

THE DAY THE RAINBOW BROKE UP

CHARACTERS

Red/Rose

Orange/Lion

Yellow/Bee

Green/Tree

Blue/Blue Betta Fish

Indigo/Indigo Bunting Bird

Violet/Purple Emperor Butterfly

SCENE ONE

The curtains open the stage is clear, and lights are dim as if it's about to storm. Soon we hear rain. After the rain ends it gets lighter on stage and we see a rainbow. Soon the rainbow goes away and it slowly gets dark as if to show evening. Soon we see the sky filled with stars. RED enters the stage gets on a roof top and gazes the stars. ORANGE soon enters.

ORANGE

Red. Hey, Red, where are you?

RED

I'm up here.

ORANGE

What are you doing up there?

RED

I am trying to enjoy the stars, quietly.

ORANGE

Oh. Why?

RED

Because I like to look at the stars and I was hoping to be alone.

ORANGE

Oh, well I am sorry for disturbing you.

YELLOW

YELLOW, BLUE and VIOLET enter. Red, why did you run off so quickly? What's the rush?

ORANGE

Red is trying to gaze at the stars, quietly. Red doesn't want to be bothered.

BLUE

Well, excuse us. We're only your rainbow buddies and you just abandoned us.

RED

I wasn't abandoning you; I just wanted to look at the stars...in quiet. It's not a big deal.

INDIGO

INDIGO and GREEN enter. Where did everyone run off to?

VIOLET

We came looking for Red. Apparently Red wants to be alone.

GREEN

Why? Is everything okay, Red?

RED

Everything is fine I just want to look at the stars in peace and quiet. Is that so much to ask?

YELLOW

Not at all. Let's all look upon the stars together.

RED

Quietly, please.

BLUE

Yes, Red we will be quiet.

ORANGE

Everyone sits and watches quietly before ORANGE breaks the silence. Do you think we could do that?

GREEN

Do what?

ORANGE

Be in the night sky like the stars.

INDIGO

What do you mean?

ORANGE

Do you know how we always come in the sky after the rain; you think we can appear in the sky at night with the stars?

VIOLET

Of course not.

ORANGE

Why not? Why is it that we only appear after the rain?

YELLOW

That's why we are called a rainbow Orange, because we appear after the rain. Da.

ORANGE

Well, who's to say that we have to anymore? Why don't we change our name to Starbow?

BLUE

That's just silly, Orange. Besides it's too dark for anyone to see us if we appeared with the stars.

GREEN

Not to mention I don't think people want to see us at night. We appear after the rain. We are the reminder that no matter how bad the storm; the rain will never destroy the earth again. Right, Red?

RED

I thought we were being quiet.

ORANGE

Sorry, Red. It was just a thought. I'll be quiet. *After some time ORANGE breaks the silence.* So none of you think it would be cool to shine with the stars?

INDIGO

The rainbow doesn't shine it appears.

VIOLET

No it's not a good idea, Orange, so please, let it go. Besides if you decide to shine at night I won't come with you and if I am not with you the rainbow would never appear.

ORANGE

Why not?

VIOLET

Because I am the best part of the rainbow.

YELLOW

Excuse me? What are you talking about?

GREEN

Yeah, best part my green behind.

VIOLET

Oh just calm down. Don't you realize that I am the anchor of the rainbow? Without me the rest of you would have no where to rest.

BLUE

I could easily take your place. Being an anchor couldn't be all that difficult if you're doing it.

VIOLET

You watch your mouth. You could never be the anchor.

INDIGO

That's for sure. Besides if Violet left I would be the anchor. I'm next in line.

BLUE

We could definitely do without you, Indigo.

INDIGO

How could you say that?

BLUE

No one even remembers you're apart of the rainbow. They always skip you and go straight to Purple after me.

VIOLET

I am not purple. I am Violet. How dare you disrespect me by calling me Purple?

YELLOW

Okay, everyone just chill out. We're supposed to be gazing the stars quietly. Remember? (*Slight pause*). Besides everyone knows that I am the most important part of the rainbow.

ORANGE

What makes you think that?

YELLOW

Because without the sun there is no rainbow and being that I am the same color as the sun obviously I am the most important part.

GREEN

Without nature, which is green, there would be no sun or no rainbow. So it seems to me that I am the most important part of the rainbow.

INDIGO

(*Everyone argues except RED who is gazing the stars*) Now just wait a minute. Do you really mean that Blue? Do you really believe I am not needed? That I am close to nonexistent?

BLUE

I'm just saying Indy, I look pretty good next to Violet and if I'm next to Violet, you're just not needed.

INDIGO

Well, if that's the case...I'm leaving. I don't need you; I don't need any of you. In fact I am going to start a rainbow all on my own and you'll see how everyone will like me better than all of you put together. Just you watch. (*Exits*)

YELLOW

Indigo, Indigo, please don't go.

ORANGE

That sounds like a song.

YELLOW

Look what you did? Blue or Violet one of you must go after Indigo and ask Indy to come back.

BLUE

Why us?

YELLOW

Because you are the closest to Indy. It'll mean so much more coming from one of you.

VIOLET

Well, I agree with Blue. We really don't need Indy.

YELLOW

Well, you know what? I agree with Blue too. That you're not needed. And that if you can be an anchor, anyone can.

VIOLET

You take that back, Yellow. Take it back, now!

YELLOW

No.

GREEN

(*YELLOW and VIOLET fight. GREEN steps in.*) STOP IT. What are you doing? We're the rainbow; we're not supposed to be fighting.

VIOLET

Is that what you think, Yellow, that you don't need me? Well, than fine. I'm leaving. In fact I'm going to start my own rainbow and it will be better than yours and Indy's rainbow. Good bye and good riddance. (*Exits*)

GREEN

Well, this is just a fine to do. Blue go after them and demand their return.

BLUE

Why me?

GREEN

Because you said Violet wasn't needed as an anchor and Indigo wasn't needed at all. Your words caused them to leave so you need to find some words to cause them to return.

BLUE

Let them go. We don't need them.

GREEN

We don't need you, Blue.

BLUE

You take that back.

GREEN

No.

YELLOW

(*BLUE and GREEN fight.*) STOP IT, PLEASE! What is wrong with you two? The both of you should go after Indigo and Violet and ask them nicely to return.

GREEN

Why don't you go tell them? You're closest to the sun. It seems like to me the most important should go get them.

YELLOW

Oh, please Mr. Green Nature.

ORANGE

(*YELLOW and GREEN argue*) That's enough! Let us all go get Violet and Indigo.

BLUE

I am done with all of you. My rainbow is going to be better than all of yours. Good bye.

GREEN

You can't leave. (*BLUE exits.*) Well, then there's no reason for me staying around. I'm leaving too. (*Exits.*)

ORANGE

Now what do we do?

YELLOW

I don't know what you're going to do, but I'm leaving. I'm going to show you all that I am the most important part of the rainbow. Watch and see how much better my rainbow will be without any of you. Good bye, Orange. Good bye, Red.

RED

Bye. (*YELLOW exits.*)

ORANGE

Red, why did you say that? What do we do now?

RED

I'm not doing anything. I came here to be left alone. They're all gone, so I am fine.

ORANGE

But, what about the rainbow?

RED

What about it? I never needed any of you. I just invited you to be apart of it. But you were never needed.

ORANGE

What an arrogant statement. You never invited anyone to the rainbow. Who do you think you are?

RED

I'm Red, the top color.

ORANGE

Well, let's see how well you do without me.

RED

Okay. (*ORANGE exits.*) Finally, peace and quiet.

SCENE TWO

The scene opens with no one on stage. Green enters.

GREEN

I don't appreciate them treating me like that. They think they're better than me; well just you wait and see. I'm going to make a much bigger and better rainbow all by myself.
(GREEN walks around for a bit to find a spot. GREEN then puts arms up like rainbow and smiles. INDIGO BUNTING BIRD (INDIGO) enters stage tweeting.)

INDIGO BUNTING BIRD (INDIGO)

Tweet, Tweet, Tweet, Tweet, Tweeeeeeet! La, la, la, la, la, *(Looks at GREEN.)* What?
(Approaches GREEN.) Excuse me.

GREEN

Yes?

INDIGO

Are you the rainbow?

GREEN

Yes.

INDIGO

WHAT? What happened to you?

GREEN

What do you mean?

INDIGO

Where's the rest of you? Where are the red, the yellow, the orange, the blue, indigo, and violet?

GREEN

Well, we decided to break up.

INDIGO

WHAT? You can't break up.

GREEN

Why not.

INDIGO

Because you cannot be the rainbow alone; you can only be the rainbow together. That's what makes the rainbow beautiful all the different colors coming together in unity to create one special promise.

GREEN

Well, don't I look good alone?

INDIGO

Well, of course you look good alone, but you're no rainbow. If you want to be the rainbow you have to get back together with the rest of the colors.

GREEN

What's so special about the rest of them?

INDIGO

There's nothing special about them separately; only collectively do you all make something special. Don't you see if there was only one color on earth there would be no sparrows, or blue jays, or robins, or penguins, or turkeys, or chickens. Do you realize the massive amount of birds that exist? Diversity is what makes the bird kingdom such an amazing kingdom. If Indigo was the only color of birds there wouldn't be eagles, or crows, or cardinals. Every color of bird is uniquely beautiful. And we could never exist alone. We all exist in harmony together.

GREEN

Wow, I never thought of it that way. I guess I was being a bit selfish by thinking only green is important. Thank you for opening my green eyes.

INDIGO

You're welcome.

GREEN

I better go find my buddies. Thanks again. *(Runs off.)* Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Indigo, Violet...where are you?

SCENE THREE

As Green exits so does Indigo. Blue enters

BLUE

I don't need those guys. Watch me make the best rainbow ever. *(BLUE stands with arms in bow shape. ROSE (RED) enters.)*

ROSE (RED)

(Lights go to black. In blackout RED enter into position. Once in position lights up. RED is signing) They love me, they love me not, they love me, the love me not, they love me, the love me not. Don't pull my pedals, I need my pedals, don't pull my pedals, I need my pedals, don't pull- *(Notices BLUE)* Oh my goodness. It's the rainbow. It's sick. Hello, rainbow?

BLUE

Yes, that's me.

RED

Do you need me to take you to the hospital?

BLUE

No. why would you do that?

RED

Because you are sick.

BLUE

I am not sick. What makes you think I'm sick?

RED

Because you are all blue.

BLUE

What's wrong with being Blue?

RED

There's nothing wrong with being blue, but if you're the rainbow you have to be all the colors.

BLUE

Why?

RED

Because that's what makes the rainbow. The rainbow is red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. Roses are red, violets are blue and the rainbow is not just you.

BLUE

But don't you think the rainbow looks better just being blue?

RED

No.

BLUE

But don't I look good?

RED

You look good as blue, but not as a rainbow. All the colors are needed. We can't just have one color. It would be too boring. Could you imagine all flowers being red? There would be no sunflowers, or lilies, orchids, tulips, or even bird of paradise. Do you realize the diversity of flowers that would not exist if there were only red flowers? Diversity is beautiful. And you shouldn't only want one color to appear in the sky. All colors are uniquely and equally beautiful.

BLUE

Thank you, Rose. I hadn't thought of that. Well, I have to go. I need to find my buddies.
(Exits) Red, Violet, Green, where are you?

SCENE FOUR

As BLUE exits RED exits as well continuing to sing the song she/he entered signing. As RED exits YELLOW enters.

YELLOW

They think they can do this without me. Well just you wait and see. I am going to show them that they need me, but I do not need them. (YELLOW stands and puts arms in bow position. PURPLE EMPEROR BUTTERFLY (VIOLET) enters.)

PURPLE EMPEROR BUTTERFLY (VIOLET)

(Singing in the tune of Amazing Grace.) I once was a caterpillar, but now I'm a butterfly, was crawling, but now I am flying. Amazing me, how sweet I am...(Notices YELLOW).
OMG. (Runs to YELLOW). Is everything okay up there?

YELLOW

Why, yes. Why do you ask?

VIOLET

Because the rest of you has fallen from the sky.

YELLOW

What do you mean?

VIOLET

You're the rainbow, right? (YELLOW nods head yes.) Then where's the rest? Where's red, and orange, and green, and blue...where's indigo, and violet? Did they fall down to earth?

YELLOW

No, silly. That's impossible. We broke up and went our separate ways.

VIOLET

OMG. First the Supremes, then Destiny's Child, and now the rainbow. What's next, One Direction?

YELLOW

Baby, they're on there way.

VIOLET

This is horrible. I think I'm hyperventilating. (Talking to self) Just calm down, breath.

YELLOW

Why are you making such a big deal? There's nothing wrong with the rainbow being segregated.

VIOLET

There is no rainbow if you're separated, silly. The rainbow is naturally beautiful only if all the colors are together and *not* separated. The scarecrow must have thought of separating the colors, because you have to not have a brain to do something like that.

YELLOW

Well, what's wrong with yellow?

VIOLET

There is nothing wrong with yellow. There is nothing wrong with any of the colors, but the rainbow is only beautiful when you are all together, united as one piece of creation. If all flying creations were only butterflies, do you realize how many creations would not exist? There would be no birds, no bees, which means there would be no honey, no lightning bugs, or lady bugs, and so many others. Diversity is what keeps this earth beautiful; as well as the rainbow. You look good yellow, but not as a rainbow.

YELLOW

My goodness; I never thought of that. I guess I've been a little selfish thinking I could be the rainbow all by myself. Well, I need to go. I have to go fix the rainbow. Thank you, butterfly. The next time you see me; it'll be the right way; with all the colors and not just me. Thanks again. See ya. *(Exits)*

VIOLET

Alright. The rainbow breaking up. Now I have seen everything. *(Exits.)*

SCENE FIVE

The lights fade to black. In the black out TREE (GREEN) enters into position so when the lights come up we see Tree standing. Once lights up RED enters.

RED

Finally I can have peace and quiet and be the rainbow all by myself. *(RED puts arms in bow position. GREEN notices RED)*

TREE (GREEN)

Excuse me, Red, but what are you doing?

RED

I'm not Red I am the rainbow.

GREEN

(Laughs). Not by yourself you're not. What happen to the rest of you? Did they get lost in the rain?

RED

No. We chose to break up.

GREEN

And why would you do a silly thing like that?

RED

Because they all thought they were the most important part of the rainbow. They never realize that I was the most important part. And that I was the best part.

GREEN

There is no color that is superior in the rainbow. They equally play their role uniquely. There's no majority and there's no minority. Just a beautiful creation called the rainbow.

RED

But without me the rainbow wouldn't exist.

GREEN

Without any of you the rainbow wouldn't exist. If it wasn't meant for certain colors of the rainbow to be in the rainbow; then the color would have never existed in the first place. All of the colors of the rainbow are just as beautiful as all the colors of the autumn trees. (*As GREEN speaks the leaves change colors*) Every autumn people look forward for the trees to change from green to yellow, orange, red, and brown. Without it autumn just wouldn't be the same. All of the colors are appreciated and there is no one color that is more or less than another.

RED

You know what Tree, I think you are right. I do look pretty foolish up here by myself, don't I?

GREEN

You sure do.

RED

Well, let me go and find the rest of the rainbow. Thank you, Tree.

GREEN

No problem. (*RED exits. Black out. GREEN exits in black out. Once GREEN exits; lights up.*)

SCENE SIX

ORANGE

(*ORANGE enters.*) I don't need them any way. I'm good all by myself. I'm better than them anyways. (*ORANGE gets into bow position.*)

BLUE BETTA FISH (BLUE)

BLUE enters dancing. (Speaking to the audience) Hey, how are you doing? It's good to see you. I just feel like dancing. You want to dance with me? Come on get on your feet. Let's do the swim. Now let's go under. Do the back stroke. Let's do the fish. Let's do the shark. Yeah. *(Claps)*. You all did an awesome job. Now give yourself a round of applause. It's time for me to go swimming. *(Goes to exit and notices ORANGE.)* Well, that is weird. That cannot be the rainbow.

ORANGE

Yes, it is.

BLUE

No it's not.

ORANGE

Yes, it is.

BLUE

No, it's not.

ORANGE

YES IT IS.

BLUE

NO IT'S NOT. The rainbow is full of color. You're only orange. You are not the rainbow.

ORANGE

But doesn't the rainbow look better being only one color?

BLUE

Not at all. One color all by itself is never a good idea. All colors together; now that is better. From the rainbow, to the flowers, to the safari, to the jungle, to your backyards color is everywhere and is beautiful. Do you realize how weird it would be if we fish argued with each other because we are different colors? It would be completely ridiculous. If we can get along I can't comprehend why you can't get along.

ORANGE

Betta fish you have opened my eyes. I didn't realize how wrong I was to break up with the rainbow. We need each other to make the rainbow. We cannot do it alone. I am so sorry you had to see me this way. I'll be back and will be better. Thanks again fish. *(Exits)*

BLUE

You're welcome. I just helped Orange get back with the rainbow. I feel good. I feel like dancing? *(To the audience)*. Should I twerk? Nah, I'm too classy for that. *(Exits singing and dancing.)*

SCENE SEVEN

INDIGO

Indigo enters. I am not nonexistent. I do exist and everyone knows it. And even more so now everyone will know about Indigo and not care about the rest of the rainbow.

YELLOW (BEE)

BEE (YELLOW) enters. Buzz, buzz, buzz, bbbuuuuuuuuuzzzzzz. (*Notices INDIGO*). What is t.h.a.t. up there? Is that the r.a.i.n.b.o.w.?

INDIGO

If you are referring to me, yes I am the rainbow. And why are you spelling?

YELLOW

Because I am a spelling bee. And you do not look like the rainbow I know. The rainbow I k.n.o.w. has more c.o.l.o.r.s. in it than that.

INDIGO

Yes, we used to, but now we are being rainbows separately.

YELLOW

I don't like that i.d.e.a. Shouldn't you all s.t.a.y. together? You look better t.o.g.e.t.h.e.r.

INDIGO

I like Indigo. Wouldn't you want all insects to be yellow?

YELLOW

N.O. If all insects were y.e.l.l.o.w. then there would be no worms or a.n.t.s., or, spiders, or butterflies. I would not want all b.u.g.s. to be like me. I want me to be the only m.e.

INDIGO

I had not thought of it that way. I guess I should go find the rest of the rainbow and get back together with them. I hope they forgive me. Thank you, Bee. I'll see you later.

YELLOW

You're w.e.l.c.o.m.e. (*INDIGO exits*). (*While exiting*) B.u.z.z. b.u.z.z. b.u.z.z. b.u.z.z. b.u.z.z.

SCENE EIGHT

VIOLET

I do not need any of those colors. I can be a rainbow all on my own. (*VIOLET stands in bow position.*) See I look good all alone.

ORANGE

(*LION (ORANGE) enters.*) Roar, roar, and roar. Roar, roar, and roar. Roar, roar...(*Notices VIOLET*) and roar? I know that's not the rainbow.

VIOLET

And you are right. I am violet. I am better than the rainbow.

ORANGE

No, you're not. The rainbow is full of color. You're just violet. Where's the rest of the rainbow?

VIOLET

We parted ways. They didn't see that I was more important than them.

ORANGE

You are not more important than them. You are all equally and uniquely important. Just like all of the animals of the jungle are equally important. There is no one more important than the other.

VIOLET

But wouldn't you want all of the jungle animals to be violet.

ORANGE

Of course not. If all the jungle animals were violet then there would be no lions, there'd be no tigers, there'd be no bears.

VIOLET

Oh my. I never thought of that. I guess I was so self-centered that I didn't realize how important the rest of the rainbow was and is to creation. We all have contributed wonderful things to the rainbow and neither one of us should feel like one is more important than the other. My goodness. I have to go and fix this. I really messed up. Thank you, Lion. I have to go find my friends. My family.

ORANGE

No, problem, Violet. Is that a deer? (*Exits by running off stage.*)

SCENE NINE

RED

RED enters Blue, Violet, Green, Orange, Indigo, Yellow. Please come back. I need you.

INDIGO

INDIGO enters. RED!

RED

INDIGO. *(They hug)* It's so great to see you.

INDIGO

I'm so happy to see you. We have to find the others.

RED

I know. The rainbow is not complete without them.

INDIGO

Which way did they go?

RED

They went all over after you left. I don't know where to begin.

INDIGO

Let's go that way. *(As they exit BLUE enter from the opposite direction.)*

BLUE

Red and Indigo!

RED and INDIGO

BLUE! *(Group hug.)*

RED

Where have you been?

BLUE

Trying to be a rainbow by myself, but it wasn't working. I realized I needed all of you.

INDIGO

Me too. We're trying to find the rest of the rainbow.

BLUE

Let's go this way. *(As they exit they run into GREEN and ORANGE. They all greet and hug in excitement.)*

GREEN

We've been trying to find you all. Where have you been?

INDIGO

Making a mistake. I am so sorry for leaving.

BLUE

I am sorry for telling you that you weren't needed. It's not true. You are very much needed. Just as much as me and everyone else.

ORANGE

I'm so glad we got back together.

RED

But we're still missing Violet and Yellow. *(Violet and Yellow enter from different sides. They all greet and hug each other in excitement. They all simultaneously apologize to each other.)*

YELLOW

I'm so sorry.

ORANGE

No, I'm sorry. This is all my fault.

BLUE

No this is my fault.

VIOLET

No, this is all my fault. I started it by saying I was the best part of the rainbow. *(Everyone agrees.)* Look. I am so sorry. I went out there alone and realize I was good, but as a rainbow I was only good with all of you.

GREEN

I realize the same thing out there. I am so sorry for leaving. It will not happen again.

RED

(Thunder is heard). Was that thunder? I think its time for us to get ready.

INDIGO

Yeah, let's go. *(They all exit. The thunder gets louder, lightening is seen, and then rain is heard and/or seen. The rain lets up and the stage lightens up and the rainbow is seen. People enter the stage and look up and admire the rainbow. As they view we here from recoding the rainbow.)*

Recorded GREEN

Now this is how it's supposed to be.

Recorded VIOLET

Yes, all of us appearing the sky together

Recorded ORANGE

Right after the rain.

Recorded RED

Reminding everyone of the promise.

Recorded YELLOW

We really do look better together as oppose apart.

Recorded BLUE

Working together in harmony.

Recorded INDOGO

Appreciating each other.

Recorded VOICE

And that's the story of the day the rainbow broke up.

THE END