



GRIMSBY AUDITION SCRIPT

Grimsby is Prince Eric's prim and proper valet. He is rigid in personality and constantly trying to guide Prince Eric towards the throne. While Grimsby does have some singing to do, strong acting trumps singing ability for this role.

Vocal Range E4 - C5

PRINCE ERIC

Now, suppose I don't want to be King—

GRIMSBY

I swore an oath to your dear father on his death bed that I'd turn you from a roustabout into a royal and have you married to a princess—

PRINCE ERIC

Ugh!

GRIMSBY

— by your next birthday, which is now just three days away!

PRINCE ERIC

Did you ever try to take a princess sailing? It's a joke! Their dresses get caught in the rigging. And most of 'em can't even swim—

GRIMSBY

You know, there's more to a woman than her flutter kick. Our kingdom needs a queen!

PRINCE ERIC

Where am I gonna find her, Grimsby? A girl who's as carefree and alive as the sea itself. Where?

(PRINCE ERIC stares out to sea.)

It's too much to hope for, isn't it? Somewhere, out there... a girl who's a match for a guy like me?

GRIMSBY

Perhaps you're not looking hard enough.


PRINCE ERIC

Trust me, Grimsby — when I come across the girl of my dreams, it'll hit me like lightning.

The Contest

L'istesso tempo (Parlando)

2 GRIMSBY:



Wel-come, dear friends, to our

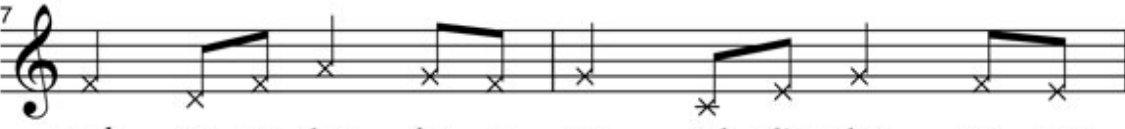
(As GRIMSBY calls the gathering to order, opportunistic PRINCESSES parade in, escorted by groomed SAILORS. ARIEL is crushed.)

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con-test. The first that our king-dom has ev-er seen. We

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gath-er to-day for a vo-cal dis-play, so our

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prince may at last choose a queen!

GRIMSBY: These six princesses possess the most accomplished voices in the land! (to the PRINCESSES) Tonight, one of you will join Prince Eric on the throne.

May the best woman win!
(One by one, the PRINCESSES step forward to sing.)

Bright 2-beat

PRINCESS 1: **PRINCESS 2:**

Lis - ten to me, don't I sound

PRINCESS 3: **PRINCESS 4:**

rich? Loud, am I not? Plus I've

PRINCESS 5:

got per - fect pitch. Would - n't you think—

PRINCESS 6:

— I'm the girl, — the girl who has ev - 'ry -

PRINCESSES 1, 2, 3:
(belt, in competition)

thing? ev - 'ry - thing?

PRINCESSES 4, 5, 6:
(head voice, more competition opt. 8vb)

ev - 'ry - thing?