

SIDE #2

URSULA / FLOTSAM / JETSAM

FLOUNDER

(holds the pipe in his mouth)

Does this thing really work?

SCUTTLE

(takes the pipe from FLOUNDER)

Sure thing, kid, and I ain't just blowin' smoke. It makes music the likes of which you never heard—

ARIEL

Music? Oh no! The concert! My father's gonna kill me!

FLOUNDER

The concert was today?

ARIEL

I completely forgot! Come on, Flounder. Thank you, Scuttle!

SCUTTLE

Anytime, sweets. Anytime!

(#10 HUMAN STUFF - PLAYOFF / INTO URSULA'S LAIR. ARIEL and FLOUNDER dive underwater. SCUTTLE and the GULLS flap away.)

SCENE FOUR: Ursula's Lair

(We catch up with FLOTSAM and JETSAM as the SEA CHORUS descends and reconfigures to form the dark and sinister lair of the Sea Witch. The EELS are sso ssslippery that they even ssslither their ssspeech.)

START

JETSAM

Oh, Sssorceress of the Ssssea!

FLOTSAM

Oh, Beauty of the Brine!

JETSAM, FLOTSAM

Hail to the Sssea Witch! Hail to Ursssula!

(URSULA the Sea Witch enters with her TENTACLES stretching out in all directions. A magic shell sparkles and glows as it hangs from a chain around her neck.)

URSULA

Flotsam, my pet! Jetsam, my darling! Come to me, my little sea-spies!

(As Ursula's TENTACLES wrap around the EELS, they sizzle with electricity.)

(URSULA)

Mama's feeling... woebegone – banished to the nether regions of the sea. No food, hardly any company... I'm simply wasting away!

JETSAM, FLOTSAM

Poor Urssssula!

URSULA

Yes, poor me! What news do you have?

FLOTSAM

King Triton and the merfolk are celebrating your defeat!

JETSAM

And he blames you for the queen's demise...

URSULA

Of course he does!

(strokes the magic shell)

Use a little black magic to help out a few merfolk, and this is the thanks I get! Well, now it's time to turn the tides on Triton. We just need to find his Achilles heel... a weakness that will crack his armor...

(URSULA, TENTACLES and EELS pulsate as they think. Then, the EELS get an idea!)

FLOTSAM

The King is terribly devoted to his daughters...

JETSAM

Especially the youngest, with the beautiful voice...

FLOTSAM

But – she missed the celebration...

URSULA

Hmmm... Apparently Ariel takes her gift for granted... just like her mother did! A woman doesn't know how precious her voice is until she's been silenced.

FLOTSAM, JETSAM

Ssilenced...

URSULA

You two find out what that girl really wants then lure her here to my lair. I'll whip up a little spell to make her dreams come true. Once we have her trapped, Triton will rush to her rescue.

(URSULA)

And then, my dears...

FLOTSAM, JETSAM

Yesss...?

URSULA, TENTACLES

The trident, crown and throne will all be mine!!!

END

(#11 INTO KING TRITON'S COURT, URSULA, FLOTSAM and JETSAM exit in electrical delight.)

SCENE FIVE: King Triton's Court

(The SEA CHORUS reconfigures to form the undersea court. KING TRITON enters with SEBASTIAN at his side. ARIEL bursts in, followed by FLOUNDER.)

ARIEL

Daddy, forgive me, I'm so sorry. I just forgot—

KING TRITON

As a result of your careless behavior—

SEBASTIAN

Careless and reckless behavior!

KING TRITON

The entire celebration was—

SEBASTIAN

Ruined! Completely destroyed! This concert was going to be the pinnacle of my distinguished career—

KING TRITON

Sebastian—

ARIEL

But I didn't mean to—

KING TRITON

Ariel, listen. You've been given a gift... your mother's voice. It's a wondrous talent, one that demands stewardship and care. So please, dear child, for the sake of her memory—

ARIEL

I know, Daddy. I know.