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## FULL DETAILS

**Running Time (including music):** Approximately **25 minutes**.

**Number of songs:** **3**

**Cast: 25 speaking parts** (easily adaptable to approximately **14 - 55**).  
The cast can also be expanded further with **non-speaking parts**. For further information, take a look at the cast list available on our website.

## SCENE 1: IT'S SPRING-TIME!

- Narrator 1:** Welcome to our spring-time show!  
There's lots to learn, and lots to know!
- Narrator 2:** Like, why the Easter bunny comes,  
And why we all eat hot cross buns.
- Narrator 3:** Or, why we get a tasty treat,  
Of yummy chocolate eggs to eat.
- Narrator 4:** So join us now, to learn the reason  
Spring is such a happy season.
- Narrator 1:** Spring is a time of renewal, regrowth, rebirth, regeneration,  
and rejuvenation.
- Narrator 2:** And anything else beginning with "R"!
- Narrator 3:** But why do we call it "spring"?
- Narrator 4:** In Great Britain, spring takes place in March, April and May...
- Narrator 3:** *(Interrupting)* Yes, but why do we call it "spring"?
- Narrator 1:** Because the northern hemisphere tilts closer to the sun, so  
the days get longer and warmer...
- Narrator 3:** *(Interrupting)* Yes, but why do we call it "spring"?
- Narrator 2:** Give us chance - we're trying to tell you!
- Narrator 4:** It's because the warmer weather means that animals all wake  
up from hibernation, and new plants grow, or "SPRING  
forth".
- Narrator 3:** *(Sighing)* I give in - I STILL don't know why it's called  
"spring".

## SCENE 3: HOT CROSS BUNS

- Bun Seller:** *(Singing)* "Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns! One a penny, two a penny, hot cross buns!" Who fancies a nice, tasty hot cross bun?
- Customer 1:** Oooo, I'd like a hot cross bun, please!
- Customer 2:** Me too!
- Bun Seller:** *(Holding out two buns)* That'll be fifty pence, please!
- Customer 1:** *(Shocked)* Fifty pence?! You said they were a penny!
- Bun Seller:** That's just an old rhyme they used to sing 300 years ago!
- Customer 2:** *(Dismissively)* Hot cross buns haven't been around for 300 years!
- Bun Seller:** *(Teasingly)* Is that what you think...?! Listen-up, and we'll tell you everything you need to know about hot cross buns...
- Customer 1:** OK, for starters, what ingredients do you need to make hot cross buns?

*Baker 1 holds up the ingredients:*

- Baker 1:** Flour! Sugar! Eggs! Milk! Dried fruit! Spices!
- Customer 1:** And why do we eat hot cross buns at Easter?
- Baker 1:** No-one knows for sure. Some people think they were first eaten in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. But hot cross buns may go back as far as the Romans, or the Saxons, or even earlier!
- Customer 1:** *(Impressed)* Wow!
- Baker 2:** In the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, at the time of the Elizabethans, it was against the law to sell hot cross buns except at Easter.
- Customer 2:** *(Surprised)* No way!

**Baker 2:** And in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, people thought that bread baked on Good Friday would never go mouldy. They'd even hang it up in the house as a good luck charm for a whole year! And if anyone was ill during the year they'd break off some of the bread and eat it as medicine!

**Customer 1:** *(Pulling face)* Bleeaauurrgghh!

**Baker 1:** It's also said that sharing a hot cross bun with someone brings friendship throughout the year.

**Customer 2:** *(Smiling)* Ahhhhhh! That's nice!

**Customer 1:** Phew! I never knew there was so much to learn about hot cross buns!

## SCENE 5: EASTER EGGS

*Several Easter Egg Hunters are looking for eggs.*

- Egg Hunter 1:** We're on an Easter Egg Hunt!
- Egg Hunter 2:** *(Holding up an Easter egg)* I've found one!
- Egg Hunter 3:** *(Holding up an Easter egg)* Me too!
- Egg Hunter 4:** Eggs have been given as spring gifts for thousands of years.
- Egg Hunter 1:** *(Surprised)* Really?!
- Egg Hunter 2:** Oh, yes!
- Egg Hunter 1:** I didn't know they had supermarkets thousands of years ago!
- Egg Hunter 3:** They didn't buy them from supermarkets! And they weren't made from chocolate, either. They were REAL eggs, hard boiled, and painted or dyed pretty colours.
- Egg Hunter 1:** *(Impressed)* Oooo!
- Egg Hunter 4:** Explorers even found a decorated ostrich egg in Africa that was SIXTY THOUSAND YEARS OLD!
- Egg Hunter 1:** *(Pulling a face)* Urrggghh, I bet that smelled AWFUL!
- Egg Hunter 2:** So, when did Easter Egg Hunts start?
- Egg Hunter 3:** In Germany, 500 years ago. But people still play them today. The largest hunt EVER was in Florida in 2007 - there were FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND EGGS to find!
- Egg Hunter 1:** *(Shocked)* Gosh! We'd better get hunting, or we'll be here till NEXT Easter!