Nashville Opera is coming to my school for an opera performance. An opera is a performance where actors wear costumes and sing songs to tell a story. The opera I will see is called Goldie B. Locks & the Three Singing Bears.

When I get to the performance, there will be a lot of places to sit. My teacher will help decide where I should sit. 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 teacher to take me to a quieter space.

When an adult stands in front of the big picture and starts talking loudly, this means the play is about to start and everyone should finish their conversations and be quiet. I will try to finish my conversation and be quiet when an adult starts talking loudly at the front. The adult will teach us some new words to say when we see something we like. If I get scared, I can ask to take a break. I will try to be respectful to the performers and others watching the performance by staying seated, sitting quietly and watching the performance.

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 bears. 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 stay quiet and listen to the show too. If the music or the singing gets too loud, I can ask my teacher to go to a quieter space.

The people in the opera are called characters. Sometimes the characters might pretend to be happy and sometimes they might pretend to be angry. When the characters are angry, they might yell or growl or stomp around. I might get scared. If I am scared, I can ask to take a break, go to a quieter area or ________________.

I might need to go to the bathroom during the show. If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask my teacher 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. The characters will bow and ask the audience if there are any questions. If I want to ask a question, I can raise my hand and wait for them to point to me to ask my question. If they point to me, I will try to talk loudly so everyone can hear my question.

When it is time to leave, everyone will stand up and walk to the exits. It might be crowded with everyone trying to leave at the same time. I will try to wait my turn to walk out of the door. If I am respectful during the show by staying seated, sitting quietly, and watching the performance, my teacher will be so proud of me. I might like watching the opera!