

## FEMALE AUDITION MONOLOGUES

The following lines from *Once Upon A Mattress* will serve as the acting segment of our auditions. It is not mandatory to memorize these lines, but to be familiar enough with them so that you are able to *act* them without stumbling over them.

Below are lines for the characters of Princess Winnifred, Lady Larken, and The Queen. You may be asked to read all three for us.

**WINNIFRED** *She is a kooky, loud, strong, tomboy, moat-swimming princess. She can arm wrestle any knight, (and win). She is funny and outgoing.*

Actually, I swam the moat. But never mind. If I just stand right here, there's a nice draft, I'll be dry in no time. All right, so I was a little anxious. You see my friend, Sir Harry, told me you had an opening for a princess, and I figured...the early bird... Well, anyway, here I am. Who's the lucky man?

**THE QUEEN** *She is a mean, strong willed, dominating, mother who does not want her one and only son to get married. She will think up any plan, however unfair to keep all princesses away from him.*

Well then how can you say such a thing? I want you to get married! How many times have I said to you, "I want you to get married?" Why only this morning I was saying to your father, I said. "Meekimus, I want that boy to get married". Of course he didn't say anything, he never does. He may be a mean, stupid, selfish, rotten man, but he is your Father and I want you to respect him.

**LADY LARKEN** *She is sweet and sensitive. She is innocent and caring. She is in love with Sir Harry and wants to be married.*

Oh, Sir Harry, you missed the test. The latest princess was a failure. And as if that's not bad enough. I've had some troubling news from home. My parents have stated that if I am not married within a fortnight, I am to return home, where I will be wed to Sir Anthony of Whittingham. So you see, Sir Harry, you simply must find a princess for Prince Dauntless, and soon, or there will be no hope for us.