**ACT ONE**

**MISSING SCENE**

**LIGHT CUE**

**FANNY is sitting on a stool in HER dressing room.**

**There is a knock on the DOOR.**

**FANNY turns to face IT.**

**FANNY**

**Who is it?**

**EDDIE**

**Me.**

**(HE walks into the dressing room)**

**Are you busy?**

**FANNY**

**I’m not now.**

**EDDIE**

**So, how’s Nick doing?**

**(HE sits)**

**How is he making his money these days?**

**FANNY**

**Oh, he’s just-**

**(SHE stands abruptly)**

**Hey, what are you getting at? I thought you didn’t like Nick.**

**EDDIE**

**Well, I-**

**FANNY**

**(Interrupting HIM)**

**This isn’t about Nick at all, is it, Eddie?**

**EDDIE**

**No, I-**

**(HE trails off, uncertain)**

**FANNY**

**Spit it out, kid. I have a show to do.**

**EDDIE**

**(HE stands, and X’s to FANNY)**

**Remember that day at Keeny’s? When he fired you, and you begged me to help you learn that specialty?**

**FANNY**

**(Taking a step back)**

**Yeah, I remember. What about it?**

**EDDIE**

**I agreed to help you.**

**FANNY**

**Yeah, because I was good and you knew it.**

**EDDIE**

**No. It wasn’t that. I mean, it was. But it was also-**

**FANNY**

**(Sitting back down)**

**What? Honestly, Eddie, I’m not a mind reader. You gotta tell it to me straight.**

**EDDIE**

**It wasn’t your talent that persuaded me. It was you.**

**FANNY**

**(Standing back up and moving away from HIM)**

**Eddie, you’re not making sense.**

**EDDIE**

**(Rushing to HER, taking HER hand)**

**Fanny. You are…**

**(HE pauses to think of a word)**

**You’re amazing. You’re… beautiful.**

**(To HIMSELF)**

**Beautiful.**

**FANNY**

**(Laughing)**

**Didn’t you tell me that I wasn’t pretty when you met me?**

**EDDIE**

**That was before I knew you.**

**(HE X’s to FANNY, takes HER hand)**

**FANNY**

**Eddie, what are you saying?**

**(SHE pulls HER hand away)**

**EDDIE**

**I’m saying…**

**(HE stops, then gathers up HIS courage)**

**I’m saying that I love you.**

**FANNY**

**What?!**

**EDDIE**

**Yes. Fanny Brice, I love you.**

**(HE is smiling with relief; FANNY is staring at HIM with surprise and disbelief)**

**FANNY**

**Eddie, you’re crazy! What d’you like me for?**

**EDDIE**

**I love you because you’re you. Because you don’t care what other people think of you.**

**FANNY**

**You don’t understand. Me and Nick-**

**EDDIE**

**Oh, I do understand! Nick Arnstein is “The One” or whatever. I see how it is. But this isn’t about him. This is about you. About us.**

**FANNY**

**(Busying HERSELF with HER makeup)**

**Eddie, I don’t know what qualms you have about Nick, I don’t even care! But don’t start making things up to make him look bad.**

**EDDIE**

**Fan, that’s not what I’m doing and you know it!**

**FANNY**

**All I know is that all this crazy talk isn’t helping me relax before the show.**

**EDDIE**

**You’re never relaxed-**

**FANNY**

**You see? All this talk, talk, talk! You don’t know anything about me!**

**EDDIE**

**Now, Fanny, that’s a bit-**

**FANNY**

**Oh my god! I can’t do this! I’m leaving, Eddie, to go relax before the show. I don’t want to hear another word about this, Mr. Ryan. Goodbye!**

**(SHE grabs her PROP from the TABLE and storms out of the room)**

**EDDIE**

**Fanny- MUSIC CUE**

**(HE stares out the door after HER, and sits)**

**NUMBER: “TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF”**

**IT’S TIME FOR US TO PART**

**YEAH IT’S BEST FOR US TO PART**

**OH BUT I LOVE YOU OOOO I LOVE YOU**

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

**I’LL MISS YOU**

**THE NIGHTS ARE LONG ALONE**

**I SIT ALONE AND MOAN**

**OH ‘CAUSE I LOVE YOU OOOO I LOVE YOU**

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

**I’LL MISS YOU**

**(HE rises, and X’s to FANNY’S dressing table. HE looks in the mirror at himself.)**

**AND NO MORE TEARS TO CRY I’M OUT OF GOODBYES**

**(HE X’s back to the STOOL and sits.)**

**IT’S TIME FOR US TO PART**

**ALTHOUGH IT BREAKS MY HEART**

**OH ‘CAUSE I LOVE YOU OOOO I LOVE YOU**

**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF  
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF  
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

**I LOVE YOU**

**(HE looks out the door, and then puts HIS head down.)**

**LIGHT CUE**