A Brief Social Story™

*Billy Goat’s Gruff* at the Nashville Opera

The opera is a place where actors wear costumes and sing songs to tell a story.

Before the show begins, people might be talking a lot and it might be noisy. That is okay. There will be quiet spaces where I can go to get away from the noise. If I need a break from the noise, I can ask my mom or dad to take me to the quiet space.

When the show starts, people will come onto the stage. Some of them might be wearing costumes that look like people, and some might be wearing costumes that look like animals. There might be music playing and sometimes the people might sing. The people in the audience will try to stay quiet to listen to the show. I will try to be respectful to the performers and others watching the performance by staying in my seat, sitting quietly and watching the performance.

I might need to go to the bathroom during the show. If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask my mom or dad to take me to the bathroom.

At the end of the show, people might clap if they liked the show. I might want to clap too. When it is time to leave, everyone will stand up and walk to the exits in the back of the room. I will try to wait my turn to walk out of the theater and out of the door. If I am respectful during the show my mom and dad will be so proud of me. I might like going to the opera!