Audition Sides - King

KING

What? What? I say you are my servant!

CHULALONGKORN moves to his father's side.

ANNA

No, Your Majesty, indeed – I am not your servant and if you do not give me the house you promised me, I shall return to England.

> There is a frightened murmur from the CHILDREN. ANNA herself looks surprised at her own temerity.

KING

(threateningly) You will say no more!

ANNA

(on the edge of tears) I will say no more, because – I have no more to say. *She starts off.*

Come, Louis.

LOUIS follows her out.

WIVES, CHILDREN

(calling after her, their pleas overlapping) Please don't go, Mrs. Anna! Please, Mrs. Anna.

The KING stamps his foot angrily to silence them all.

KING

Out! Out! Out!

WIVES and CHILDREN scurry out, left and right. The KING crosses down and faces upstage. CHULALONGKORN and LADY THIANG exit. The KING is alone. His thoughts are confused. He paces up and down, then crosses up to the right of the map and looks at it.

TRACK 13: WIVES AND CHILDREN EXIT

BEGIN

(KING)

So big a world! Siam very small... England very small... All people very small. No man big enough for to be alone. No man big enough! King different! King need no one... nobody at all! I think!

END

The KING exits. TUPTIM enters. She looks around cautiously and then opens a book, pretending to read. LUN THA enters, surprised to find TUPTIM alone.