



Once on This Island Jr. is a one-act [musical](#) with a book and lyrics by [Lynn Ahrens](#) and music by [Stephen Flaherty](#). Based on the 1985 novel *My Love, My Love; or, The Peasant Girl* by [Rosa Guy](#), it is set in the French [Antilles](#) archipelago in the [Caribbean Sea](#). The show includes elements of the [Romeo and Juliet](#) story and elements of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale [The Little Mermaid](#). It concerns a peasant girl on a tropical island, who uses the power of love to bring together people of different social classes.

## Characters

*Storytellers* – male and female actors that tell the story. These actors must be able to carry the show.

Vocal range bottom: Ab4      Vocal range top: E5

*Mama Euralie* - Mama is loving, practical, funny and earthy. Must be a strong singer and dancer.

Vocal range bottom: G4      Vocal range top: B5

*Tonton Julian* - Tonton is the loving father to his adopted daughter, Ti Moune. Tonton is strong, practical, and supportive. He is faced with the difficult task of letting Ti Moune chase her dreams, even if it means that he may never see the daughter he loves again. Must be a strong actor.

Vocal range bottom: Bb3      Vocal range top: E5

*Little Girl / Little Ti Moune / Peasant Girl* - Little Girl and Little Ti Moune are played by the same actress. Must be a strong actor with strong stage presence

Vocal range bottom: E4      Vocal range top: B4

*Ti Moune* - Ti Moune is the focus of our story and is featured in solo songs and dance. The actress performing the role should have an excellent voice and be an excellent dancer. The music Ti Moune sings is written in a pop style. She must be able to drive the energy of her scenes. Ti Moune must be a strong dancer, singer and actress

Vocal range bottom: G3      Vocal range top: Eb5

*Daniel Beauxhomme* - Daniel is the leading male. He must have a good voice, be comfortable acting and moving. His role is dramatic and exciting.

Vocal range bottom: C4      Vocal range top: E5

*Daniel's Son* – This role will also be a part of the ensemble.

*Gatekeeper* - The Gatekeeper can be portrayed by a boy or a girl, but he or she needs a booming voice and strong stature. They must command the stage and be able to learn some stage combat.

Vocal range bottom: E4      Vocal range top: B4

*Daniel's Father* - Unlike Tonton Julian, Daniel's father is not sympathetic or understanding of his son's wishes. This role requires good acting and singing

Vocal range bottom: A3      Vocal range top: D5

*Andrea* - Andrea is Daniel's refined and beautiful fiancée. Daniel and Andrea have been promised to each other by their parents since birth. She is sophisticated, educated and the exact opposite of Ti Moune. Good singing voice and graceful dancing required

Vocal range bottom: Bb3      Vocal range top: D5

*Papa Ge* - Papa Ge describes himself as "the sly demon of death." He is main antagonist. The actor playing this role must be able to create a strong character and have an evil laugh! He should be a good singer, but he does not need to have a polished, pretty voice - in fact, the more unique his vocal quality is, the better.

Vocal range bottom: C#4      Vocal range top: Ab5

*Asaka* - Asaka is the Goddess of the Earth and sings one of the most popular and fun songs of the show, "Mama Will Provide." Must be an excellent singer who moves well and has a robust personality. She is the most charismatic character in the show.

Vocal range bottom: A3      Vocal range top: E5

*Agwe* - Agwe is the God of Water. Must be a strong actor and an excellent singer and able to drive the energy in the beginning during the song "Rain"

Vocal range top: E5      Vocal range bottom: C#4

*Erzulie* - Erzulie is the triumphant Goddess of Love. Must be a graceful mover with a pretty voice. The character is confident yet charming.

Vocal range bottom: A3      Vocal range top: D5

*Storytellers & Gossipers* - (Peasants, Villagers, Guests, Grands Hommes) These roles can perform many roles, transforming from Peasants to wealthy Grands Hommes. There are features solos and actors

#### **Musical Numbers:**

- Prologue/We Dance - Storytellers
- One Small Girl - Euralie, Julian, Little Ti Moune & Storytellers
- Waiting For Life - Ti Moune, Storytellers
- And the Gods Heard Her Prayer - Asaka, Agwe, Papa Ge, Erzulie
- Rain - Agwe, Storytellers
- Pray - Peasants with Ti Moune, Julian, Euralie, Guard
- Forever Yours - Ti Moune and Papa Ge and Daniel
- Ti Moune - Euralie & Julian with Ti Moune
- Mama Will Provide - Asaka, Agwe & Papa Ge & Storytellers
- The Human Heart - Erzulie, Storytellers
- Pray Reprise/The Ball - Andrea, Daniel, Ti Moune, Storytellers
- Ti Moune's Dance
- Andrea Sequence
- Promises/Forever Yours (reprise)
- Wedding Sequence
- A Part Of Us - Euralie, Little Ti Moune, Julian and storytellers
- Why We Tell This Story - Storytellers with Little Ti Moune