

Taylor Made Players

Black Tickle

A Feeble Attempt

Character List

Granny Feeble:	- Victoria Keefe
Beth:	- Abigail Keefe
Tom:	- Victor Dyson
Jerry:	- Aubrey Keefe
Trixie:	- Jaiden Keefe
Purser:	-Lorrie Morris
Ambient Voice/Announcer	- Lucas Keefe

Song List

Scene one to end of scene two song: Count on me - Bruno mars

Scene two to scene three song: She's So Mean – Matchbox 20

Stage switch to scene four: 50 ways to say goodbye – train

Scene four to scene five: Home we'll go- walk of the earth

Ending song: Home – Phillip Phillips

Scene one props:

- Lobby chairs
- Sign: something by the purser's office to catch granny's attention.
- Check books and pens at the office.

Scene two props:

- Tom, Jerry and Trixie are sitting on the bunk beds
- Beth struggles with her suitcase.
- Plush puppy and cage

Scene three props:

- 2 suitcases
- purse
- Bra
- Life jackets
- Blankets
- Colourful sweaters.

Scene four props:

- blanket
- Oars for the boat.

Scene five props:

- Poster on the community building
- Pond prop

Summary: An ill-tempered Granny Feeble attempts to gather her family and friends on board the Northern Ranger so they can all get to Come Home Year in Black Tickle. But due to her feebleness and her unusual "family", she finds that it feels less like a reunion and more of a burden.

A FEEBLE ATTEMPT

Scene 1

(In the lobby of the Ranger and Granny Feeble is frantically trying to get everyone to gather around her.) (Left side stage of stage)

Granny: One, two- hey! One's in the bathroom, get outta there! Two is on the stairs- stay there! Three-one's on the chair... The whole lotta ya, stay where you are!

(Everyone stops what they're doing and freezes in random poses.)

Granny (calmly): Alright. One, two, three; good, now come on, we haven't got all day, you know! Now let's make our way down to our bunk.

(Trixie, Tom and Jerry heads down towards the left side curtains. They make an exit behind the curtain and appear out towards the right side of the stage where bunks are located. Lights stay down on the right side of the stage. Granny walks towards the purser's office where a poster catches her eye. Not noticing that Beth, an old family friend, is calling off the purser.)

Beth (disgusted): so you are insinuating that my dog is of such *low class* that she has to stay in those *crummy* dog cages!

Purser (annoyed): for the last time, Miss, those are the rules and they apply to everyone.

Beth: (grunts) Well, I'll have you know that my beautiful dog is worth a lot more than this whole smelly boat...

Ambient Voice: (guffawed) that's not very hard.

Granny (overhearing): Nonsense, Beth, my dear, you can sleep in our bunk with us. We are only your own brood, basically, we're family! Come on now, then!

(Granny pushes Beth along with her and Beth face palms.)

(Light fades on the full stage, then song plays for end of scene one to scene two. Count on Me by Bruno Mars)

Scene 2

(In the Feeble bunk right side stage, the three feeble cousins talk amongst themselves. Suddenly, they start talking about their childhoods with each other.)

Tom: Bhy, remember that time when we tried to climb the hill behind the house and Granny found out what we were up to?

Jerry (laughing): Yeah, yeah! We had to be barred in for at least a month! But that's not as bad as when we snuck down to the cove and tried to start a bonfire out of Pop's old, broken, row boat. I got shoved into the cove and got so bloody wet! I tried to sneak back into the house to get a dry suit of clothes and BAM! I got my arse reddened! That old spoon Nan used was left in my nightmares ever since!

Trixie: Speaking of nightmares, I heard that old Beth is on the boat, going to Come Home Year, too!

Tom: Oh no! Not that old townie! Remember all those times that she chased us around, us ditching her and her tattling on us when we tried to have some fun. We used to be barred in for weeks all because of her! Please, tell me it's just another bit of Black Tickle gossip, Trixie!

Jerry: Yeah, I bet *you* wished it was gossip. I remember those summers when you were tormenting the life out of Beth. Half the time, you weren't ditched, you were left since you were never far from ten feet! You liked her didn't you, Tom?

Tom (embarrassed): Awe, shut up, you two!

(Jerry and Trixie laugh mockingly at Tom)

(Door to the bunk opens on right side stage and Granny walks in.)

Granny: What were you laughing about so loudly? I heard you all the way up in the lounge!

Jerry: Sorry, we were just tormenting Tom about how he used to be so in love with Beth! I can't believe it; she's just so... so...

Trixie: Snooty?

Everyone: Yeah, Snooty!

(Beth enters behind Granny. Everyone's faces goes red and they falls silent as she clears her throat.)

Granny (beaming at Beth): Come in, come in, dearie, and choose a bunk. It's much bigger than last year's choice, we splurged a little.

Beth (awkwardly): Oh, how cute... It seemed to be a lot bigger before...

(Beth tries to drags in her luggage but has some trouble. Granny gets the two cousins to help as Beth gets settled away. Trixie sees Beth's dog and turns to mush.)

Trixie: Oh my God, a puppy! She's so sweet!

(She reaches out to pet the dog, but Beth smacks her hand away.)

Beth (disgusted): Oh, don't touch her, she just had her fur primped for this special occasion, and her sweater is designer! It can't get dirty, it was way too expensive!

Trixie (upset): God, boy, it's just a stupid crackie, is all.

Beth (angry): (gasps) a crackie..?

Granny (pushing all the kids together, breaking up the fight): oh, isn't this wonderful? Beth is back! Remember all those summers that you all had together as troublesome youngsters? Well, it's been a very long day, why don't we call it a night?

(Beth and Trixie glares at each other they pantomime hate signs. They all get into their bunks. Beth notices that Trixie has the best bunk in the room and she decided that she wants it out of spite.)

Beth: I want your spot.

Trixie: Fine, your spot is closer to the bathroom anyways.

(Beth does a double-take. She's surprised by how fast she gets the spot but shakes it off.)

Beth: Okay, everyone, I have some rules. (Everyone's confused so she continues) Don't touch my luggage, don't touch my bed, definitely don't touch my dog, Phoebe, and don't bother me... have a nice night!

(Lights go out full stage. While the song; she's So Mean – Matchbox 20 is playing the cast moves to right side stage towards the bunks. After music has played light go up on right half the stage.)

Scene 3

(The boat is rocking in the middle of the night. A sea-sick Trixie runs to the bathroom, holding her stomach, and throws up. Sound effects of wave crashing is added.)

Trixie: Ugh! I hate this bloody bumbling boat!

(Trixie stumbles around, rummaging in everyone's luggage, looking for some medicine. Suddenly she reaches Beth's bags. She roots around inside and pulls out one of Beth's bras. Disgusted, she throws it across the room and keeps searching. A lot of noise is made by her, and it wakes up Beth's dog Phoebe, who starts to bark. Add sound effect of the dog barking.)

(The barking soon wakes up Beth, who sees Trixie rummaging through her luggage. Suddenly, she jumps into hitting the sick Trixie with her purse.)

Beth (screaming): Thief! Thief! Thief!

(Trixie is trying not to barf and trying to stop the smacks)

Beth: EW! Gross!

(She backs up and hits a bunk hard in the process, hurting her head.)

Tom (just waking up): What is the world is going on?

Trixie (between urges): I'm... trying to... get some medicine.

(Trixie rushes to the bathroom just in time. Tom goes over to Beth to see if she's hurt, but he falls on her.)

Jerry (rubbing his eyes): (laughing) Look at this, guys, he's "falling" for Snooty already!

Granny (waking up, very concerned): Oh poor, Beth, what happened? If you don't stop carrying on, the next thing we know this old boat is going to break down!

(Announcer over the speaker):We're very sorry to inform you, but we are having slight engine failure. Please remain calm, and proceed to the upper deck for further instructions.

(Everything goes quiet for a few seconds, then Trixie in the bathroom starts throwing up again and the dog starts barking. Everyone groans. Granny gets everyone together and starts rounding up some blankets.)

Granny: Well, come on now; get your life jackets out of the closets. It's going to be a long night.

(While walking out of the room, Granny picks up Beth's bra that Trixie threw and wonders why it was there.)

Stage Switch

(Light go down on the full stage. While song *50 Ways To Say Goodbye – Train* is playing. The lobby and office is moved. After everything is moved the railings put up for this scene. Light up on the left side.)

(The Feebles and Beth are talking about the Ranger's engines failing. They are all on the deck getting ready to get on a life raft. It's really cold and Granny is forcing the kids to put on extra layers on everyone. Trixie is complaining of too many of Granny's knit and colourful sweaters. Beth is covering her dog with layers of blankets.)

Granny: Stop complaining, Trixie! Youngsters these days, don't listen! What if you fall in the ocean? What if you get hypothermia? You'll be wishing you had my lovely homemade sweaters then! I bet you would!

(Trixie rolls her eyes and walks away from Granny, her face still white.)

Beth: Oh, my poor Phoebe! She's going to freeze in these conditions, what horrible service!

Jerry: Bhy, we're going to need those blankets. What ya at?

Beth: You're so heartless! My poor Phoebe, she's so tiny. Unlike you, you have enough fat on you to last the winter!

Granny (pinching Jerry's cheeks): Nonsense, he's just well fed. In my day, a chubby child was a healthy one!

Beth: Well, whatever. Healthy or not, my poor Phoebe needs it more!

Jerry: Ah, shut up already. Throw a few towels at it; it's only the size of a muskrat anyways.

(Beth lunges at Jerry for insulting her dog, but Tom breaks up the fight.)

Tom: Bhy, the dog isn't even supposed to be here. Just give the blankets to her so she can hide the dog.

(Beth sticks her tongue out at Jerry and grabs the blanket and throws it at him.)

Beth: Fine then! I'll just use MY blankets to keep her warm! Come on Phoebe, let's get in line!

(Tom and Jerry starts to mumble about what a townie Beth is.)

(They all start to climb into the life boat, as Trixie staggers to the rail, green in the face.)

Granny: Remain calm everyone; enter the life boat slowly, so it doesn't tip over!

(Everyone enter fine but Trixie slips over the rail and falls overboard. Add sound effect of Trixie falling overboard.)

Everyone: Gasp!

Granny: My baby!

(Lights go down on left stage, while music plays everyone in the cast moves the bunks and transforms the bed in the life boat.)

Scene 4

(Lights go up right side stage.)

(Everyone is on the life boat in the middle of the ocean, heading home to Black Tickle. Trixie is dripping wet and freezing, her teeth is chattering and she is shivering, wanting the sweaters Granny offered earlier.)

Granny (trying to keep Trixie warm): I told you so! I told you didn't I? Now your all wet and cold and wanting my lovely sweaters! (Wrapping arms around her) Oh, Trixie!

(Meanwhile, Beth is holding Phoebe close and shivering like crazy. Tom leisurely scoots over and offers her some of his blanket.)

Beth: God loves ya! I... I mean... thank you.

(Tom winks and throws his blanket over her shoulders.)

Tom: Well, it looks like it's going to be a long while before we reach Black Tickle.

Beth: I sure hope not! If it's going to be long, I'm sure I'm going to freeze to death!

Tom (putting his arm around Beth's shoulder): Don't worry, I'll keep you warm.

(Beth jumps away from Tom in shock)

Beth: Excuse me! I'm sorry, but I have a boyfriend!

(Everyone starts to crowd around Beth and Tom, as they notice that a fight is starting to break out.)

Tom (frantically apologizes, embarrassed): I-I'm sorry, I couldn't help it. When I was younger, I used to have a big crush on you. I used to always try to talk to you, but the bigger boys kept laughing at me since you were always shoving me in the ditch...

Beth (hurt in her voice): I'm sorry, too. I didn't mean to hurt your feelings, but the girls made me believe that you had warts!

Tom (confused): What? Why-

Jerry (cutting in): I remember that! Buddy boy over there was flirtin', asking if she liked frogs and she said yes. (Goth Kid) whispered that he had warts and she's been away from him ever since!

Trixie(smiling like crazy): Ribbit, ribbit!

(Everyone laughs)

Beth (blushing): Really Tom, I did have a crush on you too. Maybe if I knew back then, things could have been different...

Tom (astonished and overjoyed):What? Really?!

(They both smile and try to hug but the life boat hits land.)

Random Voice: Black Tickle up the land, boys! We're home! _____

(Lights go down full stage, scene four songs plays;Home we'll go- walk of the earthwhile song is playing the railing and life boat props is taken off stage. On the left side of the stage the road and potholes is added. Right side stage door and poster prop is added for the hall.)

Scene 5

(Lights go back up left side stage. Everyone is on the Black Tickle dock and Granny is getting the kids together once again.)

Granny: Alright now everyone we all have to hurry if we're going to make it to the community hall in time for the Come Home party.

Trixie (checking her watch): Boys, we only got a couple of minutes.

Granny: Let's skedaddle then!

(Lights dim and everyone runs across the stage. Add sound effect of boot crunching on the road. Lights come back on and the group is trying to walk across the stage once again, but is being slowed by potholes.)

Trixie: It's been years since I've been here and the potholes are still the same, or probably even worse, if possible.

Beth (shocked): POTHOLESI!? I thought this was a pond!

Granny: Well, bhy, we're not called the Island Of Ponds for nothing! Tom and Jerry! Stop playing in that puddle!

Jerry (acting serious): Enough with the chaw everyone, we got one minute to get to the hall. Let's boot it to her!

(Sounds of crunching boots. The group finally reaches the community hall and it's dark and quiet.)

Jerry (confused): Bhy, did we miss all the fun, or wha?

(Granny puts her glasses on and reads a nearby sign on the wall.)

Granny (embarrassed): Oh my sweet bakeapples! Look at that! The Come Home Year party is not today! It's tomorrow! I must have read my calendar wrong...

Jerry (very upset): Ah, Granny, my dear! After all we went through tryna get here! And now we have to wait until tomorrow?

Trixie (quietly): Well, it doesn't matter what the journey was like. It only matters if that we're all together and that we're home.

(Everyone looks at her in surprises and she looks down at her feet.)

Trixie (embarrassed): Or whatever...

Tom: Trix, that was so cheesy.

Trixie: Whatever, I'm going over to Nan's to get some fish and bruise; she probably got some over there. Come on everyone.

(Everyone chases Trixie, while Tom and Beth fall behind to talk.)

Beth: Fish and bruise this late at night? I can't eat that, it's too greasy and it goes straight to my hips.

Tom (smiling): It's such a beautiful night, huh? I mean, look at those stars. I never saw them so bright. It'll be a great time for a long walk.

Beth: Oh, okay, that's a great idea, Tom, I'll love to see home again.

(They link arms and walk off in another direction than the others. Meanwhile, the cousins and Granny is talk nonstop about how good the fish and bruise is going to be.)

(Lights go down full stage song plays; home – Phillip Phillips)

The End