

Water, Water Everywhere

PUPPET SHOW

Characters: Wally Water Drop, Winnie Water Drop, Marsha Mouse, Willie Worm, Sammy Salmon, Tree

Props: metal sheet (for thunder sounds), water mister

Winnie Water Drop

[bumping into Wally] Oh, excuse me, Wally Water Drop. Did I bump you?

Wally Water Drop

That's OK, Winnie Water Drop. I'm used to it. Other water drops are always bumping into me. They're like that.

Winnie

It's gotten crowded up here in this cloud. I wonder if we're going to fall soon.

Wally

Oh, probably. We usually do. We'll be going around in cycles until our heads spin.

Winnie

Don't you mean going around in **circles**?

Wally

No, I mean cycles – the water cycle. All water drops move around in the water cycle from here in the sky, down to the earth and back, over and over again.

Winnie

Water cycle – sounds like a ride at the fair. I can't wait. I'd love to be rain or maybe get frozen into a snowflake. I think it'd be great fun to be snow!

Wally

Oh, yeah, snowing is fun. Last time that happened to me, I ended up stuck in a glacier for 10,000 years.

Winnie

I guess sometimes a trip through the water cycle must be kind of slow. *[spray water at audience]* Oh goody! We're starting to rain.

Wally

[thunder noise] Oh great, a thunderstorm. Wouldn't you know. Instead of gliding to earth in a nice rainfall, we're going to get tossed about in high winds and dumped out in a downpour.

Winnie

Sounds like fun to me! Here comes the wind, Wally. I'm off for a ride through the water cycle. See you when we get back to the clouds!
[exits]

Wally

The wind's taking me along, too. With my luck, I'll probably end up in some dirty old gutter!
[exits]

Marsha Mouse

[enters singing] I'm singing in the rain, da da da da. Nothing like a nice shower for freshening up. And now a little blow dry for my fur. *[sbakes]* There, all done. *[Wally appears on mouse's back]* Oh, no! I'm all wet again. I thought the rain was over. What are you doing here, Wally?

Wally

I was in that storm, but the other raindrops went rushing off and left me behind. Now I'm stuck in your fur, and I'll never catch up.

Mouse

Where did all the other droplets go?

Wally

Oh, they're probably in puddles or trickling off into streams, or they might be seeping down into the soil – just to get away from me. They're like that.

Mouse

I can give you a jump start if that'll help you catch up. Here goes. *[sbakes; Wally flies off]*

Wally

Whoa! *[voice fading as he exits]*

Mouse

So long, Wally! *[exits]*

Wally

[reappears] It sure is dark down here in the soil. I can't see anything, but I can feel myself slipping downward. Ouch! Those roots have sharp elbows. Oof! That must have been a rock. It's just like them to leave a rock in my way.

Willie Worm

Hi there, Wally. You must be the last of the raindrops from the storm.

Wally

I'm always last, and now I'm lost! I just want to keep moving through the water cycle.

Worm
I can lead you, Wally. I know all the tunnels in the soil. In fact, my friends and I made most of them. Just follow me, and I'll get you to an underground spring.

Wally
I hear it's very cold in underground springs. I'll probably freeze.

Worm
This one wells up into a nice warm lake. Here it is, Wally. Time for you to spring into action!
[exits]

Wally
Very funny – worm jokes. Well, here I go into the spring. With my luck I'll end up in the ocean. *[Wally exits; Salmon enters]*

Sammy Salmon
Why, fan my fins and tickle my tail! This cold spring feels great. *[Wally appears]*

Wally
I knew I'd end up in the ocean. And now I'm going to get swallowed by a shark!

Salmon
A shark! Where's a shark? Hide me!
[bides behind Wally]

Wally
Aren't you a shark?

Salmon
Me? Oh, you meant me! I guess I am the terror of the lake – if you're an insect. But I'm not a shark – just a lake salmon.

Wally
So I guess this isn't the ocean then.

Salmon
Ocean?! No, it's just a lake. And this is my favorite spot because it's right over a cold, bubbly spring – feels great!

Wally
You might feel great, but I feel seasick! All your fin-flapping and tail-wagging is sweeping me away toward the bank.

Salmon
Just waving goodbye, Wally. Hey, remember to look out for trees! *[Salmon exits]*

Wally
Trees? Why would I want to look out for trees?
[Tree enters]

Tree
Because we take in water through our roots.

Wally
Oh, great. Now I'm going to get stuck in a tree!

Tree
I'm an important part of the water cycle, Wally. I pull water up from my roots to give my leaves a drink. They let the water out again through tiny holes. You won't be stuck in me for long.

Wally
That's what they all say. Uh, oh! Here I go.
[exits, then reappears above Tree] Hey, what do you know? I did make it out of the tree! And I'm floating in the air – heading right up to the clouds. *[Tree exits; Winnie enters]*

Winnie
[bumps into Wally] Oh, excuse me, Wally. Did I bump you? It's gotten crowded up here in this cloud. Do you think we're going to rain soon?

Wally
Why do I feel as if I've heard all this before?

Winnie
That's because we're going around in cycles – the water cycle!!

Wally
Yeah, we just keep going around and around. But I'm not one to complain. Let's go. *[spray water at audience; Waterdrops exit]*

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