

## SCENE TWELVE: THE BEACH

*(SEBASTIAN and FLOUNDER surface and attend their beloved friend.)*

**FLOUNDER**

Ariel! Are you okay?

**SEBASTIAN**

Oh child, what have you done?

*(After a moment, ARIEL sits up and stares at her new legs in wonderment. Slowly and shakily she tries to stand, sticking her arms out for balance... then falls on her rear. SCUTTLE flaps in.)*

**SCUTTLE**

Well, look who got beached! Hiya, Ariel! Wait – there's something different about'cha. Don't tell me – it's your hairdo, right? You've been using the dinglehopper!

*(ARIEL shakes her head "no.")*

Nah? Hmm... I can't quite put my foot on it right now—

**SEBASTIAN**

She's got legs, you idiot!

**FLOUNDER**

Ariel traded her voice to the Sea Witch to become human!

**SCUTTLE**

Nah, kid! Not your beautiful pipes!

*(ARIEL nods. She opens her mouth, but no sound.)*

**SEBASTIAN**

Ya see? Not a sound! What would her father say? I'll tell ya what her father'd say: He'd say he's gonna kill himself a crab, that's what he'd say!

**FLOUNDER**

Now she's got three days to make Prince Eric fall in love with her. And to prove it, he's gotta kiss her!

**SCUTTLE**

The Prince? Well, I'll say!

*(PRINCE ERIC bounds onto the beach, ready to go shipboard. Catching sight of ARIEL, he stops abruptly.)*

**PRINCE ERIC**

Hey, what have we got—?

*(to SCUTTLE)*

Shoo, shoo.

*(SCUTTLE squawks, flaps, and moves aside. #26 – ERIC ENTERS. PRINCE ERIC looks closely at ARIEL.)*

**(PRINCE ERIC)**

Miss, are you all right? You— you seem very familiar... Of course! It's you! I've been looking for you everywhere! What's your name?

*(ARIEL smiles but holds her throat.)*

Sore throat, huh?

*(ARIEL draws a finger across her throat, sadly.)*

Oh, you don't speak at all? I'm sorry. For a moment, I mistook you for somebody else.

*(Frustrated, ARIEL tries to pantomime that she's the one!)*

What is it? You're hurt? No, no... You need help...? Well, I've got just the remedy! A warm bath and a hot meal! Come on now... the palace isn't far.

*(PRINCE ERIC props up ARIEL and leads her toward the palace.)*

**FLOUNDER**

Way to go, Ariel!

**SCUTTLE**

That's what I call "reelin' him in"!

**SEBASTIAN**

*(mortified)*

Oh, now I've got to follow her!

*(scampering off after ARIEL and PRINCE ERIC)*

This is gonna get me in real hot water!

**SCUTTLE**

*(to audience)*

Can you believe that guy? What a crab!

*(#27 – PALACE KITCHEN. SCUTTLE exits. FLOUNDER flutters fins and dives into the water.)*