

SCENE FIVE**The Courtyard**

The Courtyard is ready for the wedding. ROSIE is putting the final touches to the arrangements. BILL comes on, holding a note from SOPHIE.

BILL

Rosie—

ROSIE

Go and wait with the others, till I've finished.

BILL

(Holding out the note)

I got this note from Sophie. She wanted me to give her away, but now she's changed her mind. I'm confused. I don't know where I am—I don't know who I am. I just came here for a wedding. I'm Sophie's Dad.

ROSIE

Whoa! You need a conversation with Donna.

BILL

Yes, I'll go tell her now—

ROSIE

You'll do no such thing! Sophie's getting married in five minutes! Take a pew—and button it.

BILL

(Sitting)

Will it be all right for me to be here?

ROSIE

Oh, for God's sake!

BILL

Well to tell you the truth—I was dreading that walk down the aisle. I may come across as the intrepid traveler, but I come over all faint at the thought of a wedding.

ROSIE

Tell me about it.

BILL

Marriage. Children. Responsibility.

(He shakes his head)

I'm a writer. I made up my mind long ago—I walk a lone path.