

They're on again!

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The puppets are on again, ready to ease the strain of life!
Give them a round of applause!

Prince, the protagonist: clever and victorious,
out to save the day;

Doggy, the friend: loyal and true,
happy to please its master;

Princess, the pretty: enchanting and sweet,
looking her best today;

Wizard, the wise: understanding and strong,
ready to show the way;...

Who would have guessed
that in the dark
behind the stage,
undiscovered,
is me,
keeping them alive,
fooling the audience,
fooling myself,
desperately.