



THE ADVENTURE TO SUNNYSIDE

The Musical that Shines the Light on Attitude!

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INTRODUCTION

Molly Sunshine feels different and alone. She goes adventuring and meets amazing animals from around the world who teach her eight valuable lessons on her way to Sunnyside. She comes to discover that the Sunnyside isn't that far from home, and that life is all what you make of it... *Shine on!*

THE EIGHT LIFE LESSONS

- 1. Tough skin helps you charge through tough times.
- 2. Fly together and you will go far.
- 3. Look inside and find the courage to carry on.
- 4. Patience wins the race.
- 5. Keep dreaming and look for signs.
- 6. Sometimes changing your direction opens up new opportunities.
- 7. Love our mother earth.
- 8. Never give up. You are not alone.

CAST

- Narrator.....
- Molly.....
- Rocky the Rhino.....
- Gertrude the Goose.....
- Tiffany the Tiger.....
- Tommy the Tortoise.....
- Phoebe the Phoenix.....
- Dan the Dragon.....
- Macaws.....
- Blue Butterflies.....
- Tyler.....
- Chorus One.....
- Chorus Two.....

ACT ONE

NARRATOR: A daring girl named Molly felt different and alone. She felt she had so much to offer the world, but no one seemed to care. One dreary day, Molly decided to create her own adventure. While wondering in her backyard, she discovered a cave with a huge ray of sunshine shining down on it saying, “This Way to the Sunnyside.” She never noticed this cave before and saw it as an opportunity to explore a new world filled with happiness and sunshine! As Molly entered the cave, she was greeted by Rocky the Rhino.

MOLLY: (Molly asks Rocky) Where can I find the Sunnyside?

ROCKY: (Rocky replies to Molly) Tough skin helps you charge through tough times.

NARRATOR: Although Rocky didn’t exactly answer her question, she decided to start charging forward anyhow. She looked up to the sky in hopes of finding more clues to the Sunnyside, Instead, she discovered a flock of geese flying high in the sky. The geese spotted Molly and quickly turned around to make an emergency landing.

MOLLY: (Molly asks the flock of geese) Where can I find the Sunnyside?

GERTRUDE: (Gertrude replies to Molly) Fly together and you will go far.

NARRATOR: Gertrude was happy to assist Molly on her adventure. Next, Molly came across a white tiger. Molly had never seen a white tiger before and quickly got scared. Having thought about what Rocky had said, “tough skin helps you charge through tough times,” Molly decided to ask the tiger for some help in finding the Sunnyside.

TIFFANY: (Tiffany replies to Molly) Look inside and find the courage to carry on.

NARRATOR: Molly looked ahead and noticed that the path split into three directions. Unsure what to do, she thought back to what Tiffany the Tiger had told her, “Look inside and find the courage to carry on.” Just then she spotted a tortoise in the middle path.

MOLLY: (Molly asks Tiffany) Where can we find the Sunnyside?

TOMMY: (Tommy says to Molly) Patience wins the race.

NARRATOR: Molly's following of friends had begun to grow, but still no signs of the Sunnyside. She took Tommy's advice and slowed down to review with her friends what she had learned so far...

CHORUS ONE: Sing *The Sunnyside Song* to the tune of *London Bridge is Falling Down*.

Tough skins help us charge through life, charge through life, charge through life.

Fly together and we'll go far... look inside for courage.

Patience always wins the race... wins the race, wins the race

We do our best every day... WE CAN DO IT!

ACT TWO

NARRATOR: Molly wondered to herself, "What does this mean? How is this going to help us find the Sunnyside?" She and her new friends continued on the path to The Sunnyside. Suddenly a phoenix swooped down. Molly wanted to swipe at the bird but quickly remembered that "patience wins the race."

MOLLY: (She asks Phoebe) Please stop! Where can we find the Sunnyside?

PHOEBE: (Phoebe replies to Molly) Keep dreaming and look for signs.

NARRATOR: Molly was getting tired but knew she couldn't give up. Just then they stumbled upon a fire breathing dragon.

MOLLY: (Molly asks Dan) Where can we find the Sunnyside?

DAN: (Dan replies to Molly) Sometimes changing your direction opens up new opportunities.

MOLLY: (Molly shouts up to the sky) What does this mean? Where do I need to go to find the Sunnyside?

NARRATOR: Soon she and all her friends found themselves in a rainforest full of macaws. They were busy talking, but no one could understand what they were saying.

MOLLY: (Molly asks the macaws) Where can we find the Sunnyside?

NARRATOR: All of a sudden Molly heard one of the macaws say...

MACAWS: (Macaws say to Molly) Please love our mother earth.

NARRATOR: Molly learned about “renew, reuse, and recycle” in school, but what does all of this mean? In the distance, she began to hear a little boy crying. Molly and all her friends decided to “change direction” as Dan the Dragon had said, and followed the cries. They soon discovered him sitting under a tree in a barren field all alone.

MOLLY: (Molly asks Tyler) What is wrong, little boy?

TYLER: (Tyler says to Molly) I feel different, alone and can't find my way to The Sunnyside.

NARRATOR: Molly knew just what to do.

MOLLY: (Molly replies to Tyler) Do you want to join our adventure to the Sunnyside? Never give up, you are not alone.

NARRATOR: Tyler happily agreed, jumped up, and joined in the adventure! Blue butterflies came out of nowhere and began to surround them. She remembered what Phoebe the Phoenix had taught her, “Keep dreaming and look for signs.” Molly remembered back to her dreams of the blue butterflies. She did not know what they meant then, but it was becoming clear now. She told her new friends about her dreams and said...

MOLLY: (Molly says to everyone) This could be it, the way to the Sunnyside. Let's follow the blue butterflies!

NARRATOR: Everyone agreed and off they went. As they followed the blue butterflies to the Sunnyside, Molly thanked her friends for joining her in the adventure and sang together the lessons they had learned.

CHORUS TWO: Sing *The Sunnyside Song* to the tune of *London Bridge is Falling Down*.

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Patience always wins the race... wins the race, wins the race

We do our best every day... WE CAN DO IT!

Keep dreaming and look for signs... look for signs, look for signs.

Sometimes changing our direction is good... love our Mother Earth

We can do it.. yes we can! Yes we can! Yes we can!

Never give up, you're not alone... WE CAN DO IT!

NARRATOR: The blue butterflies began to huddle in a big circle.

MOLLY: (Molly says to her friends) Let's hurry. I feel we are getting close!

NARRATOR: As they caught up to the blue butterflies, they were greeted by Rocky the Rhino.

MOLLY: (Molly says to Rocky) What brings you to the Sunnyside, Rocky?

NARRATOR: Rocky the Rhino and the blue butterflies moved out of the path and revealed the cave in which Molly had first entered.

MOLLY: (Molly says to Rocky) Rocky, why are you sending me back to the entrance of the cave?

ROCKY: (Rocky says to Molly) You have learned your lessons well, Molly Sunshine. You are now ready to live on the Sunnyside. Return to your world and make every day a Sunnyside-Up Day!

NARRATOR: Molly and Tyler returned home and were grateful for what they had learned that day. To this day, they continue to be friends and help others find the Sunnyside! Molly and Tyler want you to find happiness on the Sunnyside too... even those dreary days, when you feel alone and different. Get out there and not only make a difference, but be the difference! Shine on!

CHORUS ONE/TWO: Together sing *The Sunnyside Song* the tune of *London Bridge is Falling Down*.

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**STEP FORWARD, TAKE A BOW, AND CELEBRATE
YOUR INSPIRING PERFORMANCE OF ADVENTURE TO SUNNYSIDE!**

THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THE MUSICAL

On our way to church, my son Tyler began to tell me he was given a part in a school musical titled *The Little Red Hen*. I quickly asked him if it was similar to the book of the same title. To my delight, it was! The wheels immediately started to turn. As we sat in our pew, I reflected on my blessings for the week. One of my thoughts of gratitude was meeting someone new who was filled with as much joy and abundance as I was. Jason had a sparkle in his eye and a hip-hop in his step. When he began to speak, I knew something magical was about to happen! We started to talk about our passions and how we enjoy spending our time. In addition to him managing an eyewear store, he also wrote love songs and played in a band.

As I waited for my glasses, he told me about some research he has done with sound frequencies and their correlation to people's moods. I immediately told him about how he can turn his findings into a business. He said that he lets "the guy upstairs" guide his life. I asked him what exactly that meant. He said I'm too busy right now, but if I wanted his research, I could have it to do with what I want. Not only was he incredibly gifted, he was amazingly giving. After church it dawned on me! He is supposed to compose the song for our soon to be musical.

We got home from church and I immediately began to transform the story I made into a puppet show a few years ago titled, *A Tale of Miss Molly Sunshine*, into a musical! At the same time, my husband and Tyler began to work on their pinewood derby car for Boy Scouts on the kitchen table. As they worked, I asked Ty questions that gave me a better understanding of how *The Little Red Hen Musical* flowed. All of his feedback worked beautifully into the creation of our musical—two acts, three song repeats, an appropriate sized cast, and fabulous lessons to live by.

When it came time to create the theme song, we took all eight lessons and Ty shouted out "London Bridge is Falling Down!" By darn, I think he's got it. With a little rework of the original script, it flowed beautifully. He ran to his toy box, grabbed his keyboard, and knew which buttons to push to play other possible tunes. None of them were fitting the lyrics as perfectly as his initial suggestion.

One hour later, *Adventure to Sunnyside—The Musical* was born... ***Shine on!***

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