## BRIGADOON

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## Production Notes

Brigadoon was first presented by Cheryl Crawford at the Ziegfeld Theatre, New York, on March 13, 1947. The cast was as follows:

Scene 5: Scene 4:

Three nights later.

A bar in New York City.
Four months later.
The forest (same as Act One, Scene 1).

Meg Brockie, Pamela Britton Jean MacLaren, Virginia Bosler Fiona MacLaren, Marion Bell Sandy Dean, Hayes Gordon Andrew MacLaren, Edward Cullen Fishmonger, Bunty Kelley
Angus MacGuffie, Walter Scheff Tommy Albright, David Brooks Jeff Douglas, George Keane Archie Beaton, Elliott Sullivan Harry Beaton, *James Mitchell* 

> Bagpipers, James MacFadden, Arthur Horn Sword Dancers, Roland Guerard, Frank, John Paul Mr. Lundie, William Hansen Maggie Anderson, Lidija Franklin Charlie Dalrymple, Lee Sullivan ane Ashton, Frances Charles George Drake

Townsfolk of Brigadoon Stuart Dalrymple, Delbert Anderson MacGregor, Earl Redding

Choreography by Agnes de Mille Scenery by Oliver Smith Musical Director: Franz Allers Lighting by Peggy Clark
Orchestrations by Ted Royal Costumes by David Ffolkes Directed by Robert Lewis

#### Act One

Scene 1: A forest in the Scottish Highlands.

Interlude: About five on a May in the morning. A road in the town of Brigadoon.

A few minutes later.

The square of Brigadoon—MacConnachy Square

Later that morning.

Scene 3: The Brockie open shed. lust past noon.

Midafternoon. The MacLaren house.

Scene 4:

Outside the house of Mr. Lundie.

Immediately following.

Scene 6: Outside the kirk of Brigadoon. Dusk.

A forest inside Brigadoon.

A few minutes later.

Act Two

ater that night.

On the way from the forest.

Scene 3: The glen.

Musical Numbers

Once in the Highlands Prologue

Act One

Brigadoon Scene 1:

Dance Down on MacConnachy Square I'll Go Home with Bonnie Jean Waitin' for My Dearie Scene 2:

Down on MacConnachy Square The Heather on the Hill

The Love of My Life ocene 3:

Scene 4:

Wedding Dance Almost Like Being in Love Come to Me, Bend to Me Dance Jeannie's Packin' Up

Sword Dance

Act Two

The Chase Scene 1:

There but for You Go I Scene 2: Scene 3:

From This Day On My Mother's Weddin' Day Funeral Dance

Come to Me, Bend to Me Brigadoon Down on MacConnachy Square From This Day On Pll Go Home with Bonnie Jean The Heather on the Hill Scene 5: Scene 4:

Chorus

Chorus

Maggie, Harry, and Dancers Sandy, Meg, and Townsfolk Fiona and Girls Charlie and Townsfolk Townsfolk (Reprise) Tommy and Fiona

Charlie Meg

Tommy and Fiona Jean, Charlie, and Dancers Harry and Dancers Jean and Dancers

Men of Brigadoon

Tommy

Meg and Townsfolk Tommy and Fions Chorus (Reprise) Maggie

Charlie and Townsfolk (Reprise) Fiona and Tommy (Reprise) Townsfolk (*Reprise*) Fiona (Reprise) Fiona (Reprise)

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## PROLOGUE

down and a singing chorus is heard Near the end of the overture, when the house curtain is up, the music fades

Once in the Highlands, the Highlands of Deep in the night on a murky brae; Scotland,

Two weary hunters lost their way

There in the Highlands, the Highland's of Scotland

And this is what happened,

The strange thing that happened

To two weary hunters who lost their way.

(The music fades gradually out and the play begins.)

## ACT ONE

About five in the morning. A forest in the Highlands of Scotlano

As the scene progresses, the gray lightens in shade. The forest is dipped in the deep gray that comes between night and morning.

TOMMY ALBRIGHT and JEFF DOUGLAS are discovered on stage.

but sensitive face. He is dressed in tweeds. TOMMY is about thirty. He is of medium height, virile looking, with an attractive

he doesn't care. He is in gray flannels and a tweed jacket. JEFF is about the same age. He is retiring, and good-natured primarily because

Next to him are lying two rifles. JEFF is looking at a map. At this moment, JEFF is seated on what appears to be a rucksack sort of affair

TOMMY: (Taking the map) Here! Let me see that map. (Points to a spot on the map) Here's Auchintoul.

TOMMY: It is. (Points to another spot) And here's Braemore JEFF: As I remember, that should be on the left, and I don't remember

JEFF: Should be on the right.

TOMMY: It is. Now where the hell are we?

JEFF: What's in the middle?

TOMMY: Nothing.

JEFF: That's where we are.

TOMMY: In nothing?

JEFF: Yes. And for a fellow with my potentialities this is an ideal location.

We'll find our way out when the sun comes up.

TOMMY: (Putting the map in his pocket). A fine couple of game hunters we are. We come all the way over here from New York, and the first night out we get

> JEFF: Maybe we took the high road instead of the low road. (Taking a flask from his inside pocket) Would you like a drink?

TOMMY: No, thanks.

JEFF: Good. That leaves more for me. (He unscrews the top)

TOMMY: Didn't you tell me you were going to cut down on that stuff?

JEFF: Yes, I did. But I'm a terrible liar. Besides, it doesn't pay. I remember one time I was going with a wonderful girl and she used to plead with me had nothing more to talk about so we broke up. and plead with me to give it up. So one day I did. Then we discovered we

TOMMY: (Not really listening to him) There's something about this forest that gives me the feeling of being in a cathedral.

JEFF: If we were, I'd know where the exit was.

TOMMY: You don't believe in anything, do you?

JEFF: Of course I do.

TOMMY: Really? What?

JEFF: Practically anything I can understand; you know—anything that's real to me. Like things I can touch, taste, hear, see, smell, and . . . (Indicates the flask) . . . swallow. (He takes a swig)

TOMMY: What about the things you don't understand?

JEFF: I dismiss them.

TOMMY: That makes everything very easy, doesn't it?

JEFF: Comfortable is the word. (He puts the flask on the ground)

TOMMY: I envy you.

JEFF: Why?

TOMMY: You seem to be very satisfied

JEFF: I am. Aren't you?

TOMMY: No, I'm not.

JEFF: That's the silliest thing I've ever heard. You've got a fine job and you're TOMMY: I don't know. But something seems wrong, especially about Jane and me. And that makes everything seem wrong. Look how I postpone getting engaged to a fine girl, and you're lost in a fine forest. What more do you want? married. I just can't get myself to that altar.

JEFF; I don't know what could be wrong about it. She's young, attractive, fits smack into your niche in life; and on top of that she loves you. And just the

proper amount, too.

TOMMY: What's the proper amount?

JEFF: Enough to make you happy and not enough to embarhass your friends. TOMMY: It looks ideal, doesn't it? Bur why don't I see it? I must be lacking somewhere.

JEFF: Now don't start talking yourself into an inferiority. You don't deserve

TOMMY: What do you mean?

JEFF: Well, most of my friends who have interiority complexes are lutely right. They're not as good as everyone else. But someone like you 20S0-

"Brigadoon") (At this moment the distant hum of voices is heard offstage. They are humming

TOMMY: Wait a minute. (JEFF is silent) Do you hear that?

JEFF: Uh-huh!

### TOMMY: Ssh!

under the following sequence:) (The offstage voices slowly, very slowly become more audible. They are heard

There my heart forever lies. Brigadoon, Brigadoon Blooming under sable skies. Brigadoon, Brigadoon,

Let the heavens cry above! Let the world grow cold around us;

In thy valley there'll be love Brigadoon, Brigadoon,

JEFF: It looks like a village. TOMMY: (Pointing out) Look over there!

TOMMY: It is.

JEFF: But I thought you said there were no towns listed on the map around

TOMMY: I did. (Points) Look. See where that village is? There's a peculiar heavy fog all around it.

JEFF: And there's no other mist in the valley.

TOMMY: Only around that village. Let's walk over to it. It can't be very far from here. Come on!

JEFF: Wait till Rand McNally hears about this! (JEFF runs back for his flask and then moves to follow TOMMY off

### INTERLUDE

changing into day. Figures are seen coming along the road. They are in simple them. The music continues under. on their shoulders, some have long sticks with meat and/or fish hanging from Scottish peasant garb. Some are carrying baskets, some of them have jugs of ale The scene is a road in the town of Brigadoon. The gray of dawn is gradually

MAN: (Entering—calling off)

Come all to the square!

The market square!

The market fair!

MAN 2: (Carrying meat)

Salted meat I'm sellin' there! At the fair, laddie!

Come ye to the fair!

At the fair, laddie! Ale for sale or barter there!

(GIRL 3 joins him in this)

GIRL 4:

Come all ye down!

GIRL 5:

Ye in the town!

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Come ye from the bills!

MAN 5:

At the square, laddie! Wool'n' cloth I'm sellin' there!

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Come ye from the mills!

GIRL:

Come all ye there!

GIRL 2: Come all ye there!

MAN

Come ye to the fair!

Come ye, all ye ev'rywhere To the fair!

The Lights Dim Out

SCENE 2

The Square of Brigadoon—MacConnachy Square:

engaged in mutual buying, selling, and bartering. This, then, is the activity of the parks. The carts are the usual thing but with a square rigging over which is hung booths and carts. The booths are not unlike contest booths at our amusement name "MacConnachy Square." The buying, however, is done from a series of moment. In the rear is a series of low huts. Painted high on the center hut is the in Scotland then for a fakt to be held once a week. At these fairs the townsfolk Physically, this is an eighteenth-century-looking community. It was the custom

twenty-four. He is a slender, extremely sensitive-looking lad. with a book under his arm is Archle's son, HARRY BEATON. HARRY is about BEATON. There is a straight wooden chair next to the cart. Standing next to it the like. This cart is operated by a kind-looking Scot about fifty, named ARCHIE SANDY DEAN. Downstage left is a weaving cart covered with wools, plaids, and wooden bench. In the center upstage is a candy booth run by another young Scot, Scot named ANGUS MACGUFFIE. In front of the booth downstage right is a Downstage right is a milk and cream booth presided over by a middle-thirtled

The time is about nine in the morning.

All are singing. As the song continues, the stage fills till it becomes a beehive of Groups of three and four are filling the stage. Most of the women carry baskets.

TOWNSFOLK: (Sing) ("Down on MacConnachy Square")

Come ye from the hills!

Come ye from the mills!

Come ye fin the gkm,

Come ye, men!

Come from phil an' broom!

Hear ye evryupere:

Don't je ken

There's afair

Down on MacConnachy Square?

(Through the bustle of the crowd a young lass, MAGGIE ANDERSON, skips filt-tatiously near HARRY BEATON, trying to catch his eye. HARRY looks at her disdinfully and then sits on a stool next to his father's booth and opens his book. MAGGIE skips away into the crowd.

On the other side of the square ANGUS MACGUFFIE'S assistant, MEG BROCKIE, appears carrying jugs and milk pails. MEG is a brash, buxom girl in her mid-twenties)

MEG: (Sings)

I'm sellin' a bit o' milk an' cream.

Come sip it an' ye will vow

That this is the finest milk an' cream

That ever came out a copuThough finest it is, the frice is small.

With milk an' the cream, alack,

There's (nothin) to do but sell it all.

The cost winnaltake it back.

SANDY: (Sings)

Now all of ye come to Sandy bere, Come over to Sandy's booth.
I'm sellin' the sweetest candy here
That ever shook loose a tooth.
I eat it myself an' there's no doubt
'Tis creamy an' good an' thick.
So, laddies, I hope ye'll buy me out—
'Tis makin' me kind o' sick.

TOWNSFOLK: (Sing)

Come ye from the loom!

Come from pail an' broom!

Hear ye ev'rywhere:

Don't ye ken

There's a fair

Down on MacConnachy Square?

(Now the full chorus sings. Half sing the melody sung by SANDY and MEG. The rest sing the main theme)

Come all ye down from in the hills,
An' all of ye in the glen!
Come all of ye down from in the mills,
An' all of ye bairns an' men!
Come all of ye from the weavin' loom!
Come all of ye to the square!
Come all of ye from your pail an' broom!
Come all of ye to the fair!

HALF:

Come ye from the bills!
Come ye from the mills!
Come ye in the glen,
Come ye, bairn,
Come ye, men!

ALL THE TOWNSFOLK:

Come ye from the loom!

Come from pail an' broom!

Hear ye ev'rywhere:

Don't ye ken There's a fair

Down on MacConnachy Square?

(At the conclusion, the TOWNSFOLK sing the chorus again. Now the stage empties a bit. The rest continue their shopping. A few shoppers gather around ARCHIE'S cart as ARCHIE calls:)

ARCHIE: Woolens! Come, Harry! Plaids! (To Harry) Come, Harry. Put down your book an' help your father. (HARRY looks up and sullenly closes the book) Ye may even get to like the weavin' business.

HARRY: (Rising and standing next to him) I'll never like the weavin' business,

Father. An' ye know it well.

ARCHIE: Try, lad. Tell Angus MacGuffie we need some eggs. I'll give 'im enough wool for a pair of trousers for enough eggs for our dinner.

(HARRY, who has picked up a piece of cloth to show, throws it down and walks across the stage to ANGUS' milk and cream booth. ARCHIE addresses one of the women around the cart.

MR. ANDREW MACLAREN and his two daughters, FIONA and JEAN, enter upstage left and move down toward ARCHIE'S cart. MR. MACLAREN is a hardy soul in his late fifties. He is a bit pompous and has a loud and gruff voice. FIONA is about twenty-two or -three. As we become acquainted with her we discover she is bright, has a gentle sense of humor, and is completely frank and direct, to a point that is often quite disarming. She is graceful and altogether lovely. JEAN is about eighteen. She is also attractive but obviously shy and diffident. She seldom stands alone. She is either clinging to her father or FIONA. As they make their way through the shoppers, they nod good morning, to which the TOWNSFOLK nod and bid them good morning in response. FIONA is carrying a basket, MR. MACLAREN a large piece of parchment)

ARCHIE: Good mornin' to ye, Mr. MacLaren.

MR. MACLAREN: Good day, Archie. (He stands for a moment looking over the parchment)

ARCHIE: An' good mornin' to your two bonnie daughters.

FIONA: (Beginning to rummage through the cloth on the cart) Good mornin, Mr.

JEAN: Good mornin', Mr. Beaton

ARCHIE: What would ye be lookin' for, Miss Fiona?

FIONA: A waistcoat for my father for the weddin'.

ARCHIE: (He looks over at his son, HARRY) Why, of course! Ye an' JEAN: (Sighing) Aye, Mr. Beaton. Charlie Dalrymple are gettin' married this evenin', aren't ye, Miss Jean? young

ARCHIE: Well, if ye had to choose someone other than my son, Harry, I'm glad 'tis a lad as fine as Charlie

JEAN: Aye, Mr. Beaton.

ARCHIE: Ye mus' be happy as a lark in the glen.

JEAN: Aye, Mr. Beaton.

FIONA: (Smiling) As ye see, Mr. Beaton, Jean is a wee big short of words

MR. MACLAREN: (Looking up from the parchment) An Tis just as well ye dinna not talkin' talk too much When a lass gets married, she mus' get used to listenin' an'

ARCHIE: It dinna think Charlie'll have trouble with Miss Jean, here. She's a good maiden.

TOWNSFOLK: Aye! MR. MACLAREN: Archie, all maidens are good. So then tell me where all the the public square where ye all can see it . . . an' be reminded written upon this parchment a few reminders. He asked me to hang it in ing) Friends! (Everyone turns) his attention to MR. MACLAREN) Mr. Lundie has bad wives come from the walks center. FIONA and JEAN go back to rummag-

MR. MACLAREN: This is the second day of our blessing. An' this is to remind ye of the obligations we have so gratefully accepted.

TOWNSFOLK: Aye!

MR. MACLAREN: An' so I shall hang it in the square . . . as I told Mr. Lundie

gather around and read it. He pauses and engages in quiet conversation as FIONA turns back to the cart) (He walks upstage and high on one of the huts tacks the parchment. A few

ARCHIE: (Good-humorediy) Your father likes to take charge o' things, doesn't he, Miss Fiona?

FIONA: (Smiling) Aye! Especially after everythin's been done. (She picks up ARCHIE: I think so, Miss Fiona. swatch of cloth) Would ye have a waistcoat of this that would fit 'im?

(He starts to look through the cart, HARRY crosses back to the cart

HARRY: Hello, Jean. JEAN: Hello, Harry.

JEAN: (A little self-consciously) How are ye today?

HARRY: How do ye expect me to be? This is your weddin' day, isn't it?

JEAN: (Putting her hand on HARRY'S arm) I'm truly sorry, Harry

HARRY: (Pulling his arm away) Well, dinna be. If anybody's goin' to pity me, ARCHIE: What did Angus say, Harry? let it be me; trapped forever without ye in this peasant village.

FIONA: Hello, Harry.

HARRY: Hello, Fiona. (70 JEAN) It jus' isn't fair for Charlie Dalrymple to be weddin' ye, Jean. He got everythin': school in Edinburgh an' now ye. An' I got nothin'

ARCHIE: Harry, take this material to the house an' see if there's a waistcoat of

HARRY: (Indicating his father, who is holding out the material) Nothin' but to be doin' this all my life.

ARCHIE: An' why dinna ye pay attention to Maggie Anderson? Ye know she has a yearnin' fer ye.

HARRY: Aye, Father! (He exits left. JEAN turns to FIONA almost in tears)

JEAN: Oh, Fiona, I feel so sorry for 'im.

FIONA: I know, darlin'.

JEAN: Mr. Beaton, ye dinna hate me for not lovin' Harry, do ye?

ARCHIE: No, Miss Jean. 'Tis not your fault. I sometimes think that the only woman that could have loved Harry an' helped 'im was his mother, rest her

MR. MACLAREN: (Coming down) Come, Jean. Ye stay with your father today. needed for the weddin' supper. (JEAN takes his arm) An', Fiona, ye'll be certain to buy everythin' that's

FIONA: I will, Father.

MR. MACLAREN: Remember, jus' what's needed. My aim on this occasion is to be hospitable—not philanthropic. (JEAN and MR. MAC LAREN exit up left) FIONA: (Calling over to ARCHIE) Ye'll send the waistcoat to the house,

ARCHIE: Aye, Miss Fiona.

(FIONA is heading toward the milk and cream booth)

MEG: Good mornin', Fiona.

FIONA: Hello, Meg. A jug o' cream, please.

hands MEG a coin) (During the following MEG hands her the jug, FIONA puts it in her basket and

MEG: Mr. MacGuffie will be pleased 'tis a lass buyin' for a change

FIONA: Why?

MEG: When the lads come shoppin', they look so braw I dinna like to ask 'em tor money.

FIONA: But ye'll never make a profit doin' that!

MEG: Aye! But I make a lot o' friends. (MEG starts leaving the booth and coming around to FIONA) Is this for the weddin' tonight?

MEG: Fiona, when are ye goin' to think about marriage for yourself?

FIONA: Oh, when I find someone who makes me think of it.

MEG: An' ye've never found anyone up till now who made ye think of it?

FIONA: No. Ye see, I dinna want to jus' get married.

(The music begins under)

FIONA: I think ye should only do it when ye an' your lad want to stay together fiercely an' gettin' married is the only way ye can do it that's

FIONA:

But I fear the night is longer when

MEG: That's an unusual idea, Fiona.

(FIONA seats herself on a stool near the center and explains)

FIONA: (Sings "Waitin' for My Dearie") So she'll agree to 'most any proposal, All he mus' be is a man an' alive. Try to be married before twenty-five Many a lassie as everyone knows 'll

But should be not, then an old maid I'll be. One day he'll come walkin' o'er the horizon; I know there's one certain laddie for me. l bold a dream an' there's no compromisin';

An' happy am l To hold my heart till be comes strollin' by. Waitin' for my dearie Foolish I will stay. Foolish ye may say.

One look an' Ill know When he comes, my dearie,

That he's the dearie I've been wantin' so.

For my hopes will be high For ye see, I believe Though I'll live forty lives That he'll come strollin' by; Till the day he arrives Ill not ever, ever grieve.

Who's waitin' for his dearie: That there's a laddie weary An' wanderin' free

the chorus) (EIGHT GIRLS have surrounded FIONA and now sing with her as she repeats

For your lad to come your way? What do ye do while ye're waitin' around

An' ye pray an' pray an' pray! Well, when no one is lookin' ye kneel on the ground

Oh, how long becomes the night! But when lassies sit an' have no men,

> FIONA and GIRLS: An' idlin' the day Dreamin' of your dearie Than wooin' any laddie on the lea Is sweeter to me Waitin' for my dearie The lad's not right.

For ye see, I believe For my hopes will be high I'll not ever, ever grieve. Though Pll live forty lives That's how I am an' how I'll ever stay. That he'll come strollin' by; Till the day he arrives

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FIONA and GIRLS: Who's waitin' for his dearie: An' wanderin' free There's a laddie weary

FIONA:

and curiosity. Everyone stares back at them. There is an awkward moment of siwalk downstage center slowly looking at everyone and everything in amazement Then the music stops abruptly as TOMMY and JEFF enter from upstage left. They ues under softly for a few seconds as FIONA picks up her basket to get along. (At the conclusion of the song the orchestra reaches a climax and then contin-

TOMMY: Hello! (A few murmur a reserved hello in response)

JEFF: (After another pause) Could you tell us where we are:

ARCHIE: Of course we can tell ye. Ye're in Brigadoon.

TOMMY: Brigadoon?

ARCHIE: Aye.

TOMMY: That's funny, There's no town called Brigadoon on the map.

ARCHIE: l shouldna be surprised.

JEFF: You mean you know it isn't on the map?

ARCHIE: Aye.

JEFF: It's a little snobbish of you, don't you think?

TOMMY: Why isn't it on the map?

ARCHIE: For good an' sound reasons.

JEFF: (To MEG) What are you all dressed up for? Is this the day you take pictures for postcards?

MEG: We're not dressed up

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JEFF: You mean you always walk around with all these clothes on?

TOMMY: (A little impatiently) Now come on. Somebody. What's going on here? What is this?

MEG: We're havin' a fair.

TOMMY: Oh! (Seeing the cream booth) Is that milk you're selling there:

ANGUS: Ave.

TOMMY: Can I buy some? I'm thirsty. We've been walking all night.

ANGUS: I'll have to see your money first.

TOMMY: What?

TOMMY can move any nearer the booth, a group gathers quickly around ANGUS "Nineteen hundred and--" come from the group) examining the coin. Exclamations of "Oh" and "Ah" and "Look at the date" and (He stops, then shrugs and tosses ANGUS a coin. ANGUS takes it, and before

JEFF: (As he and TOMMY look at each other in amazement) What did you give him, a hunk of uranium?

TOMMY: Just a shilling. What a loony layout this is!

ANGUS: (Handing TOMMY the coin) 'Tis very interestin', sir, but it does me no

TOMMY: (A little irritated) What do you mean it does you no good? Sell me something and it will.

ANGUS: I'm sorry, but I canna sell you anythin'. However, if ye're thirsty I'll give ye some milk.

TOMMY: Never mind. I don't want any favors.

MEG: (To TOMMY) I see from the coin ye're from England

TOMMY: No, we're from America.

MEG: Ye're Americans?

JEFF: (Takes TOMMY by the arm) I am. He's from Georgia. Come on, boy We're out of our element.

FIONA: (Coming to them quickly) No! Wait! Please! (TOMMY and JEFF turn to People dinna come here very often. her) We dinna mean to act so strangely. We're jus' a wee bit taken back

TOMMY: I can understand why. You people stare at us as if we'd just dropped in from another world. (At this MEG begins to giggle. TOMMY looks at her) Does that amuse you?

MEG: (Still giggling) Aye. Very much.

FIONA: Quiet, Meg.

JEFF: (Indicating MEG) Obviously the daughter of two first cousins.

FIONA: If ye've been walkin' all night, ye mus' be tired an' hungry. Winna ye like somethin' to eat an' perhaps a place to lie down afore ye start back?

TOMMY: That's very nice of you. Thank you.

FIONA: Good! Oh! (She holds out her hand to TOMMY) My name is Fiona Mac-

TOMMY: (Taking her hand) Mine is Tommy Albright. (They look at each other for a moment) And this is Jeff Douglas.

FIONA: (Withdrawing her hand) How do ye do, sur

MEG: (Enthusiastically) I'm Meg Brockie!

JEFF: I'm glad you're happy about it.

FIONA: There's a little tavern on the next street where ye can get some food.

MEG: (*Quickly taking JEFF'S arm*) I'll take ye to it.

TOMMY: Go ahead. I'll be along in a minute. I want to call the inn first. (He looks around him as JEFF and MEG start off left)

ARCHIE: (As they pass his cart) Is Miss Meg going to take care of ye, sir? JEFF: I think so. Why?

ARCHIE: Well, I have some plaid trousers here, an' after ye leave the tavern if JEFF: Thanks, old man, but I don't expect to get stuck. your own on a thistle, I'd be more than pleased to replace them for ye. Miss Meg should take ye someplace to rest an' ye should happen to rip

ARCHIE: (Chuckling) Laddie, ye dinna know it, but ye're stuck now

MEG: Ye tend to your sellin', Mr. Beaton.

FIONA) (She and JEFF exit left. TOMMY, who has been roaming around, returns to

TOMMY: What a place! Is there a phone around here?

FIONA: A phone?

TOMMY: Yes.

FIONA: I dinna think we have one

TOMMY: No phone?

FIONA: No, sir.

TOMMY: Tell me. What's so strange about this place?

early twenties. He greets the few around him as he comes on) (CHARLIE DALRYMPLE enters upstage right. He is a sandy-haired youth in his

FLONAL, Nothin', sir. Ye're the one who's . . .

MIGUS:\Calling upstage to CHARLIE) Charlie! Here's a bottle o' claret. Have a dram of good luck with me.

FIONA: Well, the merry bridegroom himself.

TOMMY/Bridegroom?

FIONA: Aye.

CHARLIE: Good mornin', darlin'. (Kisses her on the forehead)

FIONA: He's marryin' my sister this evenin'

TOMMY: Oh!

CHARLIE: (To TOMMY) Good mornin', sir.

TOMMY: Good morning.

FIONA: Charlie, this is Tommy Albright. He jus' happened in a little while

CHARLIE: What? Oh! Why, of course. Welcome to ye, sir

TOMMY: Thanks. Welcome to you.

(ANGUS walks around with a jug and a couple of glasses and hands one to

ANGUS: Here's your dram, Charlie

CHARLIE: Thank ye, Angus.

ANGUS: (To TOMMY) An' how about ye, sir? Some claret?

TOMMY: Thanks. (He takes the offered cup)

CHARLIE: I think I'll drink this one to Mr. Forsythe. I jus' hope he knows how grateful I am to 'im for postponin' the miracle for me

TOMMY: (To FIONA) The what?

CHARLE: An' may God bless me this evenin' as much as I would bless Him if I were He an' He were Charles Dalrymple.

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ANGUS: Why, that's right, Charlie. Ye're through with the lasses for good,
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Go home, go home, Pll go home with bonnie Jean!
An' ev'ry night at ten
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Go home, go home, go home with bonnie Jean!
Go home, go home, I'll go home with bonnie Jean!
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## CHARLIE: CHARLIE and TOWNSFOLK: Hello to married men Pve known.

An' love her I will till the day I die. With bonnie Jean my days will fly, An' she'll be all I'll ever need A bonnie wife indeed, Ill soon have a wife an' leave yours alone, I'll go bome with bonnie Jean. That's why, across the green,

### CHARLIE and TOWNSFOLK: Go home, go home, l'll go home with bonnie Jean! (The music reaches a climax and stops Go home, go home, go home with bonnie Jean!

FIONA: Charlie, ye winna forget to come over this afternoon an' sign the fam-FIONA and TOMMY enter)

CHARLIE: No, I'll be over. (To TOMMY) I hope, sir, ye'll stay for the weddin'

TOMMY: Thanks, but I won't be here that long.

CHARLIE: 'Tis a pity.

CHARLIE: Rest, dearie, rest. FIONA: (As CHARLIE moves to go) What are ye goin' to do all day, Charlie?

tinue their shopping quietly. The attention falls on TOMMY and FIONA) {CHARLIE exits. The stage begins to empty, leaving a few upstage who con-

TOMMY: (Smiling) He's a nice kid.

FIONA: Aye. He is that.

TOMMY: It's wonderfully refreshing to see a fellow so enthusiastic about gerting married.

FIONA: Is it so unusual?

TOMMY: I think it is. Look at me. I'm not bubbling over like Charlie. And next month I'm facing the minister

FIONA: Ye're gettin' married?

TOMMY: Yes.

FIONA: Oh!

TOMMY: Oh—what?

FIONA: I'm very surprised. Somehow ye dinna look like the sort of lad who would want to settle down.

TOMMY: I didn't say that. I just said I was getting married

FIONA: If ye feel that way, why are ye?

TOMMY: Because the girl wants to.

I would meet her in the glen

FiONA: Is that reason enough?

TOMMY: Sure. I don't know how it is in the Highlands, but in my neighborof trouble. wants to get married, you'd better agree right away and save yourself a lot hood if you've been going with a woman for a while and she decides she

FIONA: Why?

TOMMY: Because if you don't, she'll either torment you so you'll marry her for relief, or she'll be so sweet about it you'll feel guilty and your conscience will make you do it.

FIONA: I mus' say it dinna sound like ye love her very pur

TOMMY: It doesn't, does it?

FIONA: An' it also sounds like a very peculiar land y come from

TOMMY: Well, believe me, lass, this isn't the usual hamlet off the highway either. What was that business about Charlie and the man/who postponed the

FIONA: Oh, that. (Thinks a moment) I'm sorry. I canna say

TOMMY: But you said you'd tell me later.

FIONA: I know. But I canna say.

TOMMY: That's fine. You know, if I hang around this town very long I'll probably discover that everybody in it is slightly nutty. Is that possible?

FIONA: I canna say.

TOMMY: Why not?

FIONA: I dinna know what "nutty" means.

TOMMY: It means slightly insane.

FIONA: (Turning on him suddenly) Well, then I can assure ye we're all far from gered me when ye called us insane. down) . . . well . . . pleasant. An' now I'm sorry I said all that, but ye analso quite certain that what I think is much more . . . (She begins to calm to Brigadoon. I dinna know anythin' about ye, but from the little ye've said insane. We're a most blessed group of people. An' I never realize how for-I'm quite certain that everythin' ye think I think differently about, an' I'm tunate we are until I meet someone from the outside—I mean, a stranger

TOMMY: (Quite surprised and a bit sheepish at the outburst) Hey, you don't like me very much, do you?

FIONA: That's the odd part. I like ye very much. I jus' dinna like anythin' ye

TOMMY: (After a moment) Fiona...

FIONA: Aye?

TOMMY: If I stuck around here today, would you take me to the wedding this evening?

FIONA: Why do ye suddenly want to go?

TOMMY: (Imitating her) I canna say.

FIONA: Well, I'll take ye. An' I'll be highly pleased ye'll be there

TOMMY: You will? Why?

FIONA: Because of what I jus' told ye. I like ye very much.

TOMMY: (Amused and a little bewildered) That's right. You did say that, didn't

FIONA: Now I'll show ye some place where ye can lie down an' rest. FOMMY: What are you going to do?

FIONA: Gather some heather for the weddin'.

TOMMY: Where do you do that?

FIONA: On the hill—where the heather is.

TOMMY: May I go with you?

FIONA: No. I'll do it much faster alone.

TOMMY: (Coming close to her) I won't bother you. Really. Maybe I'm the one who's slightly nutty, but . . .

(FIONA walks away from him. The music begins)

TOMMY: (Sings "The Heather On The Hill")

Out beyond the valley of trees, Can't we two go walkin' together,

Curtseyin' gently in the breezes Out where there's a billside of heather

See the heather—but with you. That's what I'd like to do;

So take my hand and let's govoan And all the clouds are holdin' still Through the heather on the bill The mist of May is in the gloamin'

Through the heather on the hill. And all I want to do is wander The mornin' dew is blinkin' yonder; There's lazy music in the rill

But they won't be the same—they'll come and go; For this I know: There may be other springs as full and fair. There may be other days as rich and rare.

If you're not there I won't go roamin' And all the clouds are holdin' still, Through the heather on the bill; That when the mist is in the gloamin' The heather on the bill.

FIONA: (A little disconcerted) Ye see. Ye can say nice things when ye want to. (The music continues under)

TOMMY: It almost sounded like I was making love to you, didn't it?

FIONA: Oh! There's a difference between makin' love an' jus' bein' sentimental because ye're tired.

TOMMY: Is that what I'm being—sentimental because I'm tired? FIONA: I believe so. But 'tis very agreeable

(Sings)

So take my hand an' we'll go roamin' Through the heather on the bill. An' all the clouds are boldin' still, The mist of May is in the gloamin',

I bere's lazy music in the rill; The mornin' dew is blinkin' youder;

But they won't be the same—they'll come an' go. There may be other days as rich an' rare. There may be other springs as full an' fair.

TOMMY and FIONA:

The beather on the bill. And all the clouds are holdin' still, That when the mist is in the gloamin' Through the heather on the bill; lf you're not there I won't go roamin' For this I know:

(The music stops and TOMMY and FIONA stand looking at each other. Then suddenly thunder is heard and the blink of lightning is seen in the distance. This booths and carts. The music is heard under playing "Down on MacConnachy is a signal for renewed activity on stage as the TOWNSFOLK start closing up the

TOMMY: (Still staring at her) What's that?

FIONA: (Looking up at him) We have a storm here every now an' then

FIONA: I'll get my basket and we'll be off. (TOMMY leans forward as if to kiss her, but she draws away from him)

rushing to escape the rain. A group huddles under an umbrella and sings) dreamily, they walk slowly off. Around them, in contrast, the TOWNSFOLK are (FIONA crosses to get her basket and returns to TOMMY. Arm in arm, rather

Go back to the mills! Go back to the hills!

sun shine through. They come out from under the umbrella, and they all start setting up their booths again) (Suddenly as the thunder was heard, so suddenly does the sky brighten and the

TOWNSFOLK:

Come ye, men! Come ye, bairn, Come ye in the glen!

Come from pail an' broom! Come ye from the loom! Come ye everywhere!

'Tis the end Of the fair

Down on MacConnachy Square

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SCENE 3

countryside painted on the surrounding drop. There is a rather peculiar-looking The Brockie open shed. It is a small inset in the center of the stage with the

floor. Downstage there is a simple, wooden armless rocking chair. cot upstage, peculiar in that it looks like a rectangular mound. It is draped to the

Just past noon.

In front of him; MEG is standing near him. JEFF and MEG are discovered on stage. JEFF is standing looking straight out

JEFF: It's a very picturesque vjew of the glen

MEG: Thank ye.

JEFF: What for?

MEG: Why, for likin' where I've brought ye. It makes me very happy.

JEFF: You get happy very easily, don't you?

MEG: Aye.

JEFF: (After giving her a quizzical look) I haven't been in an open shed like this since I was a boy; which at this point seems a good two thousand years ago.

MEG: Ye mean ye're tired?

JEFF: Aye, lassie. I'm tired. That's why you brought me here, isn't it? So I could take a nap.

MEG: I shouldna think a long walk would fatigue a young lad like ye

JEFF: A young lad?

MEG: Aye! Ye're very young.

JEFF: That is either a deliberate lie or wishful thinking. I am ancient, and disintegrating rapidly. decrepit,

MEG: Ayel (JEFF walks up and sits on the cot. It is hard. He tries to bounce but it doesn't give)

JEFF: What's under here—a rock garden?

JEFF: That was his second mistake. MEG: My father used to sleep on it.

MEG: He an' my mother met in this shed. Ye see, my mother was a gypsy. off her shoes, sat in the rockin' chair, an' waited for 'im to wake up. An' it the cot. She liked his looks an' she was a wee bit tired anyhow, so she took An' one day she was walking past this shed an' she saw my father asleep on

wasn't long after that that I was born.

JEFF: That's one of the sweetest bedtime stories  $\Gamma$ ve ever heard. (He lies back) MEG: Ye're sure ye're comfortable?

JEFF: Very.

JEFF looks up and sees her) (MEG comes over and stares down at him. There is a moment of silence. Then

JEFF: Thank you very much. You've been more than kind. And now if you want to round out your generosity, buzz off.

MEG: (Staring down at him) Ye're a braw an' handsome lad

JEFF: (Still reclining) You should see me when I'm rested. I'm almôst robust

MEG: I jus' hate to leave ye.

JEFF: You'd better. When I sleep I make all sorts of odd noises

JEFF: (Raising himself on his elbows) No, but I was engaged once MEG: Who told ye? Do ye have a wife?

JEFF: She fell in love with a Russian.

MEG: (Quickly) What happened to the lass ye were engaged to:

MEG: A Russian?

MEG: Russia is in Europe, isn't it?

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JEFF: Yes, more and more.

MEG: (Mystiffed) Oh!

JEFF: It's not far from here. You just cross the Channel and turn left. (He lies back)

MEG: (Staring at him for a moment) Aye, ye're a winnin' lad. A right winnin'

JEFF: (Sitting up and swinging his feet over the side) Now, look, lass. I'm not sure what you're after; but I don't want to. I want to go to sleep.

MEG: But dinna ye see? I'm highly attracted to ye.

JEFF: Thank you very much. When I wake up we'll discuss the whole problem. And believe me, you have a problem.

MEG: An' when I look/at ye lying on the cot I feel little tadpoles jumpin' on

JEFF: That's about as sex were a hobby you'd be a collector's item. (repulsive/an idea as I've heard in years. You know, if

MEG: But I've been waitin' so long . . .

JEFF: (Firmly but politely) Go!

MEG: (Rising and walking away) Oh, ye men are all alike

JEFF: I should certainly hope so.

JEFF: Get what I want? I can't even get you to go away. MEG: Ye're all brutes. Ye get what ye want from a lass an' then 'tis farewell

MEG: That's what I'm referrin' to. I thought ye were interested in me an' that's why ye let me take ye here! Ye misled me!

JEFF: You certainly have one hell of an imagination. Can you think of one good reason why I, a strange man, should be interested in you, a strange woman, and at this hour of the day?

JEFF: With that philosophy, you must have had a provocative/career. (The music MEG: Of course I can. Because ye're a lad an' I'm a lass begins under)

MEG: Aye, I've had a great many heartbreaks. JEFF: I don't doubt it at all. (He sits back on the cot)

MEG: (Sings "The Love of My Life") At sixteen years I was blue an' sad.

Then Father said I should find a lad.

So I set out to become a wife,

An' found the real love of my life.

His name it was Chris an' the last was MacGill

l met bim one night pickin' flow'rs on the bill.

An' a certain kind of eagerness that pleased me very much. He had lots of charm an' a certain kind o' touch,

So there 'neath the moon, where romance often springs,

gave him my heart—and a few other things.

don't know how long that I stayed up on the bill,

But the moon had disappeared an' so had Christopher MacGill

So I went bome an' I thought I'd die; Till Father said: Make another try.

An' found the real love of my life So out I went to become a wife,

> Jus' one thing that puzzled me an' it always will, An' I thought he would, for now how was I to know We quick fell in love an' went down by the creek; Was he told me he had heard about me from his friend MacGill. He came from the Lowlands, the Lowlands said he; That of all the Lowland laddies there was never one as low! The next day he said he'd be back in a week. I saw him an' knew he was perfect for me.

He said: What difference? Ye've got your youth I told my Father the awful truth.

So out I went, mad to be a wife,

An' found the real love of my life.

He read me some verse he had written for me. Oh, he was a poet, a rhymer was he.

An' how right he was, because they moved me right into the glen. He said they would move me, these poems from his pen;

Then I shook his hand an' I bid him good-by. We stayed till the down come an' lighted the sky.

That a poet only writes about the things he cannot do. I never went back, for what I had heard was true:

My Pa said: Look out for men who think. Ye'll be more certain with men who drink

An' found the real love of my life. So out I went to become a wife,

Oh, he was a soldier, a fine Highland son. An' he thought it was a bugle an' got up and marched away. But when I was drowsin' I snored to my dismay, An' I found the sword has more might than the pen We skirmished for hours that night in the glen, For one look at him decided me to not put up a fight. He wasted his time tellin' me about his might, He told me about all the battles he'd won.

So I'm still lookin' to be a wife, Now Pa said: Daughter, there must be one, Someone who's true or too old to run. An' find the real love of my life.

rocking chair, and begins to rock with a smile on her face) him for a moment, then walks downstage a bit, takes off her shoes, sits in the obviously asleep. She pushes him a bit but he doesn't stir. She stands looking at again. MEG turns around to JEFF. She walks over and looks down at him. He is (The music reaches a climax, stops, and then begins the same melody over

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SCENE 4

the rear wall is a large window through which can be seen the surrounding coun-The MacLaren house, It is a sparsely furnished living room. Off right center on

leading up to it. Upstage right is another door leading to another room. Upstage sumably leading to another room. The door is raised and there are two steps trunk. There are fixtures for candles on the wall. tryside. Next to the window center is the front door. Downstage left is a door preagainst it. Downstage right is a large, open, wooden crate, almost like a crude left against the wall is a rectangular, wooden table with a few chairs placed

About four in the afternoon.

said bits in the crate. In other words, they are packing the hard way. As they door left to the packing crate. They are passing bits of feminine Scottish clothing pass, they sing. from the room left, down the line, to the girl next to the crate, who then deposits The music is playing and several girls are lined up across the stage from the

Tonight away she goes! All the these an' those, What with all the clothes, Jeannie's packin' up! The town all knows leannie's movin' out! Jeannie's packin' up! leannie's movin' out! Tonight away she goes! Pack all ber clothes; Jeannie's packin' up! Jeannie's packin' up! leannie's movin' out! leannie's movin' out!

Why do ye suppose Ribbons for her bows! Hankies for her nose! Cotton for her hose! teannie never froze?

Pack all ber clothes, Tonight away she goes!

Slippers for her toes!

(They continue packing till CHARLIE appears at the door)

CHARLIE: Hy!

GIRLS: Charlie!

CHARLIE: (Entering) Aye! Charles MacPherson Dalrymple! Tonight the founder of a new clan. Where's Jean?

GIRL: Upstairs.

(CHARLIE moves to door left, MR. MACLAREN enters from the right carrying a

MR. MACLAREN: Aye, now, Charlie, ye're not supposed to see Jeannie afore the weddin'. It brings bad luck,

CHARLIE: Really, sir?

MR. MACLAREN: My quill is at my desk in the other room. Here is the Bible Take it an' sign it right under the name of my dear departed wife,

> up the road. There is a knock at the door) (CHARLIE takes the Bible and exits right as HARRY BEATON is seen coming

MR. MAC LAREN: Come in.

(The door opens and HARRY enters carrying a waistcoat. He hands it to MR.

HARRY: Here, Mr. MacLaren. I've . . . I've brought your waistcoat. (He hands It to MR. MACLAREN)

MR. MACLAREN: Thank ye, Harry. 'Tis good to see ye. (He holds out his hand looks at MR. MACLAREN'S outstretched hand, doesn't take it, and turns to go) Wait a minute, lad. for HARRY to shake. HARRY stands for a moment looking over the room, then

HARRY: (Turning back) What for?

MR. MACLAREN: Why dinna ye take my hand? I'm not your enemy.

HARRY: Ye . . . ye may not mean to be, but ye are. An' so is everybody in this town! (He moves again to go)

MR. MACLAREN: (Holding him lightly by the arm) What is it, lad? Why do ye hate everybody?

HARRY: (Not bitterly at first, but almost pathetically) I couldna get through this myself . . . an' I canna have Jean. So there's nothin' left to do but hare evcanna leave here . . . I canna go to the university an' make somethin' of could anyone do but have when ye realize your life dinna mean a damn? I day of seein' her marry someone else if I dinna. What can I do? What erythin' an' everybody in this cursed town.

MR. MACLAREN: Ye'll never find any peace by hatin', lad. It only shuts ye off more from the world. An' this is only a cursed town if ye make it so. To the rest of us, this is a blessed place.

HARRY: Well, ye can keep it.

speaks, he leaves it open on top of the crate) (He exits. CHARLIE returns from the room right carrying the Bible. As he

CHARLIE: Well, all done! Who was that?

MR. MAC LAREN: (Simply) My waistcoat came.

JEAN: (Offstage) Charlie, please go away. I want to come out

MR. MACLAREN: Dinna obey her, lad. Ye'll spoil her.

(He exits right. CHARLIE turns to go and then pauses under the balcony and

CHARLIE: Jeannie! calls up to JEAN)

(The music starts under)

JEAN: (Offstage) Charlie, are ye still there?

CHARLIE: (Sings "Come to Me, Bend to Me")

Because they told me

can't behold ye

Till weddin' music starts playin'

To ease my longin'

There's nothing wrong in

Me standin' out here an' sayin':

Darlin', my darlin', 'tis all I can say. Come to me, bend to me, kiss me good day!

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Jus' come to me, bend to me, kiss me good day! Gie me your lips an' don't take them away!

JEAN: (A little more pleadingly) Charlie, please go away.

CHARLIE: (He crosses to the steps, puts one foot on them, and sings softly:)

So ye can hear me, Pwe got to whisper this softly. Come, dearie, near me

For though I'm burnin' To shout my yearnin',

The words come tiptoein' off me.

Come to me, bend to me, kiss me good day! fus' come to me, bend to me, kiss me good day! Darlin', my darlin', 'tis all I can say.

Gie me your lips an' don't take them away!

JEAN: (Almost pathetic now) Charlie, please go away. (He starts for the door)

CHARLIE: (Through the window)

Gie me your lips an' don't take them away!

laughing and talking. FIONA is carrying an armful of heather) FIONA are seen coming past the window and then entering the house. They are conclusion, the girls exit out the door. As JEAN is about to exit left, TOMMY and gone. The music continues. There is a dance between JEAN and the girls. At the (He exits down the road. JEAN enters and looks around to make certain he's

FIONA: Aren't ye goin' to greet our guest?

JEAN: Greetin's! Fiona, where have ye been? Ye know I canna dress without

JEAN: Aye! So, come! (She exits left) FIONA: (Putting the heather on the table) Ye mean 'tis time for ye to dress?

FIONA: Ye see, I knew we were out far too long.

TOMMY: I know, but I'm not sorry.

FIONA: Wait for me. I shan't be but a few minutes. (She starts to exit left)

TOMMY: Fiona!

arms and kisses her. She exits left. Then JEFF is seen coming to the window. He (FIONA stops and turns. He crosses and without saying a word takes her in his

JEFF: Good morning, laddie.

TOMMY: Hi! Where've you been?

JEFF: (Looking around appraisingly) This is very nice. You should have seen the apartment I got—complete with a built-in lassie.

TOMMY: Come on in. (JEFF enters. He is sporting a new pair of trousers. Not looks at the trousers) What the hell happened to you? brilliant plaid, but obviously new) What kind of a day did you . . . ? (He

JEFF: Thistles.

TOMMY: What?

JEFF: Never mind. It's a *professional* secret. Mine will be ready before we room a bit, and sits down) And another thing, disregard all that rubbish leave. (He takes one of the chairs from against the table, moves it out in the about Scottish frugality. Their generosity is overpowering.

> JEFF: (As if the thought just dewned on him) Surprisingly well! How about TOMMY: Well, how do you feel?

TOMMY: (With incredible enthusiasm) I never felt better in my life!

JEFF: (Eying him with sudden interest) You, too?

TOMMY: (Sings "Almost Like-Being in Love") And be home in For I could swirf May be the sun gaye me the por Loch Lomone

For I'm all aglow and alive! Maybe the air gave me the drive,

What a day this has been! What a rare mood I'm in!

Why, it's . . . almost like being in love!

All the music of life seems to be Why, it's . . . almost like being in love! For the whole human race! There's a smile on my face

Like a bell that is ringin' for me!

It's almost like being in love. And from the way that I feel I would swear I was falling, I could swear I was falling, When that bell starts to peal,

When we walked up the brae

FIONA: (Enters singing)

(She walks over to him) It was . . . almost like bein' in love Not a word did we say.

Made the world kind o' fine. But your arm linked in mine

TOMMY:

It was . . . almost like being in love.

FIONA:

All the music of life seems to be

TOMMY:

Like a bell that is ringin' for me!

FIONA and TOMMY: And from the way that I feel

FIONA: When that bell starts to peal,

I would swear I was falling,

TOMMY:

I could swear I was falling,

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JEFF: Darling? (TOMMY crosses and hands it to her) JEFF: (Rising) Well, when do we start back? FIONA: Thank ye, dearie. (She takes it and exits) TOMMY: Right, darling. FIONA: Hand me that bundle of heather, Tommy?

TOMMY: (Crossing to the trunk) There's no hurry. Let's stay for the wedding. After all, how often do you . . .

looks back at the Bible again) He picks it up and looks at it. He looks at JEFF quickly in bewilderment and then (He stops himself as his eyes fall on the open Bible that is lying on the crate.

JEFF: What's the matter?

TOMMY: I must be a little touched Listen to this. "Married: Elizabeth Lang to Andrew MacLaren. July second, 1719." JEFF: What's so amazing? People used to get markied then

TOMMY: Wait a minute! (Réadjag) "Children: Fiona, born October tenth 1722. Jean, born April eighth, 1728.

TOMMY: (Tensely) But Fiona is twenty-four, and she's got a sister six years younger named Jean.

JEFF: Ridiculous. They're probably just named after them TOMMY: But those are the two sisters in this Bible

TOMMY: Jean's getting married today. Did you know that?

TOMMY: Do you know the name of the guy she's marrying?

TOMMY: Well, get this. (Reading) "Married: Jean MacLaren to Charles Mac-JEFF: They told me at the tavern. Someone named Dalrymple. moment) Now what do you say? Pherson Dalrymple, May twenty-fourth, 1746." (Neither says a word for a

JEFF: Congratulations:

TOMMY: Wait! (Piecing it together) No Brigadoon on the map. No phones in miracle, And three or four other things that I passed over when I was out the whole town. Thanks to Mr. Dumfaddle for doing something about a with Fjona this afternoon.

TOMMY: What do you make of it? JEFF: That hyperthyroid I was with never heard of Haig and Haig

JEFF: I don't know

TOMMY: I don't understand it. I'm beginning to feel a little like a damn fool.

JEFF: What are you getting so worked up about? If it makes them happy to disregard two hundred years of human bingbang, let 'em.

TOMMY: But I've just spent the most wonderful day of my life; and now I run into something like this. It doesn't make sense to me.

JEFF: It does to me. It just means that batty people relax you.

TOMMY: She is not. She can't be! (Calls off) Fiona! (To JEFF) There must be a logical explanation. Even logical enough for you.

> FIONA: (Entering) What, Tommy: JEFF: They don't have to explain anything to me. I don't care. TOMMY: (Calls) Fiona!

TOMMY: Come here.

FIONA: Tominy, what is it?

TOMMY: (Showing her the Bible) Is this your name here in this Bible?

FIONA: Aye! An' why . . . ? (She stops herself. Then, thoughtfully.) Oh!

JEFF: Someone seems to have loused up your books.

TOMMY: Well, come on. What does it all mean? Is there any explanation or

FIONA: Aye, there is. But I canna tell ye.

TOMMY: Well, is there anybody who can? I'd like to know

FIONA: Ye mus' talk with the dominie

TOMMY: The who?

FIONA: Our schoolmaster, Mr. Lundie

TOMMY: Where does he live?

JEFF: Down the road, in a tree.

FIONA: He doesn't live in a tree, Mr. Douglas. Mr. Lundie is a great man. (To was hopin' we could have this day together. TOMMY) All right, Tommy. I'll take ye to 'im. I hadna wanted to 'cause I

TOMMY: What's that got to do with it?

FIONA: 'Tis goin' to be so hard for ye to believe what ye'll hear. Ye'll think there is somethin' wrong with us an' ye'll leave. I know it.

TOMMY: Maybe I will and maybe I won't. Come on, Jeff.

JEFF: Is it informal, or should I wear my three-cornered hat? TOMMY: Come on, I said!

(The music swells as they start for the door)

Outside the house of MR. LUNDIE

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manner is entirely benign, he speaks with little trace of emotion. He wears metalschoolmaster in his late fifties. Though his eyes have a genuine kindness and his MR. LUNDIE is seated on the porch reading. MR. LUNDIE is a quaint Scottish

FIONA, TOMMY, and JEFF enter and walk toward the house

FIONA: Good day, Mr. Lundie.

MR. LUNDIE: (Rising) Why, hello, Fiona. What a pleasant surprise!

FIONA: Mr. Lundie, I'd like ye to meet Mr. Tommy Albright and Mr. Jeff

MR. LUNDIE: (Holding out his hand) Good afternoon, gentlemen. (He studies them both carefully)

TOMMY: (Trying to be polite) How do you do, sir? (He shakes his hand)

JEFF: (Also taking his hand) Good afternoon.

MR. LUNDIE: (After a moment of looking at them) Where do ye gentlemen come

TOMMY: We're from New York.

MR. LUNDIE: (As if to himself but saying it distinctly) We're from New York. JEFF: Uh-huh!

TOMMY: Yes. New York.

MR. LUNDIE: (Simply) I heard ye.

FIONA: Mr. Lundie, I was wonderin' if ye'd be good enough to tell these gentlemen about Brigadoon. They've heard an' seen a good deal an' they're very perplexed indeed.

TOMMY: Perplexed is right.

FIONA: I would very much like him, I mean them, to know.

MR. LUNDIE: (Stating his echo) I would very much like him, I mean them, to know.

FIONA: Aye, sir.

MR. LUNDIE: (After a moment) Winna ye be seated, gentlemen?

TOMMY: Thank you, (They all do)

MR. LUNDIE: Are ye stayin', Fiona?

FIONA: If I may, sir. I'd love to hear it all again.

TOMMY: From what I gather, nobody can talk about anything around herbut you. Is that right?

MR. LUNDIE: No, that's wrong. Mr. Forsythe could have told ye

TOMMY: Forsythe, I've heard about him. But I didn't meet him,

MR. LUNDIE: Likely not. I think he's dead.

JEFF: That would stand in the way, I suppose.

MR. LUNDIE: Let me warn ye afore I begin that what I'm goin' to tell ye ye winna believe.

TOMMY: It's all right. I've already been warned. Why won't I believe it?

MR. LUNDIE: Because what happened in Brigadoon was a miracle an' most folk dinna believe in miracles. Miracles require faith, an' faith seems to be as dead as . . . er . . .

JEFF: Mr. Forsythe?

MR. LUNDIE: Aye. Now, if an outsider who chanced to come to Brigadoon were to hear the tale from the lips of someone in the town, he'd think the lass or lad was daft. An' that would lead to many unpleasant an' humiliatin' things for the poor lass or laddie. Now, wouldna it?

TOMMY: I suppose so.

MR. LUNDIE: I suppose so. So, only I can talk about the miracle to strangers.

JEFF: (With a touch of sarcasm) And you don't imagine anybody would think

you're crazy?

MR. LUNDIE: Ye might very well. But it winna hurt me. I'd jus' pity ye. Now, this miracle happened . . . let's see . . . what's today?

ONA: Friday.

MR. LUNDIE: Friday. That means it happened exactly two hundred years ago. Two hundred years ago the Highlands of Scotland were plagued with witches; wicked sorcerers who were takin' the Scottish folk away from the teachin's of God an' puttin' the devil in their souls. They were indeed horrible destructive women. I dinna suppose ye have such women in your world.

TOMMY: Witches?

JEFF: Yes, we still have them. We pronounce it differently.

MR. LUNDIE: Uh-huh! It dinna matter they were not real sorcerers, because ye

an' I know there is no such thing. But their influence was very real indeed. Now, here in Brigadoon we had an old minister of the kirk named Mr. Forsythe. An' a good man he was.

FIONA: The kindest man in Scotland.

MR. LUNDIE: I believe he was. No man ever loved his parish as did Mr. Forsythe. But he was growin' old, an' it grieved him that one day soon he would leave all those so dear to him. But most of all, he worried about the witches. They hadna visited Brigadoon yet, but he knew there was a band of them comin' our way. So he began to wonder if there wasn't somethin' he could do to protect the folk of his parish not only from them, but from all the evils that might come to Brigadoon from the outside world after he died.

FIONA: What a kind man!

MR. LUNDIE: He spent days walkin' through the glen, thinkin'. An' if ye had passed his house any hour of the night, ye would have seen the candles lit an' Mr. Forsythe sittin' in his chair, thinkin'. Then one day he came to me an' told me he had decided to ask God for a miracle.

FIONA: (Touching her eye) This part is so nice I cry thinkin' about it.

MR. LUNDIE: He consulted with me about it because he knew I had a highly logical mind, an' he figured as long as he was goin' to ask for a miracle, it might as well be a well-organized miracle. So for many days I walked through the glen with him, an' for many nights I sat with him by candlelight. Finally Mr. Forsythe decided what he was goin' to pray for. An' on an early Wednesday morn, right after midnight, Mr. Forsythe went out to a hill beyond Brigadoon an' made his prayer to God. There in the hush of a sleepin' world, he asked God that night to make Brigadoon an' all the people in it vanish into the Highland mist. Vanish, but not for always. It would all return jus' as it was for one day every hundred years. The people would go on leadin' their customary lives; but each day when they awakened it would be a hundred years later. An' when we awoke the next day, it was a hundred years later.

TOMMY: (Half whispering) My God!

MR. LUNDIE: Ye see, in this way Mr. Forsythe figured there would be no change in the lives of the people. They jus wouldna be in any century long enough to be touched by it.

TOMMY: (Quite shaken) You mean . . . you mean you go to bed at night and when you get up the next day it's a hundred years later?

MR. LUNDIE: Aye.

TOMMY: Then every day is a hundred years later?

MR. LUNDIE: Aye.

JEFF: What happened to the minister?

MR. LUNDIE: We never saw him again. Ye see, he realized that to ask for such a miracle, some sacrifice would have to be made, an' he wanted to be the one to make it. Now, what would be the greatest sacrifice he could offer? It was to be separated afore his time from the ones he loved. So that's why he went out to a hill beyond Brigadoon. Were the miracle granted, he would never see Brigadoon again.

TOMMY: And all this happened two hundred years ago.

MR. LUNDIE: Aye, lad. Which, ye see, is only two days ago to us. He had in-

sythe, not wantin' anythin' to go wrong with the weddin', postponed school in Edinburgh an' was not expected back till Tuesday late. Mr. Fortended to ask for the miracle on Tuesday. But Charlie Dalrymple was in prayin' till Charlie got back.

FIONA: Wasn't that sweet of him?

TOMMY: Let me ask you something. Suppose somebody around here gets fed up and wants to leave. Then what?

MR. LUNDIE: Oh, he canna leave.

JEFF: You mean Pve got to stay here now?

TOMMY: And . . . ? MR. LUNDIE: No, no, lad. But accordin' to Mr. Forsythe's contract with God, if anyone of Brigadoon leaves, the enchantment is broken for all.

MR. LUNDIE: That night when the people go to sleep, Brigadoon will disappear forever.

TOMMY: (After a moment) Look, I'm not saying I believe all this, but just for argument's sake, suppose a stranger like . . . well . . . me came to Brigadoon and wanted to stay. Could he?

MR. LUNDIE: Aye, he could. Mr. Forsythe provided for that.

JEFF: He didn't miss a trick, did he?

MR. LUNDIE: No, lad, he dinna. A stranger can stay if he loves someone here should be. 'Cause after all, lad, if ye love someone deeply, anythin' is possiwant to give up everythin' an' stay with that person. Which is how it -not jus' Brigadoon, mind ye-but someone in Brigadoon enough to

FIONA: I think I like that part the best.

MR. LUNDIE: Shouldna ye be thinkin' about changin' for the weddin'?

FIONA: (Jumping up) Aye, I had. (To TOMMY, a little fearfully) Tommy, will I

TOMMY: (Looks at her a moment, then pauses, then;) Yes. I'll be there

FIONA: (Expressively) Thank ye, Tommy.

TOMMY: I think I want to stick around and see if this place evaporates like

FIONA: I mus' hurry now. Good-by, Mr. Lundie. (She exits)

MR. LUNDIE: She's a dear lass.

TOMMY: I'm finding that out. Tell me, Mr. Lundie, you're all perfectly happy (A distant choir is heard) living here in this little town?

MR. LUNDIE: Of course, lad. After all, sunshine can peep through a small hole.

TOMMY: But at night when you go to sleep; what's it like?

MR. LUNDIE: Well, for me, 'tis like bein' carried on shadowy arms to some far-off cloud an' there I float till mornin'. An' yet, sometimes I think I hear strange voices.

TOMMY: Voices?

MR. LUNDIE: Aye. They say no words I can remember. But they're voices outside world. There mus' be lots of folk out there who'd like a Brigadoon. pondered it when I'm awake; an' I think-I have a feelin' I'm hearin' the filled with a fearful longin'; an' often they seem to be callin' me back. I've (The choir swells and then chimes are heard)

MR. LUNDIE: Oh! 'Tis the weddin' time.

derment rise and move slowly to leave) (The chimes and choir grow louder, TOMMY and JEFF in mixed awe and bewil-

of the kirk. There are practical steps leading up to it. The kirkyard would seem to be in the middle of some ancient Gothic ruins. Outside the kirk of Brigadoon. On the left veering toward center is the façade

one the clans arrive, marching in proudly and taking their places around the kirkcenter is standing a group of MacLarens all dressed in their family plaid. One still as MR, LUNDIE says: pears and stands before the kirk. As the others see him they become suddenly themselves, bow courteously to their guests, and stand back. MR. LUNDIE ap-Dalrymples, and the Beatons. When they are all present, the MacLarens announce the MacLarens. Among those represented are the MacLeods, the MacGuffies, the yard. As they enter the leader of each group announces the name of the family to Music is playing a rousing theme representing the meeting of the clans. In the

MR. LUNDIE: There's goin' to be a weddin'.

JEAN, after first giving her wedding bouquet to FIONA, takes her place on MR edge of the crowd. Now MR. MACLAREN and JEAN enter from the kirk, and FIONA appears dressed in her wedding finery and stands in the clearing not far enter and stand left of MR. LUNDIE. Simultaneously with CHARLIE'S entrance, LUNDIE'S right) from MR. LUNDIE. TOMMY and JEFF enter quietly from the side and stand at the (The music of "Brigadoon" is played softly under. CHARLIE and his best man

MR. LUNDIE/(We have no minister in Brigadoon now. In most villages this two people to be wed by sincere mutual consent. There need be nothin' in minister present it is perfectly proper accordin to the laws of Scotland for earth. (He pauses for a moment) Go ahead, lad. writin'. All that's necessary is the promise of love as long as ye both are on would be a calamitous thing. But we know it a blessin. When there is no

CHARLIE: (Awkwardly, as he slips a ring on JEAN'S finger) I shall love ye till I die. An' I'll make all effort to be a good husband to ye.

JEAN: An'... an' so much will I try ... to be a fine ... an' ... an' lovin'

(They look at each other uncomfortably)

MR. LUNDIE: Well, kiss her, lad. (They kiss gingerly) Mr. Forsythe, I know, would have liked to be here. But if ye'll both be good an' true to each other, then ye canna help but live in the grace of God. An' Mr. Forsythe could have asked no more than that.

CHARLIE: (After a slight pause) Are we married now, Mr. Lundie?

MR. LUNDIE: Are we married now, Mr. Lundie? Aye, lad. Ye're married.

has been so completely moved by the ceremony that it almost looks as if a tear done quietly, of course. FIONA crosses quickly down to TOMMY at left. TOMMY had come to his eye. When FIONA comes to him, she is almost in tears herself and comes right into his arms) (The TOWNSFOLK gather quickly around them, shaking hands, kissing, etc. All

FIONA: It was a nice weddin', wasn't it?

dance. Everybody joins in and TOMMY is circled. He steps back with FIONA to (Suddenly the wedding music starts and CHARLIE and JEAN begin the wedding

ground. TOMMY kicks the dirk away, and as he goes quickly to pick it up, FIONA hand, TOMMY successfully wrenches the dirk from him and knocks HARRY on the wrapped around his arm, and as one of the men knocks the sword from HARRY'S moves around toward the crowd menacingly. TOMMY comes forward with a shawl sword with one hand and pulls his dirk from his stocking with the other and LIE. A fight starts between HARRY and one of the men. HARRY picks up the floor sobbing with HARRY hovering over her. She slowly rises and runs to CHARstops and kisses her violently. The crowd parts and JEAN is seen lying on the turns to ask JEAN to dance, which she does. They twirl, then HARRY suddenly music changes to the tempo of a Sword Dance. HARRY dances this, and then who comes holding two swords high. He places them on the ground and the The wedding dance is interrupted then by the appearance of HARRY BEATON

FIONA: Tommy! Tommy! (TOMMY, his eyes fixed on HARRY, doesn't turn to reply to her. HARRY slowly rises and looks over at JEAN)

HARRY: All I've done is to want ye too much. (He walks slowly to the side of the stage and then suddenly turns back to the crowd. They all hold their positions as if not knowing what he is going to do next) I'm leavin' Brigadoon an' 'tis the end of all of us. The miracle's over!

stage. All the men surge forward to run after him, including TOMMY, who motions import of his leaving and springs into action. Cries of "we mus' stop 'im" fill the (He runs off. There is a sudden stunned moment. Then everyone realizes the

beclouds the dark woody green of the forest. A forest near the borders of Brigadoon. By now the sun has fallen and a mist

the one or two singing soloists is done entirely in pantomime. Offstage an all-male chorus intermittently sings. The action on stage other than HARRY BEATON. Under it all a strong pulsating rhythm is played in the orchestra. This scene is the chase through the forest of the men of Brigadoon after

Immediately following.

as if he doesn't know which way to go. The chorus is heard softly, HARRY BEATON runs on, stops in the center, and looks from side to side wildly

CHORUS: (Sings)

Harry Beaton!

(HARRY looks around him hysterically)

CHORUS:

Harry Beaton!

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and louder until it reaches full voice. As it sings, a few men run on from the lett and in pantomime divide themselves up and take off in different directions) (He looks again and then runs off right. The chorus sings again, growing louder

will never see Run an' get 'im! Run an' get 'im! Run, ye men, or ye

another mornin'! Go an' stop 'im!

Go an' stop 'im!

Run, ye Highland men,

or ye won't ken

another day!

around. The music continues under) or three others enter swiftly from the left. They pause in the center and look (SANDY, STUART DALRYMPLE, a member of Charlie's family, ANGUS, and two

ANGUS: (Sings)

Beaton sure came this way,

An' we canna be too far behind 'im, laddie

(To one of the men)

Ye, there, head for the brae!

Keep your eye ope' or ye winna find 'im, laddie!

(The man exits off right)

STUART DALRYMPLE: (Sings)

Ill go down to the creek,

(He exits swiftly) An', by God, if I see 'im I'll throw 'im in it!

ANGUS: (To SANDY)

Search the bill to the peak.

(To the rest)

Find 'im, lads, or tomorrow will never, never come!

chase in pantomime) (All exit off right. The chorus sings again. More men enter and illustrate the

CHORUS:

Run an' get 'im! Run an' n' get 'im!

Run an' get 'im now

or ye won't plough

another meadow: Go an' stop 'im!

Go an' stop 'im!

Run, ye Highland men

or ye won't ken another day!

(TOMMY and JEFF enter from the left)

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TOMMY: Let's separate. You go right and I'll go left. He can't be too far from

If he comes into sight

Hold bim fast! Many lives are depending on it!

This must not end tonight!

They must know that tomorrow is really gonna come!

(TOMMY exits downstage right. JEFF upstage right. Chorus and pantomime

CHORUS:

but don't forget Spread your human net Run an' get 'im! Run an' get 'im!

that time's agin ye! Go an' stop 'im!

or ye won't ken Run, ye Highland men, Go an' stop 'im!

another day!

Run an' get 'im!

Run an' get 'im!

HARRY BEATON. ANGUS kneels down over the body, looks up at the others, and and the others enter from the right. SANDY and ANGUS are dragging the body of sings:) lasts a few seconds. The music begins under. SANDY, STUART, TOMMY, ANGUS, (At this point there is a sudden discord in the orchestra and then silence. It

ANGUS:

Lads, say a prayer, I'm afraid Harry Beaton is dead!

TOMMY: (Looking down)

Looks like he fell on a rock and it crushed in his head

STUART:

Nobody wanted for Harry to be smitten down!

All that we wished was to keep 'im from leavin' the town.

ANGUS:

Look ye, I understand!

There's no sense for us all to be sad about it!

This was clear God's own hand,

STUART: (Pleadingly)

An' we all should be grateful an' glad about it!

Don't tell the rest till tomorrow that Harry is dead! Though it may be very true what the lad here has said,

They'll find he's dead tomorrow!

Tell them all is right!

There should be no more sorrow

On this weddin' night!

ALL: (Speaking, and nodding understandingly) Aye!

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(SANDY and ANGUS pick HARRY up and all start off left as the chorus sings)

CHORUS:

Thank the pow'rs that be, Thanks to heaven! Thanks to heaven!

ye all will see

another mornin'! Thanks to beaven!

Thanks to beaven!

ye'll ken Thank an' thank again,

Blackout

another day!

SCENE 2

the girls enter left. On the way from the forest. A few minutes later. FIONA, a girl, and then four of

FIONA: I thought I heard a cry from over there! (Indicates off right)

moment of silence, then FIONA goes fearfully to her father) (MR. MACLAREN, ANGUS, and five of the men enter from the right. There is a

FIONA: Well, Father?

MR. MACLAREN: 'Tis all right now. He was stopped

(The women sigh "Thank God" and "Thank heaven" and run to the men)

FIONA: (To her father) Was he hurt bad?

(ARCHIE BEATON enters left)

MR. MACLAREN: No, dearie. Jus' scratched a bit. There's no need for grievin' now. We mus' go on with the weddin' supper!

toward the right as if searching. When she reaches the extreme right, she walts and keeps looking off) (ARCHIE goes quickly to MR. MACLAREN. FIONA leaves him and moves across

ARCHIE: He dinna get away, Mr. MacLaren?

MR. MACLAREN: No, Archie.

ARCHIE: Then where is my son? I want to see 'im! I thank God ye stopped 'im from his terrible intention, but I want to see 'im.

MR. MACLAREN: He's all right, Archie. He's in good hands. 'Tis better he be left alone for a while. Come join us for a bit o' supper.

ARCHIE: I'm too ashamed for 'im, Mr. MacLaren. I canna join ye. (He moves toward the right)

MR. MACLAREN: But, Archie . . . ! (But ARCHIE exits right. MR. MACLAREN turns to the others) Come, everybody. Back to the glen for some food an ale. The alarm is over!

(They all start moving to exit left. FIONA turns to ANGUS)

FIONA: Angus! Have ye seen Tommy?

ANGUS: The American? Why, no, I dinna think he came back with us

ited. MR. MACLAREN calls over to her) MR. MACLAREN: Come, Fiona. (She turns and looks off right again. By this time most of the people have ex-

FIONA: What do ye feel, then, Tommy? TOMMY: Think? What good does thinking do? If I thought about it, it FIONA: Ye mean—ye think ye're in love with me? TOMMY: Because I have the peculiar/sensation I'm hearing my own secret FIONA: I dinna know. 'Tis jus' when a lass falls in or out of love she knows it FIONA: I'd have died if anythin' had happened to ye. (Going into his arms) I TOMMY: No, I didn't go. I couldn't. FIONA: (Running to him) Tommy! I thought ye might have gone TOMMY: (Sings "There but for You Go I") FIONA: Why? TOMMY: I wish it were that clear to fine TOMMY: But how can you be sure of that after one day? FIONA: Aye! TOMMY: You . . . ? TOMMY: Of course I'm all right. FIONA: An' ye're all right? TOMMY: Fiona! as TOMMY enters) wouldn't make any more sense than the miracle. (The music starts under) But right away love ye so. There but for you go I. His heart had no place to go. of being lonely; that I suddenly was free what I feel is something else. There but for you go 1. I thought as I thanked all the stars in the sky: A love that was all his own. l saw a man who had never known There among them was l. Till the day you found me Irying not to cry. There but for you go I. l looked and I thought as I watched him go by: Alone with the tide was be. I saw a man walking by the sea I saw a man with his head bowed low the very reason wh then I closed my eyes and saw but as I wandered through the lea This is hard to say, being told. (HE exits. FIONA turns and starts to cross the stage, then stops and looks back Lonely men around me, llooked and I thought to myself with a sigh: l felt for just a fleeing moment

> FIONA: I've wanted to hear ye say it. Even though it be at the last minute like TOMMY: I love you, Fiona. I guess that's all there is to it. FIONA: (Holding him close) Oh, Tommy! Tommy, darlin'!

TOMMY: (Holding her away from him) The last minute?

TOMMY: And then you . . . . you . . . ? (He motions with his hand. FIONA nods)
But, Fiona, I can't leave you. Not now I can't. (Pauses—then with hesitant FIONA: Aye. Soon now 'tis the end of our day. excitement) Didn't Lundie say someone could stay if he loved someone enough?

FIONA: Aye.

TOMMY: Well, that's for me! Where do I go? Who do I talk to? Where do I get a passport to disappear?

FIONA: (In his arms again) Tommy! Tommy! (They kiss)

TOMMY: I don't want to be without you ever again. I'd be afraid to be.

(Sings)

There but for you go 1. I thought as I thanked all the stars in the sky: A love that was all his own. l saw a man who had never known

(The music swells)

The glen. A short while later

Dance. After a reasonable amount of time of this sort of thing, the people stand and JEAN are upstage on a rock. The TOWNSFOLK are engaged in a Country back and MEG appears. The wedding supper is on! There is music under as the scene begins. CHARLIE

MEG: (Sings "My Mother's Weddin' Day") An' by the strangest bit o' luck, the woman was my mad Then I will tell ye 'bout a weddin' far more daft than this Now if ye think this weddin' day went just a bit apriss MacGregor, MacKenna, MacGowan, MacGraw The lad involved turned out to be no other but my pa,

Mac Vitie, MacNeil, an' MacRae; At my mother's weddin' day. Aye, all of the folk in the village were there An' Mac had come with May MacGee, For Pa had asked his friend MacPhee,

Then up the road came Ed MacKeen To my mother's weddin' day. An' May invited ninety-three With half the town of Aberdeen.

CHORUS:

Aye, evryone was on the scene At her mother's weddin day.

(The music continues)

MEG:

A-waitin' around in the room.

A-waitin' around in the room.

Mac Vicker, Mac Dougall, Mac Duff, an' Mac Coy.

Everybody but the groom.

An' as the bours turtled by

The men got feelin' kind o' dry

An' thought they'd take a nip o' rye

While a-waitin' for the groom.

An' while the men were dippin' in

The ladies started on the gin.

#### CHORUS:

An' soon the room began to spin At her mother's weddin' day.

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Then all of a sudden the liquor was gone;
The gin an' the whisky an' all.
An' all of a sudden the weddin' affair
Had become a bonnie brawl.
For Pete MacGraw an' Joe MacPhee
Began to fight for May MacGee,

For Pete MacGraw an' Joe MacPhee Began to fight for May MacGee, While May MacGee an' Sam MacKee Were a-wooin' in the hall.

So cold an' stiff was John MacVay They used 'im for a servin' tray.

#### CHORUS

For ev'ryone was blithe an' gay At her mother's weddin' day.

#### M⊞G

MacDuff an' Mac Vitie were playin' a game An' usin' MacCoy for the ball.
MacKenna was eatin' the bridal bouquet An' MacNeil bung on the wall.
When finally my father carne,
His eyes were red, his nose aflame;
He dirna even know his name;
He was drunkest of them all.

The people were lyin' all over the room, A-lookin' as if they were dead.

But Mother uncovered the minister quick, An' she told 'im: Go ahead.

So Pa kneeled down on Bill MacRae, An' Mother kneeled on Jock MacKay; The preacher stood on John MacVay; An' that's how my ma was wed.

It was a sight beyond compare.

l ought to know, for l was there.

MEG and CHORUS:

There never was a day as rare As my (her) mother's weddin' day!

(The music comes to a stop and then begins again. The people prepare themselves to go back into the Country Dance. As they are doing so, CHARLIE and JEAN steal silently off, waving good-by to a few as they go. MEG exits after her song. The TOWNSFOLK start to dance again, but by now they are all a wee bit tight, and so the dance is done in that spirit.

Then, suddenly the dance is interrupted by the sound of the pipes. Two BAGPIP-ERS enter followed by ARCHIE BEATON, who is carrying the body of HARRY. Everyone starts back in horror.

The BAGPIPERS play a funeral dirge and a funeral takes place. During the funeral JEFF enters quietly and stands watching in a group on stage left and TOMMY enters and stands in a group stage right. At the end of the ceremony, HARRY'S body is carried off and all the TOWNSFOLK exit. TOMMY and JEFF then turn and discover each other)

EFF: Hi!

TOMMY: Jeff, I'm not going back with you!

JEFF: Just for the record, what are you talking about?

TOMMY: I'm staying here!

JEFF: You're pulling my bonnie leg, aren't you?

TOMMY: No! I've never been more serious in my life. I tell you, Jeff, in one day I feel more a part of her and all this than I ever felt about Jane or anybody or anything back home.

JEFF: My dear boy, that's because it is one day. But don't you realize if you stay here it's for always?

TOMMY: I know.

JEFF: And do you know how long always is around here? It's one hell of a long time.

TOMMY: I know.

JEFF: This can't be a trial marriage, because you can't change your mind after trying it out for six or seven hundred years.

TOMMY: I won't ever want to.

JEFF: You're absolutely positive that there'll never come a time when you'll miss your family, your friends, the life you belong to? How can you know that now?

TOMMY: Because—well, here's where I know you'll think I'm crazy—because I believe in her. And what's more, I believe in this place.

JEFF: You do not. You just want to. This Highland voodoo town makes no more sense to you than it does to me. So how can you believe in it when you don't understand it? When you leave here, in a few weeks or even a few days you'll forget all about it. You won't feel a thing. That's the way a dream is.

TOMMY: What do you mean—dream?

JEFF: That's what this is: a dream. Why, even now you're not really moved by it. You just think you are.

TOMMY: How do you know?

JEFF: Because I do. (Pauses a moment) Did you see that funeral here a moment ago?

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TOMMY: (Kindly) No, Fiona. You won't remember that way. And neither will
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                                              For you're part of me
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From this day on.
                                                                                  Will glow till my life is through;
                                                                                                                                       You and the world we knew
                                                                                                                                                                                  (Sings "From This Day On")
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And
Someday if I should love,
It's you I'll be dreaming of;
For you're all I'll see
From this day on.
These hurried bours were all the life we could share.
Still I will go with not a tear, just a prayer
That
When we are far apart
You'll find something from your beart
Has gone! Gone with me
From this day on.
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FIONA: I'm not. In fact, I shouldna be surprised if I'll be less lonely now than I was afore ye came. I think real loneliness is not bein' in love in vain, but not bein' in love at all.

(He speaks) You see? We mustn't be sorry about anything

(The music continues)

TOMMY: But it'll fade in time. FIONA: No. It winns do that.

(Sings)

Through all the years to come An' through all the tears to come I know I'll be yours From this day on.

(The lights begin to dim and the chorus is heard singing offstage)

CHORUS

Brigadoon, Brigadoon, Blooming under sable skies. Blooming under sable skies. Brigadoon, Brigadoon, There my heart forever lies. Let the world grow cold around us; Let the heavens cry above! Brigadoon, Brigadoon, Brigadoon, In the valley there'll be love.

(The song grows softer and softer. Over the fading song and dimming lights and the mist that slowly seems to be enguifing the glen, TOMMY and FIONA speak) FIONA: Oh, Tommy! 'Tis the end of our day!

TOMMY: I'm sorry, Fiona. To stay I had to have no fears and no doubts. And . . . well . . . (He puts his arms around her) . . . . good-by.

(They kiss. The voices are quite soft now. The lights are quite dim. As FIONA speaks she moves slowly away from him, her voice becoming softer as she becomes cloudy in the darkening mist)

FIONA: Good-by, Tommy . . . An' dinna forget . . . . any day . . . any night . . . that always an' always . . . I love ye . . . . I love ye . . . . I love ye

(Darkness! Silence! Then for but a moment, the lights come up a bit. FIONA is

with a misty gray-yellow light. TOMMY looks at it for a moment. Then he turns and exits slowly right) no longer there. The hazy distant view of the houses is gone. The stage is filled

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the end of an elliptical-shaped bar so that one gets the feeling the rest of the bar blacked out is offstage right. There are two or three stooks in front. The rest of the stage is A bar in New York City. This is a small inset placed downstage right. It is like

Late afternoon, four months later.

gins. JEFF is seated on a stool. Although not incoherent, he is quite obviously JEFF: (Taking a sip from a glass) Ugh! What is this, Frank? D.D.T.? "pickled." Behind the bar stands Frank, the bartender, looking like a bartender. A piano is heard offstage playing "cocktail music." It fades as the scene be-

FRANK: The usual, bourbon.

JEFF: Why do you say "the usual?" Have I been drinking it long?

FRANK: Continuously since you got back from Scotland four months ago.

JEFF: Well, I just decided I don't like it. It's not near as good as the whisky Mother used to make. Give me some gin.

FRANK: What'll you have with it, sir?

JEFF: A little bourbon.

FRANK: Yes, sir.

JEFF: (Shakes his watch) What time is it, Frank? I think my watch

FRANK: (Looking at his wrist watch) Six-ten, sir.

JEFF: Hmph! I'd better be getting home. (FRANK hands him his drink) Give me another one to take with me, Frank. I like to drink portal to portal

FRANK: (Fixing it) It's just about time for Miss Ashton to call, sir,

FRANK: Jane Ashton, Mr. Albright's fiancée. Don't tell me you don't remem-

JEFF: All right, I won't. What about her?

FRANK: Well, just about this time every day she either calls or comes in or both, looking for Mr. Albright.

JEFF: She does, eh?

smokes it) (FRANK takes out a cigarette, JEFF lights it, then takes it out of his mouth and

FRANK: Yes, sir. From what I gather, she can't find him.

JEFF: I'm glad you warned me. I'll drink up and get out of here

FRANK: Don't you like Miss Ashton, sir?

JEFF: Oh, very much. But not when she's stalking Mr. Albright. (He drinks)

FRANK: But where is Mr. Albright, sir? I tell you, Frank, scratch the surface of any woman...and she'll enjoy it.

JEFF: I don't know, Frank. He quit his job about a month ago, picked up his parcels, and vanished like . . . Brigadoon.

FRANK: Like who?

JEFF: That was the name of my brother who ran away. (TOMMY enters)

TOMMY: Hi!

FRANK: Hello, Mr. Albright.

JEFF: (Going to him) Tommy! My old friend Tommy. (He throws his arms around TOMMY)

TOMMY: How are you, Jeff?

JEFF: (To FRANK) It's my old friend Tommy. He's back

TOMMY: Hello, Frank.

JEFF: Where've you been all month, Tommy?

TOMMY: Up on a farm in New Hampshire.

JEFF: A farm. Messing around in all that dirty dirt and everything. What were you doing there?

TOMMY: Enjoying myself. A rye and soda, please, Frank

JEFF: Well, if that's what you like, when you get married why don't you buy

TOMMY: I wonder if I want to get married, Jeff.

TOMMY: Because, my dear tank, I'm in love with someone else. And I "canna" get over it.

TOMMY: And the trouble is, because I can't be with her I can't be with anytalking anymore. I'm a few thousand miles away with . . . well, you know. that opens the door to a memory for me and suddenly I don't hear them one else. That's why I went away. So many things remind me of her. When don't know what the hell they're talking about, I haven't heard a word Then slowly I come back to the conversation, they ask me a question and I I'm with people and they're talking to me, they might say one little word

JEFF: You must be fascinating company.

TOMMY: When I'm alone, it's easier.

perhaps a little severe) (JANE ASHTON enters. She is in her late twenties, chic, very attractive, though

JANE: Tommy!

(Both men rise and she walks past JEFF into TOMMY'S arms)

TOMMY: Hello, Jane.

JEFF: Hello, Jane. JANE: What a wonderful surprise!

JEFF: Hello, Jeff. JANE: When did you get back?

TOMMY: A little while ago.

JEFF: How are you, Jane?

JANE: (Ignoring him) I've been worried half to death about you

JEFF: Fine, Jeff, how are you?

JEFF: I've had a little cold, but other than that . . . JANE: Let me look at you.

JANE: I must say you do look well.

TOMMY: So do you.

JEFF: Well, I don't want to eat and run. I think I'll go up to my room and have a drink.

TOMMY: I'll see you, Jeff,

JANE: (Half turning) Hello.

JEFF: Good-by! Put it on the bill, Frank. FRANK: Your bill, sir, is awfully high. JEFF: So am I. (He exits)

JANE: Tommy, why didn't you write me?

TOMMY: Nothing to say, I guess. Drink?

JANE: Old Fashioned, please, (FRANK gets busy) And why didn't you wire me

you were coming in? After all, darling, I did think the minute you'd get in town you'd call me...or come to me...or in fact, why didn't you...
(The Instant she says the words "come to me," FIONA'S voice is heard upstage

(The Instant she says the words "come to me," FIONA'S voice is heard upstage singing. TOMMY turns from the bar and looks off dreamily. The lights come up behind the bar revealing FIONA against a misty Scottish background. As FIONA sings, JANE continues talking, but in pantomime. Her mouth is moving, but no sound is forthcoming. She takes her cocktail from FRANK and says something to him. But no words are heard. Then she returns to TOMMY. Occasionally as her mouth is moving he nods to her)

## FIONA: (Sings)

Come to me, bend to me, kiss me good day! Darlin', my darlin', 'tis all I can say.

Jus' come to me, bend to me, kiss me good day! Gie me your lips an' don't take them away.

(She exits and the lights dim completely out. The music fades out and the lights come up at the bar. We hear JANE speaking. The first part of her sentence is barely audible and then she reaches full speaking voice)

JANE: . . . (and I didn't think) you'd want to do that, would you? TOMMY: Oh! Why—er—maybe.

JANE: You mean you'd even consider it?

TOMMY: What?

JANE: Commuting from sixty miles out of New York?

TOMMY: Oh, no! I don't want to do that.

JANE: I didn't think so. And I told Mr. Jackson.

TOMMY: Who?

JANE: Herbert Jackson.

TOMMY: (As if he knows) Oh! (Then---) Who's he?

JANE: I just told you. He's the real estate man I've been working with. I told him you'd call him.

TOMMY: I can hardly wait.

JANE: Please do. I'm trying so hard to arrange everything. Do you still want Jeff to stand up for you?

TOMMY: Yes, if he can. Why?

JANE: Nothing. It's just that he's so impossible these days. Everybody is bored to death with him.

TOMMY: I'm not interested in everybody, especially the everybody we know.

JANE: You've certainly been antisocial since you returned from Scotland. If you really want to avoid everybody, why don't we take Mr. Jackson's house? It's far away and right on the top of a high, beautiful hill . . .

(Same business again. FIONA is heard, then seen singing. Only this time she is larer)

FIONA: (Sings)

... Through the heather on the hill.
But when the mist is in the gloamin',
An' all the clouds are holdin' still,
If ye're not here I won't go roamin'
Through the heather on the hill.

Through the heather on the bill;
The heather on the . . .

(TOMMY turns sharply to JANE. The moment he speaks, the half lights come up at the bar and blackout on the full stage)
TOMMY: No. Tane! No!

TOMMY: No, Jane! No! JANE: No, what?

TOMMY: I can't go through with it! There's going to be no wedding next

JANE: Do you mean you're postponing it again?

TOMMY: No, I am not postponing it. I'm calling it off for good

JANE: Calling it off!

TOMMY: I can't do it! Ever.

JANE: You have a nerve! After all this time I've waited for you and tried to be patient and put up with your idiotic whims and temperament?

TOMMY: I'm sorry. It's not your fault. You've been wonderfully kind to me. But something strange happened a few months ago that I can't explain, and now I don't fit here any more.

JANE: I think you're going clean out of your mind. But I refuse to stand here and argue with you in this bar! Let's go home and

(Same business, CHARLIE and several of the TOWNSFOLK are seen all around behind him as the lights come slowly up on them)

CHARLIE and TOWNSFOLK: (Sing)

Go home, go home, go home with bonnie Jean!

Go home, go home, I'll go home with bonnie Jean!

(The music continues and they seem to be walking away from him into the night. We hear JANE say:)

JANE: And if you think anyone else is going to put up with your nonsense, you're raving mad. So think that over, Mr. Albright, when you're all alone! (She exits. TOMMY stands and looks out front. FIONA appears again, this time

very near him)
FIONA: I think real loneliness is not bein' in love in vain, but not bein' in love at all.

TOMMY: You understood, Fiona—I didn't.

FIONA: (Sings "From This Day On")

You walkin' through the heather

When we were there together,

That's all I'll see

From this day on.

TOMMY: You were right. It never faded.

(Sings)

These burried bours were all the life we could share.

Still I will go with not a tear, just a prayer
Thar—

FIONA:

Through all the years to come An' through all the tears to come

FIONA and TOMMY: I know I'll be yours From this day on.

(She begins to walk back as the chorus is heard upstage singing)

CHORUS:

Come ye from the hills!
Come ye from the mills!
Come ye in the glen!
Come ye, bairn,
Come ye, bairn,
Come ye, men!

(They reach full voice. Bagpipers are heard. It all swells and swells as TOMMY turns to the bar and hurriedly picks up the telephone. Then:)

TOMMY: (On the phone—over chorus) Hello? Room 732, please! . . . Jeff? Are you sober? . . . I want to go back to Scotland . . . Never mind what for! . . . Do you want to come with me? . . . Well, get plane reservations right away! . . . I know it isn't there, but I want to see where it was . . . Who cares if it doesn't make sense? . . . I want to go . . . (The voices are fortissimo) I want to go, do you hear? . . . I want to go!

Blackout

SCENE 5

The forest. This is the same as Act One, Scene 1. Three nights later. TOMMY and JEFF walk on from the right. They look around them for a moment in silence.

TOMMY: It's unbelievable! Awful and unbelievable!

JEFF: (Quite drunk) What is awful and unbelievable?

TOMMY: To think that somewhere out there—between the mist and the stars—there's somebody I want so terribly. She's not dead. She's only asleep. And yet I'll never see her again.

JEFF: Did you come all the way over here just to say that? You could have told me that on the phone in New York for a nickel.

TOMMY: No. I'll tell you why. She became so alive to me that I had to come back and see for myself that the place really wasn't here.

JEFF: It didn't work that way for me. It's so much like a dream now that I'd have to work hard to convince myself it happened at all.

TOMMY: There's the big difference between us.

JEFF: Tell me about it.

TOMMY: I found that sometimes what you believe in becomes more real to you than all the things you can explain away or understand. (He looks around for a moment) God! Why do people have to lose things to find out what they mean?

JEFF: Well, take a last look and let's start walking. I got lost around here once.

Brigadoon & 211

(He turns to move to exit, when suddenly singing is heard softly in the distance. It is the chorus singing)

CHORUS:

Brigadoon, Brigadoon,
Blooming under sable skies.
Brigadoon, Brigadoon,
There my heart forever lies,
Let the world grow cold around us;
Let the heavens cry above!
Brigadoon, Brigadoon,
In thy valley there'll be love!

(The singing continues under the following sequence. When it first starts, TOMMY and JEFF look at each other in bewilderment. Then suddenly MR. LUNDIE appears from the left. He is very sleepy. He walks half over to TOMMY, then stops and peers at him)

MR. LUNDIE: Tommy, lad! Ye! My, my! Ye mus' really love her! Ye woke me up! (TOMMY and JEFF just stare at him in astonishment) Come, lad. (He holds out his hand. TOMMY walks toward it as one in a trance) Ye shouldna be too surprised, lad. I told ye when ye love someone deeply anythin' is possible. (They start to walk off right. MR. LUNDIE stops and looks up at him) Even mir-

(Just before they exit, TOMMY turns and looks back at JEFF, who stands looking at them in bewilderment. The chorus swells and TOMMY and MR. LUNDIE exit)

Curtain

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