

DWARF 5 So that's who he is – we wondered why he carried his lamp everywhere!

DWARF 6 But it did help us march through the dark!

BEN Well, do you think you could do without him for a bit, 'cos we need his help against the Witch!

DWARF 7 *(nodding)* Anything to help fight the Witch!

15a Orientals (© C, Track 17)

[Enter ORIENTALS. DWARFS back away]

DWARF 1 *(backing away)* Who are they?

ALADDIN Oh, don't be worried about them. They're my brothers and sisters.

[ALADDIN executes a hands-together bow. ORIENTALS return the bow, then bow to the Dwarfs, who, rather awkwardly, return the gesture, along with BEN & SARAH.]

ORIENTAL 1 Greetings, Aladdin. We thought your uncle had got you!

ORIENTAL 2 We were very worried.

ORIENTAL 2 So we came to rescue to you!

ALADDIN Oh I'm O.K. I've been hiding among the Dwarfs. Uncle Abanazer hasn't found me yet, but we've just met these two. They say they're helping the Good Fairy.

BEN Yes, we are – and we need your help.

ALADDIN You need my help? It's me that needs help if I'm going to beat my wicked uncle!

SARAH Why?

ALADDIN He's going to shut me in a horrible cave till I find the treasure he's after, isn't he?

[He turns to the ORIENTALS, who nod.]

That's why I tried to hide among the dwarfs.

SARAH Aren't you supposed to have a genie to help you?

ALADDIN Yes! But I've rubbed and polished this lamp as hard I can, and still nothing happens!

BEN Ah, we know why. It's been got at by the Wicked Witch!

SARAH But we think we can help you.

ALADDIN You can?

SARAH Yes, if you let us borrow the lamp.

BEN We promise to bring it back. We just need to give it to the Good Fairy, so she can return its magic...

SARAH Then all pantomimes, everywhere, can end happily – including yours!

ALADDIN And I'll get my three wishes?

BEN Yes! What will you wish for?

ALADDIN First I'll have to wish myself out of the cave, but then...
...well, I'll only have two wishes left....

SARAH You'll have to wish very carefully....

ALADDIN I've thought about that, but I still can't decide. You'll have to help me choose what to wish:

[ALADDIN draws BEN & SARAH to centre. DWARFS can mime the things that are being wished for. ORIENTALS should group themselves to advise 'Think again...' etc.]

16 SONG - What Would You Wish?
(☉ A/B, Track 17)

Aladdin *(1st line could be spoken)* WHAT WOULD YOU WISH
IF YOU COULD CHOOSE
IF JUST ONE WISH WAS ALL YOU COULD USE?

Ben I'D WISH FOR SWEETS TEN METRES HIGH.

Aladdin YOU'D HAVE BAD TEETH – THEY'D MAKE YOU CRY!

ALL THINK AGAIN, THINK AGAIN,
BEFORE YOU WISH.
YOU MUST BE SO CAREFUL
NOT TO WASTE YOUR PRECIOUS WISH!

Aladdin WHAT WOULD YOU WISH... *(as before)*

Sarah I'D WISH TO STAY IN BED ALL DAY.

Aladdin YOU'D ONLY SLEEP YOUR LIFE AWAY.

ALL THINK AGAIN, THINK AGAIN... *(as before)*

Aladdin WHAT WOULD YOU WISH... *(as before)*

Ben I'D WISH TO BE A MOVIE STAR.

Aladdin FAR BETTER BE JUST WHAT YOU ARE!