

## **Audition Piece for Woodcutter**

**(Woodcutter and Billy enter. Billy is carrying his axe)**

**Woodcutter** Now son, I have to go to the town for a while, but I'm leaving you here for a while to get on with your work. Those trees don't tend themselves, you know!

**Billy** Yes, father.

**Woodcutter** And no dilly-dallying with those girls from the town. They keep you from honest work, the lot of them. Mind you, there was one lady, that rather mature one, who's got something about her....

**Billy (to audience)** Dame Hood? You can say that again!

**Woodcutter** Here, let me see that axe.

**Billy** Here, father.

**(Woodcutter examines the axe)**

**Woodcutter** As I thought, nearly blunt. What use is a blunt axe to a woodcutter? Go into town later, when your work is done, and get it sharpened. Remember to work hard. Life isn't meant to be easy. Remember, wood doesn't grow on trees, you know!

**(Woodcutter leaves)**