

Big Fish Outline

ACT ONE

“On The Day He Was Born....”

Opening Titles: Will grows, Edward annoys

France: Will gets the call (J)

Airplane: Fly to Alabama (J)

The Snowstorm (M,F,E)

Arrive at house: Meet the mother, Dr. Bennett (S, B,J , W)

First Will/Edward talk (W&E)

The Giant (Karl)

Will wants one real conversation: “A stranger I know very well” (W&J)

Sandra asks Will to go through papers (S, W)

The Girl In The River (Girl)

The Day He Left Ashland (M, F, E, K)

The Town On The Road (E)

ACT TWO

Edward tells Josephine (E, J)

The Old Lady and the Eye: meet Don (Don)

Meet Sandra (S)

Woo Sandra (K, S, D)

Fight Don (Don)

Second Will/Edward Conversation (W, E)

He Goes to War (Don, Karl, China the 2-headed woman)

Josephine in labor (W, J, B)

The Day Will was born (B, S, W)

Will argues with Edward (E, W)

Edward into coma (S, B, E)

ACT THREE

Will finds deed; mistress; she loved Edward’s stories (W)

Mistress tells: He Traveled the World (E)

Mistress tells: In which He Buys a House (E)

Will confronts Sandra about the affair; of course she knew. Assume I’m Stupid? (W, S)

Edward awakes, peace making, not understanding (W, E)

Edward dies (W, E)

Funeral, guest (Don, Karl, 2-headed Woman)

At the grave with son (W, J, Kid)

Big Fish (Everyone)

“That’s Funny” (W, J, Kid)

W = Will, E = Edward, S = Sandra, J = Josephine, K = Karl
M = Edward’s Mother, F = Edward’s Father