

# **Adam and Eve: The First Musical**

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## **Cast of Characters**

Adam

Eve

Snake

Tiger

God (heard, not seen)

SCENE 1

*(ADAM enters to the sound of birds chirping. On stage are two or three trees. He walks/runs around in sheer delight, stopping to touch the trees and breathe in the fresh air.)*

**ADAM:** What a place! Mountains, oceans, rivers, and such wildlife — though that tiger with the long tooth doesn't exactly make my day. *(tiger appears, roars, then exits)* Still, all in all, this is quite a place.

**GOD:** You're happy?

**ADAM:** *(looks up)* Couldn't be happier. And may I say you are quite the Creator. So, guess you'll be on your way. I mean with everything complete. Just curious: who's next for the *(makes the quotation sign with his fingers)* "God treatment"? *(looks up and around)* Can I see it from here? Well, whatever you do and wherever you go, thanks for everything.

And don't forget to drop in from time to time if you're in the neighborhood, that is.

**GOD:** I'm not done.

**ADAM:** What?

**GOD:** I said, "I'm not done."

**ADAM:** What do you mean you're not done? Of course you're done. What else is there? Alright look, let's review. Day One—or should I say "In the beginning"—you created light. And that was good. In fact, you said so yourself. Second day, oceans and sky. Day Three, dry land. Fourth day: sun, moon, and stars. Day Five, birds and fish. Then, just yesterday, of all things, land animals and me! So, like I said, what else is there?

**GOD:** It's not good for man to be alone. You need a wife.

**ADAM:** *(pause)* A what?

**GOD:** A wife. A helpmate.

**ADAM:** *(to himself)* I knew this was too good to be true. *(to GOD)* Lord, listen, don't worry. I can handle things perfectly well myself. In fact, I make this pledge: *(places hand over heart)* I, Adam, do solemnly swear that I will never litter nor do graffiti. Furthermore, I promise to recycle and be kind to all the animals. *(tiger enters, roars, then exits)* Well, almost all.

**GOD:** I need children.

**ADAM:** Children? What? Soon you'll be telling me you need towns, cities, uh...

**GOD:** Starts with a "c".

**ADAM:** Uh... I give up.

**GOD:** Countries.

**ADAM:** Damn.

**GOD:** Watch it.

**ADAM:** Sorry. Lord, look, couldn't you just think about this a little more?

**ADAM**

I need a wife  
Like a hole in the head  
If I want to be  
sedentary Just kill me  
instead.

**GOD**

Someone who's there for you

**ADAM**

To point out my faults.

**ADAM:** God sings?

**GOD**

Someone who's there for you

**ADAM**

To clean out the vault.

**ADAM:** Who knew?

**GOD**

You need a wife to brighten  
each day. Someone to  
chase your cares and  
troubles away.

Ever since time began  
I've had this plan  
To continue this thing called life  
You need a wife.

**ADAM**

I need a wife Like a  
kick in the—

**GOD:** Watch it.

**ADAM**

—pants. In  
this thing you call matrimony I  
don't stand a chance.

**GOD**

Someone who's there for you

**ADAM**

To count my mistakes

**GOD**

Someone who's there with you

**ADAM**

Until I awaken

**GOD**

You need a wife

There's no other way

Someday you will thank me for it

Just when I can't say

Ever since time began

**ADAM:** Last Tuesday?

**GOD:** No, Monday.

**GOD**

There's been this plan.

To continue this thing called life

To help with the daily

strife To make

everything go right You

need a wife.

**ADAM:** How 'bout just a  
girlfriend?

**GOD**

You need a wife.

**ADAM:** A live-in maid

perhaps?

**GOD**

You need a wife.

**ADAM:** Household

appliances?

**GOD**

You need a wife

**ADAM:** Might as well

dance.

*(Tiger enters. Adam beckons tiger, they dance during instrumental. Tiger exits before Adam sings)*

**ADAM**

I need a wife  
Like I don't have enough  
Say goodbye to my  
friends  
And all that I love

**GOD**

Someone who's there  
for you.

**ADAM**

I'm happy alone

**GOD**

Someone to care for you

**ADAM**

There's always the  
phone

**GOD**

You need a wife  
No time for delay  
Someone is waiting for  
you  
So get on your way  
Ever since time began  
There's been this plan  
To continue this thing  
called life  
To help with the daily  
strife  
To make everything go  
right

You need a wife

**ADAM:** Is she from  
Match dot com?

**GOD**

You need a wife

**ADAM:** Is she PC or  
Mac?

**GOD**

You need a wife

**ADAM:** Better be an  
Eagles fan.

**GOD**

You need a wife

**GOD:** Now lie down and go to sleep. You'll feel much better in the morning.

*(ADAM lies down looking skeptical and falls asleep. Set goes dark.)*

## **SCENE 2**

*(Lights slowly come up to reveal ADAM sleeping while EVE lies behind him fully awake. He opens his eyes and feels something in back of him. Too afraid to turn around, he takes his arm and touches EVE's hair, face, neck, and shoulder.)*

**ADAM:** I hope it's not the tiger with the long tooth! *(He springs up and sees EVE.)* Oh no, it's worse! Who are you?

**EVE:**     *(sitting up)* I'm Eve, your wife. Didn't He...? *(points up)*

**ADAM:**Yes, He did. But I told Him...

**EVE:**    I know. You don't need a wife.

**ADAM:**   How do you know?

**EVE:**     I was there. I heard everything. I'm part of you. Don't you feel a little different this morning?

**ADAM:**   *(holds his side)* Well, my ribs do hurt a bit, now that you mention it.

**EVE:**     So, are you ready?

**ADAM:**    Ready for what?

**EVE:**     Show me around. After all, you were here first and there must be some really great places out there. *(breathes in deeply)* And nothing like an early start.

**ADAM:**    Look, uh...

**EVE:**     Eve.

**ADAM:**    Eve. You seem like a very nice person, but I told Him I don't need anyone. And besides I'm a very busy man. I have too much to do around here.

**EVE:**     What do you have to do?

**ADAM:**    Well, first *(pauses, thinking)* I have to wake up.

**EVE:**     Then?

**ADAM:**    Then, *(pauses, thinking)* I have to stand up.

**EVE:**     And then?

**ADAM:**    Then... oh, you don't need to know that part.

**EVE:**     Well, that settles it. Which direction should we start? How about that way? *(points)*

**ADAM:**    Please, listen. I don't need anyone. I'm quite content being alone. Anyway, you don't need me. It's a big, beautiful world out there. Walk around. You'll be amazed what you see.

**EVE:**     But it's no fun seeing things yourself. It's better to share an experience then keep it *(hand over heart, looks slightly up)* as a fond memory as we get older.

**TRACK 3. ALONE**

**EVE**

This world is full of wonder  
From plains to icy cones  
And I'm sure that it's amazing  
Exploring lands unknown

But I might as well just stay here



And call this spot my home  
If I had to wander  
And see it all alone.

**EVE (CONT'D)**

I am sure there's places  
Where animals do roam  
Where birds fly high and harmonize  
In nearly perfect tone.

But it would not make a difference  
If all of this I owned  
If I had to wander  
And see it all alone.

*(The refrain is sung melodramatically. ADAM begins to feel bangs of guilt for refusing to help EVE. These feelings are expressed through low-level growls, grunts, and exaggerated motions which become more pronounced as the song progresses.)*

**EVE (CONT'D)**

Alone, we know this place so well  
Alone, it is the house we dwell in  
Alone, it isn't life at all  
Alone, if there's no one to call your name

I can see you're busy  
Each day is tightly planned  
And I wouldn't want to bother  
Such a busy man

But could you take a moment  
And take me by the hand  
And let's explore together  
This new and wondrous land.

*(EVE is more melodramatic; lips quivering, hand over heart. ADAM can't bear to hear much more as he displays paroxysms of guilt.)*

**ADAM:** Oh, no. Not again.

**EVE**

Alone, we know this place so well  
Alone, it is the house we dwell in  
Alone, it isn't life at all  
Alone, if there's no one to call your name.

But if it's too much trouble

Then I guess I'll try  
Even if I'm torn to bits  
And left alone to die  
And animals devour me  
And birds pick at my hide.  
Which could have been avoided  
Had you been by my side

Alone, we know this place so well  
Alone, it is the house we dwell in  
Alone, it isn't life at all  
Alone, if there's no one to call your name.

**ADAM:** Stop! Stop! Enough! Alright. Alright, I'll take you.

**EVE:** Thank you, *Adam*.

**ADAM:** You're welcome.

**EVE:** What was that?

**ADAM:** I said, "You're welcome."

*(EVE waits for Adam to say her name. ADAM growls, grunts, pulls his face and hair, goes through a series of actions to avoid saying Eve's name. These actions continue until he is finally exhausted. At last he relents.)*

**ADAM:** You're welcome, Eve! Let's go.

**EVE:** I'm right behind ya!

*(As ADAM and EVE exit, EVE turns to audience and smiles, knowing she got her way.)*

### **SCENE 3**

*(It's midday. ADAM and EVE sit under a tree center stage. ADAM is sharpening a stick with a crude knife while EVE is placing sticks to make a camp fire.)*

**ADAM:** Well, since we're together I was hoping you could help me with something.

**EVE:** What's that?

**ADAM:** God gave me a job.

**EVE:** A job? What kind of job?

**ADAM:** I have to name things.

**EVE:** Things? What things?

**ADAM:** Everything. I have to name everything. Think you can help me?

**EVE:** Piece of cake.

**ADAM:** What?

**EVE:** Never mind. Let's get started.

*(ADAM and EVE stand and walk down center. Routine may elicit occasional grunts and perhaps some friendly booing. ADAM and EVE could ad lib retorts such as: "Humm, seems the first audience in history is a bit hostile", or [to audience] "Hey, think it's easy wearing next to nothing all day?", or say "I'm sorry" to the audience before delivering the punchline.)*

**ADAM:** *(points)* OK, what's that?

**EVE:** Let's call it... a cat.

**ADAM:** And if it can talk?

**EVE:** Then it's a dog.

**ADAM:** And what about that?

**EVE:** I think it's a rat.

**ADAM:** But in a house?

**EVE:** Then it's a mouse.

**ADAM:** *(with an upper-class British accent)* And if it has wings and occasion'ly sings?

**EVE:** *(with an upper-class British accent)* I've got just the word. We'll call it... a bird!  
*(Both return to normal voice.)*

**ADAM:** Hey, this is fun. Let's keep going. How about that animal?

**EVE:** Which one?

**ADAM:** Over there. The one wearing sunglasses. Walks around all day like it's so cool.

**EVE:** I know. And it never stops eating.

**ADAM:** Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

**ADAM & EVE:** It's a hip-po-bottomless! *(They look at audience, mouths agape.)*

**ADAM:** Oh, look. There's a camel with no humps. What should we call that?

**EVE:** How about Humphrey?

**ADAM:** And there's a kangaroo that can't jump.

**EVE:** Yes, a completely hopeless situation. You know, Adam, I've been thinking. Why don't we get a pet?

**ADAM:** What kind?

**EVE:** How 'bout a giraffe?

**ADAM:** A giraffe? Are you crazy? Too high maintenance.

**EVE:** Maybe you're right. (*pause*) I have to tell you something.

**ADAM:** What?

**EVE:** I saw a snake yesterday. I was completely rattled.

**ADAM:** Oh, stop it. You're just being overly hisss-terical. And while we're at it, stop pampering the cows.

**EVE:** But I like cows.

**ADAM:** Oh, so you want to drink spoiled milk the rest of your life?

**EVE:** Hey, look who's talking. I saw you kissing a bird yesterday.

**ADAM:** So?

**EVE:** Fine. But don't come running to me if you get an untweet-able disease.

**ADAM:** Eve, I have a joke.

**EVE:** It's about time. Let's hear it.

**ADAM:** What did the termite say when he entered the tavern?

**EVE:** I don't know. What did the termite say when he entered the tavern?

**ADAM:** Is the bar tender here? (*ADAM laughs while EVE looks at him, expressionless.*) Get it? Bar-tender? (*He continues to laugh but stops when EVE shows no reaction.*) Any idea what the weather is tomorrow?

**EVE:** Ask the horse. He usually knows.

**ADAM:** I'm not asking the horse. Every time I ask the horse I get the same answer: the weather's stable. Say, ever notice how all the animals listen so carefully to the elephants?

**EVE:** Yes, why is that?

**ADAM:** I'm not sure. Just seems their opinions (*points for emphasis*) carry a lot of weight. Eve, I sent you ten puns yesterday. I'm curious. Did any of them make you laugh?

**EVE:** Sorry. No pun (*slowly*) in - ten - did. And don't be so curious. You know what they say: Curiosity killed the cat.

**ADAM:** I know. And they weren't kitten.

**EVE:** Adam, stop! Haven't I suffered enough pun-ishment for one day?

**ADAM:** (*Adam holds an imaginary cigar, effectuates George Burns*) Say goodnight, Eve.

**EVE:** Goodnight, Eve.

(*ADAM and EVE exit.*)

#### **SCENE 4**

*(ADAM and EVE sit at a campfire in front of grass hut. There is a straw basket on the ground near the hut. ADAM eats a piece of meat from a bone, wiping his mouth with the back of his hand. EVE quietly picks nuts from a bowl. There is a plate with more pieces of meat.)*

**ADAM:** This is truly delicious.

**EVE:** I can see. Want some more?

**ADAM:** Absolutely. *(She hands him the plate. ADAM takes another piece and continues eating.)* You know, Eve, I must say you're a very fine cook. And don't think I don't notice things.

I mean, with your cooking, cleaning, naming things...

**EVE:** *(pause)* Adam?

**ADAM:** What? *(continues eating)*

**EVE:** Do I sense something?

**ADAM:** Huh? *(pause)* Oh, no way.

**EVE:** Yes. You're starting to like me.

**ADAM:** Dream on, sister.

**EVE:** No, it's true. I can see it. It's in your eyes. You like me! You really like me! Say it.

**ADAM:** Say what?

**EVE:** Say "I like you."

**ADAM:** I can't.

**EVE:** Yes, you can. Come on. Stand up. *(They stand.)* Now say it. "I..."

**ADAM:** *(growls and grunts)* I...

**EVE:** "like..."

**ADAM:** *(growls and grunts louder, pulling his face and hair, stomping the floor)* like...

**EVE:** "you!"

**ADAM:** *(smiles and laughs)* you. Alright, I like you.

#### **TRACK 4. I LIKE YOU**

##### **ADAM**

Ev'ry time you go away  
All I do is sit and wait  
Guess it's true  
I like you

##### **EVE**

The way you eat is hard to bear

I'd rather eat with the  
bears. But it's true I like  
you.

**ADAM**

Those early days were rough

**EVE:** Boy, I'll say.

**ADAM**

Ev'ryday I was gruff

**EVE:** You're telling me.

**ADAM**

But then to my surprise  
You caught my eye  
You caught my eye  
There were times I have to say  
How I wished you'd go  
away But don't do I like  
you.

**EVE**

Can't believe this man I found  
Though there's no other man  
around. But it's true I like you.

**ADAM**

Those early days were rough

**EVE:** You can say that again.

**ADAM**

Ev'ryday I was gruff

**EVE:** Well, at least you can admit it.

**ADAM**

But then to my surprise

**ADAM & EVE**

You caught my eye  
You caught my eye  
Guess we'll just have to stick it out  
But at least there is no doubt  
That it's true

I like you  
That it's true  
I like you.

*(They hug.)*

**GOD:** Adam.

**ADAM:** *(looks up)* Yes?

**GOD:** Eve.

**EVE:** *(looks up)* Yes, Lord.

**GOD:** There is something I must tell you. From every tree in the garden you may freely eat. But from one tree you may not eat. This is the Tree of Knowledge. To do so you will surely die. Do you understand?

**ADAM:** We understand. Lord...Lord? *(to EVE)* I have so much to ask Him.

**EVE:** He will come again. Let me go now. *(picks up the basket)* I need to pick a few things for dinner. Oh, by the way, I'm making your favorite dessert.

**ADAM:** What's that?

**EVE:** Apple pie! *(starts to leave)* See you soon.

**ADAM:** *(waves)* Bye.

*(EVE exits.)*

## **SCENE 5**

*(EVE enters holding the basket. There is a tree with apples hanging from it. SNAKE enters.)*

**SNAKE:** How are you today, Eve? Oh, I happened to hear Adam's little joke about being hisss-terical. Very funny. So, what brings you into the forest?

**EVE:** I'm here to pick a few things for dinner.

**SNAKE:** Well, why don't you pick some of those delicious red apples? I'm sure Adam would love them.

**EVE:** I can't do that. That is the Tree of Knowledge and God warned us not to eat from it or we will die.

**SNAKE:** Is that what He told you? Oh, poor child, you are sorely mistaken. On the contrary, to eat from that tree will give you great power — power as great as God Himself. So, of course, He doesn't want you to eat from it. He fears the competition.

**EVE:** I don't know. Maybe you're trying to trick me.

**SNAKE:** Not at all. I only want to help. Oh, why doesn't anyone trust me?

**TRACK 5. THE SNAKE SONG**

## **SNAKE**

I have this reputation  
Completely undeserved  
I'm fated for damnation  
The animals concur

From where do they perceive this?  
No gentler soul than I  
Grievous accusations  
How they fly

I have no legs but slither  
On rodents I survive  
How could I devour  
Creatures far my size?

A deer, an antelope, a bison  
So they claim  
Sad to see my old friends  
Go insane.

So instead of doubting me  
Pity me instead  
So maligned, misunderstood  
The rumors that are spread

Could you then stand up for me?  
Believe me when I say  
Take an apple, bite  
Then go your way.

*(EVE pulls an apple from the tree, looks at it, then takes a bite. Set goes dark.)*

## **SCENE 6**

*(ADAM is sweeping in front of the hut as EVE enters with a basketful of apples.)*

**ADAM:** Where were you? I was starting to worry. Did you find some good apples?

**EVE:** *(looks worried)* I think so. Here, try one.

*(ADAM takes an apple from the basket and bites into it.)*

**ADAM:** Very good. I can't wait for dessert. Your apple pie... *(notices EVE's worried look)* Is anything wrong?

**EVE:** Maybe.

**ADAM:** What? Did something happen?



**EVE:** The snake...

**ADAM:** The snake? What about the snake? Eve, what about the snake?

**EVE:** He told me to take an apple from that tree.

**ADAM:** What tree?

**EVE:** The tree God told us not to eat from.

**ADAM:** Did you bite?

**EVE:** Yes.

**ADAM:** Why? Why did you?

**EVE:** The snake said if I ate I would be as strong as God.

**ADAM:** Well, are you?

**EVE:** No. Are you?

**ADAM:** Why would I? I didn't... *(looks at bit apple in his hand)* Eve. Eve!

**EVE:** I'm scared! Can't you see I'm scared? What do we do? Adam, think! What do we do?

*(ADAM is stunned but quickly gathers his thoughts.)*

**ADAM:** We can't stay here. He'll see us. We'll go in the forest. We can hide there.

*(They run into the forest and crouch behind a tree. There is thunder and lightning.)*

**GOD:** *(loud)* Where are you? Where are you? *(More thunder and lightning. GOD speaks louder.)* Where are you?

**EVE:** It's not thick enough. *(points)* There, over there. *(They run and crouch behind another tree. More thunder and lightning.)* This is better.

**ADAM:** Eve, it's no use. He will find us. Better to show ourselves. *(ADAM stands up. EVE grabs his arm and tries to pull him back down.)*

**EVE:** Adam, no!  
*(ADAM stands in the open.)*

**ADAM:** *(to GOD)* I heard your voice and I was afraid.  
*(EVE steps out from behind the tree and stands near ADAM.)*

**GOD:** Why were you afraid? Did you eat from the tree I commanded you not to?

**ADAM:** *(pause)* Yes.

**GOD:** And who told you to eat from the tree?  
*(EVE looks at ADAM fearfully.)*

**ADAM:** *(looks at EVE)* No one told me. I freely ate from the tree myself.

**GOD:** Then because thou hast eaten of the Tree of Knowledge, you may no longer remain in the Garden but toil upon the earth of which you shall eat all the days of your life. *(ADAM looks down while EVE looks at ADAM.)*

## **SCENE 7**

*(ADAM and EVE are dressed in hiking wear. ADAM collapses the grass hut and extinguishes the campfire while EVE places items into a backpack.)*

**ADAM:** Got everything?

**EVE:** I think so, but I'm not sure what we'll need. Does it get cold there?

**ADAM:** I don't know. Let's prepare just in case.

*(They stop and look at each other.)*

**EVE:** Life will be hard.

**ADAM:** Yes.

**EVE:** We'll have to work just to survive.

**ADAM:** That's right.

**EVE:** And you're not angry at me?

**ADAM:** No.

**EVE:** But you should be. I ate from the tree and now we have to leave Paradise.

*(ADAM takes EVE's hands and looks deeply into her eyes.)*

**ADAM:** Then we will build our own Paradise.

## **TRACK 6. A WORLD JUST AS FINE**

### **ADAM**

As we go forth today  
To a land  
We stumble and fall  
But we'll soldier on  
And plant till seedlings do rise  
And we'll build a world just as fine  
We'll build a world just as fine.

### **ADAM & EVE**

With work and with hope we will strive  
Though we are barred from Paradise  
Still, each day we will try

To build a world just as fine  
To build a world just as fine.

This land that we now embark upon  
This green and fertile land  
Though hard, with love  
We're sure to carry on

And build a world just as  
fine.

*(EVE dances.)*

**ADAM:** What do you call that?

**EVE:** This is called dancing. Try it.

*(ADAM dances.)*

**ADAM:** Hey, I think I like this.

*(ADAM dances wildly.)*

#### **ADAM & EVE**

But we can't do all this ourselves  
So we ask of you here to lend a hand  
And someday we will succeed  
To build a world just as fine  
To build a world just as fine

And all that we ask is part of your time  
To build a world just as fine  
To build a world just as fine  
To build a world just as fine

*(ADAM starts to put on the backpack.)*

**ADAM:** Here, help me with this.

*(EVE helps ADAM put the backpack over his shoulders.)*

**ADAM:** Ok, good. Are you ready?

**EVE:** I'm ready.

**ADAM:** Let's go.

**EVE:** *(sad, near tears)* I'm right behind ya!

**ADAM:** No, *(extends his hand)* walk beside me.

*(EVE takes ADAM's hand and exit together as ADAM points to something in the distance.)*

TRACK 7. Finale

TRACK 8. BOWS

**THE END**