

Freddy + Mrs Pearce

MY FAIR LADY

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Act 1
Scene 8

FREDDY

(Taking bouquet)

Isn't it a heavenly day?

(SHE looks at HIM strangely and exits DR.)

FREDDY *Xes to stoop, knocks on the door, turns front. Sings.*

(On first step)

WHEN SHE MENTIONED HOW HER AUNT BIT OFF THE SPOON,
SHE COMPLETELY DONE ME IN.

(Steps down)

AND MY HEART WENT ON A JOURNEY TO THE MOON,
WHEN SHE TOLD ABOUT HER FATHER AND THE GIN.
AND I NEVER SAW A MORE ENCHANTING FARCE,
THAN THE MOMENT WHEN SHE SHOUTED, "MOVE YOUR BLOOMIN'..."

(Music continues under dialogue)

MRS. PEARCE

(Enters on steps)

Yes, sir?

FREDDY

Is Miss Doolittle at home?

MRS. PEARCE

Whom shall I say is calling?

FREDDY

Freddy Eynsford-Hill. If she doesn't remember me, tell her I'm the chap who was sniggering at her.

MRS. PEARCE

Yes, sir.

FREDDY

(X U to HER)

And would you give her these?

(Hands HER the bouquet)

MRS. PEARCE

(Leaving)

Yes, sir.

FREDDY

(Stopping HER)

You needn't rush. I want to drink in this street where she lives.

(XD to bottom of steps)

MRS. PEARCE

Yes, sir.

(SHE exits)

FREDDY

(Facing front)

I HAVE OFTEN WALKED DOWN THIS STREET BEFORE,
BUT THE PAVEMENT ALWAYS STAYED BENEATH MY FEET BEFORE.
ALL AT ONCE AM I SEV'RAL STORIES HIGH,
KNOWING I'M ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE.

ARE THERE LILAC TREES IN THE HEART OF TOWN?
CAN YOU HEAR A LARK IN ANY OTHER PART OF TOWN?
DOES ENCHANTMENT POUR OUT OF EV'RY DOOR?
NO, IT'S JUST ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE!

AND OH, THE TOWERING FEELING
JUST TO KNOW SOMEHOW YOU ARE NEAR!
THE OVER-POWERING FEELING
THAT ANY SECOND YOU MAY SUDDENLY APPEAR!

PEOPLE STOP AND STARE. THEY DON'T BOTHER ME,
FOR THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE ON EARTH THAT I WOULD RATHER BE.
LET THE TIME GO BY; I WON'T CARE IF I
CAN BE HERE ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE.

(Music continues under dialogue)

MRS. PEARCE

(Enters on steps)

Mr. Eynsford-Hill?

FREDDY

Yes.

(Turns to HER)

MRS. PEARCE

I'm terribly sorry, sir. Miss Doolittle says she doesn't want to see anyone ever again.

FREDDY

(Xes two steps to HER)

But why? She was magnificent!

MRS. PEARCE

Magnificent? Do you have the right address, sir?

FREDDY

Of course. Tell her I'll wait.

MRS. PEARCE

But it might be days, sir. Even weeks!

FREDDY

(X to bottom of steps)

But don't you see? I'll be happier here.

(MRS. PEARCE exits. FREDDY Xes to DLC)

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(HE Xes to house, goes up onto the first step looking into the house)