

SCENE NINE

TIME: The following Wednesday evening, after supper.

AT RISE: MRS. PAROO is rocking on her porch.

WINTHROP

(bursting onto stage)

Mama!

MRS. PAROO

Winthrop, where've you been?

WINTHROP

Fithin'.

MRS. PAROO

Fishing!

WINTHROP

With Harold. He told me all about hith hometown, Gary, Indiana. And he thaid he'd take me there thum day. And he taught me a thong that hardly thath any etheth in it.

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Gary, Indiana

Soft Shoe

WINTHROP:

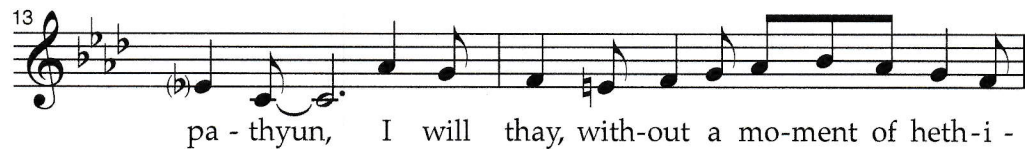
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(*MARIAN enters.*)

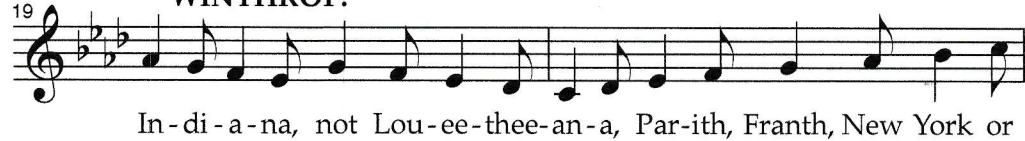


MRS. PAROO:

MARIAN:



WINTHROP:



MRS. PAROO:

MARIAN:





WINTHROP

I'll be back in a minute. I have to show Amaryllith my live frog.

(WINTHROP sings loudly as he exits.)

La de da de da de da de da. La de da. La de da.

(MRS. PAROO starts into the house.)

MARIAN

Leave the dishes – I'll do them, Mama.

CHARLIE

(entering, he sees the 'PIANO LESSONS GIVEN' sign on porch)

You the piano teacher in town?

MARIAN

Why, yes.

CHARLIE

Then you must know about this fellow Hill formin' a boys' band here.

MARIAN

Yes...

CHARLIE

Well, don't let it worry you no more. I got the goods on him in spades. Swindlin' two-bit thimble rigger. I'm just passin' through. Number eight only makes a fifteen minute water stop.

MARIAN

Who are you?

CHARLIE

Name's Charlie Cowell – anvil salesman.