpillar

Hairy Harriet: Bossy pink haired frog (who can't swim)

Wellington Whapshot Wasp: Harriet's boyfriend and lacky.

Gilbert Popalot: Wise old spider

Punchy Picnic: The flowerbeds very own musical superstars

The Desperettes: Three ladybird backing vocalists

Alpha Squadron: Whingey's dragonfly platoon

