



# Chicken PREDICAMENT



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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

**Dr. Preston** is a calm and kind teacher, prone to asking thought-provoking questions that allow her students to problem-solve and rely on teamwork.

**Joy** is witty and concerned, and always thinking ahead. She leads with her heart and feels very responsible for Lady Cluckery and her eggs.

**Lauri** is the charismatic leader of the group and a problem-solver. She comes up with an important plan to find Lady Cluckery.

**Keisha** is a mix of fun, serious, and compassionate. She has a dramatic flair and knows how to bring the drama at just the right time.

**Amy** is serious and reflective. She has a kind heart and is truly concerned about Lady Cluckery. She does her best to help keep the eggs safe while the hen is missing.

**Leonard** is energetic and curious. He is also the encourager of the group, keeping track of all the good they've done to take care of Lady Cluckery.

**Summer** is spirited and funny. While she is all about the teamwork and wants to help find Lady Cluckery, she also is a bit of a class clown.

**Sam** is Summer's best friend. He is funny but can compose himself faster than Summer can. He takes his job as chicken investigator seriously (with a dose of humor sprinkled in).

**Owen** is expressive and energetic. He talks with his hands and has a lot of energy to go around. He imagines himself and the baby chicks to be superheroes.

**Angel** is a compassionate classroom leader. He can be no-nonsense, but he has a dry sense of humor as well.

**Louis** is a creative team player. Although he's helpful, he likes to use his sense of humor in times of stress. Sometimes he gets carried away with his imaginings.

**The Librarian** takes her job as guardian of the library very seriously, but she tries to be patient with the chicken investigators.

**Mr. Jackson** is the patient but firm art teacher who also appreciates kids being kids.

**Students in the Library** are diligent and quiet workers who become slightly annoyed when Louis and Angel investigate the library.

**Classroom Students** full of enthusiasm fill the classroom with chitter-chatter and song.

## SETTINGS

**Scene 1:** Dr. Preston's Classroom

**Scene 2:** School Courtyard

**Scene 3:** School Library

**Scene 4:** Art Room

**Scene 5:** Theater

**Scene 6:** School Courtyard

## PRODUCTION NOTES

The set design and scene changes in this mini-musical should be easy. They can be shown with a poster/sign change, along with easy props you find around your classroom or school. Fancy set designs are not required or encouraged. If props are not handy or cannot be easily created, miming is an entertaining alternative. This is meant to be fun and accessible for all! Costumes can be made with some creativity, or you might simply create t-shirts with the names of the characters on them. Remember, creativity and expression are encouraged!

**SCENE 1**

*The lights come on to reveal students in Dr. Preston's class gathering around a large classroom calendar showing a date that's circled.*

Students begin to chant, cheer, and jump up and down in excitement.

**STUDENTS**

Today is the day for baby chicks! Baby chicks! Baby chicks! Today is the day for baby chicks! Baby chicks! Baby chicks!

**DR. PRESTON**

It could be! If the chicks are ready to hatch, we may meet them before we leave for the weekend.

Students head to their desks, but Joy, Lauri, Keisha, Amy, Leonard, Summer, and Owen remain by the calendar.

**JOY**

I hope so! Lady Cluckery has been sitting like a queen on her nest for weeks.

**LAURI**

For 21 days to be exact!

Lauri heads over to her desk and starts quietly rummaging around, looking for something.

**KEISHA**

She's been protecting her eggs around the clock!

**LEONARD**

We took good care of Lady Cluckery, didn't we? We cleaned her nest box.

**AMY**

Gave her plenty of food and water.



**SUMMER**

(gives herself a hug)

And we made sure she was comfy and warm.

Owen taps Leonard and Joy on their arms and points to the window. They hurry over to the classroom window to look out at the chickens.

**OWEN**

I want to see baby chicks crack through those blue eggshells like mini superheroes. CRACK, SMASH, POW, BANG!

They laugh.

**JOY**

I know! They could hatch at any moment.

Lauri walks by with a journal that reads: *Chick Log*.

**LAURI**

By my calculations . . . any second.

**LEONARD**

Or nanosecond!

Joy, Lauri, Keisha, Amy, Leonard, Summer, and Owen head back to their desks.

Sam, Louis, and Angel run up to Dr. Preston.

**ANGEL**

Dr. Preston, we've been waiting patiently.

**LOUIS**

And not-so-patiently . . .

**SAM**

Can we check on Lady Cluckery now and see how she's doing?

**ANGEL**

I think I heard thunder. She might be scared.



**LOUIS**

Or hungry!

Dr. Preston smiles and nods.

**DR. PRESTON**

Okay class, it's time to visit the Chicken Inn!

Dr. Preston and all the students grab their jackets and sweaters to head outside.



## SCENE 2

*Schoolyard: It's a cloudy spring day with a possibility of rain.*

*At the Chicken Inn (the coop), there are supposed to be four Lavender Ameraucana hens and one rooster. But Lady Cluckery's nest is empty, except for her eggs. The rest of the chickens are pecking about.*

The students hurry into the school courtyard, excited to see if any surprises await them.

They gather around Lady Cluckery's nest. But the only surprise they find is Lady Cluckery . . . MISSING!

**AMY**

Oh no! Lady Cluckery ran away!

**OWEN**

She's a hen on the run!

**SAM**

Was she stolen?

**KEISHA**

What if she died?!

**LEONARD**

We've got ourselves a real chicken predicament.

**ANGEL**

You all are being sooooo DRAMATIC!

**SUMMER**

I know, let's think like a chicken . . .

**SAM**

And act like a chicken—and maybe we'll find her. BAWK!

Summer and Sam start flapping their arms and pecking around.



**DR. PRESTON**

Excellent idea. Let's peck about and see.

The students begin frantically searching all around the courtyard and chicken coop. They search under every plant in the garden. They rummage through the squash vines, peer into the compost pile, snoop in the shrubbery, and inspect every nook and cranny of the chicken coop.

As they search, they sing:

*#1 — WHERE'S LADY CLUCKERY?*

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

WHERE'S LADY CLUCKERY?

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUK

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

NO ONE REALLY KNOWS!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUK-KUK

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

WE THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST RESTING

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUK

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

BUT WHERE DID SHE GO?

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUKAWK

**LAURI, JOY, AND OWEN**

WE REALLY NEED TO FIND HER!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUK



**LAURI, JOY, AND OWEN**  
THE CHICKS' BIG DAY IS NEAR

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-BUK

**LAURI, JOY, AND OWEN**  
AND IN JUST 40 MINUTES . . .  
THE WEEKEND WILL BE HERE!

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUKAWK

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
OH, WHERE'S LADY CLUCKERY?

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-BUK

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
WE MUST SEARCH HIGH AND LOW

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUKAWK

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
TOGETHER WE MUST FIND HER

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-BUK-BAWK

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
FROM MORNING BELL TO LUNCHTIME

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BAAAWK



**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
FROM LUNCH TO END OF SCHOOL

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-BUK

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
WE THOUGHT SHE WAS PECKING AWAY

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-KAW

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**  
AND BEING SUPER COOL

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK -KAW-KAW

**ALL (EXCEPT FOR SUMMER AND SAM)**  
WHEN WE CHECKED THE CHICKEN INN

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK

**ALL**  
SHE WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-BUK

**ALL**  
WE'VE DECIDED WE NEED TO

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUKAWK

**ALL**  
SEARCH EVERYWHERE AROUND

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK- BUK-BAWK



**ALL**  
WHERE'S LADY CLUCKERY?

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUKAWK

**ALL**  
WE MUST SEARCH HIGH AND LOW

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUK-BUK-BAWK

**ALL**  
TOGETHER WE MUST FIND HER

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUKAWK

**ALL**  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BAAWK

**ALL**  
SHE'S LOST WITHIN OUR SCHOOL  
SO FAR SOMEWHERE AWAY (HEY)  
WE REALLY HAVE TO FIND HER  
BEFORE THE END OF DAY (HEY)  
HER CHICKS ARE COMING SOON  
THERE WILL BE NO DELAY (HEY)  
WE REALLY MUST FIND HER  
BEFORE END OF SCHOOL TODAY (HEY)

**ALL**  
WHERE'S LADY CLUCKERY?

**SUMMER AND SAM**  
BUKAW

**ALL**  
WE MUST SEARCH HIGH AND LOW



**SUMMER AND SAM**

BAWK-BAW

**ALL**

TOGETHER WE MUST FIND HER  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BAWK BAWK BAWK BAWK

**ALL**

BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BAWK BAWK BAWK

**ALL**

BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUKAWWWWW!

**ALL**

BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

BUK! BUK! BUK! BUK! BUK! BAKAW BUK! BUKAW BUK!

Summer and Sam are still walking around like chickens, pecking here and there, trying to find Lady Cluckery. The other students are in various stages of searching too.

**DR. PRESTON**

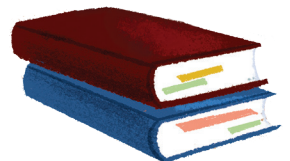
(clears her throat)

Okay, let's gather around, students and um . . . chickens.

Summer and Sam lead the group into doing chicken clucks as they hurry over to Dr. Preston.

**DR. PRESTON**

Did anyone find Lady Cluckery?



**LOUIS**

We checked all around the chicken coop.

**LEONARD**

And searched under every plant in the garden too.

**ANGEL**

Mama Hen is definitely gone.

**SAM**

Only her eggs are here.

**OWEN**

(pointing to the door)

I think someone may have accidentally left the door to the schoolyard cracked open.

**LAURI**

Oh, that's right! I remember that it was open. And I bet Lady Cluckery saw a shiny object and left to investigate it.

**KEISHA**

Who can pass up a shiny object? It could have been a ribbon or a marble . . . or a colorful rock!

**JOY**

I'm really worried. What should we do?

**AMY**

We need to search the school and find her before the final bell rings.

Lauri walks into the center of the group, ready to take charge.

**LAURI**

(to everyone)

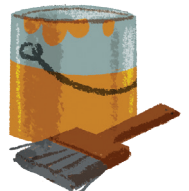
My thoughts exactly! Let's break into groups.

(to Angel and Louis)

You two hurry to the library.

(to Summer and Sam)

You two head to the art room!



(to Joy and Owen)

You two come to the theater with me.

(to Leonard, Amy, and Keisha)

And you three stay behind to keep the eggs warm.

**DR. PRESTON**

Excellent plan!

As they prepare to leave for their mission, they march around  
and sing a countdown song, worrying about the time it will take  
to find Lady Cluckery:

#2 — *TICK TOCK!*

**SUMMER AND SAM**

TICK TOCK!  
WATCH THE CLOCK  
TICK TOCK!  
NO TIME TO TALK

TICK TOCK!  
HURRY UP  
TICK TOCK!  
NO TIME

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

WE HAVE 40 MINUTES TO GET THE HEN  
40 MINUTES TO SEEK  
40 MINUTES TO FIND HER  
BEFORE THE DAY IS COMPLETE

**LAURI, JOY, AND OWEN**

40 MINUTES TO SCOUR THE SCHOOL  
40 MINUTES TO KNOW  
WHERE OUR HEN IS HIDING  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**

WHERE OH WHERE'S OUR CHICKEN  
WE'D REALLY LOVE TO KNOW  
WE MUST FIND LADY CLUCK'RY  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!



WHERE OH WHERE'S OUR CHICKEN  
WE'D REALLY LOVE TO KNOW  
WE MUST FIND LADY CLUCK'RY  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**ALL**

TICK TOCK!  
WATCH THE CLOCK  
TICK TOCK!  
NO TIME TO TALK!  
TICK TOCK  
HURRY UP!  
TICK TOCK  
WE CANNOT STOP!

**SUMMER AND SAM**

TICK TOCK!  
WATCH THE CLOCK  
TICK TOCK!  
NO TIME TO TALK

**ALL**

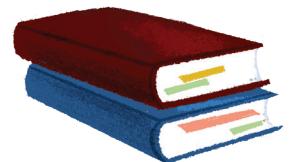
TICK TOCK!  
HURRY UP!  
TICK TOCK!  
WE CANNOT STOP!

**LAURI, JOY, AND OWEN**

40 MINUTES HIGH AND LOW  
40 MINUTES WITHOUT A PEEP  
40 MINUTES OF NOTHING TO SHOW  
SHE MIGHT JUST BE ASLEEP

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

40 MINUTES TO FIND OUR HEN  
40 MINUTES TO LOOK  
40 MINUTES BEFORE WE LEAVE  
SHE MIGHT BE READING A BOOK





**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**

WHERE OH WHERE'S OUR CHICKEN  
WE'D REALLY LOVE TO KNOW  
WE MUST FIND LADY CLUCK-ERY  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO GO!

**ALL**

(rap together)

LADY CLUCKERY DEAR  
PLEASE LISTEN HERE  
WE CANNOT LOCATE YOU  
GIVE US A SHOUT  
OR BUKAWK OUT  
OUR TIME IS ALMOST THROUGH  
BEFORE WE HAVE TO FIND YOU  
AND WE LEAVE FOR THE WEEKEND  
PLEASE LISTEN HERE, YOU MUST APPEAR  
OUR SWEET AND MISSING HEN

**ALL**

TICK TOCK!  
WATCH THE CLOCK  
TICK TOCK!  
NO TIME TO TALK!

TICK TOCK  
HURRY UP!  
TICK TOCK  
WE CANNOT STOP!

TICK TOCK TICK TOCK  
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK  
TICK TOCK TICK TOCK

**ALL**

(in a whisper)  
TOCK TICK TOCK TICK  
TOCK TICK TOCK TICK TICK



**DR. PRESTON**

Go team!

They all disperse into groups and race off to find  
Lady Cluckery before the school bell rings.



## SCENE 3

*School library: It's a typical library with bookshelves, chairs and a few tables, and a librarian's desk.*

Angel and Louis sneak into the library. They begin their search.

**ANGEL**

She's not in the reading nook.

**LOUIS**

And she's not in the poetry section. Maybe she ran away to write haiku.

(pausing as if before a great performance)

Chicken in the sun, writing haikus on the run . . . hope she's having fun!

**ANGEL**

Louis, that was not a haiku at all. It rhymed.

**LOUIS**

It's a Louis-haiku.

**ANGEL**

(pointing to his watch)

Tick tock, watch the clock! We need to keep looking.

They keep moving books around and searching.

**ANGEL**

She's not in nonfiction either! Maybe we'll find her over by the librarian's desk.

**LOUIS**

I don't think she'd make a very good librarian, but let's see . . .

They tiptoe over to the Librarian's desk.

They get on their hands and knees and crawl underneath the desk.

Louis begins rummaging through the recycling bin, while Angel looks behind every corner of the desk.



The Librarian looks up from her work, then looks down on the ground with a confused and amused look on her face.

**LIBRARIAN**

Can I help you two?

Louis's head peeks up from under the desk.

**ANGEL AND LOUIS**

We're just looking for something!

Angel and Louis head over to the computer stations, where other kids are pecking away at the keyboards.

The kids look at them, confused.

**LOUIS**

I've got it! Maybe Lady Cluckery is writing a story about her life at Bird Mountain School!

**ANGEL**

(shaking his head)

A memoir, Louis? I don't think so.

**STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY**

SHHHHHH!!!!

The Librarian walks over.

**LIBRARIAN**

Well, wherever Lady Cluckery may be and whatever she's doing, I haven't heard a peep from her in here.

**LOUIS AND ANGEL**

Not even in periodicals?

**LIBRARIAN**

(whispers)

You might want to look elsewhere.

Angel and Louis get off the floor and tiptoe out of the library.



**LOUIS**

(a little too loud)

I wonder if they're having any luck in the art room.

**STUDENTS IN THE LIBRARY**

SHHHHHH!!!!

They both stop and notice something on the floor in the doorway of the library. A chicken feather! Angel picks it up and waves it. They look surprised and hurry out.

**LOUIS AND ANGEL**

Tick tock!



## SCENE 4

*The lights come on to reveal the art room. On the walls, there are kid-painted works of art inspired by famous artists: Jean-Michel Basquiat, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pablo Picasso, and Frida Kahlo. There are worktables with art supplies, but no students sitting at the tables. Class is currently not in session.*

Sam and Summer enter the art room, chittering and chattering. Mr. Jackson looks at them curiously as they enter.

**SAM**

Maybe she's in here painting a masterpiece.

**SUMMER**

(points to the wall of art)

Yeah, she could be the next Jean-Cluck Basquiat!

**SAM**

Or Chicken O'Keeffe.

**SUMMER**

(laughing)

Or Chickasso.

**SAM**

(shouting)

Frida Chickahlo!

**MR. JACKSON**

Enough with the chicken puns, you two! Isn't it time to head back to your homeroom?

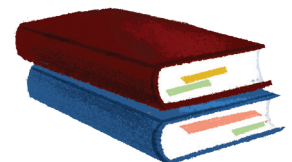
**SAM**

We're searching for Lady Cluckery, Mr. Jackson.

**SUMMER**

(laughing as she talks)

And eggs-ploring!



**MR. JACKSON**

Well, you better look quick. My next class will be coming in soon.

Sam and Summer race to search the art room. They peck around like chickens again (they way they did in the schoolyard).

They soon notice a small tipped-over bottle of paint and a couple of chicken footprints on some canvas paper. Summer and Sam hold up their “evidence.”

**SUMMER**

I knew she wanted to be an artist!

**MR. JACKSON**

She is stealthy. I had no idea Lady Cluckery was in here!

(looking at the paper)

You can take that with you.

**SUMMER AND SAM**

Thank you, Mr. Jackson. Tick tock, we can’t stop! We’ve gotta run!

They hurry out of the art room with their evidence.



## SCENE 5

*Theater: A spotlight lights up the backstage, where there are boxes of props, hats, wigs, and a costume closet.*

Lauri, Joy, and Owen hurry into the theater. They begin their search.

**OWEN**

I have a hunch that Lady Cluckery wants to steal the show. She's always been the most dramatic chicken in the coop.

**LAURI**

Dramatic and adventurous! Let's search the stage.

They search center stage, stage right, stage left, even backstage, but not a peep from Lady Cluckery.

Joy searches through the props and holds up a few items.

**JOY**

Not a peep from Lady Cluckery. She's not in here!

Owen searches through a hat box and puts on a hat.

**OWEN**

Nothing here either!

**JOY**

I don't think we'll ever find her in time.

**OWEN**

We can't chicken out now!

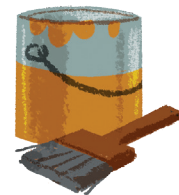
**LAURI**

We haven't checked the costume closet.

**JOY**

You're right!

They open the door to the costume closet and find none other than—





**LAURI, JOY, OWEN**

Lady Cluckery!

Lady Cluckery is sitting in a box of costume accessories. They laugh when they see her all dressed up.

**LAURI**

You're right, Owen. She is definitely the most dramatic chicken in the coop. Look at her decked out in those sweet pearls and that snazzy feather boa.

**JOY**

Awww! She wanted to dress up for her big day!

**LAURI**

She's a diva!

**OWEN**

Looks like she splattered herself with a little paint too. I guess she thought she was putting on makeup?

**LAURI**

Let's help her out of her costume.

**JOY**

Good idea.

Lauri cradles Lady Cluckery as Joy gently removes her pearls and boa.

**LAURI**

(still holding her)

Tick tock! We need to hurry and get her back to the Chicken Inn.

**OWEN AND JOY**

We'll help you!

Joy and Owen usher Lauri and Lady Cluckery carefully out of the theater.



## SCENE 6

*School courtyard: The clouds have cleared by the Chicken Inn.*

The egg-sitters, Leonard, Amy, and Keisha, are becoming rather concerned. They sit on the ground of the courtyard near the Chicken Inn, carefully cradling eggs in their hands to keep them warm.

**LEONARD**

What's taking everyone so long?

**AMY**

I'm worried the eggs won't hatch.

**KEISHA**

Do you think they're warm enough? Even my hands are starting to cool. And if my hands are starting to cool . . .

Just then, their classmates victoriously enter the garden. A smiling Lauri is at the front of the group cuddling Lady Cluckery, who looks relieved and happy to be back. The other searchers are smiling, cheering, and high-fiving each other.

**SEARCHERS**

We found her! We found her! Lady Cluckery is safe!

Keisha, Amy, and Leonard stand up, surprised and relieved.

**LAURI**

We need to reunite Lady Cluckery with her eggs now.

Keisha, Amy, and Leonard carefully put the eggs back in the nest box. Everyone quietly gathers around to watch as Lauri reunites Lady Cluckery with the eggs.

**DR. PRESTON**

(softly)

Look! Do you see what's happening?

Students have surprised and awe-inspired looks on their faces.



**LOUIS**

I hear the crack . . . crack . . . crackle!

**AMY**

Oh look! One of the blue eggs is wriggling. Do you see it?

The students chime in and sing the finale with excitement and pure joy!

#3 — *PECKAWAY (FINALE)*

**SUMMER, SAM, ANGEL, AND LOUIS**

PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY  
BREAK YOUR SHELL  
PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY  
YOU'RE DOING WELL  
WE'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU  
FOR QUITE A LONG SPELL  
PECK-PECK-PECK, PECK AWAY!

**LAURI, JOY, AND OWEN**

YOU'VE BEEN SQUISHED AND SQUASHED  
IN THE DARK SO LONG  
WE HAVE ALL BEEN HOPING  
YOU'D SOON COME ALONG  
AND NOW YOU'RE ALMOST HERE  
YOU MUST FINISH STRONG  
PECK-PECK-PECK, PECK AWAY!

**ALL**

PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY!  
BREAK YOUR SHELL  
PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY!  
YOU'RE DOING WELL  
WE'RE HAPPY TO GREET YOU  
IT'S EASY TO TELL  
PECK-PECK-PECK, PECK AWAY!

**AMY, KEISHA, AND LEONARD**

PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY!  
BREAK YOURSELF FREE  
PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY!  
TOGETHER AS A TEAM  
WE FOUND MAMA HEN



SHE'S THE FIRST ONE YOU'LL SEE  
PECK-PECK-PECK, PECK AWAY!

**ALL**  
PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY!  
BREAK YOUR SHELL  
PECK AWAY, PECK AWAY!  
YOU'RE DOING WELL  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU  
WE THINK YOU ARE SWELL  
PECK-PECK-PECK, PECK AWAY!

PECK PECK PECK AWAY!  
PECK PECK PECK PECK AWAY!  
PECK AWAY!

**SUMMER**  
I can't believe my eyes! A little yellow and gray baby chick has hatched!

**ANGEL**  
(beaming)  
I think our song helped it along.

**JOY**  
Talk about perfect timing!

**OWEN**  
What should we name it?

**LAURI**  
Peckaway-Perfect-Timing Hatch.

**AMY**  
Or Hatch for short.

**ALL**  
Welcome to the world, Hatch!

**LEONARD**  
Wait! Look! The other eggs are shaking too.

They hush and wait.



**KEISHA**

Awww, the others are hatching. Listen to them peep, peep, peep!

**SAM**

All the chicks are here!

The class claps, cheers, and jumps up and down. Some of the students grab some sidewalk chalk to make a sign.

**OWEN**

This chicken predicament has sure turned into a happy ending.

**SUMMER**

An egg-citing birthday celebration for three baby chicks!

Everyone gathers around in a huddle as the dismissal bell rings.  
They hold up the sign for all to see:

**EVERYONE**

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Hatch, Chirp, and Peep!”

As they tiptoe away . . .

**ALL**

(whisper/chant)

THE CHICKS ARE A THREE-PEEP  
AND NOW THEY ARE FAST ASLEEP  
HUSH HUSH HOORAY  
HUSH HUSH HOORAY  
HUSH HUSH HOORAY  
IT'S A QUIET CHICKEN BIRTHDAY!

THE END.

