

ALL

(shouted)

DO!

*The CHILDREN and MARIA laugh.
FRANZ enters.*

FRANZ

Come children, it's time for your exercise.

*The CHILDREN ad lib their protestations – “Do we have to?” ... “Not now...” “Can't we go later?” – etc.
as FRAU SCHMIDT enters on the balcony, carrying curtains, and comes down the stairs.*

Come along now, come along...

FRANZ ushers the CHILDREN off. FRAU SCHMIDT enters carrying a pile of curtains as MARIA returns the guitar to its case.

FRAU SCHMIDT

Your room is ready, Fräulein Maria. I hope you find it satisfactory.

MARIA

It's already the most beautiful room I've ever had! What are those?

FRAU SCHMIDT

The old curtains from your room.

MARIA

It looks like they have plenty of wear left in them.

FRAU SCHMIDT

The new ones have been hung.

MARIA

When the children return from their exercise, I think I'll have them change into their play clothes and take them—

FRAU SCHMIDT

They have no such clothes. The von Trapp children do not play – they march.

(referring to the guitar)

And you can put that away. You won't be using it.

MARIA

Why not?

FRAU SCHMIDT

The Captain won't have music here.

MARIA

He won't have music?

FRAU SCHMIDT

And he used to love music. His wife would sing and he would play the violin or guitar. But since her death, he's shut all that out of his life.

MARIA

So that's why he's the way he is. But not to have music – that's wrong for him and wrong for the children, too.

FRAU SCHMIDT

I agree, Fräulein, but you'll find that the Captain is very set in his ways. Now allow me to show you to your room. It's going to rain soon, so when we get there you'd better close your window.

TRACK 13: CHANGE INTO SCENE 4

FRAU SCHMIDT and MARIA exit.

**SCENE 4: OUTSIDE THE VILLA
EARLY THAT EVENING**

LIESL is seated on a bench as ROLF, a telegram boy, enters.

LIESL

Well, good night, Rolf.

ROLF

You don't have to say good night this early. After all, your father isn't home.

LIESL

How did you know my father wasn't home?

ROLF

Oh, I have a way of knowing things.

LIESL

How did you know two days ago that you would be here at just this time tonight with a telegram for Franz?

ROLF

Every year on this date he gets a birthday telegram from his sister. Can I come again tomorrow night?

LIESL

Rolf, you can't be sure you're going to have a telegram to deliver tomorrow night.