

Scene 1

Mosquito 1: You finally made it to our bog, so we'd like to welcome you.

Everyone is so terribly swamped. We hardly know what to do!

Mosquito 2: We've got so very much to do. We're all so awfully busy.

We're chasing around from here to there. It almost makes us dizzy.

Mosquito 3: The fish are fishing, the snakes are snaking,

the frogs are frogging around.

And the butterflies are flying, but they hardly make a sound!

Mosquito 4: The ducks and geese all have to swim.

The snakes all have to hissss.

And the dragonflies are busy with their metamorphosis.

Mosquito 5: Why are we so busy? That's easy for me to say.

We are planning a swampy party on this very swampy day!

Mosquito 6: Everyone's invited. All of you can come along.

We're doing lots of swampy things, even singing a swampy song.

Butterfly 1: Our swamp is filled with wonderful things, like cattails and lily pads.

So bring along your neighbors; don't forget your moms and dads.

Butterfly 2: The party was set for a special time, exactly half past eight.

But we can't get it started, 'cause the Turtles are running late!

(Everybody sighs and looks at their watches.)

Butterfly 3: While we wait, let's have some fun and give the Frogs a chance.

They've been learnin' a brand new song,
that has a brand new dance.

Butterfly 4: If ever you find you're near the swamp,
and feel like stoppin' and boppin',
Just find the Frogs and turn 'em loose.
They'll get yer party hoppin'!

Song 2: The Swamp Stomp

Scene 2

Pollywog 1: "How do you get to be a frog" is a question I'd like to ask.

I wonder if I'm good enough, or if I'm up to the task.

Bully: *(annoyed)* Out of my way! Coming through! Everyone move aside!

If you don't get out of my way, then you better step outside!

Minnow 1: Wowee! Wowee! Me oh my! Who in the world is that?

He sure seems like a critter, who is looking for a spat!

Minnow 2: Oh, don't mind him, that's Bully. Bully, the frog is he.

He just likes to cause trouble for you and you and me.

Bully: What are YOU looking at, tadpole? I'm a Bully, can't you see?

I really like to cause trouble, so you better watch out for me.

Tadpole 1: My, oh my, he's grumpy! What's up there in his head?

He must have gotten up this morning, on the wrong side of the bed.

Egret: Come on, Bully, can't you see we're trying to have some fun?

In this happy swamp party, there is room for everyone.

Bully: I'm not gonna dance. It looks silly to me.

I'd rather just hop around, and I'll do it grumpily.

Duck 1: Bully, I don't have time for you. We all have a lot on our plate.

This party would already be going, if the turtles were not so late.

Bully: *(threateningly)* Oh, yeah?

All: Yeah!

Red-winged

Blackbird 1: Hey, everybody, while we wait, the tadpoles have a song.

And we better let them sing it, 'cause they won't be tadpoles for long.

Bully: *(suddenly very nice)* Tadpoles? I love tadpoles!

I was once a tadpole, too.

Watch out everybody, and let the little fellas through.

Red-winged

Blackbird 2: What's got in to him?

Owl: Whooo knows why he gives a "hoooot" ...

Maybe 'cause those tadpoles are so very, very cute!

Song 3: Just a Little Tadpole

Scene 3

Duck 1: Do you think those turtles will ever get here? It's getting rather late.

If they can't be here on time, maybe we shouldn't wait.

Duck 2: The trouble is, the turtles always over "quack" ...I mean pack!

They always come to a party with their whole house on their

"quack" ...I mean back.

Swan: I have some more bad news, and I'm afraid I have to say,

The nymph of the dragonfly are struggling down the way.

Salamander 1: What seems to be the problem? What's causing a delay?

When a nymph becomes a dragonfly is a very special day.

Salamander 2: The problem is the dragonfly goes through several stages.

They take a while to develop. They've been doing that for ages.

Green Frog: Some of the newest dragonflies are slow to give it a try.

Some of the newest dragonflies are quite afraid to fly!

Dragonfly 1: Oh, for goodness sakes alive, now I've heard everything.

A dragonfly afraid to fly is like a wren afraid to sing!

Red-spotted

Newt: Maybe you could help them to overcome their fear.

Maybe you could help them make their way to here.

Dragonfly 2: Okay, my little pupae, now listen close to me.

If you're going to be a dragonfly, you have to fly, you see.

Dragonfly 3: It's nothing to be afraid of. It's what you are born to do.

Now is the time for courage. We believe in you!

Song 4: You Can Fly

Scene 4

Bully: (*almost crying*) That's the most beautiful thing I'll ever see!

It's taken the bully right out of me.

Snake: And look, everybody, let's all give a cheer,

For finally, all of the turtles are here!

(cheers)

Leopard

Frog: Welcome, turtles, we've been waiting for you.

It's sure a good thing, we had much to do.

Painted

Turtle: Sorry it took us a while to appear.

The weather was fine and the road was clear.

BoxTurtle: Some of us just move rather slow.

Sure and steady is the way we go.

Snapping

Turtle: *(Looking at the audience)* Too many people are watching the clock,

But now that we're here, we're ready to rock!

Banded

Sunfish: So let's get this party moving along,

And what better way, than to start with a song?

Bluegill 1: Uh oh, one more problem has come our way,

One more thing to ruin our day.

All: What's that?

Bluegill 1: Well, Tommy the Tadpole was going to lead the song,
But now that he's a frog, something's gone very wrong.

Bluegill 2: His voice has changed and he's embarrassed to say,
All he can do is croak all day.

Bully: Oh, that's okay! There's no need to worry.
Bring him on out and tell him to hurry.

(Tommy is brought out.)

Bully: Don't worry, Tommy, if you went through a change.
It probably means you have broadened your range.

Snake: I'm a snake and I'll tell you thissssss,
Whenever I sing, it comes out a hissssss.

Mosquito 7: I'm a mosquito and let me be clear,
My only song is a buzzzzzz in your ear.

Mosquito 8: You see, everyone has a different sound,
And that's what makes the world go round.

Butterfly: So sing out loud and sing out clear. Everyone's song is welcome here!

Song 5: A Frog in Your Throat

Scene 5

Painted

Turtle: Well, I guess it's about time for us to go.

Want to beat the traffic, you know.

Snapping

Turtle: It's been a grand time, as you can see.

Thank you for your hospitality.

Raccoon: In this busy world where work never ends,

It's good to pause and spend time with friends.

Heron: And if you're ever feeling the need to romp,

Come and visit us, right here in our swamp.

Bully: There's always plenty to see and do,

And the best thing to see are friends like you!

Reprise: We're Swamped!