

No. 17c Quick Change — A Loving Little Brother

(Orchestra)

The Glee Club rehearsal room — music out for dialogue.

SCHROEDER. Where is everybody? I told them to be here.

SALLY. You told them to be here.

SCHROEDER. If we don't rehearse we can't sing at the assembly tomorrow.

SALLY. The assembly tomorrow!

SCHROEDER. *(calling offstage)* Charlie Brown!

SALLY. *(calling offstage)* Charlie Brown!

SCHROEDER. Linus!

SALLY. Linus!

SCHROEDER & SALLY. Lucy!

LUCY. *(offstage)* Gimme that pencil, you blockhead!

LINUS. *(entering)* No! Not till you give me back my crayons!

LUCY. *(entering)* That's my best pencil, you block — *(seeing Sally)* — If you don't give me that pencil, I'll tell Sally what you said about her!

SCHROEDER. Stop that! We've got to rehearse. You're late.

SCHROEDER pulls LINUS & LUCY to the front.

SALLY. What did you say about me, Linus?

LUCY. He said ...

LINUS. Lucy!

SCHROEDER. Stop that!

CHARLIE BROWN. *(enter running)* I'm sorry I'm late but Snoopy ...

SCHROEDER. There's no time to be sorry.

SALLY. What did he say?

LUCY. He said ...

SCHROEDER. Quiet!!

OTHERS *find their positions on the choir risers steps.*

SCHROEDER. (*fighting for control*) Now. Remember, this is a mood piece. We must paint a picture with music and words. And **concentrate!** (*blows pitch pipe*)

OTHERS *respond with their own version of the pitch: Ah!*

SCHROEDER. (*cut off the group, then:*) Remember ... *Adagio con brio.*

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~~No. 18~~

~~"Glee Club Rehearsal"~~

~~(Sally, Lucy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Schroeder & Snoopy)~~

~~SCHROEDER conducts the group through the song, oblivious of the undercurrent of action until the very end.~~

~~Note: all singing of "Home On The Range" must be absolutely straight, with no sub-gag or humor within the chorus. The interjected lines and phrases need to be done with as much attempted secrecy as possible—eyes straight ahead, speaking from the corner of the mouth, etc. The sotto voce "plot" action is ignored by all the other characters except as noted.~~

~~SALLY, LUCY, CHARLIE BROWN & LINUS.~~

~~Oh give me a home
where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play.~~

~~LUCY. [Give me my pencil.]~~

~~SALLY, LUCY, CHARLIE BROWN & LINUS.~~

~~Where seldom is heard
a discouraging word,~~

~~LINUS. [Not on your life.]~~

~~SALLY, LUCY, CHARLIE BROWN & LINUS.~~

~~And the skies are not cloudy all day.~~