

A THURBER CARNIVAL

Costume Plot

Time: 1960

Characters - 5 men - first man, second man, third man, fourth man, fifth man. All wear basic sack suit, unobtrusive, well cut. Accessories are added as play proceeds. Quick changes.

4 Women - first woman, second woman, third woman, fourth woman. All wear two-piece sheath - short evening skirts, etc. Accessories are added as play proceeds. Quick changes.

Musicians wear gray outfits.

Note: Director's choice: Script does not indicate who plays part.

ACT I

Part 1. Word Dance

All women - short evening skirts with sheath tops (individual design).
1 black, 1 turquoise, 1 red-orange, 1 gold.

Men - Basic suits

THE NIGHT THE BED FELL

First Man: Basic suit.

WOLF AT THE DOOR

Narrator: Third woman - turquoise blue silk sheath, matching shoes.

Daughter: Second woman - white embroidered pinafore with shoulder ruffles over her black sheath. Black velvet band in hair. (Alice in Wonderland style).

Mother: First woman - pumpkin colored cotton wrapper.

Father: Second man - Suit trousers, gray cardigan sweater, shirt, large fluffy fur slippers.

Wolf: Fifth man - suit trousers, shirt, tweed jacket, pork pie hat, bow tie tail, fasten to belt under coat, Prop: comb.

UNICORN IN THE MEADOW

Man: Second man - suit trousers, shirtsleeves.

She: Second woman - lace bed jacket (over basic dress).

Narrator: Third woman - turquoise dress.

Policeman: Fifth man - Policeman's cap - Basic suit.

Psychiatrist: Third man - Black Homberg, heavy rimmed glasses, basic suit.

THE LITTLE GIRL AND THE WOLF

Narrator: First woman - evening costume

Wolf: Second man - Leather motorcycle jacket & cap, ruffled lace night cap.

Little Girl: Third woman - very short red dress, ruffle around bottom,
swoops up in balc; high heeled black pumps,
(very sexy).

Props: Straw basket lined in red, 45 automatic pistol.

IF GRANT HAD BEEN DRINKING AT APPOMATTOX

Narrator: Fourth man - Basic suit.

Shultz: Fifth man - Confederate army jacket, hat puttees.

Grant: First man - Rough wig, beard, trousers with suspenders, hanging down,
wool undershirt (red), one sock, uniform cap, union army
uniform coat.

Lee: Second man - Confederate jacket, hat, sword, beard.

1 Star Staff Generals - Third man, Fourth man - Confederate uniform jackets,
swords, hats.

CASUALS OF THE KEYS

Visitor (Pete Williams): Third man - Yachting cap, basic suit.

D. Drake: Second man - Trousers rolled above knee, torn faded yellow T shirt,
straw hat trimmed with yellow plumes.

THE MACBETH MURDER MYSTERY

He: First man - Tweed suit, walrus moustache.

She: First woman - Pumpkin colored suede jacket, brown wool skirt, low heeled
oxfords.

GENTLEMEN SHOPPERS

Narrator: Fourth man - Basic suit.

Sales Girl: Second woman - shocking pink satin apron, green bow tied scarf.

Bar Girl: Third woman - Christmas green very short skirt with shocking pink
ruffle around bottom, black stockings (could be net),
high heels.

Westwater: Third man - Basic suit, red carnation in lapel (impeccably dressed).

Anderson: First man - Basic suit, overcoat.

Bailey: Second man - Basic suit, overcoat

THE LAST FLOWER

Narrator: Director's choice - Basic outfit.

ACT II

THE PET DEPARTMENT

Doctor: Director's choice - Basic suit.
Blonde: Third woman - Basic sheath, or nurse uniform.
Miss Whittaker: Second woman - Smart jacket over sheath dress.

FILE AND FORGET

4 Musicians - Gray suits, white shirt, gray or black bow ties.
Thurber: First man - Basic suit.
Miss Bagley: Fourth woman - Basic sheath.
Miss Winege: First woman - Basic sheath.
Miss Wynne: Third woman - Basic sheath.
Miss Gaines: Second woman - jacket from previous scene reversed.
Mr. Jordan: Director's choice.
Mr. Cluffman: Director's choice.

MR. PREBLE GETS RID OF HIS WIFE

Mr. Preble: Second man - Basic suit.
Miss Daley: Third woman - Basic sheath dress.
Mrs. Preble: First Woman - Brown cashmere sweater, brown skirt, prop.
long white glove.

TAKE HER UP TENDERLY

Nelly: Second woman - Basic sheath dress, white cashmere cardigan
trimmed to match dress.
John: Second man - Gray denim jacket, gray bermuda shorts, long socks,
black shoes.
Paul: Director's choice - Basic suit.
Lou: First woman - Gray blouse over sheath.

THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY

Narrator: A man - a voice over loudspeakers - no costume required.
Walter Mitty: First man - Brown sack suit, brown felt hat. Prop - gloves.
Mrs. Mitty: First woman - Tweed coat, velvet beret, large hand bag.
Young Man: Fifth man - Basic suit, Naval officer's cap.

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Berg: Fourth man - Basic suit, Naval officer's cap.

Nurse: Third woman - Nurse uniform and cap.

Dr. Renshaw: Third man - operating gown, cap, or basic suit.

Leader: Second man - Basic suit, German Military cap with insignia.

WORD DANCE PART 2

All wear basic costumes from Word Dance, Part 1.

Musicians: Gray outfits.