

Audition Sides - Lady Thiang, Tuptim, Lun Tha, Anna

BEGIN

LADY THIANG

Princess Tuptim, the King and his English guests are on way to theatre pavilion. Should you not be there to begin your play?

TUPTIM

(rattled)

I came out here to memorize my lines.

LADY THIANG

(stopping her as she starts to go)

I think not, Princess. I have seen you and emissary from Burma together. I do not tell King. But this man, Lun Tha, he will leave Siam tonight.

TUPTIM

Tonight?

LADY THIANG

Now go to the theatre, Princess.

LADY THIANG exits. LUN THA enters.

LUN THA

Tuptim!

TUPTIM

She says you will leave Siam tonight, but I do not believe her.

LUN THA

It is true, Tuptim. They have ordered me on to the first ship that leaves for Burma, and it is tonight.

TUPTIM

What will we do?

LUN THA

You are coming with me!

TUPTIM

I!

LUN THA

Meet me here, after your play. Everything is arranged.

ANNA

(entering)

Tuptim!

TUPTIM

Mrs. Anna!

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ANNA

Tuptim, they are looking for you at the theatre. I guessed you were both here.

LUN THA

Mrs. Anna, we are leaving tonight.

ANNA

Leaving? How?

LUN THA

Do not ask me how. It is better if you do not know.

TUPTIM

We shall never forget you, Mrs. Anna! Never.

*TUPTIM suddenly embraces ANNA, and then
TUPTIM and LUN THA exit.*

ANNA

(as she goes)
God bless you both!

END

SCENE 9: THE THEATRE PAVILION

TRACK 21: GONG 1

TUPTIM enters, bows and sits on the stool, ready to begin.

TUPTIM

(speaking straight out at the audience, as if addressing the KING and his BRITISH VISITORS)

Your Majesty, and honorable guests, I beg to put before you "Small House of Uncle Thomas."

TRACK 22: SMALL HOUSE INTRODUCTION

CHORUS

SMALL HOUSE OF UNCLE THOMAS.
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WRITTEN BY A WOMAN,
HARRIET BEECHER STO-WA.

TUPTIM

House is in Kingdom of Kentucky, ruled by most wicked king in all America, Simon of Legree.

TRACK 23: GONG 2