

SCENE FIVE

#36 – Act I Finale, Part 1

**(If the MYSTERIOUS MAN is played by the same actor as the NARRATOR, the transition from one to another can be revealed here.)*

Start: ->

NARRATOR

(ENTERING)

And so the Mysterious Man died, having helped end the curse on his house. For the Baker, there would be no reunion with his father, and he and his wife, bewildered, returned home.

(BAKER and BAKER'S WIFE EXIT)

The Witch, who had been punished with age and ugliness that night when her beans had been stolen and the lightning flashed, was now returned to her former state of youth and beauty.

(WITCH strikes pose, then EXITS)

And Milky-White, after a night of severe indigestion, was reunited with the now wealthy Jack.

(JACK and JACK'S MOTHER EXIT with MILKY-WHITE and HARP)

As for the Prince...

(FANFARE)

... he began his search for the foot to fit the golden slipper.

(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and STEWARD ENTER on horseback)

When he came to Cinderella's house, Cinderella's stepmother took the slipper into Florinda's room.

(FLORINDA tries on shoe; STEPMOTHER struggles to help her; LUCINDA watches)

Stop: ->

FLORINDA

CAREFUL, MY TOE – !

STEMMOTHER

DARLING, I KNOW –

FLORINDA

WHAT'LL WE DO?

STEMMOTHER

IT'LL HAVE TO GO –

(FLORINDA reacts as STEPMOTHER suddenly brandishes a knife)