WENDY Selection Three

Act Two
Scene Four
WENDY descends the stairs into Hook’s Lair with SMEE holding on to her arm. HOOK sits in an opulent chair waiting for her. SMEE roughly lets go of her and pushes her forward.

SMEE
The captain will see you now.

He leaves.

HOOK
Come closer, dear. I don’t bite. Not for the moment, anyway.

She inches closer.

Good, good. Now, I thought you and I could have a little chat.

WENDY
What do you want from me? Just let me go back upstairs with the boys. I’ll walk with them! I’m not scared!

HOOK
All in good time, my dear. There’s no rush.

WENDY
Well then what do you want?

HOOK
You like cutting straight to the chase, don’t you? Tea?

WENDY
No.

HOOK
No, thank you. I thought you were these boys’ mother. What kind of manners do you teach them?

WENDY
I generally teach them not to talk to pirates.

He chuckles.
15. MANNERS

HOOK
CURTSY AS YOU ENTER,
STEP INTO THE LIGHT.

_She does so hesitantly._

That’s it. That’s not so hard, now, is it?

SIT. SETTLE IN. NO,
I’M NOT HERE TO FIGHT.

_She sits in the plush arm chair that he indicates, looking remarkably small and doll-like._

HOOK
See, I like your spirit, girl. It would be a shame for it all to be wasted on a lot of silly little boys who refuse to grow up.

WENDY
I’m not going to grow up either if it means being like you!

HOOK
Come now, dear. Never grow up? You can’t truly mean that.

WENDY
I do!

HOOK
Do you?

RELAX, HAVE SOME TEA.
THERE’S A LOT TO DISCUSS.

_She hesitates._

These children, living their lies of imagination. It’s nothing but the pale shadow of the real world. Wouldn’t you like to see it? I have a proposition for you. Leave behind Peter and the boys—

WENDY
Never!
HOOK
—leave Peter and the boys and come stay with me— not working with the pirates, mind you, just living aboard the ship as a friend, if you will...

YOU CAN JUST TELL THE BOYS YOU’RE A MOTHER TO US.

... But come stay with me and I will show you more of the world than you have ever dreamed of.

WENDY, THE WORLD’S MUCH MORE VAST THAN YOU THINK. WONDERS YOU’LL NEVER DISCOVER ALONE. COME LET ME SHOW YOU THE WORLD THAT I MEAN, WORLD FIT FOR WOMEN, WOMEN WHO’VE GROWN.

WENDY
Why should I believe you?

HOOK
Darling, you didn’t really think you could stay a child forever? You can’t. And do you know what Peter does when his boys do grow up? At least I take care of my own.

WENDY
The boys are coming with me. Peter let them go.

HOOK
That’s what he wants you to think for now. But we both know the boy is vicious. I’m sure you’ve seen it.

Beat.

You didn’t really think he’d let you get away?

WENDY
If... if I came with you... I wouldn’t get to go home?

HOOK
You don’t really want to go back there, do you? Here there is world worth seeing.

WENDY
And if I stayed here... I’d never see Peter?
HOOK
Oh, yes, darling Peter. You’d be doing him and that rag-tag lot a favor if you joined us. Shake him awake, Wendy. Make him grow up!

WENDY
Peter will never grow up! And neither will I, not the way you want me to! We’ll get out of this somehow! And we’ll fly away!

HOOK laughs.

THOUGHT THAT YOU’D ALWAYS BE ABLE TO FLY?

WENDY
What?

HOOK
THOUGHT THAT YOU’D ALWAYS BE ABLE TO FLY?

WENDY
What?

HOOK
IT’S ONLY FOR CHILDREN WHO ESCAPE TO THE SKY.

And you, dearest, are no child. We both know that. Don’t make this harder for yourself than it needs to be. Come with me.

WENDY
No!

HOOK
WENDY, DON’T DREAM. WE MUST ALL GROW SOME TIME.

Beat.

I’ve seen you playing with those boys. The way they run you dry with all their demands and never-ending chaos. You’re nearly a woman. We both know you’re not really one of them.

WENDY
I’m not one of you either.

HOOK
Not yet.

WENDY
And I never will be! You can try to hold us here all you want but Peter will save us! I bet he’s coming here now!
HOOK
Ah, yes, regarding that... It was such a shame, really...

WENDY
What is it? What did you do?

HOOK
Now, I couldn’t have him meddling in my plans, you must see—

WENDY
What did you do to Peter?!

HOOK
You and your beloved Peter. Yet you insist you’re not growing up...? I merely sent him a token of my appreciation, if you will. As I remember he’s a rather avid fan of cake. So happens I’m an avid fan...

He reveals a small vial in his pocket and smiles.

WENDY
No!

HOOK
Don’t worry, my dear, it was all rather painless for him. At least I think so.

WENDY
Why? Why would you do that? He never did anything to you!

HOOK
Didn’t he? Boys like him are all the same, making hell for any of those around him who refuse to play into his fantasy.

WENDY
Don’t talk like that about him! You killed him!

HOOK
I did that boy a favor. Just like I’m about to all the others.

WENDY
Never! And I’ll never join you!

HOOK snaps his fingers and SMEE and STARKEY appear, taking hold of Wendy.
I wouldn’t make that choice so quickly if I were you.

The pirates drag her into a cage in the corner and lock her in.

I’m going to be nice. I’m going to give you some time to think about your choice.

YOU MAY CALL WHEN YOU’RE READY. I AWAIT YOUR REPLY...

Anxiously.

The pirates begin to leave.

See the world as it should be, Wendy. My way.

They exit and WENDY huddles in the corner.

16. TIME TO FLY

LOOK TO THE SKY,
DON’T SAY GOODBYE
TO THE WORLD YOU’VE LEFT BEHIND YOU.
THERE’S ADVENTURE FOR THE TAKING FOR AS LONG AS YOU SHOULD STAY,
BUT ADVENTURE ISN’T ALWAYS AS IT SEEMS.
NOT THE WAY IT WAS IN MY DREAMS.

TIME TO LET THE DREAMING GO
AND FACE THE WORLD AWAKE.
I’VE LIVED SO LONG IN CHILD’S DREAMS
BUT THERE’S NOW A CHOICE TO MAKE.
I COULD STAY LOCKED UP FOREVER IN A LAND OF JUST PRETEND,
BUT LOCKED UP’S NOT WHERE I BELONG. THAT’S NOT HOW THIS WILL END.

THERE’S NO MORE ROOM FOR FEAR BECAUSE THE TIME IS HERE
THOUGH I DON’T KNOW HOW OR WHY.
NO TIME TO TURN AWAY. IT’S TIME TO FACE THE DAY
CAUSE IT’S TIME, IT’S TIME TO FLY.

TIME TO LOOK UPON THE GIRL YOU’VE BEEN
AND LET HER FALL AWAY.
A NEW ONE BREAKS THROUGH IN HER PLACE.
IT SEEMS SHE’S HERE TO STAY.
I DON'T WANT TO PLAY THE HERO. DIDN'T ASK TO BE THE ONE
WHO LETS GO OF ALL SHE DREAMED OF, OVER JUST AS IT'S BEGUN.

NEVER BEEN SO ALONE, NEVER SO MUCH UNKNOWN
AND I CANNOT SEE THE SKY.
BUT TIME TO REACH WITHIN. THIS IS WHERE YOU BEGIN
CAUSE IT'S TIME, IT'S TIME TO FLY.

CAN'T GIVE THOUGHT TO EVERY WAY IT COULD ALL GO WRONG.
WHAT MATTERS IS THAT NOW YOU PUT THINGS RIGHT.
PERHAPS YOU KNEW YOU'D HAVE TO DO THIS ALL ALONG,
KNEW IT FROM THE MOMENT YOU TOOK FLIGHT!

HEAR HOW THE FUTURE CALLS AND SEE IT PAST THESE WALLS.
IT'S NOW I SAY GOODBYE.
IT'S TIME TO HOLD ON TIGHT. IT'S TIME FOR ONE LAST FLIGHT
CAUSE IT'S TIME, YES IT'S TIME TO FLY,
TO FLY,
TO FLY!

Hook! I’m ready. I’ll join you.