

Audition Sides: Ariel, King Triton

ARIEL

And now let me see... what did Scuttle call this one? Is it a ditty-whumper? A thumb-doodle? Whatever it is... Prince Eric held it in his own strong, beautiful human hands—

(An enraged KING TRITON bursts in.)

KING TRITON

Ariel!

(taken aback by the collection of human stuff)

What is all this?!?

ARIEL

Daddy, they're my—

KING TRITON

Human junk!

ARIEL

No, treasures!

KING TRITON

Did you save a human from drowning?

ARIEL

He would've died!

KING TRITON

That savage brute could have killed you! And it's my job to keep you safe from harm.

ARIEL

But he didn't frighten me. He made me feel... wonderful! Besides, I am not a child anymore!

KING TRITON

No? Well, you are certainly talking like one. He's a human – you're a mermaid.

ARIEL

It doesn't matter – you don't understand! I wish mother were here!

KING TRITON

(takes a moment to recover from the low blow)

Ariel, I miss your mother just as much as you do. But I am still the king. And you are not to go to the surface ever again. Am I clear?!?

(KING TRITON pauses for a moment of regret.)

I'm just trying to protect her, Sebastian.

Audition Sides: Flotsam, Jetsam, Ariel, Ursula

FLOTSAM

Oh, Mistress of the Deep! You've a visitor...

ARIEL

I don't know if—

JETSAM

Now, now...

FLOTSAM

Mustn't get cold fins!

URSULA

Don't be shy, Ariel darling!

ARIEL

I – I shouldn't be here. Mother died because of you.

URSULA

Oh child... what happened to your dear mother was a terrible, unfortunate accident – poor soul.

ARIEL

An... accident?

URSULA

Of course! I did my very best to save her.

ARIEL

You did? But Father told me—

URSULA

The truth is that the ocean wasn't big enough for both your father and me, so he sent me here. And now I see he's driven you away, too...

ARIEL

He doesn't understand me.

URSULA

Oh, but I do, dumpling. We're so very alike, you and I – gals with ambition! Now tell me absolutely everything.

ARIEL

I'm in love with someone. A human.

URSULA

A prince, I hear. Quite a catch! Well, the answer is simple: you've got to become human yourself!

ARIEL

Can you do that?

URSULA

My dear, sweet child – it's what I live for: to help unfortunate merfolk like yourself. Poor souls with no one else to turn to...

Audition Sides: Flounder and Ariel

FLOUNDER

Hey, Ariel! There you are!

ARIEL

Just look, Flounder! The sun, the sand... isn't it the most beautiful place you've ever seen?

FLOUNDER

I dunno, Ariel... I'm not sure we ought to be up here.

ARIEL

Don't be such a guppy!

FLOUNDER

A guppy?!? I'm as brave as you are! I'm not afraid of anything—

ARIEL

What about sharks?

FLOUNDER

Where?!?

ARIEL

Oh, Flounder, you really are a guppy!

FLOUNDER

I am not!

ARIEL

Awww...

(gives FLOUNDER an affectionate pat on the head)

You'll never guess what I found today. Look!

(lifts up a large silver serving fork)

Have you ever seen anything so wonderful in your entire life?

FLOUNDER

Wow! Cool! What is it?

ARIEL

I don't know... but I bet Scuttle will! Come on, I'll race you!

FLOUNDER

Hey, wait for me!

Audition Sides: Flounder, Sebastian, Scuttle and Ariel

FLOUNDER

Ariel! Are you okay?

SEBASTIAN

Oh child, what have you done?

(After a moment, ARIEL sits up and stares at her new legs in wonderment. Slowly and shakily she tries to stand, sticking her arms out for balance... then falls on her rear. SCUTTLE flaps in.)

SCUTTLE

Well, look who got beached! Hiya, Ariel! Wait – there’s something different about’cha. Don’t tell me – it’s your hairdo, right? You’ve been using the dinglehopper!

(ARIEL shakes her head “no.”)

Nah? Hmm... I can’t quite put my foot on it right now—

SEBASTIAN

She’s got legs, you idiot!

FLOUNDER

Ariel traded her voice to the Sea Witch to become human!

SCUTTLE

Nah, kid! Not your beautiful pipes!

(ARIEL nods. She opens her mouth, but no sound.)

SEBASTIAN

Ya see? Not a sound! What would her father say? I’ll tell ya what her father’d say: he’d say he’s gonna kill himself a crab, that’s what he’d say!

FLOUNDER

Now she’s got three days to make Prince Eric fall in love with her. And to prove it, he’s gotta kiss her!

SCUTTLE

The Prince? Well, I’ll say!

Audition Sides: Mersisters

ALLANA

I'm talking about Ariel, that's who!

ADELLA

What about her?

ALLANA

She sure is acting fishy lately!

AQUATA

I'll say! Swimmin' in circles! Chasing her tail!

ALLANA

That girl is up to her gills in something!

Audition Sides: Prince Eric and Grimsby

PRINCE ERIC

Now, suppose I don't want to be King—

GRIMSBY

I swore an oath to your dear father on his death bed that I'd turn you from a roustabout into a royal and have you married to a princess—

PRINCE ERIC

Ugh!

GRIMSBY

– by your next birthday, which is now just three days away!

PRINCE ERIC

Did you ever try to take a princess sailing? It's a joke! Their dresses get caught in the rigging. And most of 'em can't even swim—

GRIMSBY

You know, there's more to a woman than her flutter kick. Our kingdom needs a queen!

PRINCE ERIC

Where am I gonna find her, Grimsby? A girl who's as carefree and alive as the sea itself. Where?

(PRINCE ERIC stares out to sea.)

It's too much to hope for, isn't it? Somewhere, out there... a girl who's a match for a guy like me?

GRIMSBY

Perhaps you're not looking hard enough.

PRINCE ERIC

Trust me, Grimsby – when I come across the girl of my dreams, it'll hit me like lightning.