Peter and The Wolf
music and text by Sergei Prokofiev
Setting
The story takes place in the meadow surrounding Peter's house.

Characters
Peter, bird, duck, wolf, cat, grandfather & hunters

Main Characters
Peter, bird, duck & wolf

Problem
A hungry wolf is trying to catch the animals to eat them.

Solution
Peter makes a plan to catch the wolf. The bird distracts the wolf while Peter slips a rope around the wolf's tail and catches him. Peter and the hunters take the wolf to the zoo.

Major Events/ Sequence

Beginning
Peter and his friends (bird and duck) go into the meadow. The bird and duck play at the pond. A cat tries to grab the bird but fails. Grandfather warns Peter about the wolf, takes him home, and locks the gate.

Middle
As soon as Peter and his grandfather leave, the wolf comes out of the forest. The wolf catches the duck and swallows her. The wolf turns his attention to the cat and the bird, who are up in a tree. Peter watches all of this and makes a plan to capture the wolf.

Ending
Peter and the bird work together and catch the wolf with a rope. When the hunters arrive, Peter asks them to help take the wolf to the zoo. In celebration, everyone parades the wolf towards his new home. The duck is still alive and can be heard quacking inside the wolf.

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And now, imagine the triumphant procession: Peter at the head; after him the hunters with the wolf; and at the end, grandfather and the cat.
Early one morning, Peter opened the gate and walked out into the big green meadow.

On a branch of a big tree sat a little bird.

Just then a duck came waddling round.
Just then, the hunters came out of the woods. Peter, sitting in the tree, said: „Don’t shoot! Birdie and I have already caught the wolf. Now help us take him to the zoo.“
The little bird flew down on the grass, sat down next to the duck and said, "What kind of bird are you if you can't fly?"

The duck answered "What kind of bird are you if you can't swim?" and jumped into the pond.
Peter climbed over on to the tree and said to the bird, „Fly down and circle over the wolf’s head. The bird touched the wolf’s head with his wings... How the wolf wanted to catch the bird! But the bird was clever, and the wolf couldn’t catch it. Peter made a lasso and caught the wolf by the tail. The wolf began to jump wildly trying to get loose. But Peter tied the other end of rope to the tree.
They argued and argued, the duck swimming in the pond and the little bird hopping along the shore*. Suddenly a cat came crawling through the grass to catch the bird. „Look out!” shouted Peter and the bird flew up into the tree.

* Ufer argue ... streiten
crawl ... kriechen
And now, this is how things stood:
the cat was sitting on one branch, the
bird on another . . . not too close to
the cat.
And the wolf walked around and
around the tree, looking at them with
greedy eyes.
Just then grandfather came out. He was upset when he saw Peter in the meadow.
„It’s a dangerous place. A wolf could come out of the forest! What would you do then?“
But Peter did not listen to his grandfather. Boys like Peter are not afraid of wolves.
Grandfather took Peter by the hand, led him home and locked the gate.
At that moment a big grey wolf came out of the forest.
The cat climbed up the tree.
The duck quacked and jumped out of the pond and tried to run.
But she could not escape the wolf. He got her, and with one gulp*, swallowed her.

*Schluck
swallow... hinunterschlucken