

**CHORUS, NARRATOR 1,
NARRATOR 2 (Together):** Brave.

*MULAN'S FATHER enters. He stands at the gate. It opens (the CHORUS members move as if they are a gate opening). He looks into the distance.
MULAN'S MOTHER enters. She touches MULAN'S FATHER lightly on the shoulder. He doesn't turn around.*

MULAN'S FATHER: My daughter.

MULAN'S MOTHER: She will return in time.

MULAN'S FATHER: May she have peace the whole way.

MULAN'S MOTHER: And us too. Come inside.

*MULAN'S MOTHER and MULAN'S FATHER exit. The 'gate' closes.
The CHORUS move and create the shape of a tree with their bodies.*

NARRATOR 1: But the war continued.

NARRATOR 2: For year after year after year.

CHORUS (Together): Leaves have fallen. The magnolia branches are bare.

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NARRATOR 1,

NARRATOR 2 (Together): Scene five. Mulan fights bravely. The Emperor is grateful.

The CHORUS create the shape of a tree with their bodies.

NARRATOR 1: Fierce battles raged all over the land.

NARRATOR 2: Mulan fought with the courage of ten men.

MULAN enters.

The CHORUS and MULAN will create a series of freezes, of still pictures, showing soldiers in battle holding different, imaginary, weapons. The CHORUS speak as a group together when they are in position. MULAN does not speak.

The CHORUS move and create a group freeze picture showing soldiers and Mulan facing the enemy, with each person holding a Gong (an ancient Chinese bow). Mulan stands at the back of the group. They all face the audience.

CHORUS (Together): Selfless.

NARRATOR 1: Mulan's skill won her great respect.

The CHORUS move and create a group freeze picture showing soldiers and Mulan facing the enemy, with each person holding a Ji (an ancient Chinese 2-handed pole weapon). Mulan stands at the centre of the group. They all face the audience.

CHORUS (Together): Loyal.

NARRATOR 2: One hundred battles.

The CHORUS move and create a group freeze picture showing soldiers and Mulan facing the enemy, with each person holding a Qiang (an ancient Chinese spear). Mulan stands at the centre of the group. They all face the audience.

CHORUS (Together): Loving.

NARRATOR 1: Many noble generals lost their lives.

The CHORUS move and create a group freeze picture showing soldiers and Mulan facing the enemy, with each person holding a Yue (an ancient Chinese axe). Mulan stands near the front of the group. They all face the audience.

CHORUS (Together): Kind.

NARRATOR 2: Mulan's bravery gained her high status.

The CHORUS move and create a group freeze picture showing soldiers and Mulan facing the enemy, with each person holding a Jian (an ancient Chinese double-edged straight sword). Mulan stands at the very front of the group. They all face the audience.

CHORUS (Together): Noble.

NARRATOR 1: She became a great General.

NARRATOR 2: And no one knew that she was a woman.

The CHORUS move and create a group 'freeze' as if they are soldiers rushing into battle. Their arms are raised, as if holding their swords (Jian) in the air. Mulan leads the group. They all face the audience.

CHORUS (Together, in position): Brave.

NARRATOR 2: Only the strongest soldiers survived.

NARRATOR 1: These warriors returned after 12 years of fighting.

NARRATOR 2: Mulan returned, triumphant and victorious!

NARRATOR 1: The Emperor summoned Hua Mulan to the Imperial Palace.

A small low platform and the Emperor's throne are brought on stage. The throne is placed upon the platform. The EMPEROR enters and sits in the throne. The CHORUS move and become Imperial Guards, standing beside and around the Emperor. They face MULAN. MULAN moves and stands in front of the EMPEROR.

EMPEROR: You have been very brave, General, a strong leader of men.

MULAN bows her head in gratitude.

EMPEROR: I will reward your bravery. You will be a Grand Minister.

MULAN: Thank you most respected Emperor, but I have no use for honours.

EMPEROR: Then you will be rewarded with gifts of gold.

MULAN: Thank you most honourable Son of Heaven, but I have no use for gold and glory.

EMPEROR: Please tell me what you desire brave soldier.

MULAN: All I ask for is a swift camel to take me back home.