

09A Ridicule

(5/31/15)

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Lyrics by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

SEBASTIAN: IT'S TIME TO PLAY RIDICULE! EVERYONE! TAKE SIDES!

TOPHER: Who is that girl?

SEBASTIAN: Ignore her. We're playing Ridicule, and you get to be judge.
Let's find you a bride. *(HE claps; MUSIC GO)*

1 **Regally Elegant and Stiff** *(cont.)* Who will be the first to play? You. And...you. *Triangle (onstage)*

$\text{♩} = 102$

(in clear)

OLDER WOMAN: Oh but my dear. I love that dress. No matter how manytimes I see it.

Why I remember when that dress was first in fashion, when I was a young girl-

CHARLOTTE: Please do not speak of your childhood,

as I have not brought along a copy of the Old Testament to follow along. *(TOPHER gestures to CHARLOTTE; MUSIC GO ON)*

5 **TOPHER:** What do you even call that? **SEBASTIAN** Well it's awfully sophisticated. **TOPHER:** It just seems like cruelty.
SEBASTIAN: Sophisticated, cruelty. There's a slight difference there, I keep forgetting what it is.

9 **TOPHER:** I'm not quite sure I want to play this game.

SEBASTIAN: And here we have another round at the ready! Let us have Madame. *Triangle (onstage)*

(AFTER TRIANGLE)
And...
the lady in white.

10 Kindness

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MADAME: Why are you doing this to me?
SEBASTIAN: What is this bewitchery you practice?
ELLA: It's just kindness. (*MUSIC GO*)

1 Andante $\text{♩} = 98$ SEBASTIAN: Kindness? ELLA: Oh yes. Kindness is practiced now in all the great courts.

ELLA (*cont in clear*): Ridicule isn't done anywhere anymore.
It's all kindness now. Even in the French courts.

SEBASTIAN: Kind-ness?

ELLA: Yes. You know. Compassion.

SEBASTIAN: Who are you, you strange woman?

MADAME: I don't know who she is but she is very very wealthy indeed. And did you see her feet?
Shoes made of Venetian glass! My resentment is all-consuming.

ELLA: Kindness. You must all try it.

TOPHER: I'll be the first. Kindness. (*MUSIC GO*)

4 TOPHER: Isn't it wonderful to have a pleasant young lady such as yourself in our court?
ELLA: Thank you. And it's an honor to be at this wonderful party you are throwing.

SEBASTIAN: It's like every time
they speak a part of me dies. (*MUSIC GO*)

7 **Allegretto (in 4) ♩=120** LORD: This room is filled with some of the loveliest women I have ever seen.

p *Slowly and with hesitation*

11 WOMAN: I just saw they have vanilla cake on the buffet. I love vanilla cake! Thank you to whoever made it!

accel.

15 **poco piu mosso (in 2) ♩=78** A DIGNITARY: This court is alive with laughter and warmth. A PARTY GOER: It's like it was during

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19 the reign of Prince Topher's parents! A DIGNITARY: May his reign be a continuation of theirs!

23 A DUCHESS: Those were glorious days. ANOTHER: But so are these. ANOTHER: Look at these magnificent guests! Ha ha!!

27 GABRIELLE: You are so kind - thank you. You make me wish I were a better person.

In 4
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31 There's something somewhat familiar about you. What could that be?

SEGUE AS ONE to #11
TEN MINUTES AGO