



Rapunzel's Rap

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QUEEN BEETIFAH:

My name is Queen Beetifah.
I'm the narrator, you see.
I live near good Rapunzel,
In a hive inside a tree.
If you've heard about the girl
Stuck in a tower with no key,
I am here to tell the story
Of how that came to be.
Sing it out, bees! (spoken with feeling)

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (put emphasis on BUZZ)

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

Now you prob'ly know the tale
Of once upon a time:
There lived a little lady
With a child on her mind.
And, with a baby coming,
She began to wail and whine
About something that she wanted
Her hubby to go find.

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (ending softly)

WIFE:

Oh, husband, I am not at all well.

HUSBAND:

What is the problem, dear wife?

WIFE:

Do you see the delicious greens in the garden on the other side of the river? I must taste them, or I shall certainly waste away.

HUSBAND:

But, dear, that garden belongs to the sorceress. You know we cannot take even a leaf from her land.

WIFE:

Husband, I tell you, I won't have the strength to carry this child unless I taste those greens. You must get them for me tonight.

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

So the husband snuck off silently,
In the darkest of the night.
And he gathered greens aplenty,
Though he knew it was not right.
Then, on his way to bringing
To his wife her heart's delight,
He found the sorceress waiting.
And she was ready for a fight.
That's right...

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (ending softly)

SORCERESS:

How dare you take greens from my magical garden! You will surely die before you even have a taste!

HUSBAND:

Sorceress, please forgive me. My wife is with child. She wants only a few of your greens to give her strength.

SORCERESS:

Fine. Take what you wish, but there *is* a price. When the child is born, I will claim it as my own.

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

In fear, the man accepted.
Then he raced to feed his wife.
He brought her greens each evening,
Just to end her fuss and strife.
But later when the babe was born,
The happiness in his life,
Made the man forget the promise,
That would cut him like a knife.

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

But soon the sorceress came calling
To collect her pretty prize.
She named the girl Rapunzel,
And took her to the skies.
In a tower she was hidden,
When she reached a grown girl's size.
It was then that poor Rapunzel
Felt her love for rap arise.
She'll hypnotize!

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (ending softly)

SORCERESS:

Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!

RAPUNZEL:

I hear you callin', but I just don't care.

SORCERESS:

Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair to me.

RAPUNZEL:

Okay, I'll do it. But why can't you let me be?

SORCERESS:

I'm climbing up, Rapunzel. Your braid is strong as rope.

RAPUNZEL:

Are you still coming up? *(under her breath)* You've fallen, I hope.

SORCERESS:

Thank you, Rapunzel. Your hair is like spun gold.

RAPUNZEL:

Go on. Go on. Your praise is getting old.

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

And then one day, it happened
That a prince was riding near.
He heard Rapunzel's rap songs,
And toward her he did steer.
And as the witch did call and climb,
Upon her he did peer.
He knew he must return
And ask the princess to appear.
Feel it, prince!

PRINCE:

I'd better get away quick,
But I've got to meet this chick!

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

All through the long and silent night,
The prince dreamed of fair maid.
Who rapped alone and friendless
In a tower in a glade.
At sunrise, he returned again
And, hidden in the shade,
He beckoned to Rapunzel,
Who sent down her rope-like braid.

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (ending softly)

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

She'd thought it was the sorceress
Who called to her that dawn,
But when she saw the handsome prince,
She knew that she'd been wrong.
Although at first, she was afraid,
It wasn't very long
Before, looking in his eyes, she knew
To him she would belong.
Hum along!

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (ending softly)

PRINCE:

Rapunzel, I must tell you. You have stolen my heart.

RAPUNZEL:

Prince, I must be with you. We cannot be apart.

PRINCE:

I will carry you away. You are my lady fair.

RAPUNZEL:

But how can I get out of here? I can't climb my own hair.

PRINCE:

If we only had a ladder, then I'm sure we could be free.

RAPUNZEL:

Bring strands of silk, and you will see.
I'll weave a ladder, and we will flee.

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

So, time went by
And Rapunzel's ladder grew.
The days to her escape
Were getting mighty few.
When Rapunzel gave away
A teeny-tiny clue,
And the sorceress was onto them,
The evil, nasty shrew!
What did Rapunzel do?

DRONES:

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SORCERESS:

Rapunzel! Rapunzel! Let down your hair!

RAPUNZEL:

Are you here already, my prince? I cannot see you standing there.

SORCERESS:

A "prince" the scheming girl does say?
I must get her fast away!

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

The sorceress chopped Rapunzel's hair,
And sent her off alone.
And when the good prince came to call.
She said his love had flown.

DRONES:

BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz /BUZZ, Buzz, Buzz (ending softly)

SORCERESS:

Your beautiful bird is no longer in her nest!

PRINCE:

If that is so, then with her I will rest!

QUEEN BEETIFAH:

The prince jumped to the ground
Where some thorns made him blind.
Yet still he searched both far and wide
For the girl who rap designed.
Years passed before he found her.
(He had almost lost his mind.)
But Rapunzel helped him see again,
With joyful tears most kind.
Take us out, bees...

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