

Narrator script excerpt

Before the suite starts (cued by conductor) bass drum and soundscape still playing underneath.

A1) After a day of hunting the handsome prince Ivan Tsarevich has become lost in a mysterious and unfamiliar part of the forest.

He gazes up into the trees and shivers. He did not know it yet, but the brave prince has strayed into the terrible enchanted garden of 'Kaschei the Immortal' a dreadful, evil sorcerer who for centuries had lurked in forest.

As darkness falls, he ventures further through the garden, unaware that he is surrounded by statues of knights and princes who have previously trespassed into Kashchei lair and had been turned to stone.

(orchestra plays whole movement)

Viola trill and trem Sfz (inserted pause)

B1) The prince hears a rustling in the trees...he realises he is not alone.

Viola trem 5 bars after last que (inserted pause) before wind enter.

B2) Suddenly, he is blinded by a burst of radiant light, the mystical Firebird had appeared before him.

After clarinet quintuplet... (in break from music)

B3) The Firebird blazes through the garden right in front of him. She flutters around an enchanted tree baring golden apples and feasts on its fruit.

(orchestra plays whole movement)

Hand stopped dissonant horn chord (inserted pause)

C1) The prince, seeing the Firebird's terrible beauty, decides to ensnare the innocent creature and take her as a hunting trophy.

Hand stopped dissonant horn chord (inserted pause)

C2) Although the Firebird frantically struggles to escape, the prince quickly outwits her, and captures her as his prize.

After piano 4 semiquavers, and a 3rd horn chord (inserted pause)

C3) Exhausted from their struggle firebird begs prince Ivan to spare her life and set her free. *(orchestra plays whole movement)*