

Jimmy/Mary #1

session with his sweetheart, Mary Lane.

MUSIC 3: "AFTER SCHOOL STUDY SESSION"

(MARY re-enters. She's sixteen, wholesome and sweet as pie. She does needlepoint.)

Yes. That Mary Lane. We all read the grisly accounts in the fine newspapers of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, but discretion and good taste allowed the great man to print only the tip of a very ugly iceberg. Brace yourself now to hear the shocking truth about what really went on that deadly spring.

MUSIC 4: "BRACE YOURSELF NOW..."

(REEFER ZOMBIES change the set to create JIMMY's backyard. JIMMY and MARY sit on a bench, studying a flat pen-and-ink book—"Romeo and Juliet.")

START

MARY

It's sweet of you to help me study Romeo and Juliet.

(Shyly taking his hand.)

Without your help? Come exam time, I would've been on a trip for biscuits.

JIMMY

My pleasure. Where do you want to start?

MARY

How about the pruh-LOW-gwee?

JIMMY

Pruh-LOW-gwee...?

(Deciphers what she means.)

I think you mean Prologue.

MARY

Oh. I keep getting that confused with Mon-TAY-gwee. That's not even a real word. I looked for it in two different dictionaries.

JIMMY

(Laughs.)

Montague. It's Romeo's last name.

MARY

You are so smart. My mother says you're a boy who's going places.

JIMMY

Aw, you don't talk about me to your mom, do you?

MARY

I talk about you to everybody.

(JIMMY turns to pour hot chocolate. He smiles—he is SO in!)

JIMMY

Forsooth, fair Juliet. Wouldst thou likest yon hot chocolate?

MARY

Oh, Jimmy. Where ever did you learn to speak like that?

JIMMY

It's fancy talk from Romeo and Juliet. 'Cause when a guy wants to woo a girl, he needs, y'know, the right language.

MARY

Are you...trying to woo me, Jimmy Harper?

MUSIC 5: ROMEO & JULIET

JIMMY

END

I NEED WORDS TO TELL YOU 'BOUT MY POUNDING HEART
FOUR-DOLLAR WORDS
THAT MAKE A GUY SOUND SMART
WELL, I GUESS THAT'S WHY
THEY INVENTED SHAKESPEARE!
HIS ARTICULATIONS
OF A LOVER'S PALPITATIONS
ARE SO KEEN

(JIMMY points to a passage in the book.)

MY BOUNTY IS AS BOUNDLESS AS THE SEA
MY LOVE AS DEEP, THE MORE I GIVE TO THEE

MARY

OH, YOU SOUND SO DREAMY
WHEN YOU TALK LIKE SHAKESPEARE!

JIMMY & MARY

A BIG VOCABULARY SHOULD BE CUSTOMARY
WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE

(JIMMY and MARY scan the book for romantic phrases.)

JIMMY

LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA YOU'RE A SNOWY DOVE!

MARY

LA-LA-LA PRODIGIOUS BIRTH OF LOVE!

JIMMY & MARY

LA-LA-LA-LA-LA
HIP-HOORAY FOR SHAKESPEARE!
SURE AS I AM BREATHIN'
YOU CAN MAKE ELIZABETHAN
LANGUAGE FUN
WE ARE JUST LIKE ROMEO AND JULIET