

Audition Piece Jack and Jill

(Jack and Jill Enter, carrying pail of water between them. Jack's head is bandaged in brown paper.)

Dame Why, it's Jack and Jill! Hello Jack, Hello Jill. My goodness, Jack! What have you been up to?

Jill Do you really need to ask?

Dame (Dame brings out vinegar and brown paper from trolley) Ah yes, that reminds me, the usual, Jack? **(Hands it over)** Vinegar and brown paper. Now Jack, I really thought you'd be able to carry a bucket of water by now.

Jack It's not my fault. The hill's really steep, and whose silly idea was it to build the only well in nursery rhyme land at the *top* of a hill, anyway?

Dame Oh well, there's no telling [*local water company*] what to do! Anyway, I'd better get on if I want to make these cakes for Granny. Bye, everyone! **(She sniffs Jack's head)** That reminds me, fish and chips for tea tonight... **(exit)**

Jack Oh, my head does hurt!

Jill My arm aches. I know, let's leave the bucket here for a while.

Jack But what if someone uses it? I'm not going back up that hill again today.

Jill But we can't carry it all the way home. I know, let's ask the boys and girls to help us. **(To audience)** You'll help us, won't you?

(Audience response)

Jill Let's have a practice. I will go off and Jack will pretend to take the water. When you see him go to the bucket, shout out "Jack and Jill! Jack and Jill!" as loud as you can.

(They practice this business with the audience)

Jill Thanks, Everyone! Come along Jack, let's get going, or we'll be late for school!

(They exit)