

**St. Mary's All Grade School
Mary's Harbour
presents**

"Aunt Steller's True Love"

Cast

**Aunt Steller..... Candace Rumbolt
Reggie Wiskeybolt..... Alisha Rumbolt
Dickie..... Brenda Spearing
Lizzie..... Cindy Samson
Darcy..... Shauna Pye
Pissy (Aunt Steller's Grandson)..... Lori Rumbolt**

Teacher Advisor

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(Curtain opens with Aunt Steller in her chair knitting and talking about the old days)

Aunt Steller: Oh my! Battle Harbour is not like it used to be. Things are gone modern, I suppose that’s the cause. I can ‘mind when we used to have dances over to Matty’s Cove on the old stage. We always got Uncle Johnny to row us over to the other side of Battle Harbour. Then we took off as fast as our legs could carry us, over Battle Harbour Hill. I was in some state when we got over. Our mouths and fingers was full of partridgeberry juice. By, I got to say they were some good. I tore up more than one pair of bloomers goin’ over that hill. I can mind courtin’ Reggie Wiskeybolt too. He was some man, he was. I’ll say he was some man.

(There is a knock at the door)

Aunt Steller: *(Shouting)* Come in my dear!

(Reggie enters)

Reggie: *(Puzzled, not sure if it’s really her)* Hello, Stella?

Aunt Steller: Yes, this is me, who’s you?

Reggie: Oh my, Stella you don’t remember me?

Aunt Steller: No by, I can’t say I do.

Reggie: It’s me, your lassy bun.

Aunt Steller: *(thinking)* Lassy bun, lassy bun, oh my, where in the name of God did you come from?!? *(She jumps up screaming in excitement)* Reggie, Reggie Wiskeybolt!!! I didn’t think I’d ever see you again. *(Shuffles over to see him, limping with cane, tripping over her knitting and almost falls, then starts adoring Reggie.)* My, Reggie still as handsome as ever. I had to get close to see ya, with me cataracts and all. My eyes is not like they was when I was courtin’ you Reggie. *(Changing subject)* So, what’s you doin’ over here in Battle Harbour this time of year?

Reggie: Oh nothing much my dear. I had to drop by and see my old flame.

Aunt Steller: Reggie by, those were the days. Come and have a seat me love. *(Both sit, Aunt Steller sits very close to Reggie and puts her hand on his knee)* It seems like so long ago when you left me.

Reggie: Oh Stella, if I could turn back time I would have never went away to that boarding school. But you know there wasn't a satisfying life here for me.

(Silence)

Aunt Steller: *(chuckling)* Do you remember our first date? It was down on the wharf by the slip in Matty's Cove, it was the best night of me life.

Reggie: I know, we had a ball, it's so funny. I can't even imagine we were ever that young.

Aunt Steller: *(In a daze)* No Reggie, to be honest with ya, I can't remember when we was that young. See, me memory is not that good either.

(They both look in the audience and remember old times, both with smiles upon their faces. Aunt Steller interrupts the silence)

Aunt Steller: *(excited because she has remembered something)* Reggie, I remembers something! Yes sir, used to put the lassy right on me lassy bun. *(Looks at him)* Ya still do too.

Reggie: Yes, and I feel the same about you too, my little bakeapple.

Aunt Steller: Say, how would you like to come over for Sunday dinner tomorrow? I'll cook up the tastiest feed for you. Oh yes! And there's a time down at the cookhouse the night. So, is ya gonna ask me?

Reggie: I never tasted your cooking before and I can't dance very well..but, of course I will come to dinner. Aunt Stella *(gets down on his knees)* will you do me the honour of coming to the time with me? *(Gets up and starts leaving)*

Aunt Steller: *(smiling)* I thought you would never ask me.

Reggie: Wonderful! I will meet you tonight at sevenish at the cookhouse, not one minute later.

Aunt Steller: I can't wait!

Reggie: All right. See you then.

(Reggie leaves and Steller gets up and dances around in excitement)

Aunt Steller: Oh my! Reggie's back! *(She is interrupted by a knock at the door. She is upset)*

My, who could that be now. *(Pauses)* Come on in.

(Lizzie, Dickie and Darcy enter.)

Dickie: Good day aunt Steller. We brought you over a feed of beaver for your supper.

Aunt Steller: *(happily)* Oh thank you me lovers! Come in, sit down and tell me all the news.

Lizzie: No news maid. So how have you been doin' these days? Still got da piles er wha?

Aunt Steller: Nah by. I took that Preparation H and they're all gone now. I think I'm gettin' awful bad gas now. You can't get rid of it these days.

Darcy: I'll bring over some ginger wine to clear that up for ya later on.

Lizzie: Me and Dickie was just lookin' out through the window and saw a man commin' out of ya house. Say, I don't mean to be nosey or anything, but who was he?

Dickie: It looked like that Reggie Wiskeybolt to me, ya knows, Aunt Steller's old flame.

Darcy: Is that right Aunt Steller?

Aunt Steller: *(happily)* Yes, he's back. We're goin to the time tonight and have Sunday dinner the mar. Say, are ye goin to the time tonight? I'd love fer ya to see the little darlin again. And you can come over for Sunday dinner too.

Dickie: Yes, that'll be wonderful. I'll bring a big, plump duck.

Aunt Steller: Good enough! Bye now!

Darcy: Yes, see you later.

(They leave and Pissy enters)

Pissy: *(Talking very fast and excited)* Poo, My God Nan, Nan, Nan!!!

Aunt Steller: What do you want Pissy me son?

Pissy: *(Again talking very fast)* Hurry, hurry, come and see the fish I caught. It was this big. *(Opens his arms and hits Aunt Steller)*

Aunt Steller: *(Running after Pissy)* I'll get you yet Pissy, ya harden devil.

(They both run offstage. Curtains close. Dickie, Lizzie and Pissy are already at the time. Reggie walks in)

Dickie: Well I'll be! *(Shaking hands with Reggie)* Reggie Wiskeybolt. How did you ever find ya way back here? So how have ya been gotten on? I guessed you was well educated now and had a good job fer yourself.

Reggie: Well, I did but all I could think about was Stella. So I decided to retire and come back.

Lizzie: Ya mean all these years and ya still love her?

Reggie: Yes, it's true.

(Steller and Darcy enter)

Aunt Steller: Oh my! Reggie, you made it!

Reggie: Of course Stella. Would you like to dance?

Aunt Steller: Yes Reggie, that would be lovely. *(Aunt Steller and Reggie start waltzing)*
Reggie, I really don't know what to do with ya. You've come to steal my heart again.

Reggie: Yes, Stella, my sweet but this time I'm here to stay.

Aunt Steller: *(In amazement)* Are you sure Reggie? You're gonna give up your fancy life for me? You know I haven't got much to offer ya. Only me good looks.

Reggie: Oh yes Stella! I would give up all the lights in the city for you.

Dickie: *(Interrupting Reggie and Aunt Steller)* if you wants a ride across the cove with me ya better come now cause I got to pick me ducks for dinner the mar.

Aunt Steller: Yes and I got to put me salt beef in soak.

(They all leave. Curtains close. Aunt Steller is getting dinner ready. Lizzie, Darcy and Dickie enter)

Dickie: Hi Aunt Steller. My, something smells some good.

Darcy: Here's ya ginger wine Aunt Steller. *(Aunt Steller takes the ginger wine, opens it and drinks the whole bottle)* So, you got all the dinner out of the pot?

Aunt Steller: I think I got it all.

Lizzie: Now, you knows you can't see very good.

Pissy: By I'm some hungry. I can't wait to eat.

Dickie: Yes me too. Sure you can hear me guts grumblin' all the way over to Indian Cove.

Aunt Steller: *(showing off)* So how do I look? I bought a new dress, changed me drawers and everything!

Darcy: Don't worry maid. I'm sure Reggie will love ya. He did last night anyway.

Aunt Steller: I hope so! I never dome all this work for nutin'.

(There is a knock at the door. Reggie enters and Steller rushes over to him and hugs him.)

Reggie: Good day everyone!

Aunt Steller: I'm so glad you're here. Come and sit down now. I'm just about to get dinner on the table. *(Walks him over to the table and sits him down. They all sit to the table while Aunt Steller gets dinner ready. Reggie excuses himself)*

Reggie: Excuse mem please. I have to go freshen up. *(Starts leaving the stage)*

Pissy: Down the hall by. The basin is by the bed.

(Dickie and Lizzie huddle)

Lizzie: I knows. Let's play a joke on Reggie.

Dickie: All right then, what'll we do?

Lizzie: When Reggie comes back out of the room, we'll tell him to turn on the light switch.

Dickie: Yes. See if he remembers we ain't got no power.

(Reggie re-enters from the outhouse)

Dickie: My, it's some dark in here.

Lizzie: Yes. Reggie, say could you be a darlin and turn on the light switch fer us?

Reggie: Yes of course I will. *(He looks for the switch but can't find it)* I can't seem to find it.

(Everyone starts laughing)

Pissy: Some stun is ya by. Ya knows ya got to light the kerosene lamp.

Dickie: Reggie, I taught you was from Battle Harbour. Come and sit down by.

Reggie: *(sitting down, embarrassed)* Yes, you've got me. I'm just so used to the city I guess.

Darcy: That's all right Reggie. *(Excited)* let's tell en some stories about Aunt Steller now. Make her face turn red.

Aunt Steller: Don't you go tellin no fibs where I'm to.

Lizzie: All right! All right! Member the time Dickie came over on his dog sleigh. Aunt Steller wanted to go out and give it a try. But *(laughing for a moment)* instead of "Mush" she said "Giddy up"!

Dickie: *(Trying not to laugh)* Oh yes! Oh yes! Reggie by! First the dogs wouldn't budge, then they took off with Aunt Steller in tow, just like a bolt of lightning!! And the way she goes. I taught I saw a snow bird first. But it turns out to be Aunt Steller flyin through the air!!

Lizzie: By the time she got out of the snow bank, she looked like frosty the snowman. Only wrinklier!

Aunt Steller: *(Putting plates on the table)* You hush up now, tellin Reggie all that nonsense. *(Slaps Dickie and Lizzie on the head with the dish cloth)* Now eat ya dinner.

(Aunt Steller sits down tot he table, very close to Reggie and starts blowing in his ear.)

Dickie: Where's the salt beef Aunt Steller?

Aunt Steller: Oh it must be still in the pot. Reggie would you be a darlin and get it for me?

Reggie: Yes, I'll get it. *(Gets up and goes over to the two pots on the stove. Holds up underwear in disgust)* What is this? I assure you it isn't salt beef!

(Pissy puts his head down and starts laughing to himself)

Aunt Steller: Oh that's me drawers. I put them in lye to boil. I guess I put them in the wrong pot. After you leaves them on fer a month there some hard to get clean.

(Reggie puts it back in the pot and sits down)

Pissy: *(Laughing out loud)* Ha, ha, ha. Nan put her drawers in this pot this morning and they have been boiling with the dinner all day. Gross Nan. I'm not eatin that. See ya. *(Runs off stage)*

Reggie: I think I'm full my dear. *(Urges while he pushes plate away)*

Lizzie: *(Putting her food in her napkin)* It's some good.

Dickie: Yes, I'd say it got a strange flavor to it though.

Aunt Steller: Oh well, suit yourself, more for me. *(Keeps eating)* My, I don't know what I done with the dinner but it's some tasty.

Reggie: *(Looks at watch)* Well, the time wasn't long passing. I must be getting home. The wind is starting to pick up and I need to row across the cove.

Dickie: Wait by, we'll row over with ya.

Lizzie: Yes, I got to get to bed. I got a long day ahead of me the mar. The tide is gonna be low. I got to get meself a feed of mussels.

Darcy: It was a lovely dinner Aunt Steller. Thanks now.

Dickie: I'll get the boat ready Reggie.

(Lizzie, Darcy and Dickie leave)

Aunt Steller: *(Giving Reggie a hug before he leaves)* Bye me little lassy bun, drop by again soon.

Reggie: I will very soon. Next time I will do the cooking Stella. Bye now. *(Leaves)*

Aunt Steller: Well, I suppose I should clean up. *(Starts taking dishes off the table)* My goodness! What's that stink? Oh yes, I never emptied me pail yet the day. *(Goes to get pail and takes cover off)* Poo, what a hum!! *(She takes pail and throws contents at audience)*