

SAMPLE: "A LION KING PURIMSPIEL"

New Purim Lyrics by Rabbi Billy Dreskin & Cantor Ellen Dreskin
Music adapted from Disney's "The Lion King"

Song: VASHTI'S FALL ("Circle of Life")
Solo: Once upon a time, a long time ago.
All: In a land you know as Shushan.
Solo: Oh there was a governing king living there.
All: And his name you know too.
Solo: Yes you do.
All: A-ha-shu ...
Solo: Ahashuerus.
All: Yes that's who.

Woodlands Temple's celebrating Purim.
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Kids and grown-ups, this will never bore 'em.
Twists and turns, together well explore 'em.
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We've a cast of heroes, you'll adore 'em.
And a nasty creep, you will deplore 'im.
So try to keep the tiniest decorum.
As Woodlands Temple celebrates.

In the third year of King Achashverosh,
An extravagant banquet he gave.
Across the land, all the men in command
Booked the date to go misbehave.

For six long months, the feast lasted —
Fine desserts and a cheese casserole.
Then for seven more days, through an alcohol haze,
Ahashuerus went and lost all control.

The king summoned his queen.
And Vashti was a beauty,
Fairest he'd ever seen.
But the king did not see
The beauty deep within her.
And a shallow heart she just couldn't stand,
So Queen Vashti refused his command.

_____ Chant 1:12b (megillah held high).

_____ *"The king was furious, and his anger burned within him."*

_____ Chant 1:13 (megillah held high).

_____ *He asked his advisers, "What shall be done to Queen Vashti for refusing my command?"*

_____ *"Let a royal edict be issued, that Vashti shall never enter the king's presence again!"*

_____ *"And place Vashti's crown upon one who is more worthy than she!"*

_____ *"Then no wife will ever insult their husband as Vashti has insulted you!"*

_____ *The king smiled. And he said to his ministers, "It shall be the law!"*

Vashti's fate, it was sealed.
She was no more the queen.
The king's contempt, revealed,
Begot a horrible scene.
Here vashti's story ends,
But yours and mine begin
Because truth and virtue must eventually win.

_____ That'll teach her! Never again will any woman in Shushan dare to disobey her husband.

Cast Right!

_____ But the second part of the king's edict still needed to be fulfilled!

_____ Of course! Because what good is a king without his queen? What good was Adam without Eve? Or Noah without ... Mrs. Noah?

_____ Or Dorian Gray without his picture!

Cast Smooch!

_____ Ahashuerus needed a new wife. And here's what happened:

Song: "I Just Can't Wait to Be Queen" ("I Just Can't Wait To Be King")
Ahashuerus spread the word, "I need a brand new spouse --
Someone who will listen to me and spread beauty 'round my house."
There's gonna be a contest here for all the maids in town,
So fix your hair, make up your face. Go buy a brand new gown.
It's going to be Shushan's wildest scene
When Achashverosh picks a queen.

Gotta have the right look,
Gotta have the right face.
Gotta pick the right time
For being in the right place.
Every girl will have a chance
To give the King her song and dance.