

BILLY

At least give me your name!

(PEGGY starts off Right as JULIAN
MARSH starts on Right. SHE bumps
into BERT, says "I'm sorry" then
bumps into JULIAN who staggers back
as PEGGY exits Right)

JULIAN

(Looking after her)

What the hell was that?

ANDY

She wanted to get into the line, Boss.

JULIAN

Ours or Notre Dame's?

~~(HE crosses Left and stands on piano
stool to address the KIDS)~~

All right, everybody gather around and listen to me. Today we start work on a new show. You're going to rehearse four weeks, then try out in Atlantic City. You're going to work twelve hours a day, seven days a week. You're going to dance til your feet fall off and you aren't able to stand up, but five weeks from now, "Pretty Lady"'s going to be the best damn show this town's ever seen! You're on your way to glory and thirty-two bucks a week so anybody who doesn't think he can take it better quit right now! Nobody? Good. Take a half-hour to get measured for wigs and costumes and then let's get to work.

~~(General shouts of joy and excitement
as the KIDS realize THEY'VE been hired.
THEY exit at MAC's direction. JULIAN
clears piano stool and crosses to Center
as)~~

MAC

Okay, kids, wigs in dressing room A, costumes downstairs. Come on, get a move on!

MAGGIE

Hey, someone left a purse on the piano!

BILLY

It must be hers, the kid Andy threw out! Is there anything in it?