THE FESTIVAL SONG

From:

YOU GAVE ME A SHEEP

A Festival. Aesthetic is Tanabata (literally “Star Festival,”) crossed with Mario Galaxy. Cosabella, a princess, is a weaver of silk tapestries and robes, elaborately embroidered with butterflies, blossoms, magpies and other whimsical designs. She is a vendor at the fair. Roy, a princess, has come to sell his sheep. For Cosabella and Roy, who live in the Milky Way, being vendors at the Festival is their way to visit Earth once a year. A feeling of merriment pervades. Magpie, far SR, observes.

MAGPIE

Once upon a time, there were a Prince and a Princess who had jobs as a herder and a weaver. One day each year, they left their homes in the Milky Way to attend a Festival on Earth, where the Princess sold her tapestries and the Prince sold his sheep.

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ENSEMBLE

MARVELOUS ACCIDENTS HAPPEN AT THE FESTIVAL!
OPEN TO NON-ANGLO-SAXONS – IS THE FESTIVAL!
The STREET JUGGLERS ARE JUGGLING,
AND THE BIRDIE BIRDS ARE BIRDING.
The SHEEP HERDERS ARE HERDING,
BUT THE SHEEP THEY HERD WILL SOON DIE!

PRINCES AND PRINCESSES MINGLE AT THE FESTIVAL!

MAGPIE

EVERYONE TENDS TO BE SINGLE AT THE FESTIVAL!

COSABELLA

TODAY I AM DISPLAYING ALL THE TAPESTRIES I’VE WOVEN!

ROY

ALAS, NO MORE DELAYING – TO MY CLOVEN FRIENDS, FARE THEE...BYE!

Underscore continues.
Passerby (PB) stops at Cosabella’s booth. Roy is nearby and listens to their exchange. Magpie reacts to following dialogue.

COSABELLA
Good day. Do you like magpies? Would you like to see a magpie blanket?

PASSERBY
(repulsed) Magpies? Magpies are pests.

ROY
Oh, no. Magpies are beautiful and very intelligent. It is said that a magpie can recognize itself in a mirror.

COSABELLA
They are so intelligent that a group of magpies is known as a parliament.

MAGPIE
(pleased by unexpected compliment) Which would make me Prime Minister.

Roy and Cosabellas’ eyes meet. A heart confetti canon fires. The passerby exits. Roy and Cosabella are transfixed. Cosabella is the first to snap out of it. She sees Bella, Roy’s sheep, and pets her.

COSABELLA
What very sweet sheep!

ROY
Sweet. And tender. So long she’s not over-cooked.

COSABELLA
Cooked?

ROY
Not this one. Bella is my friend-

COSABELLA
Her name is Bella? My name is Bella! Princess Cosabella, de Cosa de Bella. De Cosa. De Bella.

ROY
My name is Roy. Prince Roy.
(Cosabella stands and begins to scratch where she’d come in contact with Bella.)

COSABELLA
Prince! Truly? Do you reside in a castle?

ROY
In a meadow, mostly.

COSABELLA
Where is the meadow?

ROY
In the Milky Way.

COSABELLA
I dwell in the Milky Way! Which part?

ROY
The Eastern-most part.

COSABELLA
I dwell in the Western-most part! What a remarkable coincidence that we should meet the one day a year I come to Earth for the Festival.

ROY
I also visit Earth once a year to come to the Festival. (beat) Suddenly I feel as if we are living in a fairy tale!

ENSEMBLE
FAIRY TALES GENERALLY HAPPEN AT A FESTIVAL. 
SO COMMONLY DESTINY HAPPENS AT A FESTIVAL. 
WILL THERE BE A HAPPY ENDING FOR PRINCE ROY AND COSABELLA? 
OR PERCHANCE HEARTACHE IMPENDING FOR THE FELLA AND HIS BRIDE. 
THE FESTIVAL!