

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

Lady Bessie **Audition Piece 1**

Bessie (Enters SL.) Come along Princess Marion, the coast is clear!

Marion (Entering SL.) Thank you Bessie, but please, don't shout my name out loud.

Bessie Sorry your majesty!

Marion And don't call me your majesty either. Someone might be listening and we need to keep who I am a secret.

Bessie It might be a bit late for that.

Marion What do you mean?

Bessie The boys and girls, they've been listening all along.

Marion So they have, hello boys and girls! I say boys and girls, will you be our friends? And will you help keep our secret? I am Princess Marion and this is my Lady In Waiting Lady Bessie...

Bessie Hello!

Marion My Father King Richard is away and has heard there are terrible things happening in Nottingham, is that true boys and girls? Well, he's asked me to come and see for myself and let him know. But no one must know that we're here, so we can be his spies.

Bessie I wanted to be disguised as a shepherd. That way, I'd be a shepherd's pie! But look, someone's coming, what shall we do?

Marion Just act naturally. And whatever you do, don't call me your majesty...

Bessie No your majesty... err... Marion... Princess... eek!

(Enter Robin and Red.)

Robin Well look what we have here; two beautiful young maidens alone in the forest? Alright ladies, stand and deliver!

Bessie Oh I'm afraid we don't deliver. We've got Amazon Prime...

Robin Do you know who I am?

Marion Oh I know, you're Peter Pan.

Robin No I'm Robin, Robin Hood!

Marion Hello Robin Robin Hood.

Robin Doesn't the very sound of my name set your hearts a-flutter?

Marion No but I like your little hat.

Robin *(Rattled.)* Oh err, and you are?

Marion Me?

Robin Yes, what's your name?

Marion My name? He wants to know my name. *(To Bessie.)* I can't tell him, what shall I say?

Bessie She's Kylie. Kylie Minogue.

Robin Kylie Minogue! I should be so lucky... to make your acquaintance. Well Miss Minogue, 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.

Bessie But we're not rich!

Red You're not?

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

Red How much have you got then?

Bessie About 10 crowns.

Robin Hmm that's not much is it?

Red They're financially comfortable. Quite well off really.

Bessie Well you can hardly rob from the 'doing alright' and give to the 'short of a crown or two' though, can you? They won't write legends about you in hundreds of years from now if you did.

Robin She's got a point.

Red I'm confused!

Bessie Well why don't we make a deal? If you agree not to charge us, we'll agree not to pay you.

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Audition Piece 2

Bessie *(Enters, panicking.)* What's happened, where is she?

Robin Kylie? I'm sorry we think she's been captured by the Sheriff!

Bessie Kylie's not her real name! I mean; who has a ridiculous name like Kylie? She is Marion, the Princess Marion, here on a secret mission on behalf of the King.

Robin Princess Marion?

Bessie This is your fault this is, the pair of you. If it wasn't for your silly rivalry, you wouldn't be trying to outdo each other and this wouldn't have happened!

Robin I – I'm so sorry!

Bessie Oh I can't blame you really Robin. We can all see you're only trying to impress each other because you're in love.

Robin In love?