

**SCENE FIVE****The Courtyard**

*The Courtyard is ready for the wedding. ROSIE is putting the final touches to the arrangements. BILL comes on, holding a note from SOPHIE.*

**BILL**

Rosie—

**ROSIE**

Go and wait with the others, till I've finished.

**BILL**

*(Holding out the note)*

I got this note from Sophie. She wanted me to give her away, but now she's changed her mind. I'm confused. I don't know where I am—I don't know who I am. I just came here for a wedding. I'm Sophie's Dad.

**ROSIE**

Whoa! You need a conversation with Donna.

**BILL**

Yes, I'll go tell her now—

**ROSIE**

You'll do no such thing! Sophie's getting married in five minutes! Take a pew—and button it.

**BILL**

*(Sitting)*

Will it be all right for me to be here?

**ROSIE**

Oh, for God's sake!

**BILL**

Well to tell you the truth—I was dreading that walk down the aisle. I may come across as the intrepid traveler, but I come over all faint at the thought of a wedding.

**ROSIE**

Tell me about it.

**BILL**

Marriage. Children. Responsibility.

*(He shakes his head)*

I'm a writer. I made up my mind long ago—I walk a lone path.