

MISTER TUMBLE 'MONKEY' BY Simon Davies

SCENE 1;1

INTERIOR TUMBLE TERRACE LOUNGE

MISTER TUMBLE AND LORD TUMBLE ARE DRESSING-UP.
THERE ARE COSTUMES, HATS AND PROPS STREWN EVERYWHERE. THE LOUNGE IS MESSY.

MISTER TUMBLE

IN COWBOY HAT
Yeeee-hah! Yeee-hah!

CHILD

Hello Mister Tumble

MISTER TUMBLE

Howdee Partner

CHILD

GIGGLES; Are you playing dressing-up Mister Tumble?

MISTER TUMBLE

Yep. We're playing dressing up. Do you know what I am? Yeeee – hah!!!

CHILD

Are you a cowboy Mister Tumble?

MISTER TUMBLE

Yee-ha! I'm pretending to be a cowboy.

LORD TUMBLE RIDES THROUGH THE LOUNGE ON A HOBBY-HORSE (BROOM?) WEARING A PLASTIC KNIGHT'S HELMUT

LORD TUMBLE

Giddy-up! Giddy-up!

CHILD

Hello Lord Tumble

LORD TUMBLE

Wooaah! Hello there.

CHILD

Are you pretending to be a Knight, Lord Tumble?

LORD

NODS; I'm a knight riding my hobby-horse.
Giddy up! Giddy up!

MISTER TUMBLE

Yeeee-ha!

AUNT POLLY ENTERS THE DOORWAY, CARRYING PLATE WITH THREE CREAM CAKES ON

CHILD

Hello Aunt Polly.
Mister Tumble and Lord Tumble are playing dressing-up

AUNT POLLY

But look at all the mess they've made...

WE PAN ACROSS SEVERAL SETS OF JACKETS/TUTUS/HATS/BOOTS/ETC STREWN AROUND THE ROOM
MISTER TUMBLE AND LORD TUMBLE GIGGLE

CHILD

Those look like delicious cream cakes, Aunt Polly

AUNT POLLY

There's a cream cake for Mister Tumble, a cream cake for Lord Tumble and a cream cake for me.

MISTER TUMBLE

ABOUT TO TAKE A CAKE
Mmmm...Cream Cake time!

AUNT POLLY

TAKES THE PLATE AWAY
Uh-uh. Tidy-up time first, Mister Tumble..
Cream Cake time afterwards!

MISTER TUMBLE

Huh-hum...Tidy up time first???

AUNT POLLY

Cream cake time afterwards!!
(PASSES PLATE IN FRONT OF THEIR FACES BEFORE EXITS WITH CAKES)

CHILD

There's a LOT of tidying to do Mister Tumble

LORD TUMBLE

Yes. But if we both tidy up together – it'll be fun!

SCENE 1;2

INTERIOR TUMBLE TERRACE LOUNGE

MISTER TUMBLE AND LORD TUMBLE SET ABOUT TIDYING THE LOUNGE.
THEIR TIDYING BECOMES A SONG AND DANCE AS THEY TAKE IT IN TURNS TO PICK UP A COSTUME
OR PROP FROM ONE SIDE, WALK TO THE MIDDLE OF THE LOUNGE – DO A BIT OF BIZ TO CAM –
BEFORE CROSSING TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE TO TIDY COSTUME/PROP AWAY.

MISTER TUMBLE GOES FIRST, LORD TUMBLE COPIES HIM.
THE WORDS ARE SET TO THE RHYTHM OF "FARMER'S IN THE DELL". THEY COULD MOVE/TIDY TO A
SIMPLE SOUNDTRACK OF THE SONG - OR HUM AND 'DOOP-DE-DOOP' IT ACCAPELLA.

MUSIC; INTRO

MISTER TUMBLE

JOINS IN WITH THE INTRO

Dum...de-dum...de-dum...dum

PICKS UP JACKET

Dum...de-dum...de-dum...dum

GOES TO THE MIDDLE, FOLDING IT

We're tidy-ing the lounge, we're tidy-ing the lounge,

Tidy – tidy – tidy –tidy

Tidy-ing the lounge!

HE MOVES THROUGH TO OTHER SIDE – PLACES JACKET ONTO HIS PILE

LORD TUMBLE

Dum...de-dum...de-dum...dum

PICKS UP A FOOTBALL SHIRT

Dum...de-dum...de-dum...dum

CROSSES TO THE MIDDLE

We're tidy-ing the lounge, we're tidy-ing the lounge,

FOLDING THE SHIRT

Tidy – tidy –tidy – tidy

Tidy-ing the lounge!

HE MOVES THROUGH TO THE OTHER SIDE – PLACES THE SHIRT ONTO HIS PILE

CHILD

What are you tidying next Mister Tumble?

MISTER TUMBLE

CROSSES TO THE MIDDLE WITH HIS COWBOY HAT
I'm tidying my hat, I'm tidying my hat,
TWIZZLES HIS COWBOY HAT ON AND OFF HIS HEAD
Tidy – tidy- tidy – tidy
Tidy-ing my hat!

HE MOVES TO OTHER SIDE AND ADDS THE HAT TO HIS PILE

LORD TUMBLE

COPIES MISTER TUMBLE; CROSSING TO THE MIDDLE WITH HIS HOBBY HORSE
I'm tidying my horse, I'm tidying my horse,
RIDES A FULL CIRCLE ROUND THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM
Tidy – tidy – tidy – tidy
Tidy-ing my horse!

HE CROSSES TO OTHER SIDE AND ADDS HOBBY HORSE TO HIS PILE

MISTER TUMBLE

DANCES INTO THE MIDDLE WITH A TUTU
We're tidying the lounge, we're tidying the lounge,
DOES A TWIRL WITH THE TUTU
Tidy – tidy – tidy –tidy
Tidy-ing the lounge!
HE CROSSES TO OTHER SIDE AND PLACES THE TUTU ON HIS PILE

LORD TUMBLE

CROSSES TO THE MIDDLE WITH A SAILOR'S CAP ON
We're tidying the lounge, we're tidying the lounge,
FOLDS HIS ARMS AND DOES SAILOR'S DANCE
Tidy – tidy – tidy – tidy
Tidying the lounge!

CHILD

The lounge is nearly tidy Mister Tumble...
NODS
Can we help tidy up too?

MISTER TUMBLE

Yes. Everyone join in.

MISTER TUMBLE AND LORD TUMBLE PICK UP LAST ITEMS – THEY MEET IN THE MIDDLE AND DO A
SOFT-SHOE SHUFFLE AROUND EACHOTHER – OR HOLD UP HANDS TO MEET EACHOTHER AND DO A
DELICATE TWIZZLE BACK AND FOR

ALL

We're tidying the lounge, we're tidying the lounge,
Tidy – tidy – tidy – tidy
Tidy-ing the lounge!

THEY ADD THE LAST ITEMS TO THEIR PILES; WE HEAR CANNED APPLAUSE...
THEY BOW AND CURTSY TO CAM

SCENE 1;3

INTERIOR TUMBLE TERRACE LOUNGE

CHILD

Tidy-up time was fun Mister Tumble?

MISTER TUMBLE

Lots of fun

CHILD

Tidy-up time was fun Lord Tumble?

LORD TUMBLE

NODS

AUNT POLLY ENTERS WITH PLATE OF CREAM CAKES

MISTER TUMBLE

But I know of a time that's even more fun!

CHILD

What time's that Mister Tumble?

MISTER TUMBLE

Cream Cake Time!

HE TAKES ONE FROM THE PLATE AND STARTS TO EAT IT

LORD TUMBLE

Cream Cake Time!

HE TAKES A CAKE FROM THE PLATE

AUNT POLLY

EATS INTO HERS AND GETS CREAM OVER HER LIPS – SHE LICKS IT OFF
Mmm – Mmm – Mmmm (as if to say 'Cream Cake Time')

THEY ENJOY THEIR CREAM CAKES