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Peer Gynt,

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An acting version arranged for the stage by the late RICHARD MANSFIELD

And produced for several seasons by him and later by LOUIS JAMES

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CHARACTERS

PEER GYNT Ase, his mother ASLAK, the blacksmith MADS MOEN, the bridegroom HIS FATHER HIS MOTHER SOLVEIG HELGA, her sister THEIR FATHER THEIR MOTHER THE HEGSTAD FARMER INGRID, the bride, his daughter FIRST PRASANT LAD SECOND PEASANT LAD THIRD PEASANT LAD FOURTH PEASANT LAD FIFTH PEASANT LAD THE MASTER COOK FIRST PEASANT GIRL SECOND PEASANT GIRL THIRD PEASANT GIRL FOURTH PEASANT GIRL

FIRST ELDERLY PEASANT SECOND ELDERLY PEASANT AN ELDERLY WOMAN Another Elderly Woman THE GREEN CLAD WOMAN THE DOVRE KING FIRST TROLL IMP SECOND TROLL IMP THE UGLY BRAT KARI, the cotter's wife Mr. Cotton MONSIEUR BALLON HERR VON EBERKOPF HERR TRUMPETERSTRALE ANITRA, a dancing girl CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP THE LOOKOUT THE MATE THE BOATSWAIN THE SHIP'S COOK THE CABIN BOY THE STRANGE PASSENGER THE BUTTON MOULDER

Wedding Guests, Peasants, Lads, Girls, Troll Courtiers and Troll Maidens, Dancing Girls, the Ship's Crew and others.



THE SCENES.

PART I.

ACT I. Scene 1. Norway. Gynt's Home. The Mill House.

Scene 2. Hegstad Farm.

ACT II. Scene 1. In the Mountains.

Scene 2. The Hall of the Dovre King.

Scene 3. In the Mountains.

ACT III. Scene 1. Peer's Hut in the Forest. Scene 2. The Interior of Gynt's Home.

PART II.

Act IV. Scene 1. Morocco. A Palm Grove on the Coast.

Scene 2. An Oasis in the Desert.

ACT V. Scene 1. Norway. A Vision of Solveig Waiting.

Scene 2. On Board a Ship in the North Sea.

Scene 3. Norway. Solveig's Hut.

Thirty years are supposed to have elapsed between Parts I and II.



PEER GYNT.

ACT FIRST.

SCENE FIRST.

(A wooded billside in the mountains of Norway. An old mill shed and Gynt's home. (PEER GYNT, a strongly-built youth, comes down the pathway. His mother, ASE, a small, slightly-built woman, follows him, scolding angrily.)

ASE.

Peer, you're lying.

PEER
(without stopping).
No, I am not!

ASE.

Well then, swear that it is true !

PEER.

Swear? Why should I?