

MARY POPPINS

Bert...

BERT

AND THAT'S LUCKY TOO.

(MARY POPPINS stands and picks up her umbrella and bag.)

Oh, you're going then?

MARY POPPINS

The wind has changed.

BERT

But they're good kids, Mary.

MARY POPPINS

Would I be bothering with them if they weren't? But I can't help them if they won't let me, and there's no one so hard to teach as the child who knows everything.

BERT

So?

MARY POPPINS

So they've got to do the next bit on their own.

MARY POPPINS, BERT

CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIM CHER-EE,

MARY POPPINS

WHEN YOU'RE WITH A SWEEP, YOU'RE IN GLAD COMPANY.

Goodbye, Bert.

(MARY POPPINS exits.)

BERT

CHIM, CHIM, CHIM-CHIM CHER-EE,

WHEN YOU'RE WITH A SWEEP YOU'RE IN GLAD COMPANY.

NOWHERE IS THERE A MORE HAPPIER CREW

THAN THEM WHAT SINGS CHIM CHIM CHER-EE CHIM CHER-OO.

CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIM CHER-EE CHIM—

(MARY POPPINS flies away into the sky.)

MARY POPPINS

Cheerio, Bert. Keep an eye on them for me.

(JANE steps out of the nursery window with Mary Poppins's note in her hand. She scans the horizon desperately. A moment later, MICHAEL joins her.)

MICHAEL

She can't have left us!

JANE

Oh yes, she can. And she's taken all our toys.

MICHAEL

What does the note say?

(Before JANE can speak, MRS. BRILL comes out behind them.)

MRS. BRILL

What in the name of heaven are you two doing out here? Where's Mary Poppins?

JANE

Gone.

MRS. BRILL

Gone? Well if that doesn't take the bloomin' biscuit.

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JANE

Mrs. Brill, what does "*Au revoir*" mean?

MRS. BRILL

Why?

JANE

Because that's what she's written in this note: "Dear Jane and Michael: Keep playing the games. *Au revoir*. Mary Poppins."

MRS. BRILL

It's French, I know that. Does it mean "God bless you"? Or is it "Good luck"? No, I remember now. "'Til we meet again." Now, come inside before you catch your death.

(END OF ACT ONE.)