

ANNIE

Who are you?

LILY

Honey, we're your Mom and Dad.

*(A buzz of disbelief from the crowd)*

ROOSTER

Mudge. Mudge is the name. Ralph Mudge. And this here is the wife, Shirley.

LILY

You never knew it, dear, but you're Annie Mudge.

WARBUCKS

Annie Mudge?

ROOSTER

*(Edging into the room)*

We was sick and broke, honey, and didn't know which way to turn, and a man give us a chance to work on his farm up in Canada.

LILY

But we couldn't bring along no baby.

ROOSTER

We loved you, Annie, but we had to leave you behind.

GRACE

*(Not buying it totally)*

Mr. Mudge, is it? We've seen a great number of people who've claimed to be...

ROOSTER

Proof, I expect you'll be wantin' proof of who we are. Here's our driver's licenses and Annie's birth certificate.

*(Hands the papers to GRACE)*

## GRACE

*(Takes the birth certificate and reads)*

"Baby girl, Name, Ann Elizabeth Mudge, born to Ralph and Shirley Mudge.  
New York, New York, October 28th, 1922."

## ANNIE

October 28th, that's my birthday.

## GRACE

It was in her note, Sir.

## WARBUCKS

*(Stunned)*

Yes, I know. But I still don't ...

## ROOSTER

Mister, please, you gotta believe us.

*(HE quickly takes the documents back from GRACE)*

We got in on the Greyhound this afternoon and went straight to the orphanage to  
fetch our Annie. And the lady there said our baby was up here.

## LILY

*(Clutching HER, a little too tightly)*

Oh, Annie, all the years I dreamed of holdin' you in my arms again.

## GRACE

*(Playing detective)*

Mr. Mudge, on the night that Annie was left at the orphanage...

## ROOSTER

*(Beating her to the punch)*

Oh, here's something you wouldn't know about, but when we left Annie at the  
Orphanage, we left half of a silver locket with her and kept the other half so's one  
day...

## LILY

Ralph, look! Annie's wearin' it.