

# A Handsome Prince

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For 1-4 players

Approximately 2-10 minutes long

Players will improvise this story using the text as a guide to how they play their instrument. Word choice, as well as fonts, sizes, and space between words and phrases should be considered by each player as they tell the story.

About halfway through the story, distortions will be introduced. Players are free to interpret these distortions as they like, moving freely between them and even repeating distortions if desired until the beginning of the final section.

If there are multiple players, it is acceptable to have one player cue different sections of the narrative to keep the ensemble together. If Vocalists or Orators wish to participate in the piece, they are invited to use the text to express the story. Instrumentalists wishing to speak or sing the text are also welcome to do so.

Commentary:

For years, I have seen abstract art used as the basis for improvisation, but I have personally never seen poetry used in quite the same way. For me, I enjoy music having some sort of narrative throughline, even if the story is barely present, so this idea comes naturally.

# *A Handsome Prince*

Decided he would go on a quest to *The Magic Garden*  
So he could eat a whimsy apple  
To ease his boredom.

## *The Determined Prince*

Went  
Far away  
To reach his destination.  
Over Hills  
Through Mountains  
And under terrible weather.

## *The Exhausted Prince,*

Barely able to walk,  
Made it to *the Magic Garden*,  
So he could finally eat a whimsy apple.  
Hanging  
down  
from  
a friendly branch  
Was the legendary fruit, shining with a candied luster.

## *The Hungry Prince*

Ate the whimsy apple.

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But nothing happened  
The Prince remained bored  
And then lived

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*Prince*

Bbboring  
Prince.

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The  
Magnillionest Prince

Began  
To come  
To  
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Senses.  
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Having satisfied his boredom,  
He left the Magic Garden  
But made sure to take a few whimsy apples with him.