

First, some Spanish dancers performed the Hot Chocolate Dance. Then the music became mysterious as the Arabian dancers swayed to the rhythm of the Coffee Dance. Next, a giant teapot appeared with Chinese dancers hopping out to perform their Dance of Tea.

Funniest of all was Mother Ginger, a giant lady wearing an enormous hoop skirt, from under which skipped out little children – turning cartwheels and dancing happily.

Next was the lively music of Trepak, the Russian Dance, with its acrobatic dancers twirling and leaping high in the air.

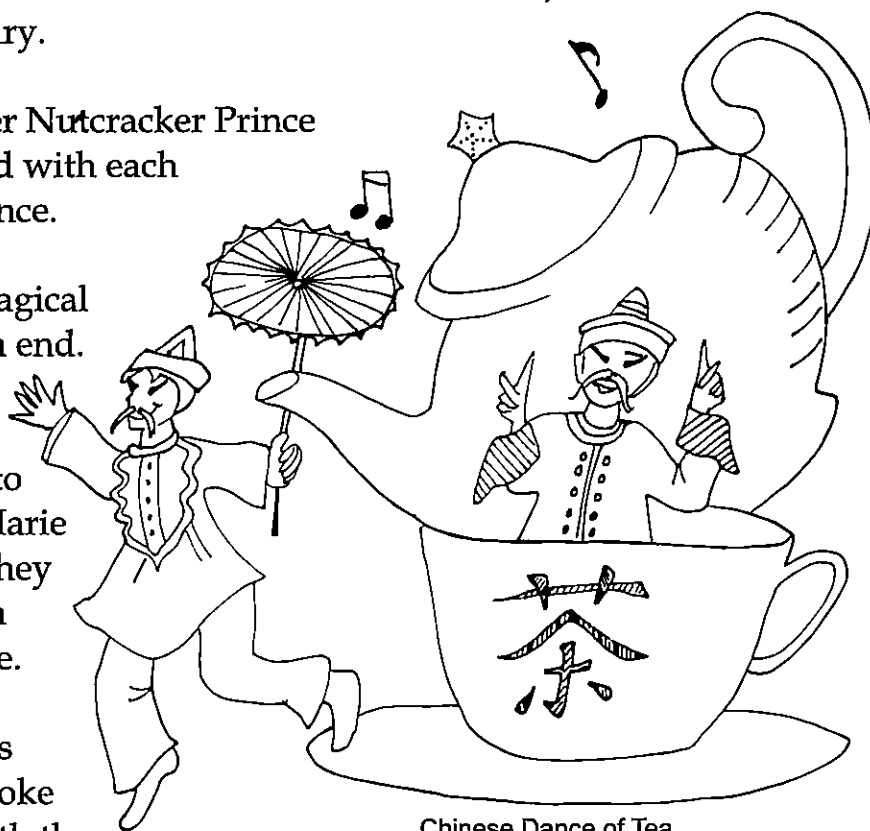
Finally came the beautiful Waltz of the Flowers, and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Marie and her Nutcracker Prince clapped – delighted with each different performance.

At last the magical evening came to an end. All the dancers of the Land of Sweets gathered together to wave farewell to Marie and her Prince as they entered their sleigh to travel back home.

On Christmas morning Marie awoke in her own bed, with the toy nutcracker in her arms.

Had it been a real Christmas adventure...or only a wonderful dream?



Chinese Dance of Tea