

MARTHA

*(To a small group of the CHORUS KIDS,
including MIKE.)*
You kids are all staying out in the ski lodge.

MIKE

Which way is the ski lodge?

MARTHA

I'm glad you asked me that, senator.

Music 10A: Martha's Exit / Into Porch

(SHE sings, leading them off:)
LET ME SHOW YOU WHERE THAT IS,
AND I'm HAPPY!
(ALL exit. The scene changes to...)

Scene 8

The Front Porch of the Inn - that night

*(SUSAN is on the porch swinging in pajamas and
slippers.)*

SUSAN

Dear God, please, please bless Grandpa this Christmas.
And bless Mommy and Daddy and the state of California,
especially Pasadena. But remember to bless Grandpa most
of all. I'll even give up snow - though frankly I'd
rather not. Amen.
(BOB enters.)

BOB

Say there, Miss Susan, what are you doing wandering
around in the middle of the night? It's bedtime.

SUSAN

It's all right, Mr. Wallace, I'm on Pacific time. I'm
three hours behind.

BOB

Your grandfather will put you on military time if you
don't get some shut-eye. C'mon.

SUSAN

I haven't been sleeping so well in Vermont anyway.

BOB

Why is that? Are you homesick?
(SUSAN shakes her head.)
Have you got something on your mind?

SUSAN

No. Nothing. Just the usual day-to-day concerns and stuff.

BOB

Those day-to-day concerns are killers, all right.
(BETTY steps into view on the opposite side of the stage and stands, unseen, in the shadows, watching and listening in.)

SUSAN

Mr. Wallace, is Grandpa really going back in the army?

BOB

I don't know. He might sometime.

SUSAN

Could I go into the army with him?

BOB

You could volunteer, but you might be on the short side.

SUSAN

Mr. Wallace, is Grandpa very unhappy?

BOB

Yeah, Susan, I think he is.

SUSAN

I wish I could find a way to help him. Oh, I love him so much Mr. Wallace.

BOB

You just tell him. Maybe that's all the help he needs.

SUSAN

I want to tell him. I almost did today. But I'm - I'm kind of scared of him.

BOB

Don't feel bad. He used to scare 6,000 grown men at a time. Now you go on in and get to sleep.

Music 11: Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep

SUSAN

But how can I? All I think about is Grandpa.

BOB

It's really simple. You try the Bob Wallace method.

WHEN I'M WORRIED
AND I CAN'T SLEEP,
(MORE)