

(JULIE clasps her hand over her mouth to keep from laughing, then gathers the cups together. CARRIE gets up.)

CARRIE

(Animatedly)

There was one girl who sung an awful ketchy song.

(She walks to the back of her chair. LOUISE enters from the house, unnnnoticed.)

She threw her leg over a fence like this –

(As she is swinging her leg over the chair, she sees LOUISE and hastily puts her leg down.)

– and it rained all day!

(JULIE, her back toward LOUISE, stares at CARRIE in wonder. She gathers that something is up, turns right, and sees LOUISE.)

JULIE

Oh-h-h. Louise, take these cups right into the kitchen, dear. That's a good girl.

(LOUISE takes the cups into the house.)

CARRIE

She threw her leg over a fence like this –

(She swings her leg over the chair and pulls her skirt up over her knee.)

and she sung –

MUSIC 29: CARRIE'S INCIDENTAL

(Unaccompanied)

I'M A TOMBOY, JEST A TOMBOY!

I'M A MADCAP MAIDEN FROM BROADWAY!

(ENOCH enters followed by their eldest son, ENOCH, JR., but CARRIE does not see them. JULIE tries to warn her.)

I'M A TOMBOY, A MERRY TOMBOY!

I'M A MADCAP MAIDEN FROM BROADWAY!

ENOCH

(Taking his SON by the shoulders.)

→ Turn yer eyes away, Junior!

(Turns his SON'S face away.)

CARRIE

(Taking her leg off the chair and standing there guiltily.)

I was jest tellin' Julie about thet show – "Madcap Maidens."

ENOCH

We also saw "Julius Caesar." Wouldn't thet be a better play to quote from?

CARRIE

I don't remember much of that one. All the men was dressed in nightgowns and it made me sleepy.

JULIE

(Trying to change the subject.)

Won't you set down and visit with us?

ENOCH

Afeared we hev'n't time. Mrs. Snow and I hev to stop at the minister's on our way to the graduation.

(To CARRIE.)

And I'll thank you not to sing "I'm a Tomboy" to the minister's wife.

CARRIE

I already did.

ENOCH

(Giving his SON a good slap on the back with right hand.)

Come, Junior!

(LOUISE comes out of the house just as JUNIOR turns to his father. JUNIOR sees LOUISE and gets a new idea.)

ENOCH, JR.

Pa, ken I stay and talk to Louise?

(ENOCH looks stern. CARRIE crosses to ENOCH.)

Jest for five minutes.

ENOCH

No!

CARRIE

(Slapping ENOCH'S back in the same manner as ENOCH slapped JUNIOR.)

Aw, let him!

ENOCH

All right. Five minutes. No more.

JULIE

(Going into house.)

Good-by.

CARRIE

See you at the graduation.