

Alice in Wonderland
Play Synopsis
Act I

The play opens with Alice and Emily, her sister, in their room. Emily is reading, but Alice is bored and would rather be playing. The Nanny calls the girls to tea. Alice tells the Nanny about wanting to talk to animals and then sings about being the youngest child in the family. When Emily leaves to help prepare the tea, she leaves her book on the chair and Alice starts to read it. Soon Alice is asleep, only to be awakened by the White Rabbit. After they introduce themselves the Rabbit takes Alice through the mirror and into Wonderland. The White Rabbit leaves Alice with the Caterpillar. After they are introduced, she asks how to find the Rabbit so she can go to tea. Soon the Cheshire Cat appears and Alice gets caught in a game of confusing questions with the Caterpillar and the Cheshire Cat. The Caterpillar exits and Alice asks the Cat if she can help her find the White Rabbit. The Cat suggests she ask the Hatter or the Duchess, but before she goes, the Duchess enters. The Cheshire Cat sneaks away leaving Alice with the Duchess who asks if Alice knows anything about babies. She then gives her baby pig to Alice. The Duchess and Alice play another word game until the White Rabbit appears again. He is on his way to play croquet with the Queen, but is upset at not being able to find his gloves. Alice shows him the gloves on his paws and he exits. Alice gives the baby pig back to the Duchess. The Mad Hatter and Dormouse enter with a table set for tea. When Alice approaches, they say there is no room at the table for her. Again an argument takes place about words and misunderstandings. The Knave then enters looking for the Queen. He is relieved that she is not there. He explains that white roses were planted for her, but she only likes red roses, so the white roses had to be painted red. If she finds out the Knave is sure to lose his head. Alice tries to console him, but everyone else in the scene assures her that the Queen only likes things that are red. They sing about things that are red and the act ends.

Act II

The act opens in a freeze similar to the end of Act One. The Knave says he wants a friend and Alice offers to be his friend. The Queen enters demanding to know who painted the white roses red. Everyone except Alice bows. The Queen asks her name and Alice replies with an introduction and a curtsy. The Queen asks Alice who the Knave is and when she isn't sure, the Queen orders her beheaded. The Queen realizes that Alice is only a child and then demands for the Knave to be picked up off the floor. When she sees the partially painted rose in his hand she orders the Knave beheaded. Alice asks about tea, but the Queen wants to play croquet instead. She hands Alice a flamingo to be her mallet and prepares to hit the Duchess' baby through a wicket like a ball. Alice stops her and the Duchess asks for her baby back. Again the Queen orders everyone to have their heads chopped off. The Queen is interrupted by the White Rabbit rushing in and announcing that the Queen's tarts have been stolen. The Queen asks everyone if they did it and then she accuses the Knave of Hearts. But Alice tells her that he must have a trial first. They call all the witnesses with Alice being asked to testify last. Alice stops the trial when the Queen wants a verdict. The Queen orders Alice to have her head chopped off. As all the rest of the characters start chanting "Off with her head", Alice is found back in her chair sleeping. Emily comes into the room and wakes Alice for tea. Alice tells Emily about the White Rabbit. Emily tells her she must have been dreaming because rabbits don't talk and you can't walk through mirrors. Alice thinks that maybe she was dreaming as she sings the final song.