

SCENE 3

1650 BROADWAY, DONNY KIRSHNER'S OFFICE.

A secretary, LUCILLE, is at a desk. CAROLE and BETTY enter.

CAROLE

Hi, I'm Carole Klein. I mean, King! Darn it! I'm Carole King, that's going to be my composer name.

(to Betty)

I should've practised that.

BETTY

It was good. I knew what you meant.

CAROLE

Anyway, I have an audition for Donny Kirshner.

LUCILLE

You do?

CAROLE

Well, not in a written-down-he-knows-all-about-it sort of way, but when he hears I came all the way from Brooklyn, he'll let me sing.

LUCILLE

Yeah. People in show business are famous for their kindness. How old are you?

CAROLE

16.

LUCILLE

You're in high school?

CAROLE

Actually, I go to Queens College.

BETTY

She skipped two grades. You have to be smart to skip two grades.

LUCILLE

I'm sorry, Carole Klein King, but Donny doesn't—

DONNY

Oh, relax, Lucille.

THEY turn and there is DONNY Kirshner in his doorway.

This isn't the Brill Building with their fancy big time writers.

(DONNY)

(addresses Carole and Betty)

I have a different philosophy. Teenagers buy more records than anybody these days. Who better to write for kids than kids? Girl songs are very popular right now. You know who sings 'em? *Girls*. Let's hear your song.

CAROLE

Oh, thank you! Thank you.

SHE sits at the piano. Suddenly, she is overcome by STAGE FRIGHT.

Oh, God.

DONNY

What's the matter?

CAROLE

I just didn't realize there'd be so many people here.

DONNY looks behind him: only Betty and Lucille. He looks back at Carole. SHE takes a breath and starts. She plays and sings IT MIGHT AS WELL RAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

#4 - *It Might As Well Rain Until September*

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE?

WHAT CAN I SAY?

HOW CAN I TELL YOU HOW MUCH I MISS YOU?

(speaks)

Ok, we'd start with a guitar and some nice bouncy drums.

BETTY

(Trying to support her)

Oh! Kids who buy records *love* bouncy drums!

CAROLE

THE WEATHER HERE HAS BEEN
AS NICE AS IT CAN BE
ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
MUCH TO ME
FOR ALL THE FUN I'LL HAVE WHILE
YOU'RE SO FAR AWAY
IT MIGHT AS WELL RAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER.