

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)

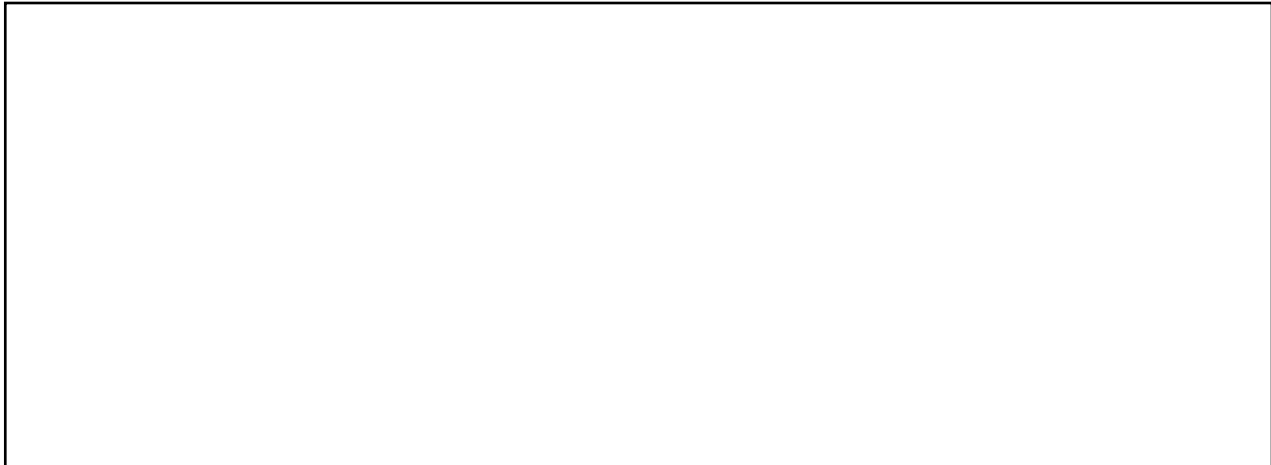
I, Kim MacAfee,

(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!



Cut down to Hugo's line



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?