

GRAND COULEE DAM: It SURE IS GRAND!

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BLACK SCREEN (AKA, the face of Grand Coulee Dam)

MUSIC: "swirling" musical sounds as

We see lines of red, green, and cyan sweep diagonally across the screen. As the music builds in volume the number of lines increases, too, until the screen is a waving plane of colors.

Billy (OS)

And now, we proudly present. . .

As the colors sweep across the screen, they leave behind the images of three stick figures - RED, GREEN, and CYAN -- standing to the left, right, and underneath a large box outlined in dots of color; the figures to the sides are "holding onto" the box with one hand; the one underneath is holding the box up with both up-raised arms.

MUSIC: a bright "ta-da!" flair

With the "ta-da," the sweeping colors disappear leaving behind the stick figures and the box. The colorful dots along its edges start chasing around the edge like lights on a movie marquee. Inside the box are the words, "is Grand Sure: Dam Coulee Grand it!"

Billy (OS)

"is Grand Sure: Dam Coulee Grand it!?"

CYAN sees the sign, face-palms, then jumps up and down, "yelling" at RED and GREEN who vigorously shake the marquee box for a second. The letters rearrange into "Grand Coulee Dam: It Sure Is Grand!"

Billy (OS)

That's more like it! We proudly present "Grand Coulee Dam: It Sure Is Grand!"

The outline of the shore and "rippling water" comes sliding in from screen right as BILLY comes paddling in his canoe from the left.

Billy

Hi-ya, folks! I'm Billy Beaver
and . . . yipes!

BILLY'S canoe hits the shore. He is flipped out of the boat, whacks the stick figures and the box, knocking them to pieces (that is, into a bunch of short chunks of colored line) that fly off-screen; Billy adeptly lands on his feet, striking a "ain't no big thing" pose. He looks off after the stick figures.

Billy

Billy Beaver's the name, and me
and my stick figure pals are
gonna tell you just how grand
the Grand Coulee Dam really is.
And who knows more about dams
than a beaver?

As BILLY is speaking, RED, GREEN, and CYAN come staggering back onto the screen.

Billy

Of course, we beavers don't make
OUR dams out of concrete. We use
sticks. Speaking of which . . .

BILLY grabs the three stick figures, turns away from the audience, and starts to twist them together like someone making a balloon animal.

SFX: squeaking balloon sounds

Billy

A twist here, a tuck, there and
. . . ta-da! A custom-made
beaver . . . dam? Doesn't seem
quite right . . .

BILLY holds up a multicolored balloon poodle made out of the stick figures. BILLY lets go of the "poodle" and it flies around the screen as if the air were coming out of a balloon.

SFX: high-pitched deflating balloon sound

The stick figure "poodle" shoots off screen.

SFX: a last "raspberry" blat from the off-screen balloon

Billy

Uh . . . oops.

(brightens) But do you know why
Grand Coulee Dam is even here?

RED and GREEN run on from the opposite side of the screen where they went flying off, pushing and pulling on a model of the dam on which is playing a simple animation of smaller red and green stick figures jumping up and down and waving to us in the audience. When the model is in place, the full-size RED and GREEN also jump up and down and wave.

Billy
It's here so everybody can see
us doing our show!

RED and GREEN push the model off screen as CYAN enters from the opposite side pulling with him a garden hose. He begins to water a small patch of green grass.

Billy
But it has OTHER uses, too. The
water in Lake Roosevelt is used
to grown food . . .

Out of the grass suddenly sprouts an incredibly fast-growing apple tree that leaves a giant red apple hanging down over BILLY'S head. RED and GREEN run back on screen. CYAN points proudly to the giant apple as RED and GREEN congratulate him on his accomplishment.

Billy
. . . And the water also
generates electricity!

As BILLY speaks, the apple turns into a dimly-lit, old-fashioned filament lightbulb.

Billy
Ta-da!

A "question mark" appears over the head of each stick figure.

Billy
I was thinking of something,
maybe, a little . . . flashier!

Music: 8-bit/midi-sounding disco-y music

The lightbulb transforms into a rotating disco ball sending spots of multi-colored light all across the screen. The "question marks" over the stick figures' heads become "exclamation points.

Billy
Let's boogie!

BILLY does a happily awkward dance. The stick figures shrug and they, too, start to dance. BILLY dances off screen left, the stick figures screen right as the disco ball expands, filling the screen. The image of the disco ball fades.

Music: Music fades.

SFX: Speed boat.

SFX: Splash!

With the splash sound effect, we see big, cartoony "water splash" graphics fills the screen. Followed by an image of the lake with the Grand Coulee in the background. BILLY enters from the side.

Billy
We can also have fun with all
that water!

All three of the stick figures on skis a "watercade-style" pyramid (one standing on the shoulders of the others) and being pulled by a cartoony speed boat quickly ski across the screen by a boat. They disappear off the other side.

Billy
Like water skiing!

SFX: Speed boat.

The trio come zipping back across the screen the other direction, the top stick figure fishing from the top of the pyramid.

Billy
And fishing!

SFX: Speed boat.

We see the three stick figures again, madly rowing the boat and towing a giant waterskiing walleye.

Billy
And boating!

SFX: Speed boat.

The stick figures, boat, and walleye come shooting back onto the screen, but this time the boat makes a turn and starts heading out toward BILLY and the audience, chasing BILLY who runs off screen.

Billy
Yipes! A wild walleye!

SFX: Speed boat.

SFX: Crash!

The screen is filled with animated zig-zaggy "crash" graphics and big, cartoony letters reading, "WALLEYED!" The screen clears as BILLY staggers back on screen knocking water out of one ear then knocks an impossibly large (for BILLY'S ear, that is) walleye out of the other; it gives BILLY a dirty look and dives off of the screen with a splash. While this is happening, the three stick figures return from off screen lugging out the original "The Grand Coulee: It Sure is Grand!" sign.

Billy
Now what was that we were
saying? Oh, right! Grand Coulee
Dam: It Sure Is Grand!

The stick figures each raise their "hands" to their "mouths," whistle loudly, then RED and GREEN run off screen.

SFX: Loud "Hey, You!" whistle

Billy
What?

CYAN holds up his left arm revealing a very large wrist watch with a single hand ticking off the seconds.

Billy
Aw! We've gotta get going! The
show is about to start!

During the preceding RED and GREEN drag the canoe back to
the water. BILLY, RED, GREEN, and CYAN jump aboard.

Billy
Thanks, folks! See you next
time! Enjoy the show!

The stick figures wave from the canoe as BILLY paddles them
all off screen.

FADE TO BLACK.

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