

*YOUNG WOMAN*

*(thinking her thoughts aloud - to the subdued accompaniment of the office sounds and voices).* Marry me -wants to marry me - George H. Jones - George H. Jones and Company - Mrs. George H. Jones - Mrs. George H. Jones. Dear Madame - marry - do you take this man to be your wedded husband - I do - to love honor and to love - kisses – no - I can't - George H. Jones - How would you like to marry me - What do you say - Why Mr. Jones I - let me look at your little hands - you have such pretty little hands - let me hold your pretty little hands - George H. Jones - Fat hands - flabby hands - don't touch me - please - fat hands are never weary- please don't - married- all girls - most girls - married- babies - a baby- curls - little curls all over its head - George H. Jones - straight- thin - bald- don't touch me - please - no - can't- must - somebody - something - no rest - must rest - no rest - must rest - no rest - late today - yesterday - before - late - subway - air - pressing - bodies pressing - bodies - trembling - air - stop - air - late - job - no job - fired - late - alarm clock - alarm clock - alarm clock - hurry - job - ma - nag - nag - nag - ma - hurry - job - no job - no money - installments due - no money - money - George H. Jones - money - Mrs. George H Jones - money- no work - no worry - free! - rest - sleep till nine - sleep till ten - sleep till noon - now you take a good rest this morning - don't get up till you want to - thank you - oh thank you - oh don't! - please don't touch me - I want to r e s t - no rest - earn - got to earn - married - earn - no - yes - earn - all girls - most girls - ma - pa - ma - all women - most women - I can't - must - maybe - must - somebody - something - ma - pa - ma - can I, ma? Tell me, ma - something - somebody.

*The scene blacks out. The sounds of the office machines continue until the scene lights into Episode Two - and the office sounds become the sound of a radio, offstage.*