

## 1 INTRODUCTION

001 NARRATOR

The Tale of Benjamin Bunny, by  
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GENTLE MUSIC UNDERSCORE BEGINS.

002 BEATRIX (V.O.)

One morning a little rabbit sat on  
a bank. He pricked up his ears and  
listened to the trit-trot, trit-  
trot of a pony.

TRIT-TROT, TRIT-TROT OF THE PONY. ROLL OF THE  
GIG'S WHEELS ON THE ROAD.

003 BEATRIX (V.O.) (CONT'D)

A gig was coming along the road...

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TRIT-TROT, TRIT-TROT OF THE PONY. ROLL OF THE  
GIG'S WHEELS ON THE ROAD.

004 BEATRIX (V.O.)

The gig was driven by Mr. McGregor,  
and beside him sat Mrs. McGregor in  
her best bonnet.

SMACK OF THE REINS ON THE PONY'S BACK.

005 MRS. MCGREGOR

Oh it will be nice to be away from  
home for the day!

WALLA: GRUNT FROM MR. MCGREGOR.

PONY PASSES BENJAMIN... TRIT-TROT, TRIT-TROT  
GETS A BIT FUTHER AWAY.

SMALL HARP PLUCK + RESONANCE - THOUGHT DAWNING

006 BENJAMIN

The McGregors are going to be GONE  
all day! I must tell Peter Rabbit!

007 BEATRIX (V.O.)

As soon as the McGregors had  
passed, little Benjamin Bunny slid  
down into the road -

Side 1  
START >>>

BENJAMIN SLIDES DOWN

008 BEATRIX (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
And set off - with a hop -

A HOP!

009 BEATRIX (CONT'D)  
- skip -

A SHOUT OF GLEE AND A SKIP.

010 BEATRIX (CONT'D)  
And a jump -

A BOUNDING JUMP!

011 BENJAMIN  
Got to get Peter!

012 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
Off Benjamin went to call upon his  
relations, who lived in the wood at  
the back of Mr. McGregor's garden.

BENJAMIN EAGERLY HOPPING DOWN THE ROAD

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013 BEATRIX (V.O.)  
That wood was full of rabbit holes;  
and in the neatest, sandiest hole  
of all lived Benjamin's aunt and  
his cousins - Flopsy, Mopsy,  
Cotton-tail, and Peter.  
Old Mrs. Rabbit was a widow. She  
earned her living by knitting  
rabbit-wool mittens. She also sold  
herbs, and rosemary tea, and  
rabbit-tobacco, which is also  
called lavender.

BENJAMIN COMES TO A STOP BY THE BURROW.

014 BENJAMIN  
Auntie will be knitting inside.  
I'll go around the back...

BSOFT PITTER PATTER OF BENJAMIN'S CLOGS ON THE  
FOREST FLOOR

015 BEATRIX (V.O.)

Little Benjamin did not very much want to see his Aunt. He came around the back of the fir-tree,

BENJAMIN WALKING OVER PINE NEEDLES AND PUSHING LOW BRANCHES ASIDE.

016 BEATRIX (V.O.) (CONT'D)

And nearly tumbled upon the top of his Cousin Peter.

WALLA: SURPRISE FROM BOTH BUNNIES!

017 BEATRIX (V.O.) (CONT'D)

Peter was sitting by himself. He looked poorly, and was dressed in a red cotton pocket-handkerchief.

BENJAMIN CROUCHES DOWN NEXT TO PETER.

018 BENJAMIN

(whispers)

Peter, who has got your clothes?

019 PETER

The scarecrow in Mr. McGregor's garden.

020 BEATRIX (V.O.)

And Peter described how he had been chased about the garden, and had dropped his shoes and coat.

021 BENJAMIN

I see. I saw a blue coat over the garden wall. I thought it looked like yours.

022 BEATRIX (V.O.)

Little Benjamin sat down beside his cousin. <<< END

023 BENJAMIN

I came to find you because Mr. And Mrs. McGregor have gone out in their gig and I'm sure they'll be gone all day. Mrs. McGregor said so. And she was wearing her best bonnet.