

### **"Once Upon a Mattress" Cast of Characters**

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**Princess Winnefred** is a comedienne who sings and dances. She is not sophisticated but she is intelligent. She likes to mislead people with her bumpkin ways.

**Prince Dauntless** is a comic actor who sings. He will have a little dancing. He always believes his mother which makes him a bit on the gullible side.

**The Queen** is a character actress who sings. She is the stereotypical high society mother. She will very often tell you what you want to hear, not meaning what she says one little bit. (She has a long monologue).

**The King** is a difficult role in that he is mute and thus must be an accomplished pantomimist. (He never speaks and must act out what's on his mind) He is a girl chaser.

**Sir Harry** needs a strong singing voice. He is a stuffed shirt but very manly. He is a little bit of a playboy.

**Lady Larkin** needs a strong singing voice. She is a romantic but still sees the world as it really is. (This will be a complicated role to get just right)

The **Minstrel** is our storyteller. He needs a good singing voice. He is a realist with a twinkle in his eye. He is a sophisticate with a heart.

The **Wizard** is a comic character. He is the Queen's confidante. He can be played as a game show host personality. He is very confident and in control when he has the Queen's backing.

The **Jester** should like to dance. His role is to lighten the mood in order to make others happy.