

A MICHAELMAS PLAY

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Cast of Characters:

King
Queen
Princess

Knight (St. George)
Guards
Courtiers

Man (or woman) 1
Man (or woman) 2
People

(All enter with song: King, Court, Princess, Queen takes their places)

People

O King, we pray thee
To send us aid!
We are defenseless against the dragon's raid.
Send us your soldiers!
Send us a knight
That they may help us
The dragon to fight.
Our maidens, alas, have perished;
By the dragon devoured—
All those we cherished.
O King, we pray thee
Send us aid!
All have been taken—
There's not one more maid!

King

My faithful citizens
So sorely pressed!
All over our country
Our need was addressed.
Many have answered
But were seen no more.
With sorrow and despair

People

We must now await the day
When the Princess so fair
Must become the dragon's prey.
O dreadful woe!
O need so great!
Let us then at this hour late
Call for protection St. Michael.
He once cast the dragon
Out of the Heavens into Hell.
Let us then pray
And keep our trust.
There must be help,
There must, there must.

- All** 🎵 *Unconquered hero of the skies, Saint Michael.
Against the foe with us arise, St. Michael.
Thine aid bestow against the foe, St. Michael.*
- People** Of help we are in desperate need,
O Michael, with your aid proceed!
(The King embraces his daughter, bidding her a last farewell)
O dreadful woe,
O need so great!
The King's own daughter,
The beautiful maid,
To the dragon's cave
The soldiers will lead!
Isn't there anyone
To answer our need?
- Knight** I hear such wailing,
I see distress—
Where are the soldiers
Leading the princess?
- Man/Woman 1** To the dragon's cave
To be his food.
The poor, young princess,
So gentle and good.
- Man/Woman 2** We all have lost daughters.
O help us, dear knight!
Save this poor maiden,
The King's only delight.
- Knight** This is my task!
Forth I will go
To rid this kingdom
Of its ravenous foe.
- All** O Michael, St. Michael
Thou angel of the Lord—
Give us the light
Give us the strength
Of thy victorious sword.
- People** (1.) O listen, hear the dragon roar!
(2.) O knight, farewell, we can stay no more!
(3.) Let us flee to safety.
(4.) Let us quickly scatter.
(5.) We cannot help you in this matter.
(Dragon roars backstage. All people run about screaming)
- People** Help! H - e - l - p!
(St. George goes offstage and comes back with the Princess)

Knight Where have they all gone?
Did they all disperse?
Come back, good citizens!
Come back – emerge!
Go, tell the King the dragon has perished.
Now peace and happiness
Can be cherished.
Go tell the king,
Prepare the feast.
You need have no fear now of any beast.
(The King reenters)

Knight Give praise to St. Michael, our guide,
And celebrate in this autumntime.

All 🎵 *Unconquered Hero of the skies, St. Michael*

The End

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