

Side N - Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay

MARY POPPINS

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SCENE 10: BAD NEWS

(BERT stands in front of the House. It's a new day in Cherry Tree Lane. The RESIDENTS go about their business.)

(... #12A) THE WINDS MAY BLOW (CHIM CHIM CHER-EE)

BERT

THE WIND MAY BLOW, BUT WHO'S TO KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT IT'S BRINGING
GOOD NEWS OR BAD, HAPPY OR SAD
THE PENDULUM KEEPS SWINGING

(MRS. BRILL and ROBERTSON AY appear in the hall. From out of the cupboard under the stairs MRS. BRILL gets a feather duster and a pair of steps.)

START

MRS. BRILL

→ Right, put the steps there and stand back. You are never to come near that vase nor no one else but me neither. That is 'an heirloom'.

ROBERTSON AY

An Heirloom!

(ROBERTSON AY puts the steps below the shelf with the vase. He backs against the sideboard as MRS. BRILL climbs up.)

MRS. BRILL

And while I do this, stay totally immobile.

ROBERTSON AY

Immobile.

MRS. BRILL

Do not move a muscle.

ROBERTSON AY

Muscle.

MRS. BRILL

Do not breathe. Do you hear me?

(ROBERTSON AY tries to hold his breath but then gasps when he can't any longer.)

ROBERTSON AY

I might as well be dead.

MRS. BRILL

(threatening with her feather duster)
Don't give me ideas. 

BERT

A GAME IS PLAYED, A CHANGE IS MADE
BUT STILL THE ROAD IS LONG
AND THOUGH THEY MIGHT YET FLY A KITE
SOMETIMES WITH WIND'S TOO STRONG

(GEORGE BANKS appears and enters the house. He looks extremely worried. He is greeted by a surprised WINIFRED. He puts down his briefcase as she helps him off with his coat.)

WINIFRED

George? What's happened? Are you ill?

GEORGE

No. Should I be?

WINIFRED

Of course not. Only... why on earth are you home so early? Is everything all right?

GEORGE

No, everything's all wrong.

WINIFRED

My dear, what is it?

GEORGE

If you must know, I refused some German chap a loan. It seems he went to our chief rivals. They gave him the money and now it's turned into a gold mine.

WINIFRED

Well they can't expect you to get it right every time.

GEORGE

Can't they? That's exactly what they expect.

(Before GEORGE can say more, the CHILDREN run downstairs, followed by MARY POPPINS.)

JANE, MICHAEL

OH! SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPALIDOCIOUS!
EVEN THOUGH THE SOUND OF IT IS SOMETHING QUITE ATROCIOUS
IF YOU SAY IT LOUD ENOUGH--