

ACT ONE  
Scene 5

SWEET APPLE RAILROAD STATION.

URSULA

(On baggage wagon which comes in from R,  
with KIM as singing ends)

...Conrad Birdie, welcome to Sweet Apple! Now before we escort you to the Town Hall where the Mayor himself is waiting, I would like to introduce to you the girl upon whom you have chosen to bestow your final kiss upon...and who will now lead us in reciting the Conrad Birdie Pledge! Kim MacAfee!

(TEEN GIRLS scamper into  
position below URSULA)

KIM and TEEN GIRLS

(Clapping their hands over their hearts)

I, Kim MacAfee,

(EACH GIRL gives HER own name)

...being of sound mind and body, do hereby promise to be loyal, courteous, steadfast and true, to Conrad Birdie and the United States of America -- both indivisible, with liberty and justice for all!

(A great cheer, MUSIC, and TWO MEN step forward, lift CONRAD to their shoulders, circle and go off L, followed by TWO DRUM MAJORETTES and CROWD, ALL singing...)

/11/ SWEET APPLE BAND

KIDS (TEEN CHORUS)

FOR HE'S A FINE UPSTANDING,  
PATRIOTIC,  
HEALTHY, NORMAL,  
AMERICAN BOY!

(Repeat)

ALBERT

(As music continues)

Rosie, you stay here. I'm going with Conrad!

ROSIE

But Albert....

ALBERT

I've got to make Conrad's speech for him! You get the bags, stack 'em, and bring 'em to the house. If I see a taxi I'll send it back...

(As HE starts off left)

FOR HE'S A FINE UPSTANDING....

(And ROSIE sighs, puts down HIS briefcase and through following picks up two of the seven bags placed center stage by the TRAINMAN and puts them on baggage wagon. KIM and last TWO GIRLS start off left after the OTHERS. As THEY do, a BOY who has been standing apart from CROWD steps forward)

HUGO

...Kim, before you go, could I talk to you for a minute?

KIM

Right now? I mean, couldn't it wait? I'm in an awful hurry!

HUGO

I don't think so, Kim. It's important.

DEBORAH SUE

Hugo Peabody, what's so important that you have to talk to her right now?

HUGO

(Bursting forth)

What's so important? I'll tell you what's so important! The day after I give her my pin she goes around kissing someone else, that's what's so important! I want you to know I'm quite upset about this. I've already had several headaches and a nosebleed!

ALICE

Why Hugo, I believe you're actually jealous of Conrad Birdie!

HUGO

Me jealous? I'm the opposite of jealous. I'm very jealous! And I have every right to be. Kim's my steady!

KIM

That's just it, Hugo, I'm your steady! Oh I may admire Conrad Birdie as one admires a far-distant and unattainable ideal. But I'm pinned to you, Hugo, and I don't care how common and ordinary you are, that's how I'm going to stay!

HUGO

You're not just saying that to make me feel better?