

SCENE SEVEN: THE BEACH

(Alone, Prince Eric enters and scans the horizon.)

#11 - *Her Voice*

Prince Eric

PRINCE ERIC

WHERE DID SHE GO?
WHERE CAN SHE BE?
WHEN WILL SHE COME AGAIN
CALLING TO ME?
CALLING TO ME ...
CALLING TO ME ...

SOMEWHERE THERE'S A GIRL
WHO'S LIKE THE SHIMMER OF THE WIND UPON THE WATER
SOMEWHERE THERE'S A GIRL
WHO'S LIKE THE GLIMMER OF THE SUNLIGHT ON THE SEA
SOMEWHERE THERE'S A GIRL
WHO'S LIKE A SWELL OF ENDLESS MUSIC
SOMEWHERE SHE IS SINGING
AND HER SONG IS MEANT FOR ME

AND HER VOICE
IT'S SWEET AS ANGELS SIGHING
AND HER VOICE
IT'S WARM AS SUMMER SKY
AND THAT SOUND
IT HAUNTS MY DREAMS
AND SPINS ME 'ROUND
UNTIL IT SEEMS
I'M FLYING ...
HER VOICE!

(Grimsby enters.)

GRIMSBY

With all due respect, sire, you've been scouring the sea for weeks, and to what end?

PRINCE ERIC

I vowed to find her, and I will.

GRIMSBY

I've a better idea. On the eve of your twenty-first birthday, we'll host a marvelous ball. We'll invite countless eligible young ladies, from far and wide—

PRINCE ERIC

(exasperated)

I knew it!

GRIMSBY

—to sing for you.

PRINCE ERIC

What?

GRIMSBY

A contest. What better way to find your mysterious voice? You'll be married by sunset on that very day, just as your father decreed!

PRINCE ERIC

Yes ... why, yes! That's how we'll find her.

GRIMSBY

Indeed we shall. You have my word.

(Grimsby exits.)

PRINCE ERIC

She's out there somewhere, I just know.

I CAN SENSE HER LAUGHTER
 IN THE RIPPLE OF THE WAVES AGAINST THE SHORELINE
 I CAN SEE HER SMILING
 IN THE MOONLIGHT AS IT SETTLES ON THE SAND
 I CAN FEEL HER WAITING
 JUST BEYOND THE PALE HORIZON
 SINGING OUT A MELODY TOO LOVELY TO WITHSTAND

AND HER VOICE
 IT'S THERE AS DUSK IS FALLING
 AND HER VOICE
 IT'S THERE AS DAWN STEALS BY
 PURE AND BRIGHT, IT'S ALWAYS NEAR
 ALL DAY, ALL NIGHT
 AND STILL I HEAR IT CALLING
 HER VOICE

(PRINCE ERIC)

STRANGE AS A DREAM ...
REAL AS THE SEA ...
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW
COME SET ME FREE ...
COME SET ME FREE!

#11A - After "Her Voice"