

A CELEBRATION OF TWELFTH NIGHT 2025

The Chorus of Westerly

Mother Blossom Side

Mother Blossom:

Hellooooo, dear girl! My name is Mother Blossom and this is my home! Forever spring! Protected from the cold and dark of winter. What brings you here?

Gerda:

I'm headed north to find the Ice Queen.

Mother Blossom:

[aside] The Ice Queen...No, no. Much too dangerous. I must save her... *(thinks briefly, then speaks to Gerda)* Why not stay here for a bit.

Gerda:

No. I cannot. My village is frozen and my betrothed kidnapped. I must keep going.

Mother Blossom:

At least take a little rest. Regain your strength. This is a *safe* place, *safe* from your troubles.

Gerda:

I *am* very tired and hungry...Thank you...

Mother Blossom:

Stay here, Gerda. Here it is always spring. It is a paradise, you shall see! I can protect you from all the harms of the world.

Gerda:

How lovely you all are! I do feel so safe and at home. *[Gerda shakes her head]* Yet...my heart calls out- It calls out for my home! My Jan!

Mother Blossom:

Oh, do not leave, Gerda. It's not *safe* out in the world! But here your life will be without worry, without pain, without peril! In this garden you can find whatever you want, everything you *need*!

Gerda:

I *need* to save my family, my friends, my true love!

Mother Blossom:

No! Wait! There are dangers!...oh that poor child...