

# The Poet's Shadow

## Character Guide



*In order of vocal appearance:*



**Elizabeth:** A young woman on the cusp of adulthood. She suffers from depression and uses her poetry as an outlet. She is convinced that no one truly knows or understands her.



**Mrs. Peacock:** Elizabeth's mother. She is deeply concerned for her daughter's welfare and is worried about her daughter's increasing anti-social behavior and immaturity. She is warm-hearted and passionate about the beauty she sees all around her.



**Beautiful Love:** Elizabeth's ex-boyfriend. He is a hopeless romantic and still deeply loves Elizabeth—their breakup came out of the blue for him. He desperately wants to get back together again.



**The Rose:** A rose that grows in the center of the Peacock's garden. Before the action of the play she was a woman who had been betrayed in love. To prevent her from harming herself or dying, the fairies allowed her to sleep and transformed her into a Rose. She is newly woken and aware of herself since she heard Elizabeth's voice.



**The Fairy Guide:** Ally of the Rose, sent to help Elizabeth to find her way through her depression. The Fairy Guide represents the world in balance and harmony.



**The Monster:** An amalgam of the fear, rage, upset and hopelessness that Elizabeth feels. It is a destructive force born of her creativity and the depth of her despair.