



Thanksgiving



CHARACTERS:

Mr. Black, the captain
The Tailor
The Teacher
Mr. Brave, the soldier
Mr. Raddish, the farmer
Indian Chief
Indian boy
Pocahontas, the Indian girl
The Priest

(Девочки танцуют танец Осени, осыпают сцену листьями.)

Tailor:

**That was in the autumn, children
Sixteen hundred twenty-one;
Scared a year from when they landed
And the colony begun**



(On board the ship "Mayflower", 1620)

Captain:

Look! There is an eagle above us. It is circling round the ship as if it wants to say: "hello" to us. This is a happy omen. Land is not far.

Soldier:

The eagle may be our national emblem. Why not? Our state will be as brave and powerful as an eagle, which spreads its wings over this grateful country.

Teacher:

We'll come with an olive branch, not with arrows. We'll be polite to this country.

(Танец Зимы, падают снежинки.)

Tailor:

The Pilgrims' first winter in the New World was difficult. They arrived too late to grow crops. Without fresh food half of the Pilgrims died from hunger and cold.

It was winter. The people were tired and cold. They did not have enough to eat. One day they met the Indian people.

Captain:

Who are you, little girl? Where do you come from?

Pocahontas:

My name is Pocahontas. I come from America. My father is an Indian chief. He is brave and strong.

Captain:

I see you have very warm clothes. I wish I could have the same.

Pocahontas:

These are the kind of clothes the people of my village wear. You can easily sew the skins if you make holes in them beforehand.

Captain:

I think it is very warm in such clothes.

Pocahontas:

Oh, yes, it is.

Teacher: (to the boy)

Can you read or write?

Indian boy:

I can neither read nor write, but my people and I can play the tam tam well.

One little, two little, tree little Indians

Four little, five little, six little Indians

Seven little, eight little, nine little Indians

Ten little Indians boys.

(A soldier tries to repeat it and fails).

Captain:

I see you smoking. I've never wanted to smoke.

Grandpa (former chief):

Every man of our tribe used to smoke. Smoking is a symbol of peace and friendship. You should have a smoke to settle a serious matter.

Captain:

I am not used to smoke and I am not going to start it now.

Grandpa:

You've never tasted our bread. It can be white or bread. We bake bread from wheat or rye. Also we cook porridge.

Pocahontas:

Would you like to taste some corn, it's good. I'll cook some corn for you.

Tailor:

The Indians helped the white men a lot. They showed them how to plant corn, how to fish and to hunt.

Farmer:

Autumn has come. The harvest is good. Now we know how to make bread and to cook porridge.

Tailor:

The people of New England decided to make a holiday dinner. They asked the Indians to come to the dinner and the red men brought some turkeys as a present.

Priest:

A Thanksgiving Prayer

**Dear Lord, on this Thanksgiving Day
With grateful hearts we bow and pray
For blessings given from our birth
Exceeding way beyond our worth.**

**For friends, who've proven to be true;
For pets, which count as friendship too;
For home and country, health and love
All sent to us from Heaven above.**

**Lord, please , continue to be near
Find guide us through another year.**

Teacher:

**And the children of New England
If they feast or praise or pray.
Should bless God for those brave Pilgrims,
And their first Thanksgiving Day.**



White men:

**Thankful for peace on land and sea,
Thankful for signs of liberty,
Thankful for homes, for life and health,
Pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.**

**Let us give thanks to God above,
Thanks for expressions of his love.
Let us be thankful for a land
That will for such religion stand.**

Tailor:

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. People go to church and families come together for this day. They decorate their houses with fruit and vegetables and flowers of autumn. They prepare traditional food: roast turkey, potatoes, pumpkin. They thank God for many things. This holiday was first celebrated in 1621 by the colonists after their first good harvest.

