



Synopsis

Twice-Told Tales is an evening of four one-act musicals based on classic American short stories, exploring the theme *be careful what you wish for*. In *Dr. Heidegger's Experiment*, three elderly Americans drink water supposedly drawn from the Fountain of Youth, against the stern warnings of the enigmatic Dr. Heidegger. *The Ransom of Red Chief* features a pair of two-bit con men whose plans to kidnap the ten-year-old son of the richest man in town backfire spectacularly. *The Tell-Tale Heart* is Poe's classic tale of the psychological guilt and torment suffered by a man who kills an old man. The evening concludes with Mark Twain's philosophical masterpiece, *The Mysterious Stranger*, in which an angel named Satan allows a young man the opportunity to change the fate of his best friends. Each musical features a cast of three men and one woman, with a different lyricist and composer for each.