

ACT ONE  
Scene 6

COURTHOUSE STEPS. Nothing other than a few steps, some columns, and an improvised platform up center. CONRAD, the MAYOR, and the MAYOR'S WIFE are on it.

**Start**

MAYOR

...And so it is with great pride and prejudice, as well as the usual pomp and circumstance, that I welcome you to our fair city and present you with this fourteen-carat solid gold key so generously donated by men at the Sweet Apple Brass Works. And as I present this key to you, Conrad Birdie --

URSULA

(With a wild shriek)

AAAAH! He said it! He said the name! AAAAAAH!

MAYOR

What happened? All I said was Conrad Birdie!

TWO MORE GIRLS

AAAAAAH!

MAYOR

If you girls don't stop that I can't finish my speech!

URSULA

(Running forward)

Who cares about your speech! We want to hear from Conrad!

(SHE Screams

as the CROWD shouts approval)

...Speak to us, oh beautiful one! Tell us how you make that glorious sound that even now, in anticipation of it, has reduced me to a snarling, raging, panting jungle beast!

/14/ "HONESTLY SINCERE"

(CONRAD looks at GUITAR MAN R who strikes a chord and CONRAD huskily sings)

CONRAD

YOU GOTTA BE SINCERE!

(The MAYOR'S WIFE utters a weak little scream and keels over)

MAYOR  
(Kneeling beside HER)  
Edna! What't the matter?

CONRAD  
YOU GOTTA BE SINCERE!

MAYOR  
(Trying to revive HIS WIFE. Pulls  
HER up, SHE collapses with rubber  
legs through following)  
Mr. Birdie! What are you doing?

CONRAD  
YOU GOTTA FEEL IT HERE  
'CAUSE IF YOU FEEL IT HERE,  
WELL THEN YOU'RE GONNA BE  
HONESTLY SINCERE!  
IF WHAT YOU FEEL IS TRUE,  
(REALLY FEEL IT)  
YOU MAKE THEM FEEL IT TOO,  
(WRITE THIS DOWN NOW!)  
YOU GOTTA BE SINCERE,  
HONESTLY SINCERE,  
MAN YOU'VE GOTTA BE SINCERE!

MAYOR  
(As HIS WIFE whom HE has finally  
managed to revive, faints again)  
Edna!

End

(Now the guitar is really whanging away,  
and CONRAD starts to move HIS body)

IF YOU'RE REALLY SINCERE,  
IF YOU'RE REALLY SINCERE -  
IF YOU FEEL IT IN HERE,  
THEN IT'S GOTTA BE RIGHT!

CONRAD (Shouts)  
OOOOH, BABY!

(CHORUS Screams)

CONRAD  
OH, HONEY!

(CHORUS Screams)

CONRAD  
HUG ME!

(CHORUS Screams)