

# Fable Beach

*An operetta for the enjoyment of children and adults*

Music by Richard Maltz  
Libretto by Linda Lee Harper

## Scene 1

A beach festival, Fox stands next to where a vendor sells delicious foods and where a race path begins. Next to the food stand is a game of chance kiosk, with a large fake oak branch suspended between its upright posts. A huge bunch of ripe, juicy grapes is hanging from the branch. Other fruit dangles from lower branches painted to resemble tree limbs. The race path is staked out by flags. It tracks down through tide pools and sea oats before rising over dunes and winding back through the festival. It concludes at the end of a dock overlooking the ocean.

On the ground at the food stand, a colony of Ants (stage prop) is collecting crumbs for the winter. Their work takes them back and forth across the stage.

Piano

*p*

$\text{quarter note} = 84$

The Ants pause their work as Grasshopper dances in, playing a jaunty tune.

Pno.

5

*mf*

Pno.

10

*pp*

*mf*

*gl.*