

Scene 3 **Side II**

The Barnes House and A Bar, New Rochelle

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PAULA

I haven't seen Frankie, since he ran away.

~~I ALWAYS KNEW I'D SEE THIS DAY~~

~~I CAN'T SAY IT'S A SHOCK~~

~~WHAT'S THAT EXPRESSION? QU'EST-CE QUE C'EST?~~

~~HE'S "A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK"~~

~~BUT IF YOU SEE HIM~~

~~PLEASE PASS ON THIS MESSAGE~~

~~DON'T BE A STRANGER~~

~~TELL HIM THAT FOR ME~~

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HANRATTY

If I could just look at a photo...

PAULA

I don't have a recent one. Here...his junior class yearbook...

(One of the Handsome Dancing Men hands her the yearbook. She opens the book up, and Hanratty grabs it.)

HANRATTY

That's him. Heavens to Betsey, that's him.

(reads from yearbook)

Class Treasurer?

PAULA

Is my Frankie in some sort of trouble?

HANRATTY

Ma'am, your son's in a great deal of trouble. He's passing bad checks, forging government documents—

(Paula takes the yearbook back from him and gives it back to one of the Handsome Men.)

PAULA

Half of the kids his age are on dope but you chase after Frankie because he made a little mistake? *Tant pis*. Tell me how much, I'll write you a check—

HANRATTY

So far it's one-point-four million dollars.

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CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

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PAULA

Ce n'est pas possible.

HANRATTY

Oh, it's possible. Unlikely, but *possible*.

PAULA

He must be good at this.

HANRATTY

If you were trying to raise a crook, you should be very proud.

PAULA

~~MY FRANKIE HAD A CLEVER MIND
HE COULD SPEND HOURS ALL ALONE
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO FIND
HE CHANGED HIS DIAPER ON HIS OWN
COULD I HAVE BEEN THERE MORE?
WELL, C'EST LA VIE
DON'T BE A STRANGER
TELL HIM THAT FOR ME~~

← Skip + his

HANRATTY

You haven't heard from him since you left your husband?

PAULA

I'm to blame. Is that what you're saying?

HANRATTY

I don't do blame, ma'am. I just catch the bad guys.

PAULA

Frankie was the result of a night of passion in a fourth rate hotel in Normandy. Two adults who should have known better. Nobody wins. Least of all Frankie.

~~THOUGH I TRIED, I COULDN'T HIDE
WHEN LOVE HAD FLOWN AWAY
CHILDREN CLOSE THEIR EYES
BUT STILL THEY SEE
I TOOK A CHANCE, A NEW ROMANCE
IS IT A CRIME TO SAY
I MADE A CHOICE
AND CHOSE WHAT'S BEST FOR ME~~

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HANRATTY

How might I locate your son?

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