

Tale of the Nutcracker Sample Texts

The Clock aria

DROSSY

Never say that, never!
It only needs attention and care.

I built it when I was young and strong and handsome.
I remember the new springs,
the shiny pendulum and perfect wood.

Old things are not ugly. They bring memories,
they bring tears. I was alone when I built this clock.
It's sad to be alone.

Come, talk to the clock, hear the whisper.
Listen to the sounds of time
passing by, round and round

MARIE AND FRED

I don't like the noise it makes.
It chimes at night and wakes me up.
When I stare, the hands don't move.
But when I look away, they move.

DROSSY

They only move when you don't look.
They wait until you're gone and then
move suddenly, quietly, silently, gently.

MARIE AND FRED

I don't like the noise it makes.
It clicks, it snaps.
It never rests, it never naps.

DROSSY

That's the way time sounds.
It tells us when to sleep.
It tells us when to eat.

It tells us when we're late
and stops when we're in love_
someday.

The clock is your friend, a quiet friend.
A friend through the days,
a friend through the nights.

One day, you may realize
this friend took you away,
that time took you away, someday.
(the children are transfixed by Drossy)

Duet (end of Act 1)

NUTCRACKER

I am the toy that the Drossy brought you.
The man who fought for you.
You nursed me, I defended you.
You saved me and now I save you.

You've read stories, I'm sure. Had wishes, I know.
These stories are now real.
Your wishes have all come true!
I'm the one you longed for
the one you longed to meet.

MARIE

I am so frightened
Are you really all I wished for?

NUTCRACKER

Remember saying:
"I will get married tomorrow or today"?

You said "he will come from afar.
That he shall take you away.
Because you would marry tomorrow or today"

The magical wish of a girl.
The magic of transformation
You brought me to life!

Do you remember now?
Can you see who I am?
Do you trust me now or must I leave as you ask?

MARIE

If you leave, will you ever come back?

NUTCRACKER

You dreamt me today.
Tomorrow's dreams can't be planned.

MARIE

I think I see now. I understand.

NUTCRACKER

Then let reality be this.
Let your fantasies be true.
Let your hope shine in my eyes.

MARIE

Your eyes full of light-
Your hand so firm-
Your arms so strong.

NUTCRACKER

The world is ours. Yours and mine.

MARIE

Never let me go.

NUTCRACKER

Come with me, Marie.
Come with me to my magic kingdom.
Behold, I am yours!

MARIE

Take my hand, hold me tight.
Show me the world.

NUTCRACKER

I'll show you the world

MARIE

Take my hand, hold me tight.
Show me the tomorrow.

NUTCRACKER

I'll show you tomorrow.

BOTH

Show me the sky, show me the sunsets,
show me the wonders of being alive.
Take me beyond the stars!

MARIE

Show me the sun through cloudy skies.
Tell me the morning will follow night.
Tell me tomorrow is full of light.

BOTH

And always love me for who I am.
(he leads her to the grandfather's clock which mysteriously opens. They step inside and the door closes behind them.)

END OF ACT 1