

Characters:

Girl

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Scene I

The Girl is in the forest.

Girl. I am cold. I want to sleep. I am afraid of everything. Oh, I see light over there. I must go there. Oh, what a lovely smell! Maybe there is a fire. That's just it!

(She sees a fire. There are twelve men around it. She stops between two fir trees. She listens to the 12 brothers who are sitting around the fire).

January (*throwing an armful of wood into the fire*)

Burn, burn brighter,
Summer will be hotter,
Air will be lighter.

Months (*all together*)

Burn, burn brighter,
Burn, burn brighter.

June

Burn and crackle
And there will be berries
For good fairies.

May

If the weather is sunny,
Bees will bring much honey.

July

There will be rich crop,
In the fields,
hey-hop-hop-hop!

Months (*all together*)

Burn, burn brighter,
Burn, burn brighter.

Scene II

(The Girl comes closer to the fire. The brothers stop talking and look at her).

Girl. Good evening.

January. Good evening to you.

Girl. May I warm myself near the fire?

January (*asking his brothers*). Shall we let her?

February (*nodding his head*). I don't remember anybody sitting by our fire.

April. Oh, let her warm herself.

May. Let it be.

December. Come closer!

Girl. Thank you. (*She comes to the fire.*) How nice it is!

September. I see a basket in your hand. Are you gathering cones? But it's too cold here!

February. The forest needs to have some rest.

Girl. I'm not looking for cones.

August (*smiling*). Then mushrooms?

Girl. My stepmother ordered to bring her snowdrops.

March (*addressing April*). They are your guests!

(The Months laugh).

Girl. I know it sounds funny, but it's true. My stepmother told me not to come back without the flowers.

February. What does she need them for?

Girl. The queen promised to give gold to anyone who would bring her snowdrops.

F e b r u a r y. Poor thing!

Girl. Thank you for your kindness, but I must go.

(She takes the basket and slowly walks away).

April. Wait! (*Comes up to January and bows to him.*) Let me take your place!

January. And what about March?

March. Brother February, what do you think?

February. Let it be.

Scene III

January (*tapping with his stick*). Frosts, stop! February is coming. (*He gives the stick to February.*)

February (*tapping with the stick*). Winds, blow! Hurricanes, go!

March (*taking the stick*).

Winter, winter, go away.

Spring is coming, so I say.

April (*takes the stick*)

Wake up, ants.

And wake up, bears.

Snowdrops, bloom,

Bloom, bloom!

(Snowdrops appear in the forest).

April. Gather the snowdrops quickly!

Girl. I'm coming!

(She gathers the flowers).

Scene IV

(The Months are discussing the Girl).

June. I know her. And my brothers, summer months, know her as well.

July. She works hard from morning till night.

October. I poured rain on her.

November. We also often see her.

April. I want to give her a ring.

Scene V

(The Girl comes up to the fire. Her basket is full of flowers).

Girl. Thank you for your kindness!

April. I want to give you this ring. If you need our help, throw the ring to the ground and say "Roll, Ring, roll. Brothers Months, you are the ones I call!"