

SEBASTIAN - Scene B

I-3-14

TOPHER

Shouldn't we listen to what he has to say? People were never upset with Mom and Dad. Were they?

SEBASTIAN

Your parents had the good fortune to be royalty in a time of plenty. But since their unfortunate demise, I have done my best to run this country. I've done my best to raise you in the finest schools.

JEAN-MICHEL

Hello, I'm talking here!

TOPHER

We should invite him up for a talk.

SEBASTIAN

Ignore him.

JEAN-MICHEL

I will not give up! If you won't listen, I'll shout this to the town square.

SEBASTIAN

(Nervously)
Shout this to the town square—perhaps it's time for a distraction.

TOPHER

What kind of distraction?

SEBASTIAN

A royal wedding.

TOPHER

Wow. And does that work?

SEBASTIAN

Like a dream every time.

TOPHER

But, who will get married?

SEBASTIAN

Well... you.

TOPHER

That's just silly. I don't know any girls. I went to an all-boys school off in the woods. And then attended an all-male university, on an island. Why did you do that to me?

SEBASTIAN

For this happy day—I am going to find you a bride—oh, happy the day!

TOPHER

This is nonsense. How will you find me a bride?

START

SEBASTIAN

We shall have a magnificent ball. Dancing!

TOPHER

What?

SEBASTIAN

Every eligible young woman who can afford a gown will attend. That is a wonderful selection process right there. If you can't afford a nice dress, you don't have any business marrying a prince. Now. All the guests will be in masks. You will dance with every girl. At the stroke of midnight, everyone will remove their masks and you will have found your bride.

TOPHER

That's fast.

SEBASTIAN

King and Queen on the throne. I am there to guide you through all your decisions. It's really a win-win.

TOPHER

How would any woman fall in love with me so quickly?

SEBASTIAN

A valid question, which we will answer sometime soon. Now, Lord Pinkleton. I want you to tell this to all—a pronouncement—an announcement.

END

MUSIC 5: A PRINCE IS GIVING A BALL / NOW IS THE TIME

(LORD PINKLETON copies down what SEBASTIAN sings.)

SEBASTIAN

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
CHRISTOPHER RUPERT

TOPHER

Please, don't say my whole name!

SEBASTIAN

WINDEMERE VLADIMIR

TOPHER

So embarrassing.

SEBASTIAN

KARL ALEXANDER
FRANÇOIS REGINALD
LANCELOT HERMAN—

LORD PINKLETON & LORDS

Herman?