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Director's Notes

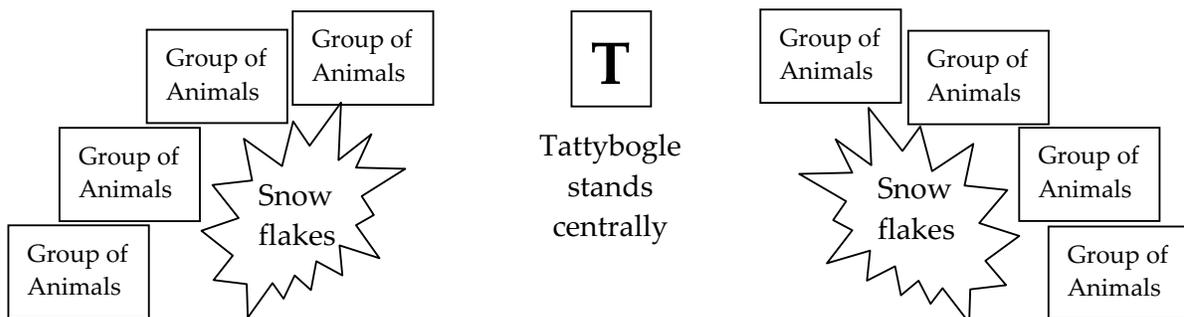
CAST LIST

Narrators (2)	Farmer's wife and children
Tattybogle (later becoming Tattybogle stick)	New Scarecrow
Mice (2+)	
Rabbits (2+)	CHORUS: Dressed as countryside things such as: flowers, birds, butterflies, hedgehogs etc.
Snowflakes	Wind Dancers, with lengths of fabric to billow
Crows (2+)	Winter & Spring Dancers
Plants	
Farmer	
Dog	
Foxes (2+)	OPTIONAL:
Owl (2+)	Breeze Dancers, with long ribbons to twirl
Moon and Stars	Moon & Stars Dancers

Important Note: Tattybogle's costume should not require him to keep his arms held out for ages – that's torture! Stuff the arms of his jacket, which should be oversized so that he may keep his arms by his sides inside it. The jacket arms can be held out by threading through a rigid or semi-rigid pole.

PROPS Long ribbons for breeze dancers to twirl (if using breeze dancers)
Wheatsheaves Branches and foliage for the Tattybogle Tree

STAGING SUGGESTION FOR OPENING SCENE



Director's Overview

It's the beginning of WINTER. All the animals sing and dance around Tattybogle as he stands in a meadow.

SONG Tattybogle Track 1 / 16

Tattybogle is always cheerful in spite of the cold weather, because his snow-covered hat makes him feel like a king with a silver crown. The animals admire their scarecrow king.

SONG King With A Silver Crown Track 2 / 17

The mice and rabbits run off to get warm in their burrows.

DANCE Snowflake Dance Track 3 / 18

Exit music – Snowflakes Track 4 / 19 (1 min)

The snow melts away, and SPRING arrives. The farmer comes to plant his seed. The crows come to eat some seed.

SONG Caw! Seeds! Yummy! Track 5 / 20

Tattybogle frowns. Time passes, and the crop grows.

MUSIC Seeds Grow Track 6 / 21

In the SUMMER bugs come to eat the crop, and the crows come to eat some bugs.

SONG Caw! Bugs! Yummy! Track 7 / 22

Tattybogle is pleased. The farmer and his dog come back to the meadow to check on the crop. The dog recognises the scarecrow and barks 'Tattybogle' at him. The dog tries to catch a rabbit but fails. The farmer and dog go home. The rabbits run away from the foxes who come to tell Tattybogle that a gentle wind is coming. Tattybogle enjoys dancing with the wind.

SONG Dancing With The Wind Track 8 / 23 (+ dance break)

The crows come back and chat to Tattybogle. It begins to rain. Tattybogle likes the rain. He shelters the crows.

SONG Pitter, Pitter, Pat Track 9 / 24

Eventually the rain stops, and the clouds disappear. Night falls. The mice run away when the owls appear. Tattybogle admires the moon and stars.

SONG Harvest Moon Track 10 / 25

In the AUTUMN the crop is harvested. The farmer and his family enjoy bread made from their own wheat. A wind begins to blow. At first Tattybogle enjoys his exciting dance with the wind, but then it blows harder and harder, howling like a pack of wolves. Tattybogle is blown about so much that he falls apart, and all that is left of him is a stick.

SONG Wind Wolves Track 11 / 26 (+ dance break)

The wind dies down and the farmer and his dog come to check for damage to the trees. The farmer can't see Tattybogle anywhere – though the dog barks 'Tattybogle' at the Tattybogle Stick. 'Stupid dog', says the farmer, picking up Tattybogle's hat and scarf to help make a new scarecrow. The Tattybogle Stick wonders what he can be; now he isn't a scarecrow, he's just a stick. The WINTER passes, the SPRING comes.

DANCE Winter Turns To Spring Track 12 / 27

MUSIC Tattybogle Turns Into A Tree Track 13 / 28

In SPRING leaves begin to form on the Tattybogle Stick, which is growing into a beautiful young tree – the Tattybogle Tree! The farmer comes to sow his seeds. Then he and his dog bring a new scarecrow to the field. The dog sniffs the Tattybogle tree. 'Tattybogle' he barks. The farmer tells him he's stupid and takes him home. The Rabbits, Mice and Crows come to meet the new scarecrow. The Crows decide he's not scary! They all admire the beautiful new tree.

SONG King With A Golden Crown Track 14 / 29

Curtain call /encore:

SONG Tattybogle (reprise) Track 15 / 30