

Gooney Bird Greene

RCT Stage One

Audition Materials

#1: MRS. PIDGEON, GOONEY BIRD GREENE, BARRY, KEIKO, TRICIA, and NICHOLAS

Mrs. Pidgeon: All right, everybody. I know it's hard to come back after summer vacation, but – Malcolm, come out from underneath your desk. Barry, can you spell parachute? I'm sure you can, and stop poking Tricia, Barry!

Barry: Uh . . . P-a-r-a-s-h-o-o-t?

Mrs. Pidgeon: That's close, Barry, but I don't think – Chelsea, you can bring that note up to me right now!

Keiko: I don't want to be here, Mrs. Pidgeon.

Mrs. Pidgeon: Sure you do.

Nicholas: I don't either!

(Overlapping)

Tricia: I want to be swimming.

Keiko: I want my summer back!

Barry: Or back in bed!

Nicholas: I want to go out and play!

Everyone: Me, too!

Mrs. Pidgeon: (with exasperation) Class, please! What am I going to do with you?

(Gooney Bird Greene enters wearing pajamas, cowboy boots, and carrying a dictionary. For a moment, everyone is stunned, surprised by what they see. And then . . . giggles and laughter, the pointing of fingers, etc.)

Gooney Bird: Hello, everyone! Sorry I'm late!

Mrs. Pidgeon: I'm Mrs. Pidgeon. Who are you?

Gooney Bird: (shaking hands with Mrs. Pidgeon) My name is Gooney Bird Greene – that's like the color with a silent "e" on the end.

Barry: Did you just get out of bed?

Mrs. Pidgeon: Welcome to Watertower Elementary School, Gooney Bird.

Gooney Bird: I hope I haven't missed much school. I brought my dictionary. I would have enrolled on time, but I just moved here from China.

Keiko: China? No way!

Mrs. Pidgeon: Well, then, you've come a long way.

Gooney Bird: Indeed, I have. Can I have a desk right smack in the middle of the room? I like to be right smack in the middle of everything.

Mrs. Pidgeon: How about this one?

Gooney Bird: This will be great! Thanks! (Introduces herself to other students.) Pleased to meet you. My name's Gooney Bird. What's your name?

Keiko: I'm Keiko.

(Overlapping)

Tricia: Hi, I'm Tricia Keiko: I'm Keiko. Nicholas: I'm Nicholas.

Tricia: And this is Felicia Ann. She's shy.

Gooney Bird: (smiling) That's OK. Nice to meet you!

Barry: I bet you can't spell parachute. Nobody here can.

Nicholas: That's Barry Tuckerman. He knows everything except how to spell parachute. We were having our spelling lesson.

Gooney Bird: Parachute. P-a-r-a-c-h-u-t-e!

Barry: Smarty-pants! Did you really come from China?

Gooney Bird: Yes, I did.

Barry: Did not!

Gooney Bird: Maybe someday I'll tell you the whole true story!

#3: GOONEY BIRD, POLICE OFFICER, CAMERA OPERATOR, and TV REPORTER

Gooney Bird: Hello? Can you help me? I've lost my mom and dad!

Police Officer: Are you all right, little lady? I saw you waving your arms.

Camera Operator: We did, too. What happened?

Gooney Bird: My mom and dad and Catman and I were all driving along and then Dad hit a bump and I was inside the carpet with Catman and we fell out and my mom and dad drove away without me and Catman, and I . . . (noticing Catman is gone) Oh, no! Where's Catman?

Camera Operator: Who?

Gooney Bird: My cat!

TV Reporter: We can help you! (TV Reporter and Camera Operator set up a location "shoot" with their equipment.)

Camera Operator: Ok. We're set. Three, two, one!

TV Reporter: We interrupt your regular programming to bring you this breaking story of a little girl who took a ride in a flyin' carpet and has –

Gooney Bird: (talking into the camera) Lost my cat! His name is Catman. He's wonderful and orange and white and he doesn't have a tail. Please call the TV station if you find him. Thank you, thank you! (The TV Reporter and Camera Operator exit, saying "Good luck" and "Hope you find Catman.") Thank you!

Police Officer: Let's go down the road a piece and see if your mom and dad might be at the gas station.

Gooney Bird: Mom! Dad!

Police Officer: There you are, folks. Looks like everyone's together again.

Gooney Bird: And we all hugged and kissed and did the tango.

#2 GOONEY BIRD, MR. GREENE, MRS. GREENE, KEIKO, and BARRY

Gooney Bird: Gather around, everybody, and listen to the absolutely true story of “How Gooney Bird Got Her Name! Once upon a time, my mom and dad discovered something important.

Mrs. Greene: I’m pregnant!

Gooney Bird: With me! Tada! And they wanted to name me using their initials.

Mrs. Greene: “G” for Gordon.

Mr. Greene: And “B” for Barbara.

Mrs. Greene: What a wonderful idea! How about Gail Beth, Mr. Greene?

Mr. Greene: That’s nice, Mrs. Greene, but how about Gwendolyn Belinda?

Mrs. Greene: Georgina Babette?

Gooney Bird: Mom, please!

Mr. Greene: Grace Bridget?

Mrs. Greene: Gloria Bonnie!

Mr. Greene: (with frustration) Gazpacho Banana! (Students laugh.)

Mrs. Greene: Oh, hello there. Who are your friends, sweetheart?

Gooney Bird: These are the kids in my class.

Mr. Greene: Hi.

Keiko: Did you really say Gazpacho Banana?

Mrs. Greene: He sure did. Mr. Greene had an upset stomach from eating too much.

Mr. Greene: Gooney Bird only tells absolutely true stories.

Barry: I was named a “B” name for my grandfather Benjamin.

Mrs. Greene: Oh, oh. I think I . . . Gordon, quick!

Mr. Greene: Honey, are you - ? Oh, dear . . . OK

Gooney Bird: Hurry, mom! (Mr. & Mrs. Greene exit and quickly return with a baby doll.)

Gooney Bird: Way to go, Mom! Six pounds and fourteen ounces. But what's my name going to be?

Keiko: Wow, you looked funny.

Barry: Yeah, you had big feet!

Mrs. Greene: Look! She's wiggling her head around. She reminds me of something but I forget what.

Mr. Greene: Wait a minute! Big feet? Her head turning around?

Mrs. Greene: Remember when we went birdwatching two years ago?

Mr. Greene: Where are those photographs? Look! Big feet just like our baby's.

Mrs. Greene: And its head bobs around just like our baby girl's.

Mr. Greene: It's called a Laysan albatross. What an awful name.

Mrs. Greene: It sounds too scientific.

Mr. Greene: Wait! Look at the small print you printed below the picture.

Gooney Bird: "Often called Gooney Bird"! That's me! And it has a "G" for . . .

Keiko: Gordon!

Gooney Bird: And a "B" for . . .

Barry: Barbara!

Mr. & Mrs. Greene: Congratulations, darling!

Gooney Bird: Then everyone, including a doctor, a midwife, a cleaning lady, a milkman and policeman hugged and kissed and did a Viennese waltz!