

*Group 1*

Hansel and Gretel, children of a poor broom-maker,  
soon leave their work to play together, until their  
mother returns, stops their dancing and sends them out  
to pick strawberries.

*Their father comes home with food, but both  
parents are anxious about the children...*

In the wood they are lost and eat all the  
berries they have picked, before falling asleep  
under the benign spell of the Sandman.

The Dew Fairy wakens them, and as the mist  
clears they see a gingerbread house, but their  
delight is short-lived.

The Witch, whose house it is, takes them  
captive, putting Hansel in a cage to be fattened  
up for the table, while Gretel can be eaten at  
once!

When the oven is hot, the children trick the  
Witch into looking into the oven and push her  
in.

The Witch explodes and gingerbread children,  
former victims of the Witch, now come to life  
again.



All ends happily when Peter and Gertrud are  
united again with their children.