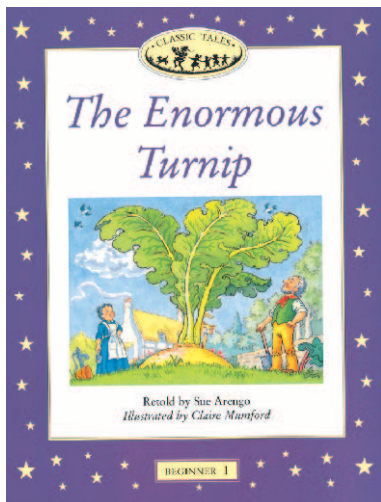


# The Enormous Turnip

A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald  
from the Classic Tale retold by Sue Arengo.



## The story of *The Enormous Turnip*

A man has a seed. He goes in the garden. He puts the seed in the ground. The seed grows. It's a turnip. The turnip's big. It's very, very big. It's enormous.

The man is hungry. He wants to eat the turnip. He pulls the turnip but it doesn't move.

The man sees a woman. 'Come and help!' he says. The woman pulls the man. The man pulls the turnip. The turnip doesn't move.

They see a boy. 'Come and help!' they say. The boy pulls the woman. The woman pulls the man. The man pulls the turnip. The turnip doesn't move.

They see a girl. 'Come and help!' they say. The girl pulls the boy. The boy pulls the woman. The woman pulls the man. The man pulls the turnip.

The turnip doesn't move.

They see a dog. 'Come and help!' they say. The dog pulls the girl. The girl pulls the boy. The boy pulls the woman. The woman pulls the man. The

man pulls the turnip. The turnip doesn't move.

They see a cat. 'Come and help!' they say. The cat pulls the dog. The dog pulls the girl. The girl pulls the boy.

The boy pulls the woman. The woman pulls the man. The man pulls the turnip. The turnip doesn't move.

They see a mouse. 'Come and help!' they say. The mouse pulls the cat. The cat pulls the dog. The dog pulls the girl. The girl pulls the boy. The boy pulls the woman. The woman pulls the man. The man pulls the turnip.

They pull and they pull and . . . the turnip moves.

They eat the enormous turnip. It's good. They're happy.

## Characters in the play

Seed/Turnip	Dog
Man	Cat
Woman	Mouse
Boy	Chorus
Girl	



# The Enormous Turnip

## SCENE 1

### INTRODUCTION

- Chorus** This is the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'.  
Enormous means 'very, very big'.  
This is the man.
- Man** Hello.
- Chorus** This is the woman.
- Woman** Hello.
- Chorus** This is the boy.
- Boy** Hi!
- Chorus** This is the girl.
- Girl** Hi!
- Chorus** This is the dog.
- Dog** Woof! Woof!
- Chorus** This is the cat.
- Cat** Miao! Miao!
- Chorus** This is the mouse.
- Mouse** Squeak! Squeak!
- Chorus** And this is the turnip.
- Turnip** Hello! I'm a seed. I'm small but I grow very, very big.



## SCENE 2

### LET'S PLANT A SEED

- Chorus** The man and the woman are in the garden.
- Man** I've got a seed. Look!
- Woman** It's a big seed. What is it?
- Man** I don't know.
- Woman** Put it in the ground.
- Man** All right.
- He puts the seed in the ground.*
- Woman** And give it some water.
- Man** Have some water!
- He gives the seed some water.*
- Seed** Oh, what's that? Mm, water!  
I like water. Thank you.
- The seed drinks and grows.*
- Man** I'm hungry.
- Woman** Let's go and eat.
- The man and the woman go out.*
- Chorus** The seed grows. It grows and grows.  
It's enormous.

## SCENE 3

### LET'S PULL THE TURNIP

- Chorus** The man and the woman come into the garden.
- Man** Look! Look at the seed!
- Woman** (*She laughs.*) It's not a seed. It's a turnip!
- Man** Yes, it's a turnip. It's a very big turnip.
- Woman** It's a very, very big turnip.  
It's enormous!
- Man** I'm hungry. I want to eat the turnip.
- Turnip** Oh, no!
- Woman** Pull the turnip. (*She goes out.*)
- Chorus** The man pulls the turnip.  
The turnip doesn't move.

## SCENE 4

### THE WOMAN HELPS

- Chorus** The man pulls the turnip.  
He pulls and he pulls and he pulls.  
The turnip doesn't move.
- The woman comes in.*
- Man** Come and help!
- Woman** All right.
- She stands behind the man.*
- Man** One, two, three. Pull!
- Chorus** The woman pulls the man.  
The man pulls the turnip.  
The turnip doesn't move.

## SCENE 5

### THE BOY HELPS

- Man and Woman** Hello!
- Boy** Hi! What's that?
- Woman** It's a turnip. Come and help!
- Boy** Yes, all right.
- He stands behind the woman.*
- Woman** One, two, three. Pull!
- Chorus** The boy pulls the woman.  
The woman pulls the man.  
The man pulls the turnip.  
The turnip doesn't move.

## SCENE 6

### THE GIRL HELPS

**Man, Woman and Boy** Hello!  
**Girl** Hi! What's that?  
**Boy** It's a turnip. Come and help!  
**Girl** Yes, OK.  
*The girl stands behind the boy.*  
**Boy** One, two, three. Pull!  
**Chorus** The girl pulls the boy.  
The boy pulls the woman.  
The woman pulls the man.  
The man pulls the turnip.  
The turnip doesn't move.

## SCENE 7

### THE DOG HELPS

**Man, Woman, Boy and Girl** Hello!  
**Dog** Woof! Woof! What's that?  
**Girl** It's a turnip. Come and help!  
**Dog** Yes, OK. Woof! Woof!  
*The dog stands behind the girl.*  
**Girl** One, two, three. Pull!  
**Chorus** The dog pulls the girl.  
The girl pulls the boy.  
The boy pulls the woman.  
The woman pulls the man.  
The man pulls the turnip.  
The turnip doesn't move.



## SCENE 8

### THE CAT HELPS

**Man, Woman, Boy and Girl** Hello!  
**Dog** Woof! Woof!  
**Cat** Miao! What's that?  
**Dog** It's a turnip. Come and help!  
**Cat** Yes, all right. Miao! Miao!  
*The cat stands behind the dog.*  
**Dog** One, two, three. Pull!  
**Chorus** The cat pulls the dog.  
The dog pulls the girl.  
The girl pulls the boy.  
The boy pulls the woman.  
The woman pulls the man.  
The man pulls the turnip.  
The turnip doesn't move.

## SCENE 9

### THE MOUSE HELPS

**Man, Woman, Boy and Girl** Hello!  
**Dog** Woof! Woof!  
**Cat** Miao! Miao!  
**Mouse** Squeak! Squeak! What's that?  
**Cat** It's a turnip. Come and help!

**Mouse** I'm only a mouse. I'm very small.  
**Chorus** Come on! Come and help!  
**Mouse** Oh, all right! Squeak! Squeak!  
*The mouse stands behind the cat.*  
**Cat** One, two, three. Pull!  
**Chorus** The mouse pulls the cat.  
The cat pulls the dog.  
The dog pulls the girl.  
The girl pulls the boy.  
The boy pulls the woman.  
The woman pulls the man.  
The man pulls the turnip.  
They pull and they pull  
and they pull and . . .

**Turnip** Here I come!  
**Everybody** Yes! We've got the turnip.  
We've got the enormous turnip!  
Well done! Well done everybody!  
*Everybody goes out.*

## SCENE 10

### LET'S EAT THE TURNIP

**Chorus** This is the kitchen. The boy and the girl  
are eating the turnip.  
**Boy** Mm, it's good.  
**Girl** Mm, it's very good.  
*The woman calls the man.*  
**Woman** Come and eat! It's good.  
*The man comes in from the garden.*  
**Man** All right! All right!  
*He sits down and the woman gives him some turnip.*  
*The dog and the cat come in.*  
**Cat and Dog** Please can we eat the turnip?  
**Woman** Yes, of course. Here you are. And thank  
you for your help.  
*She gives the cat and the dog some turnip.*  
*The mouse comes in.*  
**Mouse** Can I eat the turnip too?  
**Woman** Yes, of course. Thank you, mouse.  
Thank you very much, mouse.  
*The woman gives the mouse some turnip.*  
**Man** Yes, it's very good. Well done everyone!  
**Dog** Woof! Woof!  
**Cat** Purr! Purr! Purr!  
**Mouse** I'm a small mouse. But I can help.  
SQUEAK! SQUEAK!  
**Chorus** Yes, everybody helps.  
And everybody's happy.  
And that is the end.  
That is the end of the story.