

Segment 17: Opera Begins

(same scene as previous segment, but an hour or two later; it is twilight; a lamp burns in the schoolhouse; Twimfina is outside working as Guru arrives)

TWIMFINA

Guru. Are you okay?

GURU

No, not really. But my father will be safe. And you are here. So I guess I have no right to be less than happy. Why are you out here in the dark?

TWIMFINA

Ace is inside taking a bath. It makes no sense for him to be walking back and forth from Jeeno every day.

GURU

(chuckles)

“Running” – don’t let him hear you say “walking”. Olympians don’t walk.

TWIMFINA

We should adopt him, Guru.

GURU

That’s what Father suggested too. Maybe that’s how I should write the next part of my story.

TWIMFINA

(chuckles)

It’s how I plan to write my story.

GURU

That will be interesting - you being in my story and me being in yours.

TWIMFINA

But my story is an opera...

(singing on pitch “F4”)

...and everything is sung in an opera.

GURU

(speaking)

Okay.

TWIMFINA

(singing on pitch “F”)

...and everything is sung in an opera.

GURU

(speaking)

Okay.

TWIMFINA*(singing on pitch "F")*

...and everything is sung in an opera.

GURU*(singing on pitches "F" and then "G" to make it interrogative)*

Okay?

TWIMFINA*(singing)*

COME SING WITH ME, COME SING WITH ME
 TOGETHER LET'S WORK TO BUILD A HARMONY
 COME SING WITH ME, COME SING WITH ME
 TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE
 TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE
 TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE
 COME SING WITH ME

*Score on page 186***GURU***(singing)*

I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU
 TOGETHER WE'LL WORK TO MAKE THIS OPERA COME TRUE
 I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU

GURU and TWIMFINA*(both singing together)*

TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.
 TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.
 TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.
 I'LL SING WITH YOU.

*(music stops)***ACE***(entering with towel)*

What's happening?

TWIMFINA and GURU*(singing on pitch "F")*

This is an opera – and everything is sung in an opera.

ACE*(chuckling)*

That's stupid.

TWIMFINA and GURU*(singing on pitch "F")*

... and everything is sung in an opera.

ACE

(chuckling)

That's stupid.

TWIMFINA and GURU

(singing on pitch "F")

... and everything is sung in an opera.

ACE

(singing on pitches "F", then "G" to make it interrogative)

That's stupid?

TWIMFINA and GURU

(singing)

COME SING WITH US, COME SING WITH US
LET'S WORK TO BUILD A WORLD HARMONIOUS
COME SING WITH US, COME SING WITH US, AND
JOIN US IN THIS OPERA OF LIFE
JOIN US IN THIS OPERA OF LIFE
JOIN US IN THIS OPERA OF LIFE
COME SING WITH US



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ACE

(singing)

I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU
TOGETHER WE'LL WORK TO MAKE THIS OPERA COME TRUE
I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU

TWIMFINA, GURU and ACE

(all three singing together)

TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.
I'LL SING WITH YOU.

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