

Audition Sides - Alma, Maud, Mrs. Squires, Ethel, Harold, Eulalie

(MARIAN exits towards the library. HAROLD starts to follow as the PICK-A-LITTLE LADIES come chattering in. EULALIE hangs back, but HAROLD is surrounded.)

START

ALMA

Oh, Professor Hill, we're all agog – simply agog!

MAUD

On the que veev!

MRS. SQUIRES

Everyone's so excited about the band.

ETHEL

(loud voice)

I'm Ethel Toffelmier.

MAUD

And this is Mrs. Squires, and Mrs. Hix. And of course you met Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn?

(The PICK-A-LITTLE LADIES part, revealing EULALIE dramatically.)

Our Mayor's wife? Isn't it exciting, Eulalie?

EULALIE

Oh, I couldn't say. I could not say. Oh no. I could not say, at this time. My husband will wish to investigate, I'm sure. And naturally I'm reticent. Oh yes, I'm reticent.

HAROLD

Of course, Mrs. Shinn, I understand. But you see, part of my music plans include a committee on the dance and—

(EULALIE moves her foot several times as if in minor pain.)

—No wait – wait! Do that again, Mrs. Shinn!

(EULALIE looks behind her, mystified)

Your foot! The way you raised it, just now!

EULALIE

(lifting foot slightly)

Oh. Well. I have a bunion there that bothers—

HAROLD

Oh what grace! What natural flow of rhythm! What expression of line and movement!

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EULALIE

Mr. Hill.

HAROLD

You must accept the chairmanship of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Classic Dance, mustn't she, ladies?

PICK-A-LITTLE LADIES

Oh yes! Please! You must, Eulalie.

HAROLD

Every move you make, Mrs. Shinn, bespeaks Del Sarte. Will you – will you? Say yes, Mrs. Shinn!

EULALIE

(moving forward amid flutters, she murmurs)

Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn – ah – well! I – ah – that is – Dancing! Well!

HAROLD

Then you accept?

EULALIE

Yes indeed! And I would like to say—

HAROLD

Thank you. Now the young lady who plays the piano – Marian Paroo, I believe?

(The PICK-A-LITTLE LADIES all gasp.)

After all she is the librarian.

END

(#14 – PICK-A-LITTLE, TALK-A-LITTLE

(PART 1) *begins. The PICK-A-LITTLE LADIES instantly huddle.)*

Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-Little (Part 1)

Moderate 4

ALMA:



Pick a lit-tle, talk a lit-tle, pick a lit-tle, talk a lit-tle,