My Back Yard

Description

A Class room/school production with choir for up to 30 children.

Summer begins and Miko are already bored until friends appear out of the blue and bring her gifts of imagination and things to do on summer vacation.

Songs

Bored Parody to Roar: Gem Sisters

MP3 Roar: Roar Instrumental (Google link)

MP3 Luminere: Luminere (Google Link)

My Imagination: My Imagination Cover Version

My Imagination: My Imagination Instrumental

My Imagination before the curtain opens: Pre-Curtain Opening

I Can Sing a Rainbow Song Mp3: Instrumental (Google Link)

I Can Sing a Rainbow Sheet Music in A major (Google Link)

I Can Sing a Rainbow Sheet Music in C Major (Google Link)

I Can Sing A Rainbow Sheet Music in D Major (Google Link)

Setting

Late evening, outside backyard with a bench and flower pots, a barn, and a riser for the moon and stars to stand on. There is a house on the right wall with a door. There are Trees and a garden with an arbor or magic door that is a portal.

Props

Treasure Box, hand held telescope, seeds, color wheel, sketchbook, coloring pens, scavenger map, marshmallows, sticks, State hiking trails guide book, compass, Barn Box or table, baseball, basket ball, putter, golf balls, candy box full of candy, coin bag, box of craft makings, a daisy pot of flowers, pattern, cook book, mixing bowl, wooden spoon, a cake plate, a book on Australia or world almanac, fishing pole.

Cast

Miko: Boy or Girl, inquisitive, brave

Kip: Boy or Girl, Miko's best friend

Pete the Pirate: jovial, a theatrical showman

Birdella: Pete's Parrot assistant

Rosina: Younger girl, sweet and shy

Cowboy Luke: Lead Singer, Cowboy, dreamer,

Cowboy Duke: Luke's Side Kick -

World Traveler: Australian accent, Explorer, world traveler

2 Fishermen:

The Moon: Boy or girl Lead Singer

Seika the Rock star Rapper: Solo Rap Artist

The Rap girls: Serenity: 2 or 3 back up rappers

Carmia the Girl Rocker: Solo rap artist

Candy Fairy:

Wish Fairy:

Flower Fairy:

Rainbow Fairy:

Evening Star 1:

Morning Star 2:

Twilight Star 3:

Summer Star:

Midnight Star:

Baker 1:

Baker 2:

Fashionista:

Artists:

Dreamers:

The Sports Kids:

My Imagination plays before the curtain opens

My Imagination pre-curtain rise

Scene One

I'm Bored

Miko: (Sitting on the bench, looking forlorn and sighing)

Summer is here and I don't have a thing to do. I thought this would be fun, but there isn't much to do in this little town.

Kip: (enters from the cafeteria, calling before she appears crosses downstage right DSR to Miko)

Miko... Are you out here?

Miko: (stands up from the bench and waves to her)

I am here Kip, over in the back yard.

Kip: (waving back,)

There you are, I was hoping I would find you, What'cha doing?

Miko: Wishing I had something to do.

Kip: Summer is here, and we can't be bored already.

Miko and Kip: (look at each other at the same time and then to the audience.)

But we are! (They sing to Katy Perry's song Roar, the Gem sisters parody, Bored. Bored by the Gem Sisters

BORED SONG LYRICS

[VERSE]

Summers here I thought it'd be so cool
But two weeks in I've got nothing to do
I had an awesome plan
But did it all in one weekend
All my friends are gone and having fun
And there's no cure for my boredom
I'm stuck home everyday
Like a prisoner in a cage

[PRE-CHORUS]

I can't sleep in. My mom's naggin'
My list of chores is unendin'
It's hot outside, I'm gonna die
My social media's a big fat lie
Nowhere to go I'm never alone
I sit here waiting by the phone
I'm begging text me please

[CHORUS]

Because my summer is so lame it's the same
Worse than playing board games
I thought it would be great so why do I feel so bored
This is not a vacation
Deja vu I'm living where everyday I'm bored
Ord ord ord ord ord
I'm so bored ord ord ord
Very bored ord ord ord
Why do I feel so bored

[VERSE 2]

It's summer but I still have a bedtime
This reading club it makes me want to cry
Nothing new on Netflix
And we're all out of chips

[PRE-CHORUS]

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Miko: Ugh this is going to be a long summer

(Kip and Miko plop down on the bench in a freeze frame of boredom. Off stage right, Miko's mother calls from the house off stage.)

Mother: Come in Miko, it's time for bed.

Kip: (looking at her watch) I better go too; my mom will be looking for me. I'll see you tomorrow, (Exits down the stairs back into the cafeteria)

Miko: Bye (walks over to the moon Center Stage, CS)

Moon: (Eyes closed - The lights dim as the Moon appears from behind the barn and stands on the top riser as the song begins.)

Miko: (Sings Lumière by the Rainbow Girls or the song just plays in the background while the moon and Miko talk) <u>Lumière song</u> mp3

Lumière Lyrics:

Well Lumière, where are you, I was thinking of you today

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There is no one in my neighborhood that does me the way that you do

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Hello Moon, I wish I was you, so high up in the sky where I could see everything.

Moon: (The Moon opens her eyes)

Hello and where would you go?

Miko: I would travel the world, see all the countries, and have great adventures.

Moon: There is a lot to see for sure, sometimes too much. I like shining on little places, like your backyard.

Miko: Here? How is this any fun?

Moon: Use your Imagination. It is where your heart looks, and it's always with you.

Miko: (looking around)

Yes, I need to find my Imagination. If I sit very still, maybe I will feel it.

(Miko sits on the bench gazing at the moon very still) Lights dim- fog machine starts.)

Cowboy Luke: (enters from the portal with a telescope, gazes up at the moon DSL.)

It is a beautiful night; I can hear the songs of the dreamers gathered in the sky.

Dreamers: (ascend the stairs from the atrium side - Points to the moon, then stands by the house **DSR** behind Miko)

Dreamer 1: Oh look the Moon is calling us.

Dreamer 2: She is dreaming with us.

Dreamer 3: It is a good night with much promise. She will help make our dreams come true.

Dreamer Brady: We just have to make and believe.

Stars: (enters from the portal and stand on the risers) Speaking to Miko from across the room.

Evening Star: There is no life I know, to compare with your imagination.

Morning Star: Living there, you'll be free, if you truly wish to be.

Summer Star: If you want to view Paradise simply look around and view it.

Twilight Star: Want to change the world? There is nothing to it.

Moon, Cowboy Luke: (sing pure imagination) (Every one sings on the second chorus)

Cowboy Luke: Hold your breath, Make a wish, Count to three

Moon and Cowboy Luke:

Come with me and you'll be In a world of pure imagination Take a look and you'll see Into your imagination

We'll begin with a spin Traveling in the world Of my creation What we'll see Will defy explanation

If you want to view paradise Simply look around and view it Anything you want to, do it Wanna change the world? There's nothing to it

There is no life I know
To compare with
Pure imagination
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(2nd chorus, everyone sings)
If you want to view paradise
Simply look around and view it
Anything you want to, do it
Wanna change the world?
There's nothing to it)

There is no life I know
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(Miko stands reaching her hand out to the moon as if in a dream)

Mother: (off stage)

Come in now Miko, it's getting dark.

(Miko exits into the house, lights dim Cowboy Luke exits to the cafeteria as Pete the Pirate and Birdella the Parrot enter - tip toeing from the portal – Pete is carrying a treasure box. They cross to center stage and stop,)

Pete the Pirate: We have some things in this treasure box for her.

Birdella: (squawks like a parrot)

Show em the map, show em the map.

Pete the Pirate: (he unfurls the map and in a loud voice)

Yes, hmm... Arragh! First on the scavenger map extraordinaire is

Fashionista: (Gracie Cessor dressed up) Style, she can find her own style. Everyone is an individual; she could design an outfit I brought her a sketch book and a pattern to sew.

Birdella: (Pointing to the bench)

Here is a good place to put it.

(Fashionista puts the pattern and book on bench and takes a place on the riser)

Cowboy Luke and Cowboy Duke: (Gallop in on a pretend horse, Cowboy Luke nods to fashionista)

Howdy Mame, Head em up, move em out. Woah there Nellie.

Cowboy Luke: Howdy Pete, we were riding the range when we heard we have a girl who needs to remember her imagination, so we brought her this.

Cowboy Duke: Yep, we heard her clear cross the canyon, singing to the moon. Show em what we brought Luke.

Cowboy Luke: Hold your horses now Duke; let me get in this here bag.

(They both reach into their bags. Cowboy Luke pulls out a bag of marshmallows and some sticks; Cowboy Duke pulls out a compass and a hiking trail book from his saddle bag.)

Cowboy Duke:

Ya Hoo, She could go camping with her family and sleep out under the stars.

Stars: Twinkle Twinkle

Cowboy Luke: Make Smores

Stars: Smorrrrres - Yum-my

Birdella: (tweets or whistles or makes a bird sound flaps her wings)

Good idea, Cowboys!

(Cowboy Luke puts the marshmallows on the cooler box; Cowboy Duke puts the compass and book beside it.)

World Traveler: (enters from portal, carrying a book on Australia, raising her arm, waving as she walks towards them)

Hold on cowboys... She could also read up on places she plans to go to someday, like down under in Australia where I'm from. Reading can spark the imagination, kangaroos, Kola's and didgeridoos, shrimp on the barbi.

(World Traveler puts the book on the bench, and stands with the stars on the riser)

(The Sports Guys enter from the Portal: Chris Bush, (basketball Player) Jaden Lee (Golf), Ryan Williams (football or soccer Player) Marcus Armstrong (baseball Player)

Baseball Player: Take me out to the ball game.

Golfer: Yes, there are all kinds of sports to play in the summer.

Football/Soccer Player: She could get her game on.

Basketball: Like a game of round ball with her friends.

Marcus: Team Spirit and physical activity is a great way to have fun. So we brought her some things to play with.

Pirate Pete: That's a great idea too, put them by the barn Mates.

(They put a glove, a golf ball and putter and a basket ball by the barn then stand by the barn.)

(Fishermen: Caden Carpenter, Hunter Miller, Ethan Elmore enter from the portal)

Caden: She could fish

Hunter: Nothing like catching a big one

Ethan: How Big?

(Everyone spreads their arms out and says)

This Big!

Pete the Pirate: (looking over to the Portal as the artists enter)

Ahoy there Artists from across the blue, you have brought some more treasures I see.

(Artists enter from the Portal, each carrying something artistic. A sketchbook, colored pens, Paints, brushes, a color wheel, and scrapbook items)

Artist 1: (Pulls out a color wheel and spins it.)

Red and yellow, pink and blue swirling together in colors, pretty pictures for you.

Artist 2: There is a wondrous world to paint that is all around us!

Artist 3: Here are some brushes to paint the sky with.

Artist 4: She could paint her world the way she wants it to be.

Pirate Pete: She will love these; put them in the treasure box please.

(The artists lay there things in the treasure box cross DSR or DSL and Sing the Rainbow Song)

All Artists: Red and yellow pink and blue orange and violet too, can you sing a rainbow, I can sing a rainbow, you can sing a rainbow too.)

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Rosina: (enters from the portal carrying a basket of seeds and plants, a garden trowel and a watering can) enters from **SR** (**Stage Right**)

Don't forget nature, she can grow a garden full of vegetables with her family and friends. (Drops it in the treasure box)

Flower Fairy: (Carrying a flower pot) enters **SL Stage Left**) (Drops it in the treasure box)

And flowers to grow to make her yard bloom with beauty and grace. (Drops it in the treasure box)

Wish Fairy: (Jiggling a little bag of coins) enters **SL Stage Left**) (Drops it in the treasure box)

And a pocket full of pennies to make wishes in a well. (Drops it in the treasure box)

Rainbow Fairy: (carrying a box of paper scrapbooking items) enters **SL Stage Left**) Trouble comes and goes but after every storm in life there is a

new day with a rainbow for a new beginning. I bring a box of crafts to play with on rainy days. (Drops it in the treasure box)

Candy Fairy: (carrying a candy box, enters **SL Stage Left**)

How sweet is the spirit that is kind and true to be generous of heart. It is a gift to help others, so I will give her this never ending candy box to give out to people every day of her life. (Drops it in the treasure box)

(All fairies move to the risers after their gifts are put in the treasure box to stand with the stars)

(Bakers enter from **SR** (**Stage Right**) carrying mixing bowls and spoons)

Baker: (talks like Julia Child as she enters the stage to everyone)

Halloo, Welcome to the wonderful world of Baking. Today we are making a lovely, light cupcake, with butter cream frosting. You can't have enough butter.

BAKER 2: (To Miko)

That's right and you can't be afraid to cook either, that is how you learn.

Baker 1: Omelets can fall; the meat cooked to long, but as long as you try you will get better at it. We brought her a cook book. Bon Apetite'.

Pirate Pete: Wonderful put it in the treasure box. Oh girls it's time to wake Miko up.

Rapper Girls: (Serenity, Zamiyah, Tanika enter from the back of the barn stand before Mikos door.)

Zamiyah: Come out Miko, and join the fun

Tanika: Say you will, you want to be the one

Serenity: Always be moving in your mind and your heart

Zamiyah, Serentiy, Tannika: in your life, in your own way, be a spark

Miiii-koh, Miiii-koh,

Miko: (Miko comes out in her nightgown rubbing her eyes, surprised at all the characters in her yard)

What's going on out here in my backyard?

Tanika: You called for us.

Miko: I did?

Serenity: Yes and we are so happy you did!

Miko: Oh my, I didn't know that I could do that.

Rosina: Yes, you and your imagination did,

Birdella: You did, you did (Squawk)

Seika the Super Rock Star: (enters from then portal to a rap beat)

Rock on people, what is the world without music

(rap beat)

No matter if its country, pop song or indie

Metal, Jazz or Rap, are you with me?

When you get with the beat

Everything is groovy

You can be your own star

In your very own mo-vie,

(Beat Box sounds)

Carmia: (Inez) (enters from the cafeteria stairs crosses to Seiko and Miko with

a walking Mic)

Everyone: Hey Miko, Hey Miko

Carmia: (Inez)

Follow your heart, and to yourself be true, there is a whole world waiting in here for you, No need to worry, or ever be bored, cos your imagination has everything in store.

Cowboy Luke: That's right pardner, from that magical place that is always with you.

Pirate Pete: We brought you a treasure map, to help you remember all the things you could do this summer so you wouldn't be bored.

(He hands Miko the treasure map. Miko unfolds it and scurries around to find the treasures in her back yard)

Miko: Wow, look at these gifts!

Pirate Pete: These gifts have always been within you, and your imagination is the key.

Miko: Yes, I can do a lot of things all summer long with my family and friends.

Kip: (Kip enters from the cafeteria)

Someone say friend

Miko: (motions to Kip)

Come up here, Kip. Look what they brought us!

Kip: (looks around and doesn't see them)

Who are they?

Miko: Don't you see them?

Kip: (looks around and each one of the characters. Each one waves back as Kip rubs her eyes, claps her cheeks, laughs and waves back,

Oh my word, I see them now. I remember you, and you and you!

Miko: We can grow a garden Kip, paint pictures, go hiking, write plays and songs, play ball. Everything we need was always here, right in our own backyard.

(Every one chimes in with yes and woo hoo's you got it)

Pirate Pete: That's Right! (Sings the intro and everyone joins in on the verse and chorus.)

Back in Your Own Backyard

We leave home expecting to find a blue bird, Hoping every cloud will be silver lined. But we all return as we live we learn, That we left our happiness behind...

The bird with feathers of blue, is waiting for you,
Back in your own back yard,
You'll see your castle in Spain, through your window pane,
Back in your own back yard.
Oh you can go to the East go to the West,
But someday you'll come weary at heart back where you started from,
You'll find your happiness lies, right under your eyes,
Back in your own backyard.

Curtain call – instrumental version of Pure Imagination

Possible drawing for the things in the characters brought in as props after the show~