

ELSA

It couldn't have been an intentional slight because they haven't met me yet.

CAPTAIN

Forgive me, I'll try to find them.

(He exits upstage left.)

MAX

Elsa, have you made up Georg's mind yet? Is he going to marry you?

ELSA

Oh, yes! He hasn't admitted it yet. There seems to be something standing in his way.

MAX

(Crosses center stage.)

You don't know what it is?

ELSA

No.

MAX

I do.

ELSA

(Rises)

What?

MAX

It's very simple. It's money.

(Takes her arm, crosses downstage center.)

ELSA

Money?

MAX

Yes. He's rich and you're rich.

MUSIC 16: "HOW CAN LOVE SURVIVE?"

(MAX sings downstage center. ELSA crosses downstage right.)

IN ALL THE FAMOUS LOVE AFFAIRS
THE LOVERS HAVE TO STRUGGLE.
IN GARRET ROOMS AWAY UPSTAIRS
THE LOVERS STARVE AND SNUGGLE.
THEY'RE FAMOUS FOR MISFORTUNE WHICH
THEY SEEM TO HAVE NO FEAR OF,
WHILE LOVERS WHO ARE VERY RICH
YOU VERY SELDOM HEAR OF.