

# The Ugly Duckling – A Visual Story

## The Cast



Murray Andrews plays Pretty Duckling and Fido.



Ruth Page plays Mother Duck and The Cow.



Ross Telfer plays The Ugly Duckling.



Simon Stanhope plays Gorgeous Duckling and Farmer.

### Mother Duck

Mother Duck swims into the pond and says hello to the audience.

“Quack, Quack”

That means ‘hello!’ You can shout ‘hello’ back to Mother Duck if you would like to.

Mother Duck counts her eggs...1...2...3!



### Pretty Duckling

One of Mother Duck’s eggs starts to crack and out pops Pretty Duckling who Quacks with excitement.

“Quack, Quack”

You can quack back to Pretty Duckling if you would like to – that means ‘hello’!



### Gorgeous Duckling

The second of Mother Duck's eggs starts to crack and out pops another duckling! He is absolutely gorgeous, so Mother Duck names him 'Gorgeous Duckling'.

"Quack, Quack"

You can quack back to Gorgeous Duckling if you would like to – that means 'hello'!



### Ugly Duckling

The third of Mother Duck's eggs starts to crack...but Uh, Oh!...he doesn't look like the other ducklings at all.

Pretty and Gorgeous aren't very nice to the new duckling, calling him names like 'Ugly', 'Nasty' and 'Poopypants'.

Mother Duck asks the audience to name the new duckling. You can shout out a name now if you would like to.

The Ugly Duckling says 'Hello'!

"Honk, Honk"



### Swimming Lessons

Mother Duck takes the three ducklings on their first swimming lesson, and they all do really well. They sing a song while swimming that you can join in with if you would like to.

The Ugly Duckling is kind and thanks Mother Duck for his lesson but Pretty and Gorgeous mock him and say they don't like him.

Mother Duck tells them to stop and to play nicely as a family.



### Ugly Duckling Runs Away

The night draws in. It starts to get dark, and the Ugly Duckling starts to think why Pretty and Gorgeous are so mean to him. Being different makes him want to cry, and he doesn't want to be bullied, so he decides to run away from home.

The Ugly Duckling waddles away from the pond and asks the audience if they can waddle too? You can join in on stage if you would like to.



#### FIDO

The Ugly Duckling meets Fido the Dog on his journey. Fido talks about all the things that he likes, including catching a ball.

The Ugly Duckling can't do any of these things and Fido thinks that he is a bit pointless.

Fido agrees to let the Ugly Duckling stay at the farm where lots of other animals live.



#### COW

The Ugly Duckling meets the Cow at the farm. The Cow talks about all the things that she likes, including eating grass.

The Ugly Duckling can't do any of these things and the Cow thinks that he is a bit pointless.

Fido returns and they all sing a song about the animals on the farm, including sheep, pigs and...a shopping trolley!



#### FARMER

Fido and the Cow think that the Ugly Duckling doesn't belong on the farm, so he starts to swim away when a farmer stops him.

The farmer asks what makes the Ugly Duckling happy and what makes him sad.

The Ugly Duckling replies that 'being different' and 'not belonging' make him sad.

But he enjoys lots of things including, 'swimming', 'sunshine' and 'being with friends'.



### WHERE HE TRULY BELONGS

The farmer has made The Ugly Duckling feel better about himself but now is the time for him to go and find the place where he truly belongs.

Autumn turns to winter and the Ugly Duckling settles in the reeds to keep himself warm.

A majestic swan flies overhead.



### The Beautiful Swan

The majestic swan lands and speaks to The Ugly Duckling. The Ugly Duckling wishes that he was a majestic swan too.

But the Swan doesn't understand and tells him to go and look in his reflection.

The Ugly Duckling has turned into a Beautiful Swan!

The Beautiful Swan is now very happy indeed and flies away with the swan.



### The End

**The show has now finished. The actors will take a bow. If you liked your show, you are welcome to clap now.**

**The audience will now leave. Please take all of your belongings and any litter with you. See you again soon!**