

Where the Wild Things Are
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Characters (6): NARRATOR CHILD 1 CHILD 2 CHILD 3 CHILD 4
MAX

NARRATOR: THE NIGHT MAX WORE HIS WOLF SUIT

CHILD 1: AND MADE MISCHIEF

CHILD 2: OF ONE KIND

CHILD 3: AND ANOTHER.

NARRATOR: HIS MOTHER CALLED HIM

CHILD 4: "WILD THING!"

NARRATOR: AND MAX SAID:

MAX: "I' LL EAT YOU UP!!"

CHILD 1: SO HE WAS SENT TO BED

CHILD 2: WITHOUT EATING ANYTHING.

NARRATOR: THAT VERY NIGHT IN MAX' S ROOM

MAX: A FOREST GREW, AND GREW, AND GREW UNTIL THE CEILING HUNG
WITH VINES

CHILD 3: AND THE WALLS BECAME THE WORLD ALL AROUND

CHILD 4: AND AN OCEAN TUMBLED BY

MAX: ' WITH A PRIVATE BOAT!'

NARRATOR: FOR MAX. AND HE SAILED OFF THROUGH NIGHT AND DAY

CHILD 1: AND IN AND OUT OF WEEKS CHILD 2: AND ALMOST OVER A YEAR

MAX: TO WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE!

NARRATOR: AND WHEN HE CAME TO THE PLACE WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
THEY

CHILD 3: ROARED THEIR TERRIBLE ROARS! (ALL ROAR)

CHILD 4: AND GNASHED THEIR TERRIBLE TEETH! (ALL GNASH
TEETH)

CHILD 1: AND ROLLED THEIR TERRIBLE EYES! (ALL ROLL EYES)

CHILD 2: AND SHOWED THEIR TERRIBLE CLAWS! (ALL SHOW
CLAWS)

NARRATOR: TILL MAX SAID:

MAX: 'BE STILL!'

CHILD 3: AND TAMED THEM

CHILD 4: WITH THE MAGIC TRICK

MAX: OF STARING INTO ALL THEIR YELLOW EYES

CHILD 1: WITHOUT BLINKING ONCE

NARRATOR: AND THEY WERE FRIGHTENED AND CALLED HIM

ALL: THE MOST WILD THING OF ALL!!

NARRATOR: AND MADE HIM KING OF ALL WILD THINGS.

MAX: 'AND NOW, LET THE WILD RUMPUS START!! (PAUSE) NOW, STOP!'

CHILD 3: AND SENT THE WILD THINGS OFF TO BED

CHILD 4: WITHOUT THEIR SUPPER....AND MAX

CHILD 1: THE KING OF ALL WILD THINGS, SAID:

MAX: 'I'M LONELY!'

NARRATOR: AND WANTED TO BE WHERE SOMEONE LOVED HIM BEST OF ALL

CHILD 2: THEN, ALL AROUND, FROM FAR AWAY, ACROSS THE WORLD

NARRATOR: HE SMELLED GOOD THINGS TO EAT!! SO HE SAID:

MAX: ' I' LL GIVE UP BEING KING OF WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE. '

CHILD 3: BUT THE WILD THINGS CRIED

CHILD 4: OH, PLEASE DON' T GO

CHILD 1: WE' LL EAT YOU UP

CHILD 2: WE LOVE YOU SO

NARRATOR: AND MAX SAID:

MAX: ' NO!'

CHILD 1: THE WILD THINGS ROARED THEIR TERRIBLE ROARS (ALL ROAR)

CHILD 2: AND GNASHED THEIR TERRIBLE TEETH (ALL SHOW TEETH)

CHILD 3: AND ROLLED THEIR TERRIBLE EYES (ALL ROLL EYES)

CHILD 4: AND SHOWED THEIR TERRIBLE CLAWS (ALL SHOW CLAWS)

NARRATOR: BUT MAX STEPPED INTO HIS PRIVATE BOAT

CHILD 1: AND WAVED GOOD-BYE (MAX WAVES)

CHILD 2: AND SAILED BACK

CHILD 3: ALMOST OVER A YEAR AND IN AND OUT OF WEEKS AND THROUGH
A DAY

MAX: AND INTO THE NIGHT OF MY OWN ROOM

CHILD 4: WHERE HE FOUND HIS SUPPER WAITING FOR HIM

MAX: AND IT WAS STILL HOT!