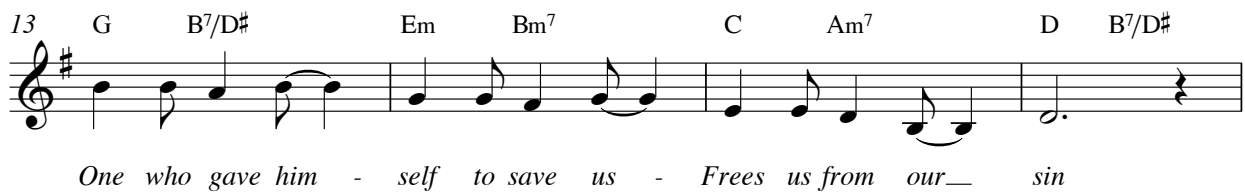
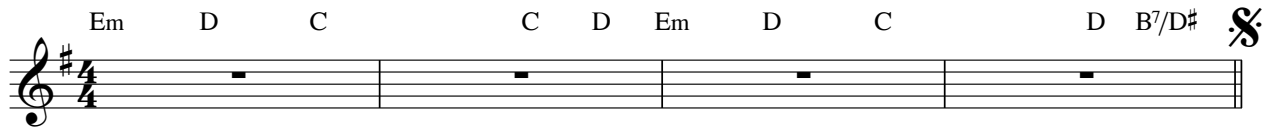


"EPIC EXPLORERS"

Lively, with energy

Nick Rhydderch, Tamar Pollard



Verse ("*Half speed*" feel)

22 C D/C C D/C

1. Find your way_ down "Breath - ta king Bay", _____ See the King of all.
 2. Like the men_ at "Dis - co - ve - ry Dens", _____ We don't live_ God's way.
 3. Then one day_ the_ price_ was paid, _____ By the King of love.
 4. "Crown_ Cave" be - came_ a grave, But Je - sus rose_ a - gain.
 5. Now we're done, but_ don't_ be glum, _____ Christ can be_ your King.

26 Bm⁷ Em Am⁷ D B⁷/D[#] D.S

Je - sus has_ au - tho - ri - ty here, Now at his feet we_ fall!
 Je - sus can_ for - give all our sins, For us, he came to_ save.
 Died the death that we_ de - serve, To give us life a - bove.
 We can have_ new life_ in him, As God's for - e - ver_ friends.
 Life with him_ can some-times be tough, But will you fol - low_ him?

30 C Am⁷ Bm⁷ C Am⁷ C D Em

ing! Let's keep ad - ven - tur - ing! _____

Actions for the chorus:

"Epic Explorers" (arms in an "x" in front of chest)

– **we're standing** (point down at the ground)

on the shore. (hands palm down, move horizontally outwards)

You've heard the stories! (point at others in front),

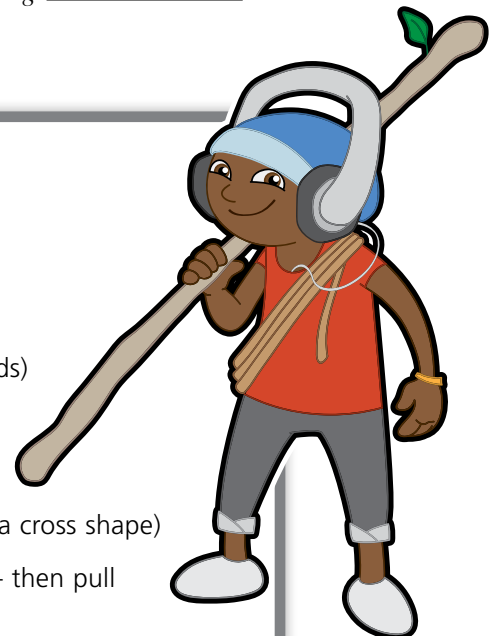
Now, come and find out more! (beckon in)!

See the One who gave himself to save us – (arms out in a cross shape)

Frees us from our sin. (wrists crossed, in front of stomach – then pull them apart, as if breaking free)

"Epic Explorers" (arms in an "x" in front of chest)

– **let's get adventuring!** (take a few steps to one side)



"EPIC EXPLORERS"

Lively, with energy

N. Rhydderch, Tamar Pollard

Chorus

Em D C C D Em D C D B⁷/D[#] Em

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10 C Am⁷ C/D D G B⁷/D[#]

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14 Em Bm⁷ C Am⁷ D B⁷/D[#] Em

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⊕ Last time to CODA

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⊕ Last time to CODA

Verse ("Half speed" feel)

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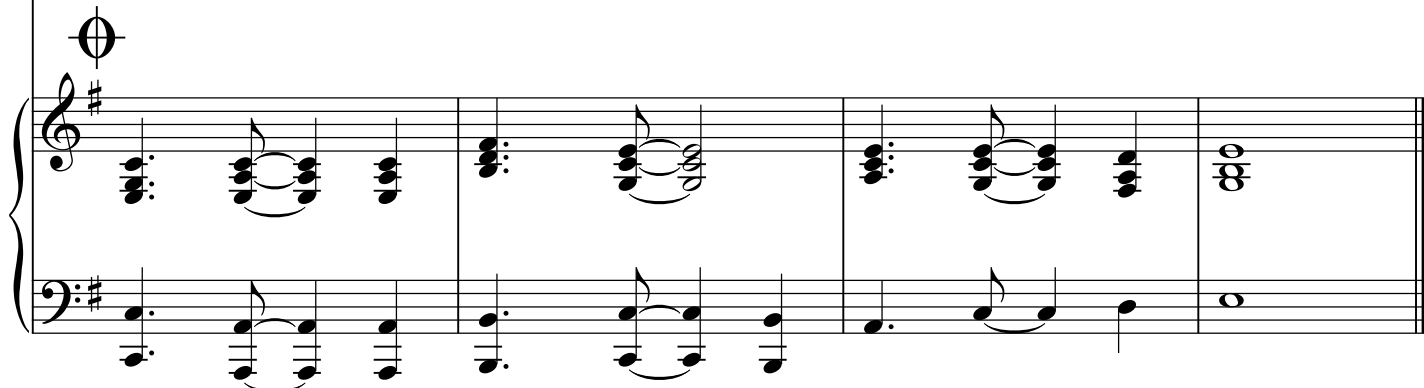
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EPIC EXPLORERS DRAMA

Five children explore Adventure Island

HOW THE DRAMA WORKS

The drama is designed to illustrate the children's experience of *Epic Explorers*. It is made up of five acts* with five characters.** Each act is made up of three parts:

Rhymes (Core)

All six rhymes are to be recited at the beginning of each act (the Narration rhyme plus the five Character rhymes). This is to reinforce the whole story, which is particularly important for children who may not be able to attend all the *Epic Explorers* sessions. The rhymes will act as "opening credits".

Scene 1 (Optional)

This assumes that you have five actors and is primarily to give the children opportunity to get to know the characters better.

Scene 2 (Core)

This is more plot driven and can be performed by two actors if the lines for Crop and Berry are combined.

As the drama progresses, the number of characters decreases as, one by one, they choose to remain where they are rather than continue their journey. There are loose connections with the various seeds and soils in the parable of the sower from Mark chapter 4. During the course of the drama, the characters discover four clues to direct their journey. The clues take the form of jigsaw pieces which, when assembled, create a "FOLLOW ME" sign.

Crop's songs can be sung live or played using a recording to which he will mime the words.

* More than one act could be performed at any one time. Suggested breakdown for a four-day club is to combine acts 3 and 4.

** If you only have two actors, one would play Berry and Crop combined, and the other would play Beak, Rosie and Sonny; changing costumes/props as necessary.



RHYMES

Narration Rhyme

*Five children arrived so excited
on the island where they'd been invited.
They were told "Follow me"
and now we will see
if anyone went home delighted.*

CHARACTERS



Robert **"Beak"** Beak, 9-year-old boy
Likes: Food
Known for: Being hungry!
Costume/prop: Backpack

*It's time we had something to munch.
In my bag I've got plenty for lunch.
My nickname is Beak,
I like hide and seek,
I'm small but I pack quite a punch!*



Rosie **"Rosie"** Morgan,
10-year-old girl
Likes: Winning
Known for: Being good at things
Costume/prop: Glasses

*I'm top of the class, I'm so smart,
My teacher says I'm off the chart.
Yes, Rosie's my name,
Exploring's my game.
This whizz-kid is ready to start!*



Alex **"Crop"** Cropper, 9-year-old boy
Likes: Music
Known for: Singing
Costume/prop: A tall walking stick

*Hey people, my nickname is Crop!
My music is ready to drop.
If you're hiking too slow,
I'll sing as we go.
We'll make it right up to the top!*



Polly **"Berry"** Berry, 8-year-old girl
Likes: Gardening
Known for: Being muddy!
Costume/prop: Neckerchief/scarf

*I'm Berry – I like things that grow.
You'll find me in mud head to toe!
I wear my green boots
When digging up roots.
I can't wait to see where we will go!*



Santino **"Sonny"** Mitchell, 10-year-old boy
Likes: Jokes
Known for: Being popular
Costume/prop: Baseball cap

*I'm sure that we're here on the map.
My compass, though, might need a tap.
The gang call me Sonny,
I'm friendly and funny,
As long as I don't lose my cap!*



Act 1: Breathtaking Bay

Beak's rhyme

*It's time we had something to munch.
In my bag I've got plenty for lunch.
My nickname is Beak,
I like hide and seek,
I'm small but I pack quite a punch!*

You will need:

- 5 x "Follow me" puzzle tickets
- Clue 1 (a message in a Bottle)
- Bucket and spade
- Character props: backpack (Beak); glasses (Rosie); walking stick (Crop); neckerchief/scarf (Berry); baseball cap (Sonny)



Sonny: We can't stay for too long, Berry. There's a storm brewing over there and it will be with us in a few hours. Anyway, sandcastles don't tend to survive storms!

Berry: Meanie!

Reluctantly, Berry stands up.

Rosie: I'll bet I find the clue. I'm usually the first to find things. Like I was first on this island.

Beak: No you weren't!

Rosie: Yes I was. I arrived first, and Sonny arrived second.

Crop: Actually, I arrived first but I was looking at the fish and the ships, so you didn't see me until later.

Beak: Fish and chips sounds *good*. Anyone?

Rosie: Well, I bet I got my invitation first.

Crop: How would you even know?

Rosie: I got mine the day before my 10th birthday. Look, I wrote the date on it. See!

Rosie shows the others her "Follow me" ticket.

The others reach into their pockets and pull out their own.

Beak: That's the same day I got mine. I remember because we had pancakes... with chocolate ice cream...

Mmmm.

Sonny: I got mine the day after my birthday. I didn't get round to opening it for a week though, because I had so many other cards. I don't know why people send birthday cards, they just waste time before you can open the presents!

Berry: Mine's a bit grubby now. I buried it to keep it safe.

Crop: I put my favourite song on when I got mine.

ACT 1: RHYMES (CORE)

Leaders and children say the Narration rhyme together, followed by the five Character rhymes (see pages 1-2).

ACT 1: SCENE 1 (OPTIONAL)

In which we meet all the characters and hear about their quest to explore the island.

Enter Crop looking around and Berry staring out to the audience.

Crop: Where is it?!

Berry: What?

Enter Rosie.

Rosie: *(in a patronising tone)* The clue, Berry. He's looking for the clue.

Berry: Oh, but we can stay here for a while, can't we? I want to build a sandcastle. I love sandcastles!

Berry sits down and takes out her bucket and spade as Beak and Sonny enter.

Beak: Is anyone else hungry?

Using his stick as a microphone, Crop starts to sing/mime a currently popular song.

Sonny: Alright, alright, that'll do Crop. Anyone would think we were up in front of an audience!

Rosie: Well, these invitations say: "Follow me". Who do you think "me" is?

Berry: Don't you mean: "Who do you think I am"?!

Crop: No, the "me" who sent us the invitations.

Berry: *You* sent us the invitations?!

Crop: No! Rosie's asking who the person is who sent us the invitations?

Berry: So it wasn't you?

Crop: (*shaking his head*) It's amazing you even managed to get here, Berry!

Berry: Whoever it is, it's great to be invited here to explore. This bay is breathtaking!

ACT 1: SCENE 2 (CORE)

In which Crop discovers the message in the bottle, Beak's sandwich is stolen by a bird, and he refuses to explore any further.

Beak: This bay *is* breathtaking! If the rest of the island is anything like this, we've got a great journey ahead of us.

Crop: I know.

Berry: Those forests look like a great place to explore. All the way up to the mountains.

Beak: I think we should have something to eat, you know. A little something before we head further.

Beak reaches into his backpack to find a sandwich.

Berry: That's a good idea. Just don't drop it or you'll have a sandy-wich!

Crop: I think we should do some more exploring, you never know what we might... find! Hey, look at this! It's a bottle with a message inside!

Beak: What does it say?

Berry: Let me read it!

Crop picks up the bottle, slides out the paper and unravels it. Berry peers over his shoulder.

Crop: It doesn't say anything. There's just a picture of some sort of den and an arrow on this side, and the letter "F" on the other.

Beak: A den! We need to find a den!

Berry: Great! I love dens!

Beak: Brilliant, let's g-AAAAarghh! Get off! GET OFF!

Beak falls to the floor as a "bird" swoops down and steals his sandwich.

Beak: (*jumping to his feet*) That bird! That BIRD! It just stole my SANDWICH!

Crop: Don't worry, Beak, you can have mine.

Beak: (*stamping his foot*): But that was my favourite!

Beak sits down with his arms folded.

Crop: Beak, we've just discovered a clue. We've got to find the dens – and quickly if those storm clouds are anything to go by. Come on!

Beak: No. I'm not going.

Berry: What? Come on, Beak. There's a whole island to explore. Don't let that bird put you off. Besides you love playing hide and seek.

Beak: Stupid island. I don't want to go any further.

Crop: You're being ridiculous.

Beak: No, I'm not. It's boring.

Berry: We'll, I'm going to keep exploring. There's a whole island to discover. Goodbye, Beak.

The others leave.

Beak: Boring. BORING!

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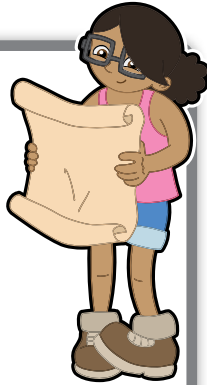
ACT 2: Discovery Dens

Rosie's rhyme

*I'm top of the class, I'm so smart,
My teacher says I'm off the chart.
Yes, Rosie's my name,
Exploring's my game.
This whizz-kid is ready to start!*

You will need:

- Hole (large circle of black paper or fabric)
- Clue 2 (written on a "leaf" – green paper cut into leaf shape)
- Character props: glasses (Rosie); walking stick (Crop); neckerchief/scarf (Berry); baseball cap (Sonny)



Sonny: I've never had one of my pictures put on the wall, but I do always get picked first for sports. And class prefect. And I've been invited to every birthday party in my class!

Crop: Well, I'm going to sing a solo in the school concert.

Using his stick as a microphone, Crop starts to sing/mime a currently-popular song.

Berry: You're all showing off! Let's just explore the island. There are loads of cool plants around here. I love plants! Oh no, I left my spade in the bay!

Berry sits down and starts to dig at the ground with her hands.

ACT 2: RHYMES (CORE)

Leaders and children say the Narration rhyme together, followed by the five Character rhymes (see pages 1-2).

ACT 2: SCENE 1 (OPTIONAL)

In which we continue to get to know the characters as they explore the island.

Rosie: I should be at the front!

Berry: Why?

Rosie: Because I'm really good at navigating.

Crop: Okay, but there isn't actually a lot of navigating to do. We just need to find the dens.

Sonny: Yes – and get away from those storm clouds if possible.

Rosie: I'm really good at painting!

Sonny: (*confused*) What?!

Rosie: (*showing off*) You mentioned the storm clouds, and I remembered that at school we had to paint pictures of the sky and mine was chosen to go on the wall. My teacher said it was the best painting she'd ever seen!

Rosie: I never show off. I don't need to. I already know I'm really good at everything, and the most responsible. I was the only one in pre-school allowed to use scissors without adult supervision!

Berry: But I bet you can't do gardening and planting things as well as me, look!

Sonny: Now who's showing off?!

Berry: (*upset*) No, I'm not!

Sonny: Alright, alright! Calm down!

Crop: You've upset her now.

Sonny: I'm not sure how to dig myself out of this one!

Berry: You could start by saying sorry.

Sonny: I'm sorry, Berry, I...

Berry: (*jumping to her feet*) It's okay! Let's go! Come on!

Sonny: Wow, she got over that quickly!

Crop: She's keeping her *dig*-nity!

Sonny: You're right, I really shouldn't have taken a *dig* at her!

Rosie: Are we finished...?

Sonny: *(pause)* Yes.

Rosie: We'd better keep going, we need to find the next clue.

Berry: I wonder what we'll discover in those dens?

ACT 2: SCENE 2 (CORE)

In which Berry discovers the next clue, Rosie falls down a hole, and refuses to be helped out.

Berry: Is this far enough?

Rosie: *(looking out to the audience)* We're looking for a clue. If we haven't found it, we must keep going.

Berry: Right. Good point.

Crop: Didn't the clue say we had to look for some dens?

Rosie: *(still looking out to the audience)* Yes, we are. Weren't you paying attention? I'm going to have to do all the work.

Berry is standing next to a den.

Berry: *(pointing)* Dens like this one?

Rosie: *(annoyed that Berry has found them first)* Yes, just like this. Let me have a look around. I bet I find the clue. I'm really good at finding things.

Rosie goes looking offstage as Berry finds the next clue and shows it to the audience.

Berry: Look at this. Here's a picture of a mountain and an arrow. What's this on the other side? Ah, an "L". What do you think, Rosie? Rosie?

Rosie: *(offstage)* Aaaaargh!

Crop: What was that? Rosie?

Rosie: I'm down here!

Crop: Where?

Rosie: Down this hole!

Crop bends down and starts to speak into the "hole".

Crop: Oh. What are you doing down there?

Rosie: What do you think?! I'm trying to get out!

Crop: Looks like you're in a *hole* lot of trouble!

Berry: We found the next clue!

Rosie: What does it say?

Crop: Well, there's a picture of a mountain and an arrow, and on the other side there's an "L".

Berry: What does that mean?

Rosie: Well, the mountain obviously means we've got to head to the mountains!

Crop: That's great, Rosie. Well done. Now, let's get you out of the hole.

Rosie: I'm fine. I don't need your help.

Berry: But you can't get out on your own!

Rosie: Yes, I can! Leave me alone. I can do it, just like I solved the clue.

Crop: Don't be silly. You're stuck!

Rosie: LEAVE ME ALONE! Go on ahead, I'll probably get out and get to the top before you anyway!

Berry: Okay, if you say so. We're going to keep exploring!

The others leave.

CLOSE

ACT 3: Mysterious Mountains

Crop's rhyme

*Hey people, my nickname is Crop!
My music is ready to drop.
If you're hiking too slow,
I'll sing as we go.
We'll make it right up to the top!*



You will need:

- Tree that's been "hit by lightning" (two Christmas trees with half their branches removed)
- Clue 3 (hidden in the tree)
- Character props: walking stick (Crop); neckerchief/scarf (Berry); baseball cap (Sonny)

ACT 3: RHYMES (CORE)

Leaders and children say the Narration rhyme together, followed by the five Character rhymes (see pages 1-2).

ACT 3: SCENE 1 (OPTIONAL)

In which we continue to get to know the characters as they explore the island.

Enter Berry, Sonny and Crop walking slowly.

Berry: Phew! It's hard work walking up this mountain. I'm exhausted already!

Sonny: You're right, and it's starting to get a little colder too. Brrr! My teeth are chattering away like two mums at the school gate.

Crop: It's amazing they find so much to talk about.

Berry: Who? Me and Sonny?

Crop: No, Berry. The mums.

Berry: What mums?

Crop: The ones at the school gate!

Berry: *(beaming naively)* You're funny, Crop!

Sonny: *(shaking his head)* Come on you two, we'd better keep moving. Those storm clouds look like they're heading this way.

Berry: They'll be at the bay soon. I wonder how Beak's doing. I can't believe he wouldn't carry on.

Sonny: He was pretty upset about that sandwich.

Crop: Yes, but I don't see why you'd want to stop exploring. This island is amazing!

Sonny: He's too busy exploring his lunchbox for something else to eat!

Berry: Do you think Rosie will get to the top before us?

Sonny: She'd love to I'm sure, but she'll never make it out of that hole on her own.

Berry: It's funny how some people don't like admitting they need help.

Crop: They made their decisions to stop exploring. But anyway, let's stay positive. Shall I sing us a song?

Crop starts to sing/mime a currently popular song using his stick as a microphone.

Berry and Sonny: NO!

Sonny: I thought we were trying to keep the storms clouds away, not bring them closer!

Berry: So, now we've got two clues, how many more do you think there'll be?

Crop: I have no idea. I'm more interested in how they fit together. What do the letters spell? What have we got so far?

Sonny: So far... "L" and "F". It must spell LAFF! Ha ha!

Crop: That's not how you spell LAUGH!

Sonny: *(rolling his eyes)* I know, I was joking!

Berry: I hope it spells LEAF! I love plants!

Sonny: I'm sure Beak would want it to spell LOAF, so he could make himself another sandwich!

Crop: If we don't find the next one it'll spell FAIL. Come on!

ACT 3: SCENE 2 (CORE)

In which Crop discovers the tree struck by lightning and Sonny finds the next clue.

Sonny: Am I the only one who thinks it's a bit strange around here?

Berry: It is a bit, but that's only because we're the only ones here.

Sonny: But other people have been here before though, haven't they, because we're walking on a path now.

Crop: Well, our invitations did say "Follow me". Look, the path bends round here and then I think we'll have reached the top... WOW! THAT'S SO COOL!

Sonny: What is it?

Crop: This tree. It's been split in two!

Crop stands in between the two "halves" of the tree.

Crop: Whoa, it's dead! It's looks freaky!

Berry: It looks like it's been struck by lightning.

Sonny: It must have been ages ago. Look, the path goes straight through it.

Crop: Imagine if you'd been here when it happened. That would have been amazing!

Sonny: Well, there's going to be another storm here soon, so I'm sure you could stay here if you wanted to find out.

Crop: Now you mention it, that would be pretty scary! Let's go.

Crop starts to leave.

Sonny: Hold on, isn't there supposed to be another clue up here?

Berry: Maybe, we are at the top.

Sonny and Berry start to look around for the clue.

Sonny: Oh, look!

Crop: What is it?

Sonny: Another clue! In the tree!

Sonny pulls the clue out of the branches of the "lightning-struck" tree.

Crop: What does it say?

Sonny: Well, there's a picture of a cave, an arrow, and on the other side is the letter "E".

Crop: We need to find the cave.

Berry: Hmm... L... E... F... It could spell LEAF!

Sonny: Well, actually it already spells ELF!

Crop: Cool! I want to be a wizard! And this is my staff!

Crop holds his walking stick out in front of him.

Crop: YOU SHALL NOT PASS!

Sonny: *(looking confused)* You do realise you just said that out loud, don't you?!

Berry: Never mind all that, let's get to the cave. I want to keep exploring!

Sonny: Okay, let's get moving then!

They all leave.

CLOSE

ACT 4: Crown Cave

Berry's rhyme

*I'm Berry – I like things that grow.
You'll find me in mud head to toe!
I wear my green boots
When digging up roots.
I can't wait to see where we we'll go!*



You will need:

- Clues 1-3
- Clue 4 (hidden in the "cave")
- Character props: walking stick (Crop); neckerchief/scarf (Berry); baseball cap (Sonny)

ACT 4: RHYMES (CORE)

Leaders and children say the Narration rhyme together, followed by the five Character rhymes (see pages 1-2).

ACT 4: SCENE 1 (OPTIONAL)

In which we continue to get to know the characters as they explore the island.

Berry: We must be nearly there! Just got to find this cave...

Sonny: I know, it's great, we've come all this way. Shame the others didn't want to keep exploring.

Berry: Beak must be really bored by now!

Crop: You're right, Berry. Even though that bay was pretty breathtaking. He's missed out on the Discovery Dens and the Mysterious Mountains!

Sonny: Maybe he carried on building your sandcastle, Berry?

Berry: (*thinking*) Maybe... I liked building that... But I'm glad I left it to keep exploring!

Crop: But what about Rosie? By now she must have given up trying to get out on her own!

Berry: I don't know, she was pretty determined to do it by herself. Didn't want any help!

Sonny: I love getting help from my friends.

Crop: You love copying your friends' homework, more like!

Sonny: It just makes sense though – why would I do all that work when they already have?!

Berry: You're lazy, Sonny!

Sonny: Some people would say popular!

Crop: Less arguing you two. Hey, I wonder whether we'll see anything freaky like that tree on the mountain?

Berry: That WAS freaky! We might do though. This part of the island does seem a bit strange.

Sonny: Yeah, it seems quieter than everywhere else.

Berry: Too quiet, if you ask me. It's almost like being in a graveyard...

Sonny: Don't, Berry! I don't like being scared.

Berry: I'd better be careful what I dig up...

Sonny: Stop it!

Crop: Shall I sing us a song?

Using his stick as a microphone, Crop starts to sing/mime a currently popular song.

Berry and Sonny: NO! Anything but that!

Sonny: But... maybe you could hum or whistle. It just all feels a bit spooky.

Berry: It's that cave.

Crop: Yeah, it does look curious...

ACT 4: SCENE 2 (CORE)

In which Berry finds the riddle, and Sonny and Crop help her solve it.

Berry: Look at those rocks – do they look a bit like a crown to you?

Crop: They do a bit... and look, there's a cave in them as well! This must be the right place.

Berry: If we're going to find the next clue, we're going to have to go inside the cave.

Sonny: It looks pretty dark...

Crop: I think most caves are.

Berry: Look, we're going to have to go in.

Sonny: What?! Me too?!

Crop: Yes, Sonny, come on.

Slowly, Crop, Sonny and Berry all peer into the cave.

Sonny: *(pulling back quickly)* No! Nothing there. Time to go.

Crop: Come on. Look properly!

Sonny: I really don't like this.

Slowly, Crop, Sonny and Berry all peer into the cave again. They suddenly jump back.

Berry: Whoa! What's that?!

Sonny: It's a bat, a bat! Aargh! Get it off me!

Sonny jumps around shaking out his clothes.

Crop: No, Sonny. It's not a bat – and it's nowhere near you! It's a butterfly!

Berry: Wow, those colours are amazing!

Sonny: *(having calmed down)* You're right, it is. Whoa, those colours are amazing! That's awesome! The others will be gutted they missed this!

Berry: Hang on, I think I saw something else inside the cave.

Berry peers in further and pulls out the fourth clue.

Berry: I did! Look!

Crop: That's different!

Sonny: What does it say?

Berry: Well, O - L - O - W - M. Hmm...

Sonny: What's that supposed to mean?

Crop: I think it might be missing a few letters...

Sonny: Get out the other clues! Add them in!

Berry: Okay, the "F" must go here...

Berry places Clue 1 over the first part of Clue 4.

Crop: ...and the "L" goes here...

Crop places Clue 2 over the second part of Clue 4.

Berry: ...and the "E" goes here.

Berry places Clue 3 over the third part of Clue 4.

Sonny: *(reading down the wrong way):* FLOM – OLWE? What on earth is that supposed to mean?!

Berry: No, silly! You're reading it the wrong way, it says FOLLOW ME!

Crop: It's just like our cards! Look!

Crop reaches into his pocket and pulls out his "Follow me" card from ACT 1.

Sonny: So, that's it then. We're done! We just wait here and the "Me" who invited us on the island should show up! Brilliant! Woo-hoo! We're done! It's over!

Sonny dances around.

Berry: Hang on a minute, Sonny! The clues are complete, but it still says "Follow me". We still need to do what it says.

Crop: Which way does the path go?

Sonny: *(pointing)* That way! Come on, let's keep exploring! We get to meet the "Me"! Woo-hoo!

They all leave.

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ACT 5: Rocky Road

Sonny's rhyme

*I'm sure that we're here on the map.
My compass, though, might need a tap.
The gang call me Sonny,
I'm friendly and funny,
As long as I don't lose my cap!*

You will need:

- Character props: walking stick (Crop); neckerchief/scarf (Berry); baseball cap (Sonny)



Sonny: Hold on, I've got it... as Dense as the Dens... No, that doesn't work either!

Berry: Never mind, I just hope they're not as Rocky as this Road! This is hard work!

Sonny: It is but we can do it! Come on!

Crop: That's the spirit, Sonny! Shall I sing us a song?

Using his stick as a microphone, Crop starts to sing/mime a currently popular song.

Berry and Sonny: NO!

Crop: (*offended*) You guys are really mean. I like singing, and it's good for you!

Sonny: Not the way you do it, it isn't!

Berry: Don't be harsh, Sonny!

Sonny: I was only joking!

Crop looks more offended.

Berry: Come on, Crop. Don't worry, he was only joking!

Crop: You mean, you do like my singing?

Berry: Err... Yeah, okay.

Crop: (*brightening up*) You mean, you want me to sing?

Sonny: Yeah, sure, if you want.

Crop: Really?

Berry: (*rolling her eyes*) Oh, go on then!

Crop: BRILLIANT!

Using his stick as a microphone, Crop starts to sing/mime a currently popular song.

Berry and Sonny look at each other before joining in and dancing along.

Crop: I'm glad you guys are my friends!

ACT 5: RHYMES (CORE)

Leaders and children say the Narration rhyme together, followed by the five Character rhymes (see pages 1-2).

ACT 5: SCENE 1 (OPTIONAL)

In which we continue to get to know the characters as they explore the island.

Sonny: We're done! The clues are done! We're going to meet the "Me" who invited us to explore the island!

Berry: Brilliant, isn't it?!

Crop: I can't wait to meet them, I wonder what they're like.

Berry: Me too! I imagine they're as Epic as the Island...

Crop: ...and as Breathtaking as the Bay...

Sonny: ...and as Discovery as the Dens... No, that doesn't work, does it?!

Crop: ...as Mysterious as the Mountains...

Berry: Oh, that's a good one!

Crop: ...and as Crowned as the Caves.

Berry: Yeah, that's a good one! Maybe the "Me" who invited us is a king!

Berry: Yeah, me too. I don't have many, but it doesn't really bother me too much. I quite like being on my own actually.

Sonny: I've got loads of friends! I'm looking forward to seeing them all really soon.

Berry: Well, I'm looking forward to getting to the end of this journey! Just got to keep going!

ACT 5: SCENE 2 (CORE)

In which Sonny chooses to stop, while Berry and Crop continue to explore.

Berry, Crop and Sonny enter – with each line they seem to be losing energy.

Berry: Remember, we're done! All the clues are finished! Just get to the end of this Rocky road and it's all over!

Crop: Not far to go now!

Sonny: Woo-hoo! I can't wait to get there!

Berry: Phew, it sure is rocky though!

Crop: Just keep going.

Sonny: I really can't wait to get there.

Crop: *(panting)* Just keep going!

Berry: *(panting)* Nearly done, now.

Sonny: *(panting)* I'm pretty desperate to be there.

They puff and pant as they walk more and more slowly.

Crop: *(leaning on his stick)* Okay, let's take a breather.

Sonny: *(collapsing down on the floor)* Great idea!

They all take a deep breath.

Berry: We just need to remember that we've completed all the clues. All we're doing now is going on to meet the "Me" – to meet the person who invited us to follow them!

Sonny: I know we are, you keep telling me!

Crop: *(smiling)* But it's exciting!

Sonny: Yeah, maybe. I don't know about you but this road is pretty hard going.

Crop: It'll be more than worth it though, when we get to the end.

Sonny: I'm tired.

Berry: Yeah, it's not easy, is it? But I'm glad we're still going.

Crop: Come on then, you got your breath back? Let's go!

Sonny: I think I might have a little lie down.

Berry: What? On these rocks?!

Sonny: I'm so tired, even those rocks are starting to look pretty comfortable!

Crop: We can't stop now, Sonny! We're so close.

Sonny: No. That's it. I'm done.

Sonny lies down, closes his eyes and starts sucking his thumb.

Berry: What are you doing?

Crop: Come on, Sonny!

Sonny: You go on ahead. I'm just going to have a little nap. Nice and cosy. Mmm...

Berry: But, we're nearly there! Let's go!

Sonny: Bye-bye. Nice and cosy.

Crop: This road might be tough but the storm is coming and we know which way we need to go!

Sonny: Nice and cosy.

Berry: But we're going to meet the one who set all this up for us.

Sonny: Nice and cosy.

Berry: Well, I'm going to keep exploring. Bye, Sonny.

Crop: Bye.

Berry and Crop leave.

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