

That's not a bad idea— **KING TRITON**

I'd say it's a right good one. **SEBASTIAN**

And you are just the crab to do it! **KING TRITON**

What?!? **SEBASTIAN**

You heard me! From now on, Ariel is your responsibility! **KING TRITON**

*(KING TRITON exits emphatically.)*

**SEBASTIAN**  
*(follows KING TRITON, pleading)*  
 Mine? But Your Majesty, she's a clever mermaid! I'm just a crustacean! Surely you ought to pick someone higher on the evolutionary ladder...

**SCENE SIX: ARIEL'S GROTTO**

*(#12 – PART OF YOUR WORLD. The SEA CHORUS reconfigures to form Ariel's grotto, filled with "human treasures." ARIEL, distraught after her fight with Dad, sits among her treasures holding her newly acquired fork. FLOUNDER floats nearby.)*

**Part of Your World**

**ARIEL:** If only I could make my father understand. I just don't see how a world that makes such wonderful things could be so bad.