

READER 1: Once in a land now called Saskatchewan, where the stars twinkled brighter than in any other part of the world,

READER 2: there lived a queen who loved jewelry.

READER 3: The queen owned rubies and sapphires,

READER 4: necklaces of gold and jade,

READER 5: pendants of platinum and ivory,

READER 6: rings encrusted with diamond chips,

READER 1: pearl bracelets,

READER 2: and silver chains which reached the floor.

READER 3: The queen owned more trinkets than there are fish in the sea, shells on the beach, or birds in the sky.

READER 4: Still, the queen was not satisfied. She stood in her chambers looking at hundreds of jewelry boxes overflowing with precious gems. The queen sighed,

READER 1/QUEEN: "If only I could possess the most unique and exotic piece of jewelry in the world! Then I would be envied by all other queens. I would be the most envied queen ever born! Well, anything's possible if you put your head to it! I must think of a way!"

READER 4: So the queen put her head to it and decided upon a plan.

READER 5: She would pluck a star from the sky and hang it around her neck on a golden chain!

READER 6: No other queen owned jewelry made from a real star. It was a perfect plan. The queen sent for her Lady-in-Waiting.

READER 1/QUEEN: "Go down into the courtyard, reach up, and pluck a star from the sky,"

READER 6: demanded the queen. But the Lady-in-Waiting replied,

READER 2/LADY: "No, no, with due respect. I won't do it!"

ALL: IT CAN'T BE DONE!

READER 1/QUEEN: "Anything's possible if you put your head to it, so put your head to it!"

READER 3: The Lady-in-Waiting ran down to the courtyard, reached up, and tried to pluck a star from the sky.

READER 4: She jumped as high as she could.

READER 5: She stood upon the garden wall.