

Bubba the Cowboy Prince

Piano Music _____

(song)

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A Cinderella fractured tale featuring an off-the-wall, whang-dang Texas exaggeration written by Helen Ketteman in 1997. This version's Cinderella is bootless Bubba, an appropriately downrodden and overworked feller who is bossed around by his wicked step daddy and loathsome brothers Dwayne and Milton. The other half of the happy couple is Miz Lurleen, hair as big as the Texas sun, she is in search of male companionship to help her work her ranch. We hope you enjoy a typical and hilarious day in Texas.

Violin Music Introduction of characters with frame

Scene 1 (at Bubba's ranch)

1- Narrator: Once, a strapping young feller named Bubba lived on a ranch.

2- Bubba: Howdy, I'm Bubba.

3- Narrator: He lived with his wicked step daddy and his hateful, lazy stepbrothers, Dwayne and Milton.

4- Dwayne and Milton: (Wave) Howdy.

5- Step daddy: Dwayne and Milton, y'all just come over here and relax with me. Let's just watch Bubba get some work done here.

***Piano Music* during line 6** _____

(song)

6- Bubba works doing chores... grooming the horse, cleaning the saddle, hauling feed for the horse. Bubba is smiling because he loves ranching)

7- Bubba: I just love ranching! (with a big grin)

8- Dwayne: Bubba, scrub this better. Look at this dirt on the saddle.

9- Milton: Bubba, git them doggies along there.

10- Dwayne: Yeah, and watch out fer them cowpatties. You know how daddy hates fer you to track up the house.

11- Bubba: (Stumbles around trying to please Milton and Dwayne. He works hard.)

Scene 2 (at Miz Lurleen's house)

12- Narrator: Now, Miz Lurleen, who lived down the road a piece, was the purtiest and richest gal in the county. She owned the biggest spread west of the Brazos, and she loved ranching, too.

13- Miz Lurleen: Well, I do love ranching. But, it's very lonesome work. I'm deciding that it's time for some companionship. I aim to find myself a feller! One who loves ranching as much as I do. And it wouldn't hurt if he was cute as a cow's ear, either. I know – I'll throw a ball! (Postwoman Paula delivers mail) This is a list of what I'll need (open scroll and sees Post woman Paula by the window). Post woman Paula bring yourself over here. I have a job for ya'!

14- Post woman: Howdy! What can I do for you ma'am?

15- Miz Lurleen: Now Paula, I need you to deliver these invitations to all the ranching families in the State of Texas. (gives the bags of invites and piles them up at Paula's feet).

16- Post woman: (worried look) I'll do my very best!

Performers appear as townspeople and Dwayne, Milton and Step Daddy

***Piano Music* while Post woman Paula delivers**

(song)

17- Post woman Paula: (delivers invitations to the community and audience). Invitations, invitations to Miz Lurleen's ball. Here's your invitation. Here's your invitation. Here you are. I must deliver invitations to all the ranchers in the great state of Texas!

Scene 3 (at Bubba's ranch)

18- Narrator: Soon the day of the ball arrived. Milton and Dwayne spent all day getting gussied up in their finest duds. Bubba about ran himself ragged waiting on them.

19- Dwayne: (shouting) Bubba! Fetch my bolo tie!

20- Milton: (shouting) Bubba! Git my boots polished!

21- Step daddy: (shouting) Bubba! Brush them horses and wash that wagon!

22- Bubba: Are you all ready to go?

23- Dwayne, Milton, Step daddy: Yes, yes we're looking good.

24- Step daddy: And we're good and ready! Now step out of our way. (shoving Bubba out of his way)

25- Bubba: Can't you wait for me to get ready? I want to dance with Miz Lurleen, too.

26- Dwayne, Milton, Step daddy: (hooting and hollering)

- 27- Dwayne: Why, you're sorrier than a steer in a stockyard.
- 28- Milton: Can you imagine Miz Lurleen dancing with the likes of you? Miz Lurleen wouldn't even wipe the dirt clods off her boots with that raggedy shirt of yours.
- 29a- Dwayne: And you smell more like the cattle than the cattle do!
- 29b- Dwayne, Milton and Step daddy walk off the stage
- 30- Bubba: (looks at himself) It's true. I don't have a decent shirt to wear. My boots are downright disgraceful. And I do smell a bit rough. Milton and Dwayne are right. Miz Lurleen wouldn't dance with the likes of me. (Bubba hangs his head.)
- 31- Narrator: He felt lower than a rattlesnake (**sound effect**) in a gully.
- 32- Bubba: Well, I'm just going to git on my horse and head for the pasture to check on the herd. My, the sky is getting darker than a black bull at midnight. It looks like a Texas thunderstorm is brewing.
(A bolt of lightening (**sound effect**) strikes Bubba, and knocks him off Cow 1. He's stunned for a moment, then picks himself up.)
On! No! That's the 2nd time this week. My lucky stars are fading.
- 33- God Cow: Go to the ball, Bubba. (**sound effect**) Go to the ball, Bubba.
- 34- Bubba: (looks around , doesn't see anyone – just the cows.)
- 35- Narrator: Now, Bubba figured he'd bonked the beejeebers out of his bean, 'cause the voice was coming from a cow.
- 36- God Cow: (chewing her cud for a moment) I'm your fairy God Cow, and I can help you go to the ball.
- 37- Bubba: (sits up, rubs his head) I'd like to go, God Cow, but shoot, I don't have a thing to wear.
- 38- God Cow: (swishes her tail (**sound effect**) and Bubba's raggedy clothes change)
- 39- Cows hand Bubba his new clothes
- 40- Cow 1: Make sure you tip your hat young feller!
- 41- Cow 2: Use your manners and be a gentleman!
- 42- Cow 3: Try to keep those clothes clean! I don't want to have to do a wash!
- 43- Bubba: Oh, my! I spoke too soon, my lucky is changing. These are the handsomest cowboy duds I've ever laid eyes on. These jeans are crisp, the boots are shiny! Wow, this Stetson is whiter than a new salt lick! Why, I look downright purty!

44a- God Cow: (swishes her tail **(sound effect)** again)

Bubba, watch this steer (Cow 1 leaves and Stallion appears) change into the most beautiful white stallion you've ever seen. Now, you go on off to the ball, Bubba. Have a good time dancing with Miz Lurleen. But you'd best be home by midnight, 'cause that's when the magic runs out.

44b- Bubba: Now that's a man's man vehicle!

45- Stallion: Hop on Bubba! Times a wastin'!

46- Bubba: Yahoo!! (shouting as he jumps on the white horse and gallops off to the ball)

Scene 4 (at the ball)

Everyone is on stage dancing "free-style" (except for the cows). The violinists, Tomas and Cem are pretending to play instruments on a hay of stack.

47- Narrator: When Bubba arrived at Miz Lurleen's, the hoedown was in full swing. But Miz Lurleen is getting bored at the ball.

Dance

Performers begin dancing to Cotton Eyed Joe and everyone follows.

48- (Miz Lurleen dances with Dwayne and Milton then yawns)

There goes another ten-dollar Stetson on a five-cent head. Where are all the real cowboys?

49- Bubba enters (on stallion) and all the action stops. **(sound effect)**

50- Miz Lurleen: (Miz Lurleen's eyes light up.) Why, you're cute as a cow's ear!

51- Bubba: (looking shy) Miz Lurleen may I have this dance, ma'am (bows and tips hat)

52- Miz Lurleen- Why it would be my pleasure! (Bubba takes Miz Lurleen's arm and starts dancing)

53- Dwayne and Milton: (look jealous)

54- Dwayne: Who is that dude?

55- Milton: I don't recollect seeing him before, but he looks a mite familiar.

56- Step daddy: Do something! That cowboy is winning Miz Lurleen's heart.

57- Bubba and Miz Lurleen dance off stage at which time the clock strikes midnight **(sound effect)**. When Bubba arrives back on stage (with Cow 1) he is in dirty rags. When he realizes what he is wearing he looks SO embarrassed

58- Milton: What is that awful smell?

59- Dwayne: (shouting) Why, it's Bubba!

60- Bubba: Miz, Miz...Lurleen, I'm so sorry. (He runs out of the room.)

61- Miz Lurleen: (yelling) Wait!! Wait!! (She chases after him.)

62- Bubba: (jumps on Cow 1, goes off into the night... he loses boot)

63- Miz Lurleen: Ooh! (finds boot... clasps it in her arms)

This is the boot of a real cowboy and the man I want to marry. And I aim to find him.

(She goes back in to the ball, and asks guests...)

Who was that mysterious cowboy? Who was he? Do you know who that cowboy was?

(walks around the audience)

64a- Step daddy stands with arms folded.

64b- Milton and Dwayne: (bullying other party goers) Shhhh!! (fingers on mouth)

65- Party goers- We're not talkin'.

***Violin Music* while Miz Lurleen walks around the audience**

Scene 5 (at Bubba's ranch)

66- Narrator: Miz Lurleen was NOT going to take no for an answer. So the next day, Miz Lurleen went from ranch to ranch looking for her cowboy prince who owned the boot. She soon came to Dwayne and Milton's ranch.

67- Bubba working hard on the background

68- Miz Lurleen- (on her horse) Hi there! Does this boot belong to any of ya'll.

69a- Dwayne: Here, give me that there boot. Ugh! (He pulls it hard.)

69b- Miz Lurleen has a worried look on her face and crosses her fingers hoping it won't fit.

70- Step Daddy- Curl your toes!!! I'll make it fit!! (shoves the boot)

71- Dwayne- (yelps!) It ain't workin' daddy, make Milton try!!!

72- Milton: (Grabs boot from Dwayne.) Gimme that! I'll show you it fits my foot. (He tugs and tugs but it doesn't work.)

73- Step daddy- Take off your socks, silly! Don't you want to lasso the biggest ranch west of the Brazos?! (shoving boot)

74- Milton: I'm trying daddy!

75- Step daddy: Well, try harder!

76- Bubba's Dog tries to grab the boot away from Milton but their dog wrestles back. Then Miz Lurleen's dog sashes up and the boys drop the boot and she gently picks it up and hands it to Miz Lurleen.

77- Miz Lurleen: (relieved look) Well, I guess it's time for me to head on down the road.
(climbs on her horse).

78- Dirty and sweaty Bubba runs to see what the trouble is with his dog.

79- Miz Lurleen: (She looks at his boot.)
Ooh! Look! You're wearing only one boot!
(She jumps off her horse and runs over to Bubba.) Try this on!

80- Bubba: (He takes off his old boot and pulls on the boot)
Much obliged, ma'am.
(Tips his hat a bit embarrassed. The boot fits! **(sound effect)**)

81- All: It fits perfectly! (excitement)

Violin 15 seconds Music

82-- Miz Lurleen: (shouting) You're my prince in cowboy boots! (sniff his shirt) I'd recognize that smell anywhere! Marry me, cowboy, and help me work my ranch.

83- Bubba: (hugs Miz Lurleen) Miz Lurleen, you are a cowboy's dream!

84- Dwayne, Milton, Step daddy: (They all throw chicken fits, stomping around madly.)

85- Bubba: (smiling, takes Miz Lurleen's hand, and ride off **(sound effect)**)

86- Narrator: Bubba and Miz Lurleen ride off into the sunset. They live happily ever after, roping, and cowpoking, and getting them doggies along.

87- All: Wha-hoo!! Yee-haw!!! (throwing hats into air)

Everyone on stage!! Sing and do motions to "I'm a Tex"!!!

The End

The 3 dogs are always around their owners.
The 3 cows are always at the ranch.
When the horses move sound effects does the hoof's sound.