

SCENE 9.

Here and There Again. Frontcloth or tabs.

PEACEFUL. (*Entering R, with KITTY.*) That's better. Let's leave them peacefully asleep.

KITTY. (*Nods and mimes sleeping, holding her paws together and resting her cheek on them.*)

PEACEFUL. In fact, we can leave them to sleep for ages now. Because we need to fast forward one hundred years in to the future to catch up with Prince Orlando.

KITTY. (*Starts and looks confused.*)

PEACEFUL. I mean the *new* Prince Orlando!

KITTY. (*Looks even more confused.*)

PEACEFUL. Don't worry. He's the great, great grandson of the *first* Prince Orlando. And quite honestly, the family resemblance is extraordinary.

KITTY. (*Nods, but still looks a bit doubtful.*)

PEACEFUL. Why, Kitty, if you didn't know better, you'd think he was the same man! Of course, he doesn't know the whole story – only that his great, great grandfather was banished from the kingdom of Woollycombe, after falling in love with a beautiful princess, many, many years ago.

KITTY. (*Remembers the occasion and sadly agrees.*)

PEACEFUL. And now my magic drives him to find out more. It's his destiny and we'd better be there to meet him. Let's take ourselves into a new century. There – (*Waves wand over KITTY, MUSIC TING.*) that's for you. And – would you – (*Gives wand to KITTY who waves wand over PEACEFUL, MUSIC TING. KITTY is delighted.*) that's for me. We're ready. But I'll need some sort of disguise. I know - who better to point the Prince in the right direction than a simple serving wench with a heart of gold!

(PEACEFUL winks to the AUDIENCE and exits R. KITTY looks nonplussed for a moment and then follows her.

BLACKOUT.)

