

## SCENE SEVEN: THE OCEAN SURFACE

# Prince Eric's Ship

*(The SEA CHORUS "ascends" to form the ocean's surface and the ship from the first scene. PRINCE ERIC enters with GRIMSBY, the PILOT, and SAILORS.)*



*(Music continues under dialogue.)*

**PRINCE ERIC**

Now suppose I don't want to be King—

**GRIMSBY**

I swore an oath to your dear father on his death bed that I'd turn you from a roustabout into a royal and have you married to a princess—

**PRINCE ERIC**

Ugh!

**GRIMSBY**

—by your next birthday, which is now just three days away!

**PRINCE ERIC**

Did you ever try to take a princess sailing? It's a joke! Their dresses get caught in the rigging. And most of 'em can't even swim—

**GRIMSBY**

You know, there's more to a woman than her flutter kick. Our kingdom needs a queen!

**PRINCE ERIC**

Where am I gonna find her, Grimsby? A girl who's as carefree and alive as the sea itself. Where?

*(ARIEL and FLOUNDER bob up to the surface. SCUTTLE hovers nearby.)*

**FLOUNDER**

*(staring up at the ship)*

Wow...

*(PRINCE ERIC stares out to sea over their heads.)*

**PRINCE ERIC**

It's too much to hope for, isn't it? Somewhere, out there... a girl who's a match for a guy like me?

**GRIMSBY**

Perhaps you're not looking hard enough.

*(ARIEL tries to avoid being seen or heard, but can't help but stare at PRINCE ERIC.)*

**ARIEL**

*(whispers)*

I've never seen a human this close before.

**SCUTTLE**

*(shouts)*

Me neither!

**ARIEL**

*(grabs SCUTTLE's beak)*

Shh! I thought you were an expert.

**SCUTTLE**

*(whispers)*

On their stuff, sure! But yikes – the sight of 'em! Hideous, ain't it?

**ARIEL**

I dunno, Scuttle. I think he's really handsome.

**PRINCE ERIC**

Trust me, Grimsby – when I come across the girl of my dreams, it'll hit me like lightning.

*(With #16 – **THE STORM**, lightning cracks across the sky, along with roaring thunder. The SEA CHORUS creates a storm and rocks the ship. FLOTSAM and JETSAM appear and spy.)*