

# Stay With Me

**NARRATOR:** Unfortunately for Rapunzel— **RAPUNZEL:** (*offstage*) No!  
**NARRATOR:** —the Witch discovered her affections for the Prince before he could spirit her away. (*NARRATOR exits.*)

**Adagio** 2

(*WITCH drags RAPUNZEL onstage and throws her to the ground.*)  
**WITCH:** Why didn't you tell me you had a visitor?  
**RAPUNZEL:** It was lonely atop that tower.  
**WITCH:** (*stroking RAPUNZEL's hair*) I gave you protection and yet you disobeyed me.  
**RAPUNZEL:** I am no longer a child. I wish to see the world.

**Slower** 5

**WITCH:** (*tender, but intense*)

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Don't you know what's out there in the world?

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Some-one has to shield you from the world. Stay with

13 15 **Rubato**

me. Prin-ces wait there in the world, it's

16 true. Prin - ces, yes, but wolves and hu - mans,

18 too. Stay at home. *mf* I am home. *f* Who out

21 **Più mosso** there \_\_\_\_\_ could love you more than I? What out

23 there \_\_\_\_\_ that I can-not sup - ply? *mp* Stay with

25 me. \_\_\_\_\_ Stay with me, the

28 world is dark and wild. \_\_\_\_\_

31 Stay a child while you can be a child. \_\_\_\_\_

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With me. \_\_\_\_\_

*(RAPUNZEL just whimpers.)*

**WITCH**

I will not share you, but I will show you a world you've never seen.

*(WITCH cuts RAPUNZEL's hair.)*

**RAPUNZEL**

No! NO!

*(WITCH drags RAPUNZEL offstage. BAKER enters, followed by MYSTERIOUS MAN. MYSTERIOUS MAN drops a sack of gold, BAKER turns around at the sound of the falling coins; MYSTERIOUS MAN exits as BAKER picks up the money.)*

*(BAKER exits; NARRATOR enters.)*

**NARRATOR**

After having cast out Rapunzel to a remote desert, the Witch returned to take the Prince by surprise. And as he leapt from the tower – the thorns into which he fell pierced his eyes and blinded him.

*(RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE enters and stumbles about the forest, helpless. He exits.)*

As for Cinderella, she returned from her final visit to the Festival.

**(#29 – ON THE STEPS OF THE PALACE begins.)**

