

Skeeter - Smery

ANNIE (sings:)

Ave Maria, gratia plena
Ave Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu
in mulieribus,
et bene dictus
fructus ventris
tui Jesus.

MARY
It's a gift, and you
absolutely have to let
yourself be heard, Skeeter!

(While the song continues, LOTTIE and MARY encircle
SKEETER and fuss over her clothing and hair.
SKEETER, very still, submits to the attention.)

ANNIE

Santa Maria
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Maria ora pro nobis
peccatoribus,
Nune et in hora mortis, in
hora mortis nostrae,

MARY
Now remember, dear. You
have show-biz in your
blood.

ANNIE

Amen.
Amen.

LOTTIE

Skeeter, are you listening
to your Mama?

(ANNIE curties. Someone tosses a rose. She
extends her arm, and welcomes SKEETER on stage.
LOTTIE adjusts a huge bow in Skeeter's hair. CHILD
MARY, dressed as Cupid leads SKEETER into the
light. CHARLIE strums lead in for SKEETER on
ukulele.

SKEETER

"When you wish upon a star,
Makes no difference who you
are,
Anything your heart desires
Can come to you

MARY
Louder, dear!

SKEETER

"If your heart is in your dreams
No request is too extreme
When you wish upon a star

Your dreams come true.

LOTTIE
Remember, sell yourself,
child!

SKEETER

(shrinking with every word)

"Fate is kind
She brings to those who love
The sweet fulfillment of
their secret longing.
Like a bolt out of the blue
Fate steps in and sees you through.
When you wish upon a star
Your dreams ...come... true."

(All the characters have disappeared, except for
CHILD MARY, who applauds.)

SKEETER

W Oh, Mama...

(CAIT rises from her chair and approaches SKEETER
from behind. Cait strokes her hair.)

CAIT

Mom.

(Blackout.)

END OF ACT ONE