

(There are two sections to this audition, please prepare BOTH parts.)

Red Riding Hood **Audition Piece 1**

Red Good morrow boys and girls! Good morrow boys and girls! Verily I bid thee welcome unto Nottingham, where forsooth it doth... actually do you mind, if I stop forsoothing? I thought I'd give it a go to make it sound historical but it's a bit of a mouthful, isn't it? This is the Middle Ages you see. Now, my name is Little Red Riding Hood and no, you haven't come to the wrong panto, I'm Robin Hood's little sister.

Ah Robin Hood; he robs the rich to pay the poor. Righter of wrongs, hero of the people! They say he's something special, but to me, he's just a big brother. I remember him when he was all smelly feet and pimples.

We've formed a gang of outlaws. We're like your in-laws but less scary. Here, would you like to be in our gang? Would ya? Great, to be in our gang you have to do the secret greeting. Every time I come onstage, I'm gonna shout; 'how you doing gang' and I want you to shout back; 'we're goody hoody!' Will you do that? (*Ad lib.*)

Now you're in our gang, I have to tell you, things are tough here in Nottingham! They're tougher than that. Good King Richard has left the Town Sheriffs in charge. And our Sheriff's as mean as mean can be. They've been overcharging the hard-working honest folk, and taken so much in tax that they can't afford to live! And you thought Boris started it!

Red Riding Hood **Audition Piece 2**

Red Very well, you are free to pass through Sherwood Forest. But first, you must pay the charge.

Marion A charge?

Red Yes, we charge all rich folk, to help repay the taxes taken by wicked Sheriff of Nottingham.

Marion But we're not rich!

Red You're not?

Marion No. I mean, we're doing alright...

Red How much have you got then?

Marion About 10 crowns.

- Red** Hmm that's not much is it?
- Marion** No, and you can hardly rob from the 'doing alright' and give to the 'short of a crown or two', can you? They won't write legends about you in hundreds of years from now if you did.
- Red** But you're still quite well off, so hand over your money.
- Marion** *(Passes over a purse.)* There you are.
- Red** Thank you. Right, let's go give it to the poor and needy.
- Marion** Excuse me, did you say you'll give it to the poor and needy?
- Red** Yes
- Marion** Well, we're poor and needy. Can we have it?
- Red** Of course, here you are. Hang on, you're rich again. Give me your money.
(She does.)
- Marion** But now we're poor again.
- Red** I'm confused, I was never any good at maths.
- Marion** Well why don't we make a deal? If you agree not to charge us, we'll agree not to pay you.
- Red** Seems fair! Here's your money back.