

## **Audition Sides - Mr. Darling, Mrs. Darling, John**

**LIZA**

Always playing games. I have much more important things to do than play at make-believe and dancing.

*(WENDY and JOHN resume the dance.)*

**WENDY, JOHN**

One, two, three, one, two, three—

*(MRS. DARLING enters dressed to go out for the evening.)*

**MRS. DARLING**

*(laughing)*  
Wendy! John!

**WENDY**

Mother!

**JOHN**

Oh, Mother! You look lovely!

**MRS. DARLING**

Why, thank you!  
*(to WENDY)*  
What are you doing in my old hat?

**JOHN**

We're playing at being you and Father. I'm Father.

**MICHAEL**

Mother! They never let me play Father. They never let me dance.

**MRS. DARLING**

Well, we'll soon fix that.

*(MRS. DARLING takes the top hat from JOHN and places it on MICHAEL.)*

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**START**

**MR. DARLING**

*(offstage)*  
Mother! Mother!

*(MR. DARLING arrives in evening dress, without his coat, carrying a white tie.)*

**MRS. DARLING**

What is the matter, George dear?

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### **MR. DARLING**

Matter? This tie, it will not tie. Not round my neck. Round the bedpost, oh yes – but round my neck, oh dear no.

*(NANA pushes JOHN toward the door.)*

### **JOHN**

I won't take a bath! Nana, I won't take a bath!

### **MR. DARLING**

Go and be bathed at once, sir.

*(With bent head JOHN follows NANA offstage. On the way, NANA collides with MR. DARLING's trousers.)*

Oh, Mother, look here! Hair all over my trousers!!

*(to NANA)*

Clumsy! Clumsy!

### **MRS. DARLING**

I'll brush you off, Father dear.

### **MR. DARLING**

Thank you. You know, Mother, sometimes I think it's a mistake to have a dog for a nurse.

### **MRS. DARLING**

George, we must keep Nana. I will tell you why. My dear, when I came into this room tonight I saw a face at the window.

### **MR. DARLING**

A face at the window, two floors up?

### **MRS. DARLING**

It was the face of a little boy; he was trying to get in.

### **MR. DARLING**

Impossible.

### **MRS. DARLING**

But wait— The boy was not quite alone. He was accompanied by – I don't know how to describe it – by a ball of light that darted about the room like a living thing!

### **MR. DARLING**

That is very unusual!

### **MRS. DARLING**

George, what can all this mean?

**END**