## Duck for President

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| Character | **Student playing the character** |
| Narrator 1 (N. 1) |  |
| Narrator 2 (N. 2) |  |
| Duck |  |
| Farmer Brown  (AKA: F. Brown) |  |
| 30931  Pig |  |
| Governor |  |
| President |  |
| Crowd: Cows, Sheep, Mice |  |

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| F. Brown | Running a farm is very hard work! |
| **N. 1** | At the end of each day Farmer Brown is covered from head to toe in hay, horsehair, seeds, sprouts, feathers, filth, muck and coffee stains |
| **Pig** | Peeeyouuu!! He doesn’t smell very good!! |
| **F. Brown** | The animals have chores to do!  Pig- clean under the beds  Cow- weed the garden  Sheep- sweep the barn  Duck- Take out the trash, mow the lawn, grind the coffee beans! |
| **N. 2** | Duck did not like to do chores. |
| **Duck** | I do not like to do my chores because I will be picking out grass and espresso beans from my feathers! YUK! |
| **Duck** | Why is Farmer Brown in charge anyway? What we need is an election!! |
| **N. 2** | So Duck made a sign and hung it in the barn. |
| **N. 1** | The sign read: Farmer Brown MUST GO!! Farm election tomorrow! |
| **N. 2** | The next morning Farmer Brown found a poster on his front door. |
| **N. 1** | The sign read: Vote DUCK! For a kinder, gentler, farm! |
| **F. Brown** | What! I am so furious! |
| **N. 2** | So the farmer marched down to the barn to find the animals registering to vote. |
| **Duck** | Please register to vote! Your vote matters! All voters MUST:   1. Live on the farm 2. Show valid ID 3. Be at least this tall. *(pointing in upward motion)* |
| **Mice** | Hey! We protest number 3!!! |
| **Duck** | Ok, fair enough! We will scratch this requirement off. |
| **N. 1** | Election Day has arrived and the votes were posted on the barn wall.  F. Brown (6)votes --- Duck (20)votes |
| **F. Brown** | I demand a recount! |
| **Pig** | Oops! Here is another ballot that was sticking to me. |
| **N. 2** | The new tally was in  F. Brown (6)votes --- Duck (21)votes |
| **Duck** | The animals have spoken! I am officially in charge! |
| **N. 1** | At the end of each day Duck was covered from head to toe in hay, horsehair, seeds, sprouts, feathers, filth, mud, muck, and coffee stains. |
| **Duck** | Running a farm is not fun at all!! |
| **N. 2** | That night Duck and his staff started working hard for his new campaign. Duck decided he would run for Governor. |
| **Crowd**  **\*holding up signs\*** | Vote for Duck! Vote for Duck! Not a Politician! |
| **Duck** | Farmer Brown, you are in charge of the farm while I am away campaigning. |
| **N. 1** | Duck went to visit small towns, marched in parades, and gave speeches to other ducks that could understand him. |
| **N. 2** | The votes were counted and the results were in. |
| **Governor** | What! Duck wins by a nose!! I lost by one vote! I demand a recount! |
| **N. 2** | 2 sticky ballots were found on the bottom of a plate of pancakes and the new results were in!!  Governor (299,999)votes --- Duck (300,002)votes  So, Duck wins by 3 votes! |
| **Governor** | The voters have spoken and Duck is officially in charge! |
| **N. 1** | At the end of every day Duck was covered from head to toe in hair spray, ink stains, scotch tape, fingerprints, mayonnaise, and coffee stains. |
| **Duck** | Running a state is very hard work! I have a very bad headache! This is not fun! |
| **N. 2** | That night Duck and his staff starting working very hard for a new campaign. Duck decided that it would be best to run for President. So he hit the campaign trail. |
| **Crowd**  **\*holding up signs\*** | A DUCK FOR A CHANGE!!  Duck! MAKING US PROUD AGAIN!  I LIKE DUCK! |
| **N. 1** | He kissed babies at local diners, rode in parades, gave speeches that only ducks would understand, and even played the saxophone on the late-night TV. |
| **N. 2** | Election Day was here and the ballots have been counted. The results were announced on CNN.  Mr. President (50,546,165)votes --- Duck (50,546,170)votes |
| **Mr. President** | I demand a recount! |
| **N. 1** | 10 sticky ballots were sticking to the bottom of the Vice President. The new tally was in.  Mr. President (50,546,165) votes --- Duck (50,546,180) votes |
| **Mr. President** | The voters have spoken and Duck is now officially in charge! |
| **Duck** | Running a country is very hard work and I have a very bad headache! |
| **N. 2** | At the end of each day Duck was covered from head to toe in face powder, paper cuts, staples, security badges, Secret Service agents, and coffee stains. |
| **N. 1** | Then Duck checked the help-wanted ads. |
| **Duck**  **\*reading quietly\*** | Duck Needed!  No experience necessary. Must be able to mow the lawn and grind coffee beans. *hummmm* |
| **Duck** | Mr. Vice President you are in charge! I am going back to the farm! |
| **N. 2** | At the end of each day Farmer Brown is NOW covered from head to toe in hay, horsehair, seeds, sprouts, feathers, filth, mud, muck, and coffee stains |
| **N.1** | And Duck….  is working on his autobiography. |
| **All** | THE END! |