

PEDDLER

(snatching it away)

But a special kind of smelling salts. Read what it says on the label: "Take a deep breath and you see everything clear." That's what Pharaoh's daughter used to do.

LAUREY

(excited)

I'll take a bottle of that, Mr. Peddler.

AUNT ELLER

Throwin' away yer money!

LAUREY

(holding the bottle close to her, thinking aloud)

Helps you decide what to do!

PEDDLER

(to AUNT ELLER)

Now don't you want me to show you some pretty dewdads?

AUNT ELLER

Bring your trappin's inside and maybe I can find you somethin' to eat and drink.

AUNT ELLER and the PEDDLER exit.

Start



LAUREY

Since when did you take up with that peddler-man?

ADO ANNIE

Since he told me he wanted to ride with me to the end of the world. My pa said that was a proposal of marriage!

LAUREY

Does the peddler know that?

ADO ANNIE

Sure does! Pa made it real clear to him.

LAUREY

Will Parker's back from Kansas City and he's lookin' for you.

ADO ANNIE

Will Parker?! I didn't count on him being back so soon!

LAUREY

Don't you still like Will?

Scene #2

Laurey
Ado Annie.

ADO ANNIE

'Course I do. There won't never be nobody like Will.

LAUREY

Then what about this peddler-man?

ADO ANNIE

There won't never be nobody like him, neither.

LAUREY

Well, which one do ya like the best?

ADO ANNIE

Whatever one I'm with!

LAUREY

Well, you are a silly!

ADO ANNIE

I like it so much when a feller talks purty to me! I get all shaky, don't you?

LAUREY

Don't know what you're talkin' about.

ADO ANNIE

Don't you feel kind of sorry for a feller when he looks like he wants to kiss ya?

LAUREY

You just can't go around kissin' every man that asks you! Didn't anybody ever tell you that?

ADO ANNIE

Yeah, they told me...

End

TRACK 4: I CAIN'T SAY NO!

(ADO ANNIE)

IT AIN'T SO MUCH A QUESTION OF NOT KNOWIN' WHAT TO DO,
I KNOWED WHAT'S RIGHT AND WRONG SINCE I BEEN TEN.
I HEARED A LOT OF STORIES - AND I RECKON THEY ARE TRUE—
ABOUT HOW GIRLS'RE PUT UPON BY MEN.
I KNOW I MUSTN'T FALL INTO THE PIT,
BUT WHEN I'M WITH A FELLER—
I FERGIT!

I'M JIST A GIRL WHO CAIN'T SAY NO,
I'M IN A TURRIBLE FIX.