I'M LATE

WHITE RABBIT:
Oh, no! Oh, no! Oh, no! Oh, no! I'm late, I'm late for a very important date. No time to say, "Hello," Good-bye! I'm late, I'm late, I'm late, I'm late, He's overdue. He's in a rabbit stew. Can't even say "Good-bye" Hello! I'm late! I'm late! I'm late! I run and then I hop hop hop I wish that I could fly. There's danger if I stop stop stop And

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here's the rea - son why: We know! You're late. It's clear. So why are you still here? I'll nev - er make it now, I fear... You're late! You're late! You're late!

ALICE: But where are you running to?
WHITE RABBIT: Well, since you asked, you see, the Queen of Hearts is throwing this...

He's got to go! I think my watch is slow. I wound it up, but now it's wound, It makes a fun - ny tick - ing sound... Tick tock, tick tock, tick

CHESHIRE CAT
1: 2: 3:
tock, tick tock, It's rath - er like a clock. And thanks to that I have to run When I'd pre - fer to
70 ALL:
walk. He really hates to rush rush rush It

73 makes him aw ful’ y diz - zy But still it’s al ways

76 W. R.:
mush mush mush It hap pens when you’re bus - y!

79 Yes! Yes! And now as you can guess: No

83 ALL:
time to say "hel los." Good - bye! You’re late! You’re late! You’re late!

86 Alice: Cur ious - ly.
WHITE RABE:
ex plained it!

89 ALL: (à la Gi seppe

96 time is real - ly

100 now there’s no

103 ALL: W. R.:
gun! Oh no!

107 ALL: W. R.:
lay. And

110 ALL:
Now don’t
ALICE: Curiouser and curiouser! Hadn’t you better be going, then?
WHITE RABBIT: (appearing to calm down) I don’t believe I’ve explained myself quite fully.
ALL: (à la Gilbert and Sullivan) You have! You have!
WHITE RABBIT: Please be quiet. Time is of the essence!

The time is really flying by; We must be having fun. But

now there’s no denying... Why, I haven’t yet been

gun! Oh no! I mustn’t stay. There must be no delay. And now you must be on your way. I’m

Now don’t forget to write; We know your schedule's
real-ly tight. Oh, look: it's half past ten; He must be there and

back a-gain. We know! So

go! Late! Late! Late! Late! Late! Late! Late!

(realizing the time) (scurries off then pokes his head back)

Wait! I'm late! Late! What?!?!
Well... Late! You're late!!!!

(The WHITE RABBIT jumps into a rabbit hole. ALICE follows him but stops short of the hole.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1
Alice followed the White Rabbit to the edge of the Rabbit Hole.

ALICE
Should I or shouldn't I? You know what they say: "If you don't explore, you'll never discover." But my sister Mathilda always says, "Look before you leap." Well, I'm looking and it looks pretty deep and dark and I can't see the bottom and maybe it goes all the way to the center of the earth and I'll be burnt to a crisp in the molten core like the bad marshmallow we've all heard so much about!

(pause)
Or not.
(pause)
Ok, I looked. Now it's time to leap!

(ALICE jumps down the rabbit hole and falls a long way. Her dress acts as a parachute.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1
Alice jumped into the dark rabbit hole—

CHESHIRE CAT 2
And fell for what seemed like three and a half weeks.

CHESHIRE CAT 3
More like four and a quarter.

CHESHIRE CAT 2
She fell and fell and fell.

CHESHIRE CAT 1
But she wasn't alone!

(As ALICE falls through the dark, WONDERLAND CHARACTERS fall past her and offer advice.)