



SAMPLE SCRIPT

SCENE ONE

Rocky, a barnacle, looks out over the audience 'to sea' through a telescope.

Crusty Welcome to Briny Rock Pool. We are the barnacles.

Rocky We are also the commentators in this musical.

Lumpy (to Rocky) Don't forget tide watchers and general lookouts!

Bumpy It's very busy down there today.

Sticky For a start, the hermit crabs are moving house again.

Two shell-less hermit crabs, Peeky and Pinchy, arrive, Peeky clutching an empty shell for dear life.

Pinchy Hey, Peeky! I saw that shell first!

Peeky No you didn't, Pinchy, I did! I want it!

Pinchy Where am I supposed to live then?

Peeky Get back inside your old shell.

Pinchy I can't fit in it anymore.

Peeky That's not my fault! I said you should stop eating so much seaweed!

Stoney And the prawns are getting all het up again.

The prawns have ventured up close to the anemones who stretch out their tentacles in a threatening manner.

Jump (very nervously) Don't eat me, don't eat me, don't eat me!

Stinger We told you not to come down this way!

Pinky (pointing at Jitter) That one looks tasty to me, Stinger.

Jitter takes nervous little jumps whilst speaking, though doesn't actually leave the ground.

Jitter No I'm not, no I'm not, no I'm not!

Stinger and Pinky stretch out their feelers again towards the prawns who quickly scoot off.

Knobbles And now the crabs are fighting again!

Nipper and Clipper circle round each other whilst Crabby and Sideways sit at the side. Crabby is practising his guitar.

Nipper I told you. Clipper, I'm the boss around here!

Clipper No, Nipper, I'm the boss: I'm bigger than you!

Nipper But I'm smarter!

Clipper swings a right hook at Nipper who ducks.

Nipper Ha, missed!

Clipper RIGHT, that's it!

Clipper moves towards Nipper threateningly.

Crabby STOP!

Nipper Why?

Crabby The starfish are here.

Clipper & Nipper (swooning) Oooh!

Clipper and Nipper stop fighting and all the crabs gaze at the starfish adoringly from the side-lines as they enter with guitars and wearing sunglasses.

The starfish strut to the centre of the stage, looking cool.

Salty (to the audience) And then there are the starfish.

Crusty They really think they're it!

The crabs watch the conversation intently, turning their heads in awe to each starfish as it speaks.

Spangle Hey Dude, What's the buzz?

Dude We should lay down a few tunes before high tide.

Elektra YEAH, COOL!

As the song starts, more creatures enter and gather round to listen.

STARFISH BAND

**Down where there is sea and sand
You can see the starfish band.
Rockin', rockin' all day long
With another starfish song.
Underwater in our pool, we are super cool.**

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Instrumental. The starfish mime playing guitars, drums etc.

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Sparkles (*'high fiving' Elektra*) YO!

Dude Oh maaan! That was awesome!

Elektra WE'RE awesome!

The starfish do a bit more 'cool' strutting, pretending to play their guitars.

Sparkles Look out, here comes Crabby.

Crabby, carrying a guitar, walks up to the starfish. Sideways follows behind.

Crabby (*knocking*) Rock, rock!

Spangle What do you want, Crabby?

Crabby I can play guitar and I'd like to join your band.

All the starfish laugh loudly.

Elektra This band is exclusively for rock stars!

Sparkles (*to the crabs*) Nice try though!

The starfish move away.

Sideways Perhaps you just need to practise more, Crabby. Then they
might let
you join.

Crabby folds his 'arms' and looks fed up and dejected.

Rocky (*gesturing towards Sideways*) And that's Crabby's loyal friend,
Sideways.

Lumpy Crabby's been dreaming about joining the band for ages.

A shoal of fish enter stage right at speed making a commotion.

Chips (*loudly*) SWIM, SWIM!!

Bumpy Uh oh! The sea scorpion's hungry again.

Finn It's Gloria! She's seen us!

Gilly She looks REALLY hungry! HIDE!

They exit quickly stage left. The sea scorpion arrives stage right, stops centre stage and angrily looks around.

Gloria *(menacingly)* Where are you, you slippery swimaways? I'm ravenous!

Sticky TIDE APPROACHING, TIDE APPROACHING!

Hermit Crabs Take cover, take cover!

All Fish DIVE, DIVE!

Stoney Giant waves INCOMING!

All Barnacles HOLD ON!

Suggested instrumental music: Starfish Band – Interlude

As the music plays, the animals scuttle about finding rocks to hide under or to cling to. The fish 'dive down.'