

**SCENE 3: PRACTICALLY PERFECT - Nursery**

*(The nursery is an airy room, light and full of optimism. The CHILDREN rush in to find that MARY POPPINS is already there.)*

**MARY POPPINS**

Very tidy, I must say. Tidier than I was expecting. Who's responsible for that?

**JANE**

Mrs. Bri—

**MICHAEL**

Me. I am. I like to keep things neat.

**MARY POPPINS**

Do you indeed? Well, I look forward to making use of that. If there's one thing I appreciate, it's a child whose word I can depend on.

*(scoops up a boy doll)*

Who's he when he's at home?

**JANE**

That's Valentine. He's mine.

**MARY POPPINS**

From the look on his face, I'm not sure he'd agree with you.

**JANE**

He's just a doll and I don't want to play with him now.

*(JANE throws the doll into a box.)*

**MARY POPPINS**

Treat him like that and he might not want to play with you. Now, first things first. I always say the proper place to hang a hat is on a hat stand.

#4B - Magic Music 1

orchestra

*(MARY POPPINS reaches in her bag and takes out a hat stand. JANE and MICHAEL look inside as they move the bag.)*

**JANE**

There's nothing in it!

**MICHAEL**

We'd better keep an eye on this one. She's tricky.

**JANE**

Mary Poppins, how could you know what we wanted in a nanny... when we made our list?

**MARY POPPINS**

Your "list"? I'm not an item in the weekly shop, thank you very much.

#4C - *Magic Music 2*

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*(MARY POPPINS takes another item, perhaps a plant, out of her bag and places it strategically in the nursery.)*

**JANE**

How did you come then? It was as if the wind just blew you here.

**MARY POPPINS**

It did. Now, stand over there!

#5 - *Practically Perfect*

Mary Poppins, Jane, Mic

*(MARY POPPINS pulls a measuring tape from the bag, holds it against MICHAEL, and reads the measure.)*

**(MARY POPPINS)**

Just as I thought. "A noisy, mischievous, troublesome little boy."

**MICHAEL**

You're making that up!

*(Without a word, MARY POPPINS holds the tape for MICHAEL to read.)*

"A noisy, mischievous, troub—"

*(Stunned, MICHAEL looks at JANE.)*

**MARY POPPINS**

Now you.

*(holds the tape against JANE and reads)*

"Thoughtless, short-tempered and untidy."

**JANE**

I don't believe you. Let me see—

**MARY POPPINS**

BY THE TIME THE WIND HAS BLOWN  
THE WEATHER VANE AROUND,