

Scene 3

*(We hear the rhythmic sounds of **Drums and Brass** (CD track22) as the lights come up.)*

Narrator ~ So the threesome set off towards the mysterious castle called Forte Loud. As they got nearer, the sounds got louder and louder. They crept through the gates and were amazed at what they saw. A big party was going on!

(The lights go up on the courtyard of Forte Loud. Except for two surly-looking ‘bouncers’, all are dancing, singing, blowing trumpets and beating drums – see staging suggestions/props. Tom, Peter and Lucy look on, unnoticed.)

Song 5 – (Let’s Go To) A Drum ’n’ Brass Party (CD track23, lyrics p20) *(The Forte Loud residents)*

(The jolly Captain Blaster steps forward.)

Blaster ~ Hooray for the sound of Drum ’n’ Brass! Boom! Boom! *(then imitating a trumpet fanfare)* Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-paah!

All ~ Boom! Boom! Pa-pa-pa-pa-pa-paah!

Blaster ~ Let me hear that again! Boom! B.... *(noticing the children)* Wait! We have strangers in our midst.

(Blaster signals to the bouncers, who rush forward and frisk Tom, Lucy and Peter.)

Bouncer 1 ~ What’s the meaning of this, then? You think you can gate-crash a Forte Loud all-nighter without the appropriate paperwork?!

(Tom, Lucy and Peter look confusedly at each other.)

Bouncer 2 ~ S/he means where are your tickets?

Tom, Lucy & Peter ~ Um...We don’t have any.

Bouncer 1 ~ *(suddenly becoming friendly)* No problem, we’ll stick you on the guest list. *(to Bouncer 2)* Stick their names on the guest list, will you!

Bouncer 2 ~ *(shouting to offstage)* Stick their names on the guest list, will you!

Offstage voice ~ *(shouting back to Bouncer 2)* What **are** their names?

Bouncer 2 ~ *(to Bouncer 1)* What **are** their names?

Bouncer 1 ~ *(to the children)* What **are** your names?

(Tom, Lucy and Peter introduce themselves by their first names.)

Bouncer 1 ~ *(To Bouncer 2)* Tom, Lucy and Peter.

Bouncer 2 ~ *(shouting to offstage)* Tom, Lucy and Peter.

Offstage voice ~ (shouting back to Bouncer 2) Sorted!

Bouncer 2 ~ (to Bouncer 1) Sorted.

Bouncer 1 ~ (to the children) Sorted. So, come on in and have a good time, but don't forget to leave quietly - we have to remember our neighbours!

Bouncer 2 ~ We don't have any neighbours. This is a large detached castle.

Bouncer 1 ~ So it is. Well, make as much noise as you like then!

(Everyone cheers. Captain Blaster approaches Tom, Lucy and Peter. To either side of him stand his two 'vacant-looking' deputies.)

Blaster ~ Captain Blaster's the name! I'm very pleased to welcome you all to Forte Loud! And these are my loyal deputies, Sergeants Hi-Hat and Rim-Shot.

(Hi-Hat and Rim-Shot clumsily salute the children.)

Hi-Hat ~ Hello...Hope you liked our music!

Peter ~ It's great – very groovy. But what are those instruments you're playing?

Rim-Shot ~ Ooh, you've got me there...(to Hi-Hat) Do you know what those are?

Hi-Hat ~ I've never really known what they are...

Blaster ~ You clots! Why, over there (pointing to the drummers) we have the drums! (The drummers bash away for a bit.) And these wonderful things over here are the trumpets! (They play a **Funky Fanfare** (CD track24))

Hi-Hat ~ (to Rim-Shot) Right, remember that – drums and trumpets. (pointing to Tom's violin) Exactly what is that contraption?

Tom ~ It's my violin.

All ~ (in surprise) A vio – what?

Tom ~ A violin. I move my bow on the strings and it makes a lovely sound. But that's not all it does. Listen!

(Tom plays the **Magical Motif - Bang!** (CD track25). All the Forte Loud residents jump as the wizard appears, then stare in disbelief, dumbstruck.)

Wizard ~ You called me – I am here! How can I be of service?

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