

Audition Sides - Princess Ying Yaowalak

KING

Speak letter now.

The CHILDREN divide to form a lane through which ANNA can see PRINCESS YING YAOWALAK. The PRINCESS is uncertain.

Say it! Say it! Say it!

PRINCESS YING YAOWALAK turns to the KING, who nods encouragement to her.

BEGIN

PRINCESS YING YAOWALAK

(reciting her "letter")

Dear friend and teacher. My goodness gracious, do not go away! We are in great need of you. We are like one blind. Do not let us fall down in darkness. Continue good and sincere concern for us, and lead us in right road. Your loving pupil, Princess Ying Yaowalak.

END

ANNA rises, unable to speak, and rushes to the little girl and hugs her. LOUIS drops down to the foot of the King's bed.

CHILDREN

(clustering around her as they did before, their voices overlapping)

Do not leave us! We are afraid without you. We are afraid.

TRACK 44: BOAT WHISTLE

The sound of a boat whistle is heard off in the distance.

LOUIS

(crossing to ANNA and tapping her shoulder)

Mother – It's the boat! It's time!

The CHILDREN look at her anxiously. She rises and looks at them.

Suddenly, ANNA starts to remove her bonnet and her gloves. She hands them to LOUIS as she speaks.

ANNA

Louis, please go down to the ship and ask Captain Orton to take all our boxes off. And have everything put back into our house.

A look of relief crosses the KING's face. LOUIS runs off eagerly. The CHILDREN break into shouts of joy.

KING

Silence!