

# The Twelve Dancing Princesses Musical Overview

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To help you find the perfect musical for your next performance, we have provided this overview of the vocal and orchestral demands for this title.

**Solo Songs:** Yes

**Ensemble/Large Chorus Songs:** Yes

**Main Character Details:**

Twelve Dancing Princesses (w): C4-E5 vocals, easy

Spirit Mother (w): A3-E5 vocals, moderate

King Phillip (m): B3-E5 vocals, moderate

Shoemaker (either): B3-D5 vocals, moderate

Prince of Arrogance/ Townsperson (m): C4-E5 vocals, moderate

Matthew (m): B3-D5 vocals, moderate

**Total Number of Songs:** 40

**Vocal Demands:** Easy

**Orchestral Demands:** Easy

**Size of Orchestra:** Small (2-4)

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(THE TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES)

# THE TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES

Lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby

## 1. When We Dance

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue: LIGHTS UP.*

SPIRIT MOTHER, PRINCESSES

Liltingly ♩ = 160

8va

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is for the "Spirit Mother" and the bottom staff is for the "Princesses". The music is in 3/4 time, liltingly, at a tempo of ♩ = 160. The key signature changes from A major (no sharps or flats) to B major (one sharp) at measure 25. The lyrics are:

Day has gone in sul - try splen - dor, night un - folds its wings. 'Tis the hour  
for en - chant - ment and i - mag - in - ings. Se - cret por - tal o - pen  
up and let them pass your way, The for - est waits for them to dance un - til the

Measure numbers 9, 19, 25, and 28 are indicated on the left side of the staves. Measure 25 includes a "loco" instruction. Measure 28 includes a "rit." instruction. Measure 25 is enclosed in a box.

## 1. When We Dance

2

43

38 Slower ♩ = 144

rit. Faster ♩ = 184

break of day.

51

Such beau-ty, such won-der in all that I see, My spir-it is

56 filled with de - light. This for-est is mag-ic with se - crets un - told, Just one thing is miss-ing to -

67

night. My daugh-ters, such bless-ings, They're all that I love, I miss them more than I can say.

*1. When We Dance*

3

74

I come to this for-est so I can be - hold My prin-cess-es' night-ly bal - let.

83

85

When they dance they can fly, No long-er do I feel a -

mf

91

alone. When they dance, joy is here, And I know that I'm fi-nal-ly home.

mf

100

101

When they dance, they are free, They can leap to the heav-en-s a - bove,

mf

## 2. Return to the Castle #1

INSTRUMENTAL

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue: GISELLE: "Coming!" (PRINCESSES run offstage.)*

$\text{♩} = 128$

*Pedal ad lib.*

10

18

rit.

26

# 7. Where Do They Go?

Lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby

KING, SPIRIT MOTHER

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue:* KING: "...All I truly care about is them."

Restlessly ♩ = 168

KING: 5

Musical score for measures 5-8. The vocal line starts with a rest followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords in the treble and bass staves.

It's true I'm be - wil-dered, con-fused and up - set, As

Musical score for measures 9-12. The vocal line continues with eighth-note patterns. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords.

an - y good par-ent would be. How twelve pairs of shoes can wear out in one night: I

Musical score for measures 17-20. The vocal line begins with a rest followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords.

must solve this odd mys-ter - y My twelve pre-cious girls who are grow - ing too fast Want

Musical score for measures 25-28. The vocal line starts with a rest followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords.

free-dom, ex - cite-ment and play. Who knows what re - sides be-hind these pal-ace walls? I

## 7. Where Do They Go?

2

33 rit.  $\text{♩} = 138$

can't let them be led a - stray. Where do they go? And don't they

39 A tempo  $\text{♩} = 138$

41 know? I cher-ish the mo-ments we share. When they go I don't

49 know If they un-der-stand how much I care.

KING: (*spoken*) "I miss you, my dear Queen.  
I wish you were here to help me."

58 59

Where did she go? I just don't know. Can she see me from so high a - bove?

# 9. The Proclamation

Lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby

KING, PRINCESSES, TOWNSPEOPLE

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue: ROYAL GUARD #1: "...a most auspicious proclamation forthwith!"*

**Stately**  $\text{♩} = 112$

**7**

:TOWNSPEOPLE

Hear ye! Hear ye! A proc-la-ma-tion of roy-al de-cree! Hear ye! Hear ye! Come and gath-er 'round. Hear ye!

**16**

SOLOS/  
GROUPS:

Hear ye! A dec-la-ra-tion for you and for me. Hear ye! Hear ye! Our voic-es shall re-sound. A

**23**

proc - la - ma-tion of roy - al de - cree. A dec - la - ra-tion for you and me. An ex - cla - ma-tion for

## 9. The Proclamation

2

28

bour-geoi-sie. An in - for-ma-tion fes - tiv - i - ty! A ju - bi-lee! A ju - bi-lee? A ju - bi -

34

**35**: TOWNSPEOPLE

SOLO:

lee! \_\_\_\_\_ Hear ye! Hear ye! What news is this that the king shall tell? Hear ye! Hear ye! Hush

KING:  
"Good point." :TOWNSPEOPLE

41

up and we might know. Hear ye! Hear ye! Climb up the tow-er and strike the bells. Hear ye! Hear ye! Dance

KING: **51** TOWNSPEOPLE: KING:

49

with your friend or foe. A proc-la-ma-tion of roy-al de-cree. A dec - la - ra - tion for you and me. An

**51**

## 9. The Proclamation

3

KING &  
TOWNS-  
PEOPLE:

55 TOWNSPEOPLE: KING: TOWNS-  
PEOPLE:  
ex - cla-ma-tion for bour-geo-i-sie. An in - for-ma-tion fes - tiv - i - ty! A ju - bi-lee! A ju - bi-lee? A

61 rit. 63 Slower, freely  $\text{d} = 60$  KING:  
Here-with and fur-ther-more I come to you with a proc - la -  
ju - bi - lee!

67 ma - tion! Re - gard-ing my daugh - ters, and their where-a-bouts each  
TOWNSPEOPLE & PRINCESSES:  
A proc - la - ma-tion!

# 21. Heart's Desire

Lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby

MATTHEW

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue: SPIRIT MOTHER: "I would be honored."*

Sweetly ♩. = 56

MATTHEW:

6

The seeds are plant-ed and the rains will fall, Warm sun-shine can guide the

*mp*

way, The roots will reach down and the sprouts will grow Un - til a fine spring day. When the

11

vi - o-lets, dai-sies and the daf - fo-dils Bloom del-i-cate, ra-di-ant and pure. To - geth - er they are a

16

sym - pho-ny of col-or as gen-tle winds stir. Some peo-ple's lives are meas-ured by the things that they ac-

19

# 28. Galliard

INSTRUMENTAL

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue: Segue from #27.*

With a lilt  $\text{J.} = 62$

**3**

Musical score for page 61, measures 3-6. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, 6/8 time, dynamic *p*, and shows eighth-note patterns. The bottom staff is in bass clef, 6/8 time, showing quarter-note patterns. Measure 3 starts with a rest followed by a sixteenth-note pattern. Measures 4-6 show eighth-note patterns in the treble staff and quarter-note patterns in the bass staff.

Musical score for page 61, measures 7-11. The top staff continues eighth-note patterns in treble clef. The bottom staff shows quarter-note patterns in bass clef. Measure 7 starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 8 shows a transition with quarter notes. Measure 9 shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 10 shows a dynamic change to *mp*. Measure 11 shows eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for page 61, measures 13-17. The top staff shows eighth-note patterns in treble clef. The bottom staff shows quarter-note patterns in bass clef. Measures 13-16 show eighth-note patterns. Measure 17 shows a transition with quarter notes.

Musical score for page 61, measures 18-22. The top staff shows eighth-note patterns in treble clef. The bottom staff shows quarter-note patterns in bass clef. Measure 18 starts with a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 19 shows eighth-note patterns. Measure 20 shows a dynamic change to *mf*. Measures 21-22 show eighth-note patterns.

## 39. When We Dance (Finale)

Lyrics by Jennifer Kirkeby

## COMPANY

Music by Shirley Mier

*cue: HERALD: "Thank you, Your Majesty!" (Lights shift to MATTHEW and GISELLE.)*

**Brightly** ♩ = 184 (*Dialogue continues*)

**ISELLE:** "In that case,  
you certainly may."

1.2.

9

ALL:

11

Such beau-ty, such won-der in all that we see, Our spir-its are filled with de -

104

A musical score for piano, showing two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in A major (three sharps). Measure 11 starts with a half note in the bass, followed by eighth notes in the treble. Measure 12 starts with a half note in the bass, followed by eighth notes in the treble.

17

light. \_\_\_\_\_

This for-est is mag-ic with se-crets un-told, The world comes a-live on this

A musical score for piano, showing two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of three sharps. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one sharp. Measures 11 and 12 are shown, with measure 11 ending on a forte dynamic and measure 12 beginning with a forte dynamic.

25

27

night.

No more hold-ing on\_\_\_\_ to wor - ry and woe, Such things will not

A musical score for piano, featuring two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of four sharps. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and has a key signature of one sharp. Measure 11 begins with a half note in the treble staff followed by a dotted half note. The bass staff has a half note. Measure 12 begins with a quarter note in the treble staff followed by a half note. The bass staff has a half note.

39. When We Dance (*Finale*)

2

32

lead us a - stray.

We come to this place so that we can be - hold The

39

prin - cess - es' night - ly bal - let.

rit.

**45** A tempo  $\text{♩} = 184$

*ALL dance.*

54

61

62

39. When We Dance (*Finale*)

3

rit.

71

**79** Slightly slower  
ALL:  $\text{♩} = 176$

78

When we dance we can fly, No long-er do we feel a - lone.

86

— When we dance, joy is here, And we know that we're fi - nal - ly home.

**95**

94

— When we dance, we are free, We can leap to the heav-en-s a -