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## THE STORY

Here is a one-set operetta about the 1880s Colorado mining town of Dead Dog Gulch - oops, we mean, Columbine Valley. You see, the ladies of the Beautification Society have purtied the town - the general store is now a pink "emporium," and even the jail - well, crime is down because no man would be caught dead in it!

Now the miners are always fighting, that is, until the cowboys arrive and start shooting and making fun of this sissy town. The kids and ladies solve the problem but pretend the miners did it all.

Unison songs. About 60 minutes.

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## THE CAST

MRS. McNUTT

EMMA

OLGA .....Ladies of the Beautification Society

HANNA

OTHERS\*

HANS

BIG HENRY

BLACKY .....Miners

CARL

OTHERS\*

COFFEE POT

BULLHEAD HUFF

SLIM JIM

BUZZARD .....Cowboys

HAPPY HOMER

SHORTY

OTHERS\*

LITTLE JOSH

NETTIE .....Kids

SAMUEL

PETUNIA

BELLE

LULU

HARRIET .....Sweet Young Things

IRIS

IRMA

OTHERS\*

HIRUM (Store owner)

HARRY (Barber)

SHERIFF .....TOWNSPEOPLE

OTHERS \*

OLD JOSH .....Your Story Host

\*Others...to include as few or as many as desired.

**SYNOPSIS**

TIME: Just before the turn of the century.

PLACE: Colorado mining town of Dead Dog Gulch.

SCENE: Main Street in front of jail.

**MUSICAL NUMBERS**

"Overture"

**SCENE 1**

1. "Howdy, Folks" (Opening number) .....All of the Cast
2. "Miners' Bragging Tune".....All Miners
3. "Ladies of the Beautification Society".....Ladies of Society and All Girls
4. "We Just Got In From Abilene" .....Cowboys and All Others

**SCENE 2**

5. "Miners and Cowboys Should Be Friends" ....Sweet Young Things and All Others
6. "Western Lament" .....Cowboys and All Others

**SCENE 3**

- Repeat two or three measures from offstage of  
"Ladies of the Beautification Society" .....Ladies
7. "When Good Men Stick Together"..... All Men
  8. "Dead Dog Hoe-Down".....Square Dancers and All Others
  9. "So Long, Folks" .....All
  10. Repeat "Howdy, Folks" for curtain call.....All

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