

**ACT 1 SCENE 2: AN UNEXPECTED PARTY****Bilbo, Gandalf & Dwarves****DWALIN**

*(Inside the Hobbit-Hole. N.B. Increase celebrations through this scene. DWALIN enters and knocks once on the door. BILBO opens it)* Dwalin, a dwarf, at your service! *(Bows low)*

**BILBO**

Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, at yours! I am just about to have tea; do come in. *(DWALIN enters and BILBO fetches small plate of food. N.B. Plates need to get larger and fuller through this scene)*

**BALIN**

*(Enters, knocks twice. BILBO opens the door)* Balin, a dwarf, at your service! *(Bows low)*

**BILBO**

Oh, yes? Come in and have some tea?

**BALIN**

A little beer would suit me better. And some seed-cake, if you have any?

**BILBO**

Lots! I love cake! *(BALIN enters and greets DWALIN. BILBO fetches more food and drink. KILI and FILI enter and knock three times on the door. Perhaps one has a snare drum to play?)*

**BILBO**

Excuse me, Dwalin, Balin!

**DWALIN, BALIN & BILBO**

Someone at the door.

**BILBO**

*(Opens door)* More dwarves. What can I do for you?

**KILI**

I see they've already begun to arrive. Kili at your service! *(Bows low)*

**FILI**

And Fili at your service, too! I smell something good to eat! *(Bows low)*

**KILI**

*(Looks inside)* Dwalin and Balin here already I see. Let us join the throng!

**BILBO**

*(To AUDIENCE)* Throng! Don't like the sound of that! *(BILBO, KILI and FILI go inside and everyone greets each other. DORI, NORI, ORI, OIN and GLOIN enter and knock noisily on the door five times.)*

**DWALIN, BALIN, KILI, FILI & BILBO**

Someone's at the door!

**BILBO**

*(Opening the door. To AUDIENCE)* Some five, I should say. *(DWARVES enter saying 'At your service' one after the other and bowing low. ALL greet each other noisily. BILBO fetches more food, now fully laden. GANDALF enters magically with BIFUR, BOFUR, BOMBUR and THORIN close behind. GANDALF knocks the door with his staff and stands aside. BILBO opens the door, and outside DWARVES fall noisily on top of each other.)*

**DWARVES**

*(AD-LIB)* Oof! Bony elbows! Get off me lumpy! Don't pull on my beard. etc

**GANDALF**

Careful! Careful! Bilbo Baggins, let me introduce *(DWARVES pick themselves up and enter*

saying, 'At your service' and bowing low.) Bifur, Bofur, Bombur and especially ...  
(Pointing to **THORIN**) Dave.

**ALL DWARVES**

Dave?

**GANDALF**

(Chuckling to self) Huh, checking you're all still awake.

**DWARVES**

Huh?

**GANDALF**

(To **BILBO**) Let me introduce Thorin Oakenshield, Chief of the Dwarves! Thorin, this is Mr Bilbo Baggins. A thoroughly charming fellow. A Hobbit.

**THORIN**

What's a Hobbit?

**BILBO**

A happy, little fellow with big hairy feet! (**BILBO** shows off his feet)

**DWARVES**

Ooooh!

**BILBO**

I loves riddles. Have you heard this one ...?

**GANDALF**

No time for riddles, Bilbo. (To **THORIN**) Take very good care of him, Thorin. He's a bit anxious about the journey.

**THORIN**

So he should be.

**GANDALF**

And he means a lot to me.

**THORIN**

I see that. (*Puts arm on **BILBO**'s shoulder*) Mr Baggins, stay close to me and all will be well.

**GANDALF**

Anything left to eat and drink? (**BILBO** fetches more food. Noise increases)

**DORI**

Berry jam?

**A FEW DWARVES**

Lovely.

**DORI**

Apple tart?

**ALL DWARVES**

Lovely!

**NORI**

Mince pie?

**A FEW DWARVES**

Tasty.

**NORI**

Hard cheese?

**ALL DWARVES**

Tasty!

Clotted cream?

**ORI**

**A FEW DWARVES**

Yummy.

**ORI**

Strawberries?

**ALL DWARVES**

Yummy!

**OIN**

Sausages?

**A FEW DWARVES**

Delicious

**OIN**

Roasters?

**ALL DWARVES**

Delicious!

**GLOIN**

Kippers

**A FEW DWARVES**

Scrumptious!

**GLOIN**

Ketchup?

**ALL DWARVES**

Scrumptious!

**GLOIN**

A feast for a dwarf!

**BILBO**

Kippers and ketchup? Yuk!

**GANDALF**

*(Noisy enthusiasm after each named food)* A few more eggs, Bilbo, there's a good fellow! And cold chicken and pickles! *(More laughter, plenty of slurping and burping etc!)*

**THORIN**

*(Stands tall, stamps his foot and raises his tankard)* To Mr Bilbo Baggins. Good friendship, good fortune and good food!

**ALL**

*(All stand)* Good friendship, good fortune and good food!

**THORIN**

A song to mark the start of our adventure. Fill your tankards, clear the table. Bring out the instruments. I love a good song! *(Start clapping and stamping feet in time to the music)*

**Music starts for #04 Over The Misty Mountains**

**GANDALF**

*(To BILBO)* Stand back little Hobbit, they're usually very 'enthusiastic' with their music-making!

**THORIN**

Hup, two, three, four!

**DWARVES**

OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS COLD, OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.  
OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.

**THORIN**

FAR OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS COLD, TO DUNGEONS DEEP AND CAVERNS OLD

**DWARVES & DWARF SOLOS**

WE MUST AWAY ERE BREAK OF DAY TO SEEK THE PALE ENCHANTED GOLD.  
THE DWARVES OF YORE MADE MIGHTY SPELLS  
WHILE HAMMERS FELL LIKE RINGING BELLS  
IN PLACES DEEP, WHERE DARK THINGS SLEEP,  
IN HOLLOW HALLS BENEATH THE FELS.

**ALL**

Hic! THAT'S BETTER OUT THAN IN! Burp!

**DWARVES & DWARF SOLOS**

OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS COLD, OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.  
OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.

FAR OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS COLD, TO DUNGEONS DEEP AND CAVERNS OLD

**THORIN**

WE MUST AWAY, ERE BREAK OF DAY, TO CLAIM OUR LONG-FORGOTTEN GOLD.

**DWARVES & DWARF SOLOS**

GOBLETS THEY CARVED THERE FOR THEMSELVES  
AND HARPS OF GOLD; WHERE NO MAN DELVES  
THE DRAGON'S IRE MORE FIERCE THAN FIRE  
LAID LOW THE MANY HOUSES FRAIL.

**ALL**

Hic! THAT'S BETTER OUT THAN IN! Burp!

**DWARVES & DWARF SOLOS**

OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS COLD, OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.  
OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.

THE DRAGON SMOKED BENEATH THE MOON; THE DWARVES THEY HEARD  
THE TRAMP OF DOOM. THEY FLED THEIR HALL TO DYING FALL,  
BENEATH HIS FEET, BENEATH THE MOON.

FAR OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS GRIM TO DUNGEONS DEEP AND CAVERNS DIM  
WE MUST AWAY, AT BREAK OF DAY,

TO WIN OUR HARPS AND GOLD FROM HIM! Hic! THAT'S BETTER OUT THAN IN! Burp!  
WIN OUR HARPS AND GOLD FROM HIM! Hic! THAT'S BETTER OUT THAN IN! Burp!

OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS COLD, OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS.

OVER THE MISTY MOUNTAINS. Hic! THAT'S BETTER OUT THAN IN! Burp!

**GANDALF**

*(Leading the applause, then banging his staff on the ground)* Hush! Let Thorin speak!

**THORIN**

Gandalf, fellow dwarves, and Mr Baggins! We are here to discuss our plans. We shall soon start on a long journey. *(Solemnly)* Some of us may never return.

**BILBO**

Never return?

**GANDALF**

Thorin, dwarves, I have chosen Mr Baggins to join you in your adventure.

**DWARVES**

*(AD-LIB)* Welcome. Good on you. Good to have you. Come and join us. Etc