



bugz

A Musical
Play for
Young Voices

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Song #1: Bugz Entrance Music

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Bug MC:

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls!
Katydid and Katydads!
We hope you will enjoy our show.
It's the best we've ever had!

Bug 1: Horsefly

You're probably wondering what we are,
Dressed up with antennas and wings,
Mostly we're bugs, some spiders and ants
And other squirmy things.

Honeybee:

I'm a little Honeybee
As sweet as I can be.

Yellow Jacket:

I am a Yellow Jacket,
You don't want to mess with me!

Gypsy Moth: (shaking a tambourine)

I'm a sassy Gypsy Moth.
How do you like my spangles?

Horsefly: (whinnies)

I'm a horsefly and I hurt
Anyone who with me tangles.

Monarch Butterfly:

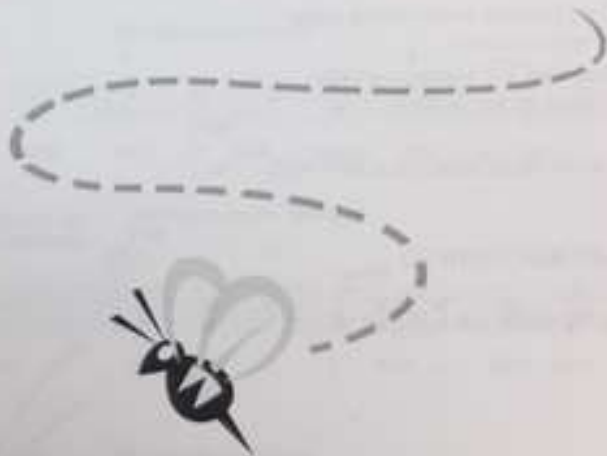
I'm a Monarch Butterfly,
The most beautiful in my section;
I became the loveliest
Through "natural selection."

Maggot:

I'm a maggot.

Bug 2: Gypsy moth

You see, we're all kinds of bugs and flies,
Mosquitoes and even cockroaches,
Moths and ants, crickets and look,
A dragonfly approaches!



Dragonfly:

That's right, I am a Dragonfly,
I may look rather odd.
I've just gone through a metamorphosis
For I'm an arthropod.

Maggot:

I'm a maggot.

Bug 3:

Honeybee
We're bed bugs and termites,
Glow worms and bees,
And even a head full of lice.

(everyone scratches)

Bug 4:

Maggot
We're wood ticks and beetles,
Silk worms and fleas,
And, except for that Stink Bug, we're nice!

(The Stink Bug walks across the stage and everyone holds their noses and their breath.)

(As he leaves everyone exhales.)

Boll Weevil:

As I was eating some cotton today
I got very excited.
I heard they are having a picnic
And all of us are invited.

(All of the bugs cheer, flap their wings, etc.)

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2. Goin' on a Picnic

Ev'rybody gather 'round!
Gonna have a picnic on the ground.
You can bet I'll be their guest.
That's 'cause I'm a picnic pest!

Picnic! C'mon let's have a picnic!
With lots of food that's fun to eat,
goin' on a picnic can't be beat!

Picnic! C'mon let's have a picnic!
With lots of food that's fun to eat,
goin' on a picnic can't be beat!

Let's all do a picnic dance.
(Ant Solo) What's a picnic without ants?
All you have to do is chew,
at the outdoor barbecue!

Picnic! C'mon let's have a picnic!
With lots of food that's fun to eat,
goin' on a picnic can't be beat!

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With lots of food that's fun to eat,
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(Solo 1)
Come on bugs, now gather 'round!
Gonna cut a rug there on the ground.

(Solo 2)
Swing that partner that you've found.
Buzz around with a picnic sound!

(All)
Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz!
Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz!
Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz! Bzzz!

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goin' on a picnic can't be beat!
Mmmmm! That's good!



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Flipping Beetle:

This is so exciting,
I love to plan a trip.
A picnic is so inviting
I feel like I could flip! *(he does)*



~~Bug 5:~~ **Ball Weevil**
Are you sure we've been invited
To the picnic by the tree?
The last time we showed up,
They tried to step on me!

(everybody scowls at the audience)

~~Bug 6:~~ **Monarch Butterfly**
Oh I'm sure that we're invited.
I discussed it with the planners.
The problem is last time we went
You didn't mind your manners!

~~Bug 7:~~ **Gnat # 2**
Mind my manners! I do declare!
Now what did you expect?
I think I acted perfectly.
After all, I am an insect!

~~Bug 8:~~ **Ladybug # 1**
Having good manners is important you know,
To be a welcomed guest.
You have to learn to present yourself,
Your very, very best!

(The Stink Bug walks across the stage. All ad lib. "Oh no, look out! It's the Stink Bug ... oo!" etc. Everyone holds their breath and noses. As he leaves, all exhale, wave their hands in front of their faces, etc.)

~~Bug 9:~~ **Ladybug # 2**
What kind of manners are right for a bug?
Does anybody know?
We ought to learn how to behave ourselves
Before it's time to go!

~~Bug 10:~~ **Gnat # 1**
You have to crawl on everything,
Go where they don't expect you.
You must show up quite suddenly,
Be quick, or they'll detect you!



~~Bug #1:~~ Gnat #2

Wait 'til they have their food in place
 And are settling down just right.
 Just when they think "how pleasant this is,"
 Give them your very best bite!

(everybody agrees)

~~Bumblebee:~~ Honeybee

Just try to be as sweet as me
 And don't hurt anything!

Yellow Jacket:

Forget that folks, it don't mean a thing
 If it ain't got that sting!

~~Bug #2:~~ Gnat #1

Before we go I think it's time
 To get some free advice.
 The Lady Bugs are so refined,
 They know how to act nice.

(Everybody agrees, nods, etc. ad libitum such as "Oh, what a very good idea!" as the Lady Bugs take center stage)

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3. Be a Lady

If someone treats you rough, and life is kind of tough,
you think you've had enough but be a lady!
If someone isn't kind, and friends are hard to find,
you just say never mind and be a lady!

Be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
That's what I am!

(Dot)
If someone isn't nice, their heart's as cold as ice,
well just take my advice and be a lady!

(Another Ladybug)
If someone hurts your pride, you'd like to run and hide.
You just keep dignified and be a lady!

(All)
Be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
That's what I am!

(Dot) Sing it with me girls! (*spoken*)

(All)
When all you see are dots! Complexion's full of spots!
Remember all you've got and be a lady!
When all your friends have fled, and all you see is red,
just keep a level head and be a lady!

Be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
That's what I am!

Be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
Whoa, oh, oh, be a lady!
That's what I am!

(*spoken ad libs*)
Yeah ... You go, girl! ... That's right! (*etc.*)

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Bug 13:

Well, now that we know how to act,
It must be time to go.
Line up now every buggy
So we travel in a row.

Grub Worm:

The picnic is beneath a tree
There in the city square.
They're having plenty of food to eat
And plenty of grub to share.

(Everybody smiles, rubs their hands together and says "MMMMM" like yummy.)

~~Bug 14:~~ *Ladybug #1*

I hope they have fried chicken today
And jello in a bowl!

~~Bug 15:~~ *Ladybug #2*

I hope they have a cheese souffle
And tuna casserole!

(everybody does "MMMMM" again)

~~Bug 16:~~ *Housefly*

All this talk of food is great.
I can't wait to get started.
We'd better go before too late,
The gnats already departed.

(The Stink Bug crosses and all hold their breath and noses until he exits.)

~~Bug 17:~~ *Ladybug #1*

But how are we to get there?
I ask with all my might?
The city park is far away;
It's bound to take all night.

~~Bug 18:~~ *Ladybug #2*

O dear I never thought of that
And I don't like the dark.
You never know what's lurking there
Around that city park!

~~Bug 19:~~ *Gypsy moth*

The fireflies will help us,
They always like to shine,
And with the glow of their bright tails
All will be just fine.

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Song #4: Firefly



4. Firefly

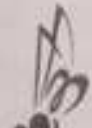
Firefly, firefly,
keeping me company.
Turn on your gentle glow.
See how you shine!

Firefly, firefly,
light up the night for me.
You shine your light
and I will shine mine.

Firefly, firefly,
I'll set you free!
Firefly, firefly,
you're a friend to me.

One light will be a light for peace,
two for show.
Three fill our hearts with friendship,
warm in your glow.
Let the light flow!

Firefly, firefly,
light up my life for me.
Turn all the darkness
into soft light.
Firefly, firefly,
now I can really see.
You shine your light
and I will shine mine.
Firefly, firefly,
I'll set you free!
Firefly, firefly,
you're a friend to me.



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~~Bug 20:~~ Dragonfly
Thank you Fireflies, my friends,
You led us here so brightly.
We do appreciate your help,
We do not take it "lightly."

~~Bug 21:~~ Firefly #1
Look at all that food my friends,
Just see what we've discovered.
It must be almost time to eat
Since they've left it all uncovered.

~~Bug 22:~~ Firefly #2
I see fruit and corn and muffins there
And even a cherry pie!
A turkey with its stuffing bare,
And cheese whiz spread on rye!

~~Bug 23:~~ Firefly #1
They've spread it right there on the ground,
We won't even have to climb!
Come on Bugs, let's go do our thing!
At last it's supertime!!!

~~Bug 24:~~ Firefly #2
But wait, we need a battle plan
Before we have our snack.
Better call out the Army Ants
To synchronize our attack!

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Song #5: March of the Army Ants



5. March of the Army Ants

This is the Army, Mister Ant!
This is your Army battle chant!
The march has just begun, we march as one,
but watch our numbers grow!

We are the military ants.
We take a military stance.
For us it's left, left, left, then right, right, right.
With six strong legs, we go!

(Rap Solo) I'm an ant, now how 'bout you?
(All) I'm an ant, now how 'bout you?
(Rap Solo) Army ants know what to do!
(All) Army ants know what to do!
(Rap Solo) Listen to our ant report!
(All) Listen to our ant report!
(Rap Solo) Picnics are our fav'rite sport!
(All) Picnics are our fav'rite sport!
(All) Left, left, left, Right, right, right.
Left, left, left, Right, right, right!

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(Rap Solo) Ev'rybody fall in line!
(All) Ev'rybody fall in line!
(Rap Solo) Army ants are feelin' fine!
(All) Army ants are feelin' fine!
(Rap Solo) If you think you did us in,
(All) If you think you did us in,
(Rap Solo) we'll show up in your kitchen!
(All) we'll show up in your kitchen!!
(All) Left, left, left, Right, right, right.
Left, left, left, Right, right, right!

Ten Hut!



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(The Army Ants stand at attention until the "Stink Bug" marches across the stage. Some of the Army Ants faint and fall over. Everyone covers their noses and is generally disgusted.)

~~Bug 25:~~ **Army Ant #1**
Oh dear, we have a problem here,
The Stink Bug came as well!
He'll ruin all these wonderful foods
With his horrendous smell!

~~Bug 26:~~ **Army Ant #2**
That Stink Bug isn't welcome here,
He's such an old freeloader,
And everywhere he passes by,
He leaves a terrible odor.

~~Bug 27:~~ **Grub worm**
Someone has to set him straight
And do so very quick.
That awful smell that he creates
Is going to make me sick!

~~Mean Bug 1:~~ **Army Ant #1**
Stink Bug, you have got to go!
You're stinkin' up the place.
We'd just as soon you left this show
And never show your face!

Stink Bug:
I know I'm not the sweetest thing
That ever graced your nose,
But what am I to do for lunch
Go hungry? I suppose!

~~Mean Bug 2:~~ **Army Ant #2**
There's just not room for all of us,
Not in this neighborhood.
We'd just as soon you went away
And stay away for good.

Stink Bug: *(very sadly)*
You really are too mean to me,
Your manners send me reeling.
You had to hit me where it hurts
And now you've hurt my feelings.

(He starts to cry)
Monarch Butterfly
~~A Nice Bug:~~ *(she is holding her nose ... she has a cold so can't smell anything)*
Don't cry, little Stink Bug
It will all work out for you.
Listen to the Caterpillars,
They have good words for you!

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Song #6: Things Change



6. Things Change



At times, things may look dark.
They may seem hopeless like endless night.
Some days, you've lost your spark,
you've lost your focus,
you've lost your light!

But clouds don't stay forever,
rainbows do appear,
so even though it's stormy,
there's one thing very clear:
Things change! Things will change!

We grow, we're not the same.
We change our colors, we change our tune.
And then, it's a new game.
We learn like others, so very soon:

That clouds don't stay forever,
rainbows do appear,
so even though it's stormy,
there's one thing very clear:
Things change! Things will change!

You'll come to see how beautiful
you can really be,
and when you do, your life will change,
and it will set you free!
Things change! Things will change!
And you'll be beautiful like me!



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Your wings are just so beautiful,
Like angels or even birds.
Thank you for your gentle thoughts
And most inspiring words.

Praying Mantis:

I thought until I got an answer,
I prayed 'til I almost popped,
I think I have a way to help
Until the smell has stopped!

~~Bug 28:~~ *Caterpillar / Butterfly*

That's the Praying Mantis
Who has come in off the bench!
Tell us what to do, wise one
To save us from this stench!

**Praying Mantis:**

What we need is an even stronger smell,
A more appealing scent.
Perhaps a flower on each lapel
Would make us more content!

All: Amen!!!!!!

(The cast hands out flowers to everyone who hold them near their noses)

~~Bug 29:~~ *Flipping Beetle*

Well things are certainly sweeter now,
The smell is much more handle-able.
I'm ready to get some food near me
And dig in with my mandibles!

~~Bug 30:~~ *Bug MC*

Now we can all go get a bite
From someone's picnic plate!
Time to whet our appetite.
Come on let's celebrate!

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Song #7: Goin' on a Picnic (Reprise) – repeat Song #2

Song #8: Bugz Exit Music

If accompanying live with piano, repeat Song #1: Bugz Entrance Music.

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