# SCENE THREE: THE WITCHES' DUNGEON

# Frog Prince, Wendell, Charming, Godmother

Lights up on the dungeon of the witches' castle. There are numerous skeletons chained to the wall, bones strewn about. There is one skeleton with a cobwebby ukulele in his hands, near the Frog Prince.

The Frog Prince, Prince Charming, Fairy Godmother, and Wendell are chained up. A guard checks their chains to make sure they are secure, and he briefly turns to the audience, revealing that it is the Wolf in disguise. The Wolf exits.

Upon his exit, The Frog Prince begins humming the melody of "Lily pad of Love."

#### PRINCE CHARMING

Do you ever stop?

## FROG PRINCE

Stop what?

## **PRINCE CHARMING**

The incessant humming. The cheerfulness. The sunny disposition. Are we not trapped in the same dungeon? Are we not chained to the same wall?

#### WENDELL

(Under his breath) Are we not sitting next to the same melodramatic prince?

### FROG PRINCE

Ah, yes, we certainly are, but I've never been one to allow my circumstances to impact my outlook.

## **FAIRY GODMOTHER**

Oh? So you're happy being a frog?

## FROG PRINCE

I wouldn't say "happy" but I've learned to find the silver lining. You should try it.

## WENDELL

Try to find the silver lining to being in love with someone who will never love me back?

### **FAIRY GODMOTHER**

Try to find the silver lining to having a wand that no longer works?

### **PRINCE CHARMING**

Try to find the silver lining to being thrown in the dungeon and looking like I *belong* with you *commoners*.

## THE FROG PRINCE

I think we should be offended by that, but I'm too caught up in thinking happy thoughts.

### PRINCE CHARMING

Wonderful! I'm trapped with a delusional frog.

# **FROG PRINCE**

Not delusional. Well adjusted. You see, friends, I've learned the secret to getting through whatever life throws at me. You think about something good. Something positive. Something hopeful.

## **WENDELL**

Like a beautiful princess falling in love with me?

#### PRINCE CHARMING

Two delusional prisoners. I don't belong here!

# **FROG PRINCE**

(ignoring him) Exactly like that!

## **FAIRY GODMOTHER**

Like getting my magic back!

## FROG PRINCE

Precisely! When you discover that at any moment, the lily pad can be yanked out from under you, you have to take life as it is, not as how you hope it would be. And. . .(thinking of Red) you need to tell those around you just how you feel.

The Frog Prince reaches over and tugs the ukulele out of the skeleton's grip. He begins to strum.

### **FROG PRINCE**

Because you never know if you're going to get another chance.