Chicken Little—A Musical

Scenes:
Act I
Overture - #1
Prologue - #2 “The Tale of Chicken Little” — Full 8th Grade Ensemble
Scene 1 - The Duck Pond, #3 “Just My Luck” — Ducky Lucky, Chicken Little, Henny Penny, ducklings
Cross 1 - The Hen House, #4 “Little Chicken” — Chicken Little and Henny Penny
Scene 2 - The Chicken Coop, #5 “The Chicken Dance” — Big Chickens, Little Chickens, HP and CL
Scene 3 - The Turkey Pen, #6 “Turkey Lurkey Time” — Turkey Lurkey, turkeys, HP and CL
Cross 2 - The Fox’s Den, #7 “In a Bird’s World” — Foxy Loxy
Scene 4 - The Goose Barn, #8 “The Bird is the Word” — Goosey Loosey, Turkey Lurkey, and Geese
#9 “The Sky is Falling!” — Chicken Little
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Act 1
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Song #1 - Overture

Scene 1 - Prologue. In front of the curtain.

Song #2 - The Tale of Chicken Little

Narration

OUR TALE BEGINS NOT SO LONG AGO,
IN A HAPPY LAND, SO THE STORY GOES.

A MOTHER GRINS, STANDING IN HER HOME,
AS THE LIFE SHE’D PLANNED BECOMES THE LIFE SHE KNOWS.

THAT’S HOW IT STARTS—THE TALE OF CHICKEN LITTLE.
WE’LL PLAY OUR PARTS—THE TALE OF CHICKEN LITTLE.
IT’S IN OUR HEARTS—THE TALE OF CHICKEN LITTLE.

Young Chicken Little

THE SMALLEST CHICK YOU’VE EVER MET
HAS GIANT DREAMS IN MIND AND YET—

Narration

SHE’S CHICKEN LITTLE.

Solo Lines

Perhaps you are aware this is not a happy song,
But, then, life can be unfair, and sometimes things go wrong:

When poor Chicken Little went outside to play,
An evil fox, with shining teeth, came and took her parents away.

We know it’s cruel—The Tale of Chicken Little
But it’s a jewel—The Tale of Chicken Little
There’s just one rule—The Tale of Chicken Little

Chicken Little

You may not know now how it ends,
But do be careful being friends—

All

With Chicken Little.

Scene 2 - The Duck Pond

Song #3- “Just My Luck”

(We hear chaos by the Duck Pond. Ducky Lucky is running around and his ducklings are crying.)

Ducky Lucky

Oh, you poor things! What’s the matter?!?
Ducklings

Our feathers! They’ve been plucked!

Ducky Lucky

What do you mean?! You were all just laying down for a nap. Someone plucked your feathers while you were sleeping?

(Now they’re crying) Yes!!

Ducklings

No!!

Ducky Lucky

Yes!!

Yes!!

Ducky Lucky

I’ll get to the bottom of this if it’s the last thing I do. Go wash what feathers you have left in the pond! I need to think this through.

I stepped away for only a moment
And when I came back, alas, I found
That while I was gone for only a moment
My poor babies feathers were all on the ground!

It doesn’t look good
When you’re a parent
Who does what he should
And then—a mess!

I guess I could
Be blamed, but I daren’t
Acquiesce—these things can happen,
And when they happen,
I must confess:

It’s just my luck.
‘Cause I’m a duck.
When there’s a pluck,
I let out a “cluck!”

There’s bound to be
Some good luck for me,
But I haven’t seen it in a while
Still I try to smile
When I say,
It’s just my luck!

Henny Penny
Hello!

(Not interested) Oh, hi.

My name is Penelope.

That’s nice.

My friends call me Penny. Henny Penny. Cause I’m a hen. Get it?

Uh-huh.

Well, I guess I should say my friends used to call me Penny. I just moved here. So I don’t really have friends anymore.

Uh-huh.

Anyway! What are you doing?

(Waking up a bit) Oh, I’m, uh, just looking for a nice scene to paint—coming back tomorrow with a canvas to get started.

Oh, are you a painter?

No, I’m just gonna wing it.

Oh, ok. And what are they doing?

It’s just my luck.
‘Cause I’m a duck.
When there’s a pluck,
I let out a “cluck!”

There’s bound to be
Some good luck for me,
But I haven’t seen it in a while
Still I try to smile
When I say,
It's just my luck!

Ducky Lucky

Hey—Chicken Little!! I should have known this would have something to do with you! What're you doing here? Causing trouble, no doubt.

Chicken Little

Oh, Lucky, whatever do you mean?

Ducky Lucky

That's Mr. Ducky Lucky to you.

Henny Penny

Hello! My name is Penelope.

Ducky Lucky

Any friend of Chicken Little is no friend of mine.

Henny Penny

I'm offended!

Chicken Little

So am I.

Ducky Lucky

You've gone and plucked the feathers off my poor sweet ducklings!

Chicken Little

I have not!

Henny Penny

That's right, she's been over here looking for a scene to paint!

Ducky Lucky

Right. I know it was you, Chicken Little.

Henny Penny

How dare you accuse her! I've just met Chicken Little, but she seems to be the nicest bird you'd ever want to meet—she would never hurt your ducklings.

Ducky Lucky

You should be more careful about choosing your friends—that chicken is up to no good! Now get away from our pond before I call the authorities!

Henny Penny

Go ahead and call them, there's no fowl play here—

Chicken Little

Come on, Penny. (laughing) Let's leave Lucky to take care of his frightened little ducklings.
Ducky Lucky
This isn’t the last you’ll hear from me! I’m keeping an eye out for you, Chicken Little.

Chicken Little

Just what I always needed.

(The curtain closes with CL and HP in front of it. The Ducks all leave the stage and it’s set up for “Turkey Lurkey Time.”)

Crossover 1 - The Hen House

Henny Penny
I can’t believe Mr. Lucky would say such awful things about you.

Chicken Little
It’s a thing that happens.

Henny Penny
You’re taking it a lot better than I would.

Chicken Little
What can I say, I’ve had a lot of practice

Song #4 - “Chicken Little”

Henny Penny
What do you mean?

Chicken Little
My whole life people have said mean things about me. You get used to it.

Henny Penny
Why do they do that?

Chicken Little
It’s hard to know why anyone does the things they do. Don’t you think?

Henny Penny
Well, I guess so.

Chicken Little
For me it always comes back to my name.

Chicken Little?

Henny Penny
And don’t you forget it.

When you live in a coop from the time you’re a hatchling
And you see all the other chicks,  
and you’re thrown for a loop as you’re watching them all spring  
up like trees by the time they turn six,  
you can’t help but wonder if you’ll ever catch up,  
so you teach yourself a couple of tricks:  
scream, flail, be the center of attention  
and just maybe you’ve got a quick-fix.

When you’re a little chicken  
you’re called chicken little  
and there’s nothing  
i like about that.

Henny Penny
scream and flail? That makes you feel bigger?

Chicken Little
You don’t understand—I’ve been on my own my whole life.

Henny Penny
But you grew up in a coop with all the other chicks!

Chicken Little
But they aren’t my real family. My parents have been gone since almost before I can remember.

Henny Penny
Oh, I’m sorry—I didn’t know—

Chicken Little
And it’s not just about being little. They’ve always treated my like I was of little importance.

Henny Penny
(sincere) Aww.

Chicken Little
You’re telling me.

Late at night, when I was sick and couldn’t sleep with a fever  
i’d go ask for some help from my aunt.  
you’d have thought that she saw me as some kind of deceiver  
when she started on her favorite rant:  
“nothing you could say would be important to me  
i could try to feel love, but I shan’t!”  
oof, ow! Nothing hurts more than fam’ly  
that’s the day I came up with this chant:

When you’re a little chicken  
you’re called chicken little  
and there’s nothing  
i like about that.
(dance break)

WHEN YOU’RE A LITTLE CHICKEN
YOU’RE CALLED CHICKEN LITTLE
AND THERE’S NOTHING
REALLY NOTHING
I LIKE ABOUT THAT.

Henny Penny
Names are important, Chicken Little. And it’s a real shame you don’t like yours.

Chicken Little
I don’t like it. It doesn’t even rhyme. Come on, Henny Penny—let’s get out of here. There’s something I want to show you.

Henny Penny
Chicken tickin’, Chicken pickin’, Chicken stricken.

Scene 3 - The Chicken Coop

Big Chicken 1
Welcome, one and all, to our daily Chicken Dance. It’s so wonderful to see you here. One item of business before we begin:

Big Chicken 2
License plate BZE 3097, you’re double parked in front of Farmer Brown’s Tractor and he needs to get out right away. Please move your car.

(Big Chicken 4 leaves dramatically)

Big Chicken 3
With that taken care of, let’s dance!

Song #5 - “The Chicken Dance”

All Chickens

CHICKENS DO THE CHICKEN DANCE,
IT’S OUR ONE CHANCE
TO RUFFLE OUR FEATHERS.

WHEN WE DO THE CHICKEN DANCE,
WE HAVE ONE STANCE:
WE DO IT TOGETHER.

RIGHT FOOT GOES FIRST.
LEFT FOOT IS NEXT.
RIGHT FOOT AGAIN.
SHAKE IT!
WE MIGHT PUT YOU IN A TRANCE
‘CAUSE JUST ONE GLANCE—
YOU’RE DANCIN’ FOREVER!

(dance break)

RIGHT FOOT GOES FIRST.
LEFT FOOT IS NEXT.
RIGHT FOOT AGAIN.
SHAKE IT!

WE MIGHT PUT YOU IN A TRANCE
‘CAUSE JUST ONE GLANCE—
YOU’RE DANCIN’ FOREVER!
YOU’RE DANCIN’ FOREVER!
YOU’RE DANCIN’ FOREVER!

(the curtain closes and CL and HP come by.)

Chicken Little

That is what I wanted to show you.

Henny Penny

Oh, it was adorable! I wanna do the Chicken Dance! Right foot goes first...

Chicken Little

Stop that. Don’t you see? They do this dance everyday. Without me.

Henny Penny

Why don’t you join them?

Chicken Little

They wouldn’t want me to dance with them. I’d ruin it for them.

Henny Penny

Well, I doubt that. They were having a lot of fun! They’ve got their hands in the air—like they just don’t care! No one would have even noticed you if you had been there.

Chicken Little

That’s what you don’t understand, Penny. Everyone always notices me. And they don’t like what they see.

Henny Penny

Well, I’ve enjoyed spending time with you today, Chicken Little. I should get home now to unpack my things.

Chicken Little

Oh, I wanted to ask you: would you like to come to a dinner party I’m throwing this weekend?

Henny Penny

I’d love to! See you later!
(going into her hen house) Bye.

Scene 4 - The Turkey Pen

(curtain opens on the Turkeys)

Turkey Lurkey
Welcome home, my sweet turkeys! How was your day at school?

Turkeys
Great!

Turkey 1
We learned to gobble the alphabet!

Turkey Lurkey
Oh, amazing—let me hear.

Turkey 2
(to the tune of the alphabet song) Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.

Turkey Lurkey
How wonderful! How about you?

Turkey 3
Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble.

Turkey Lurkey
Brilliant!

Turkey 4
I can do it backwards! Gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble, gobble—

Turkey 5
Look, it’s Chicken Little!

Turkeys
Hey, Chicken Little!

Turkey Lurkey
Shhh—don’t get her attention.

Turkey 6
Why not?

Turkey Lurkey
Why, that little chicken is always up to no good.

Awwww...

She looks pretty harmless to me.

 Couldn’t we play one game with her?

(already too late) Any game with Chicken Little is fowl play—but it looks like we can’t avoid talking to her now—

Hey, Turkey Lurkey.

—now, would you look who we have here! Chicken Little. I’m so surprised to see you here in the turkey pen. I didn’t even see you coming.

Hi, turkeys.

Hi, Chicken Little!

I was just coming to warn you.

(she’s heard this story before) Warn me about what, Chicken Little?

I heard that Goosey Loosey is having a dinner party this weekend.

Is that right?

And she’s invited all the birds on the whole farm.

Well I haven’t received any invitation.

That’s what I came here to tell you—she’s inviting all the birds on the farm except you turkeys.

(Turkeys all gasp)
Turkey Lurkey
This is the first I’m hearing anything about a party—I’m sure my friend Goosey Loosey would never forget to include me and my turkeys.

Chicken Little
Oh, she didn’t forget to invite you. She’s not inviting you on purpose.

(*the Turkeys gasp again, louder than the first time*)

Turkey Lurkey
My word.

Chicken Little
But I wanted to tell you that I also wasn’t invited, so I’m throwing a party of my own. Henny Penny—this new chick in town—will be there. Do you want to come and bring all your turkeys?

Turkey Lurkey
I see what you’re up to here, Chicken Little. You’re trying to make me feel excluded from Loosey’s party so that I’ll come to your party and you won’t be all alone!

I would never!

Chicken Little
I bet you don’t even have a new friend! You’re a lier.

Turkey Lurkey
Yeah, yeah, that’s what they all say. Maybe you can make it to my next party.

(*Chicken Little leaves.*)

Turkey 8
I can’t believe Chicken Little tried to trick us like that!

Turkey 6
It makes me...sad!

(*All the turkeys cry.*)

Turkey Lurkey
Oh, cheer up. There’s no need to feel sad when you’ve got your friends around you.

Song #6 - Turkey Lurkey Time

Turkey Lurkey
We just need to remember how lucky we are to have each other—not everyone has a family like we do. (*She looks off in the direction Chicken Little headed.*)

Turkeys
NOTHING BEATS THE FEELING
WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARE THERE FOR YOU.
THERE’S NO BETTER HEALING
FOR WHEN YOUR DAY IS SAD AND BLUE.

TELL THE DEALER—KEEP ON DEALING,
HERE’S A PLATITUDE THAT’S TRUE:
THERE IS NOTHING MORE REVEALING
THAN WHO YOU KEEP AS THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CREW.

IT IS TURKEY LURKEY TIME,
TURKEY LURKEY TIME IS NO CRIME.
WHEN WE START THE UPHILL CLIMB,
WE DON’T STOP ’TIL THE TOP!

TURKEY LURKEY TIME AND I’M
FEELING GOOD, LIFE IS SUBLIME,
CAN’T HELP THINKING I’M IN MY PRIME
‘CAUSE IT’S TURKEY LURKEY TIME.

TURKEY LURKEY TIME
TURKEY LURKEY TIME

TURKEY LURKEY TIME AND I’M
FEELING GOOD, LIFE IS SUBLIME,
CAN’T HELP THINKING I’M IN MY PRIME
‘CAUSE IT’S TURKEY LURKEY TIME.

(tap break)

TURKEY LURKEY TIME
TURKEY LURKEY TIME

TURKEY LURKEY TIME AND I’M
FEELING GOOD, LIFE IS SUBLIME,
CAN’T HELP THINKING I’M IN MY PRIME
‘CAUSE IT’S TURKEY LURKEY TIME.

Cross 2 - The Fox’s Den

Foxy Loxy

Ah, it’s happening! Soon Chicken Little will lie and cheat her way out of having any friends at all—and right at that moment I’ll get her. And I’ll finally be able to try out my new crockpot! It’s been so many years since I managed to get a bird off this farm, but I can smell the sweet chicken stew already! Ahh, it’s so difficult being a fox—in a bird’s world.

Song #7 - In a Bird’s World

IN A BIRD’S WORLD,
THERE’S NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT.
IN A BIRD’S WORLD,
I CAN’T HELP BUT HESITATE,
IN THIS BIRD’S WORLD—
THERE ARE SO MANY BIRDS ON MY PLATE.
BUT JUST NOT YET
I CAN’T FORGET
I’M IN A BIRD’S WORLD.

IN A BIRD’S WORLD,
EVERYBODY THINKS I’M NO GOOD
IN A BIRD’S WORLD,
I’M SIMPLY MISUNDERSTOOD.
IN THIS BIRD’S WORLD—
I WOULD EAT THEM ALL UP IF I COULD!
I JUST EXPECT
SOME MORE RESPECT—
BUT I’M IN A BIRD’S WORLD.

Scene 5 - The Goose Barn

Turkey Lurkey
Loosey! You’ll never guess who just came to visit me.

Goosey Loosey
Chicken Little.

Turkey Lurkey
How did you know?

Goosey Loosey
She must have gone to see you right after she left here!

Turkey Lurkey
A new friend, a dinner party, and an invitation?

Goosey Loosey
A new friend, a Confirmation party, and an invitation!

Turkey Lurkey
Why does Chicken Little think the only way she’ll get someone to like her is by telling lies and spinning tales?

Goosey Loosey
She’s coo-coo. Who’s being Confirmed?

Turkey Lurkey
No one. Just another one of her lies.

Goosey Loosey
Well that won’t make us turn against each other. Right geeseies??
Geese

Right!

Song #8 - The Bird is the Word

WHAT IS THE WORD—
The word that’s more
Than any other word?

BIRD IS THE WORD—
Because we soar
No matter what you’ve heard

There’s no use denying
Being together feels as good as flying!

The bird is the word
Bird, Bird, Bird
The Bird is the word
Bird, Bird, Bird

Always in sync—
In harmony
We flock together now

Goosey Loosey

I’ll be the link

Ducky Lucky

I’ll be the key

Both

We’ll make it through somehow

All Geese

Rain or sunny weather
Birds of a feather always flock together

The bird is the word
Bird, Bird, Bird
The Bird is the word
Bird, Bird, Bird

(Chicken Little comes out by her Hen House. She can see that they’re all getting along and don’t care about her.)

Chicken Little
I should have known I’d need to do something more extreme to get anyone to pay attention to me.
Song #9 - The Sky Is Falling

Ouch!

Oh...

SOMETHING JUST HAPPENED—
A THOUGHT JUST POPPED IN MY HEAD.
OEAK TREES LOSE ACORNS,
BUT I SEE CHAOS INSTEAD!

THEY THINK THEY CAN IGNORE ME
NO ONE EVER HEARS MY VOICE.
BUT WITH THIS REVELATION
THEY WILL NOT HAVE A CHOICE!

THE SKY IS FALLING!
SO I’M INSTALLING
FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO CHOSE TO
NEVER LISTEN TO ME.

THE SKY FALLING!
THE DAMAGE SPRAWLING!
NOW WHO’S THE LITTLE BIRD YOU DON’T NEED?
QUEEN OF HYPERBOLE—
HERE COMES THE SKY!

(Chicken Little runs to warm the other animals who are gathered in the Chicken Coop)

LISTEN UP PEOPLE—
SOMETHING REAL BAD HAS OCCURRED.
THIS IS NO JOKE NOW—
I HOPE YOUR LIFE IS INSURED.

WHILE I WAS WALKING HOME FROM
BUYING GROCERIES TEN MINUTES AGO
I SAW THE MOST DISTRESSING
THING AND I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW—

THE SKY IS FALLING!
(A) THAT’S (G) WHY I’M CALLING!
WE NEED A PLAN FOR HOW WE’RE GOING TO
MAKE IT OUT OF THIS MESS.

(KEY CHANGE) THE SKY IS FALLING!
(D) AND (A) IT’S APPALLING.
COME WITH ME AND I’LL MAKE SURE WE
DON’T SUCCUMB TO THE STRESS—
HERE COMES THE SKY!

Big Chicken #4
The sky is falling? Are you serious right now?

Big Chicken #5
This is a new low, Chicken Little. Even for you.

Big Chicken #6
Stop playing around. We have cleaning to do—we can’t have this place looking like a pig pen.

Chicken Little
I’m not playing around—I’m more serious right now than I’ve ever been in my whole life!

(BRIDGE) I never thought I’d
have to fear for my life like this.
I can’t believe that you fools
feel like you can dismiss—
Don’t dismiss—

(KEY CHANGE) THE SKY IS FALLING!
Why are you stalling?
This is certainly not the time to
CHICKEN OUT ON ME.

THE SKY IS FALLING!
Soon you’ll all be bawling!
Grab your valuables, hug your mother,
Board your windows and duck for cover,
Thank your lucky stars I’m here
‘cause you’re about to see—

HERE COMES THE SKY!
HERE COMES THE SKY!
HERE COMES THE SKY!

Uh-huh. Hey, Chicken Little.

Big Chicken #7

Chicken Little
Didn’t you hear me? HERE COMES THE—

Big Chicken #1
We heard you just fine.

Chicken Little
I know I’m not at the top of the pecking order around here, but aren’t you going to do something?

Big Chicken #2
Do something about...?

Chicken Little

About the sky? That’s falling??

Big Chicken #3

I think we’ll be fine. Thanks though.

*(They all leave and Chicken Little is left alone. Henny Penny comes out.)*

Henny Penny

What was all that hullabaloo about?

Chicken Little

You seriously just used the word “hullabaloo”?

Henny Penny

You’re darn tootin’.

Chicken Little

I was trying to tell everyone about an...environmental concern I’ve been pretty worried about.

Henny Penny

Oh, yeah?

Chicken Little

Yeah, you see—I was listening to this podcast about global warming, and the reporter was really convincing, so I was trying to tell everyone that we need to do everything we can to help the environment. Or else something drastic might happen.

Henny Penny

Something drastic?

Chicken Little

Uhm, yeah, like with all the CO2 emissions...the atmosphere...could end up absorbing pollution...to the point that the sky even...falls right onto the earth.

Henny Penny

Oh.

Chicken Little

Yeah, you know what, when I say it out loud like that it really does seem sort of ridiculous. Maybe I got carried away.

Henny Penny

That’s a thing that happens. You might wanna find some different podcasts.

Chicken Little

I’ll keep that in mind. But the thing that really gets me is that no one will even listen to me.
Henny Penny
Well most people already have their minds made up about global warming—

Chicken Little
You don’t understand—it’s not just about this. Earlier I was trying to tell Turkey Lurkey about something one of her friends did and she wouldn’t even hear me out. And you were there this morning when Ducky Lucky wouldn’t believe me about his little ducklings. I think I give up on being friends with anyone.

Song #10 - That Was the Last Time

That Was the Last Time
I’m putting myself on the line
Yes the last time
No more will you hear me whine
That’s the last time
I’m meant to be all on my own
All alone
For all time.

Chicken Little

That Was the Last Time
I’m putting myself on the line
Yes the last time
No more will you hear me whine
That’s the last time
I’m meant to be all on my own
All alone
For all time.

Henny Penny

Don’t say that, Chicken Little.

Chicken Little

Why not?

Henny Penny

Because I’m here for you.

When you’re down and out and feel like nothing matters
That’s the time to forget all your doubt and see
While you say you don’t have any friends, you’re overlooking me.

Chicken Little

That Was the Last Time
I’m putting myself on the line
Yes the last time
No more will you hear me whine
That’s the last time
I’m meant to be all on my own
All alone
For all time.

Henny Penny

When you’re down and out and feel like nothing matters
That’s the time to forget all your doubt and see
While you say you don’t have any friends, can’t you see I’m trying to be friends?

Henny Penny
I hope you feel better, Chicken Little. You know where to find me if you need anything.

(Henny Penny leaves and Chicken Little thinks she sees Foxy Loxy off in the distance.)

Scene 6 - The Chicken Coop
Song#11 - The Chick Who Cried Fox

Chicken Little
Oh no. Is that... I think it is. It definitely is. Help!!

(Chicken Little runs to the Chicken Coop to tell the other Chickens)

Chicken Little
Hellllllppppppp!

Big Chicken #8
Well, look who it is, everyone. What’s the matter, Chicken Little? Is the sky falling again?

Chicken Little
No, its... (she’s catching her breath)

Big Chicken #7
Or is it another dinner party nobody’s inviting you to.

Big Chicken #6
Maybe her brain has finally fallen out of her head.

Big Chicken #1
Did you come to tell us why the chicken crossed the road?

Chicken Little
No, listen..

Big Chicken #5
Get ready, I’m sure this will be a good one.

Big Chicken #4
Chicken Little’s never let us down before.

Chicken Little
I saw a fox.

Big Chicken #1
Yep, there it is.

Big Chicken #2
Perfect delivery, Chicken Little

Big Chicken #3
You can go back to your hen house now, we got the message.

Chicken Little
Guys, I’m serious.
Big Chicken #8
Serious like when you ran in here and told us the sky is falling?

Chicken Little
I think it was Foxy Loxy.

Big Chicken #4
This is a new low, even for you, Chicken Little.

Big Chicken #5
No one has seen Foxy Loxy in years.

Big Chicken #7
I think she’s just got her wires crossed.

IT SEEMS TO ME YOU DON’T HAVE YOUR STORY STRAIGHT.
I HEAR YOUR PLEA, BUT I WON’T TAKE THE BAIT.
NOW THAT THE SKY STOPPED FALLING
YOU NEED SOME NEW WAY TO MAKE A FUSS.
SUDDENLY WE’RE RECALLING
YOU CONSTANTLY TRY TO MAKE FOOLS OF US.

Chicken Little
I’m not playing around—there’s a fox. We’re all in danger!

I’VE HEARD IT BEFORE, A TALE ABOUT ONE YOUNG LAD
HE TRIED TO BE GOOD, BUT IT TURNED OUT HE WAS BAD.

IT SEEMED HE LIKED TELLING STORIES
ABOUT A WOLF THAT WAS PROWLING AT NIGHT
HE CAUSED PANIC AND WORRIES,
LITTLE DID HE KNOW, HIS LIE WAS RIGHT.

YOU’RE THE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
ARE WE MEANT TO BELIEVE
THE FOUL CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
ALL SHE DOES IS DECEIVE
HEAR THE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
WE’RE NOT QUITE THAT NAIVE
YOU’RE A POOR, UNTHINKING,
LITTLE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF.
THE SKY IS FALLING
AND YOU’RE APPALLING!
WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE?
YOU’RE A POOR, UNTHINKING,
LITTLE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF.
YOU’RE THE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
ARE WE MEANT TO BELIEVE
THE FOUL CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
ALL SHE DOES IS DECEIVE
HEAR THE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
WE’RE NOT QUITE THAT NAIVE
YOU’RE A POOR, UNTHINKING,
LITTLE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF.

YOU’RE THE CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
IS IT THE LATEST TRENDS?
FOOLISH CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
TELL US, WHEN WILL IT END
JUST A CHICK WHO CRIED WOLF
SHE’S NO QUEEN AMONG HENS,
JUST A POOR, UNTHINKING,
LITTLE CHICK WHO THOUGHT
LYING MAKES FRIENDS
SO YOU WENT AND CRIED WOLF.

THE SKY IS FALLING
AND YOU’RE APPALLING!
WHEN WILL ALL THIS END?
YOU’RE A POOR, UNTHINKING,
LITTLE CHICK WHO THOUGHT
LYING MAKES FRIENDS
SO YOU WENT AND CRIED WOLF.

Henny Penny
Hey, what’s the problem here?

Big Chicken #1
Yeah, Chicken Little—tell you’re friend what the problem is!

Chicken Little
Penny, I saw a fox. I sax Foxy Loxy. I’m in danger—we’re all in danger. We have to do something.

Henny Penny
You heard her, we have to do something!

Big Chicken #2
Listen, you haven’t known Chicken Little very long—we know when she has something to say, chances are it isn’t true.

Chicken Little
Don’t listen to them, Penny—I need your help!

Henny Penny
I know how mean you all can be to Chicken Little—I’ve seen it myself—so if you won’t help her, I will!

Chicken Little
But we’re going to need more help!

Big Chicken #3
Just like when the sky was falling? Come on, let’s get out of here.

Henny Penny
I know I haven’t been here very long, but I know Chicken Little well enough to know she’d never lie! She just got carried away earlier.

Big Chicken #4

Is that right?

Chicken Little

I’m serious—I need your help.

Big Chicken #5

The only way we’re going to believe you is if you admit you were lying about the sky falling.

Turkey Lurkey

And about Goosey Loosey’s party.

Ducky Lucky

And about plucking my ducklings feathers.

Henny Penny

Now, come on. This is serious!

Chicken Little

You don’t understand, Penny. They’re right. I was lying about all of those things. That was wrong of me—but this is real. We have to do something about the fox.

Big Chicken #6

I have an idea—let’s gather all the animals in the barn so we’re safe until we come up with a plan. (they all leave to go the barn with Chicken Little leading the way)

Song #12 - Act 1 Finale

Henny Penny

WHEN YOU’RE DOWN AND OUT AND FEEL LIKE NOTHING MATTERS

Foxy Loxy

Why, hello there.

Henny Penny

Hi, who are you? (Foxy Loxy indicates toward her shirt). Ahh, got it. I mean...oh no!

Foxy Loxy

That’s right. You’re coming with me!

End of Act 1
Entr'acte - Song #13

Scene 7 - The Fox’s Den

Song #14 - Out of Here

Foxy Loxy

HERE YOU ARE!
I HAVE SO MANY PLANS FOR YOU:
YOU’LL BE THE STAR
OF MY WORLD-FAMOUS CHICKEN STEW!

They continue to sing about all the ways to cook chicken and how HP wants to get out.

Henny Penny

So what’s your story, Foxy Loxy?

Foxy Loxy

What’s my story? My story is I’m a fox and I’m going to eat you.

Henny Penny

I mean what has your life been like? Have you always lived here in the woods on the edge of the corn field? Do you have any family around here?

Foxy Loxy

Will you be quiet—I’m trying to focus on this recipe.

Henny Penny

Oh, sorry. It’s just, you don’t seem like that bad of a guy, you know.

Foxy Loxy

And you think that because...?

Henny Penny

Because if you were going to eat me, why didn’t you just get it over with back in the chicken coop? Why go through all the trouble of kidnapping me and bringing me here?

Foxy Loxy

I’m starting to wish I had just eaten you.

Henny Penny

And you keep saying you want to eat Chicken Little and all the other chickens, but I think you’re after something else.

Foxy Loxy

Is that right?

Henny Penny

Yes. I mean, come on—you’re a fox. There’s plenty of little animals out there for you to eat. What do you need with some silly chickens?
I’m a fox. I eat chickens. That’s what I do.

It must get awfully... lonely.

Right; poor me—boo-hoo.

It’s just you being the only fox around here, it’s gotta feel pretty isolating.

I get by.

Wouldn’t it be great to have a whole pack of foxes to run around with?

Well, yeah. That would be great.

And if there aren’t any other foxes, why not try to make friends with the other animals on the farm? Like me?

You don’t understand. I don’t fit in on the farm. Everyone sees me as a vicious killer.

But do you see yourself that way?

I...I...no!! (breaks down crying)

Welcome back to the Chicken Coop, Chicken Little.

Yeah, it’s been a while since we’ve seen you here. I mean, if you don’t count you running in here to tell us the world is ending.

It’s good to be here. Now let’s figure out what we’re going to do about Foxy Loxy.

As far as we know, Foxy Loxy was just spotted once, by Chicken Little, out near the woods by the Hen House a few hours ago.
Big Chicken #5
Has anyone else seen Foxy Loxy? Anyone at all?

Big Chicken #1
I think we better start our search for Foxy Loxy there—in the woods.

But he could be anywhere by now!

Big Chicken #7
Well the Fox Den where Foxy Loxy lives is at the edge of of Farmer Brown’s corn field. Perhaps we should start our search there.

That’s a good idea.

Big Chicken #2
And what are we going to do when we get there?

Big Chicken #3
Well you’ve heard of the fox in the hen house—we’ll be in the hens in the fox house. If we outnumber her we should be able to take control of the situation.

That’s good enough I guess. Thanks again for your help everyone.

Big Chicken #4
Let’s just hope that when we get there we don’t encounter any surprises.

Okay, let’s go!

Scene 8 - The Fox’s Den

Song #15 - “As Friends Go”

(We encounter Foxy Loxy and Henny Penny mid-song)

Both

AS FRIENDS GO, YOU’VE STAYED, AND THAT’S ALL I NEED!

Henny Penny

IT’S BEEN SUCH A LONG TRAIL
BUT NOW WE BLAZE IT TOGETHER.

Foxy Loxy

WE’RE READY TO SET SAIL
NO MATTER THE WEATHER.
Both

IN EVERY TROUBLE,
OUR EFFORTS DOUBLE.

Henny Penny
I’VE GOT YOU!

Foxy Loxy
I’VE GOT YOU!

Both

OUR SUCCESS IS GUARANTEED.
AS FRIENDS GO, YOU’VE STAYED, AND THAT’S ALL I NEED!
AS FRIENDS GO, YOU’VE STAYED, AND THAT’S ALL I NEED!
BRING IT HOME NOW!
AS FRIENDS GO, YOU’VE STAYED, AND THAT’S ALL I NEED!

Chicken Little (offstage)
Alright, Foxy Loxy. I know you’re in there. I can hear you...singing. I saw you lurking around the chicken coop earlier. I’ve got a whole army of chickens out here. We’re not going to tolerate you terrorizing us like you have in the past. You need to come out slowly, with your hands in the air.

Foxy Loxy
Uhm, what do we do?

Henny Penny
Well clearly they haven’t even noticed I’m missing. (now to Chicken Little) Do you want them in the air like I just don’t care?

Chicken Litte
(Chicken Little enters.) Penny? What are you doing here? You and Foxy Loxy are friends?

Foxy Loxy
Well, actually, I bird-napped her.

Henny Penny
But we are friends now.

Chicken Little
(taking Henny Penny aside) I don’t know if they had foxes where you came from, Penny, but they’re... dangerous.

Henny Penny
Yeah, yeah. We’ve been through that. But the thing you don’t understand is that people can change. Foxy Loxy was acting out because she felt like she didn’t fit in anywhere.

Chicken Little
That’s a thing that happens.

Foxy Loxy
It’s not much of a stretch for anyone to start acting badly when they feel like they aren’t part of a group—a family.

Chicken Little
You’re right—and I’m finally starting to feel like I belong to one. (Not to the mob.) Come in guys—everything is fine now.

There’s no crisis?

Big Chicken #6

Big Chicken #8

We’re all going to be okay?

Song #16 - Finale

Henny Penny

WE’RE BEEN THROUGH A LOT
AND FINALLY WE’VE LEARNED

Foxy Loxy

THAT FEELING WE SOUGHT
IS SOMETHING THAT’S EARNED.

Chicken Little

IN THIS BRIGHT NEW DAY
HOW CAN WE CONCEAL.

All Three

THE LOVE AND GRATITUDE WE FEEL.

Big Chicken #1

Come on, everyone. Let’s do the chicken dance!

Big Chicken #2

That means you, too, Chicken Little!

All

CHICKENS DO THE CHICKEN DANCE,
IT’S OUR ONE CHANCE
TO RUFFLE OUR FEATHERS.

WHEN WE DO THE CHICKEN DANCE,
WE HAVE ONE STANCE:
WE DO IT TOGETHER.

RIGHT FOOT GOES FIRST.
LEFT FOOT IS NEXT.
RIGHT FOOT AGAIN.
SHAKE IT!
WE MIGHT PUT YOU IN A TRANCE
‘CAUSE JUST ONE GLANCE—
YOU’RE DANCIN’ FOREVER!

THIS IS THE END, THE TALE OF CHICKEN LITTLE.
THEY MADE A FRIEND, THE TALE OF CHICKEN LITTLE.
LET’S NOT PRETEND, THE TALE OF CHICKEN LITTLE,

CAN’T SOMEHOW HELP US ALL TO SEE
HOWplainLY FOOLISH WE CAN BE

LIKE CHICKEN LITTLE.

WHEN you’RE A LITTLE CHICKEN
YOU’RE CALLED CHICKEN LITTLE
AND THERE’S NOTHING
REALLY NOTHING
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
THERE NEVER WAS ANYTHING
I DON’T LIKE ABOUT THAT!

LITTLE CHICKEN
YOU’RE CALLED CHICKEN LITTLE
NO THERE’S NOTHING
REALLY NOTHING
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
NOTHING TO DISLIKE ABOUT THAT!

(The end.)

Song #17 - Bows