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# Jack and the Beans Talk

Inspired by the classic fairytale  
Directed by Steve Tiplady,  
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Composed by Iklooshar Malara,  
Performed by Iklooshar Malara

A fresh and funny retelling of the traditional story  
For ages 3 - 7

Is it a dream or did I hear a talking bean?

Jack lives on a small farm with his mum and very little to eat. He likes to talk to the birds, his cow and anyone who will listen.

Imagine his surprise when he swops his cow for some magic beans and starts to hear a whispering in the breeze and a giant rumble in the sky ...

Charming and inventive with plenty of interaction, an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a giant that sniffs out small boys.

Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window!

From the company that brought you *Shoe Kangaroo* and *the Big Bad Boot*, *Billy Goats Gruff* and *There's A Monster in My Piano*

**International Award Winning Puppetry**  
**Garlic Theatre tours throughout the UK and abroad reaching annual audiences of 20,000 per year.**

*'We were treated to an amazing feast of puppets with a wonderful mix of slapstick, suspense, audience participation, and high humour'* Walsham Le Willows Village Hall



## **Jack and The Beans Talk**

### **Show summary**

The traditional story of Jack and the Beanstalk with a twist and told by the magic beans.

A cloud floats out of a storybook and into a magical set, The magic beans are vaudeville singing beans that pop up and comment on the story throughout the show.

We have the story of Jack living with his mother on a lovely little farm with plenty to eat and a cow called Daisy. The audience help Jack milk the cow.

Suddenly one day the clouds disappear and nobody knows why.

Because there are no clouds there is no rain, nothing grows and Daisy the cow gets thinner and thinner and gives no more milk. Jack and his mum have no choice but sell the cow. Jack meets a mysterious bean lady who buys the cow for magic beans.

Jack returns, his mum throws the beans into the back yard. An enormous and beautiful beanstalk grows.

Jack climbs up and follows the path to the giant's castle

We meet a stressed out giant hen who cannot lay eggs and a giant who squeezes the clouds and drinks all the water. Jack discovers where all the clouds have gone.

The Giant appears, bullies the hen, drinks the cloud water, counts his gold and goes to sleep

Jack steals a gold coin and tells the hen to follow him home

The Giant wakes up, chases Jack and reaches the beanstalk. The whole audience helps to chop down the beanstalk

The Giant is blown away by the wind, the clouds return, rain falls and everything grows again.

Jack and his mum are so happy and the giant hen drops down from the sky and lays an enormous, brown egg

The show celebrates the wealth of the earth's riches and the importance of water.

## **The Beans sing a song to the tune of Down in the Jungle...** **Here are the verses for you to sing.**

Verse 1 introducing the story

Up in the sky where nobody goes  
There's an old old story that everyone knows  
A tale of adventure  
The stuff of dreams  
It's our story of Jack and the Beans

Verse 2 before the beanstalk grows

All is quiet, all is calm  
There's an eerie silence over the farm  
I can't hear a rustle and I can't hear a twig  
Something going to happen and it's going to be big

Verse 3 introducing the giant's castle

Jack climbed the beanstalk into the sky  
Followed a path didn't know why  
Came to a door as big as a house  
Pushed it open Crept in like a mouse

Verse 4 finale

Brave and strong was our boy Jack  
Got rid of the giant so the clouds came back  
They lived happily with the hen of their dreams  
That is the story of Jack and the Beans