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~~Act~~

~~DREAM LOVER, I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE~~

~~THEY take four final poses, BETTY JEAN blowing one final bubble over CINDY LOU'S head for the button.~~

~~Applause.~~

~~MISSY confronts BETTY JEAN, taking away the bubble container.~~

MISSY

Are you going to ruin the entire evening?

BETTY JEAN

You always blame me! She started it...

MISSY

Betty Jean. Be marvelous.

~~BETTY JEAN starts to protest, but then takes her 'marvelous' pose. MISSY crosses to the front microphone.~~

~~(to the audience)~~

~~Attention. Eyes.~~

~~SHE continues when she has everyone's attention.~~

Later on this evening, we have the honor of announcing the 1958 Springfield High School "Queen Of Your Dreams."

~~MISSY goes to her personal table and throws her ball.~~

SUZY

The "Queen of your Dreams." That's the Prom Queen.

CINDY LOU

They already know that, do you think?

BETTY JEAN

The Prom Queen gets to pick her own King this year, so make sure you vote.

BETTY JEAN points to herself and mouths "for me."

CINDY LOU

Of course they'll vote, do you think?

(to Betty Jean)

I hope you win.

(to Suzy)

I hope you win.

There is a beat where CINDY LOU is waiting for the response.

BETTY JEAN & SUZY

(unenthusiastically to Cindy Lou)

I hope you win.

~~BETTY JEAN and SUZY turn back and whisper to each other, "MISSY is going to win! She's got the vote!"~~

~~MISSY crosses back front, reaching for the ball.~~

MISSY

There are five candidates for this year's Prom Queen: Betty Jean Reynolds...

BETTY JEAN waves.

BETTY JEAN

...and today's my birthday!

CINDY LOU

No sympathy votes.

MISSY

...Cindy Lou Huffington...

CINDY LOU steps forward and waves.

...Suzy Simpson...

SUZY, blowing a bubble with her gum, waves.

...Missy Miller, oh, that's me...

MISSY acknowledges herself.

... and Judy Carter.

~~MISSY crosses back to the podium to get the student handbook.~~

CINDY LOU

Judy Carter?

BETTY JEAN

You know, Judy Carter. From Miss McPherson's Homeroom Class.

CINDY LOU still can't place her.

With the mole!

BETTY JEAN illustrates her mole. CINDY LOU remembers.

CINDY LOU

Oh --- I

~~BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU and SUZY all illustrate their own versions of Judy's mole.~~

~~MISSY crosses back to the microphone, and turns to get the girls' attention.~~

~~MISSY
(to Betty Jean, Cindy Lou & Suzy)~~

~~Girls, yes!~~

~~THEY all look at MISSY, and then MISSY turns back to the audience.~~

Judy Carter will be represented in absentia tonight due to a pre-existing appointment verified by the school nurse.

~~ONE holds up an excuse slip to the audience.~~

CINDY LOU
(to Betty Jean and Suzy)

That's not really fair. I think you should be present to win, do you think?

~~CINDY LOU looks to SUZY, who makes an "isn't it you?" noise~~

~~MISSY reads from the student handbook~~

MISSY

According to the official student handbook, the "Queen Of Your Dreams" should be someone with poise, talent, elegance, and great school spirit.

BETTY JEAN races down front and performs a cartwheel, ending with her chipmunk face.

BETTY JEAN

Go Chipmunks!

~~MISSY
(holding up a ballot)~~

~~BETTY JEAN, SUZY, CINDY LOU all get ballots.~~

~~Suzy and I printed up the ballots.~~

~~Missy holds up a ballot~~

~~You should have all received one with your senior prom program when you remained. Did you all receive a ballot? Hold them up, hold them up!~~

~~MISSY and others (by example) encourage audience to "toss" their ballots in the air.~~

~~Thanks you! Now put them away, put them away! We'll make an announcement when it's time to vote... so don't vote yet!~~

~~MISSY crosses back to return the items to her purse, setting the ballot again as she crosses.~~

SUZY
(holding up the crown)

And look what the Prom Queen gets!

CINDY LOU immediately takes the crown.

CINDY LOU

This is for The Queen Of Your Dreams.

SHE poses with it. SUZY grabs it back.

SUZY

Give it...!

~~MISSY~~

~~Tonight's honorary judge and official ballot counter is Miss Mel Horson. Miss Mel Horson!~~

~~SUZY holds up the pillow with the Dream Catcher~~

~~SUZY~~

~~Missy~~

MISSY

It's time for the Dream Catcher.

~~The Dream Catcher is treated with reverence throughout.~~
~~MISSY takes it from the pillows.~~

~~MISSY (CONT'D)~~

~~Cindy Lou?~~

CINDY LOU

We'll each get the chance to dedicate a song to our very own 'dream lover' tonight. This marvelous Dream Catcher...

BETTY JEAN

Cootie catcher...

CINDY LOU

Cootie catcher.

MISSY

Dream Catcher!

CINDY LOU

Dream Catcher.

CINDY LOU pinches BETTY JEAN on the arm.

This marvelous Dream Catcher will decide who sings next.

~~MISSY~~

~~MISSY made it.~~

~~MISSY proudly displays it out front.~~

~~MISSY~~

~~Let's catch it!~~

~~MISSY holds it up, ready to begin.~~

~~MISSY~~

~~Let's catch a dream.~~

~~THEY all gather around MISSY.~~

~~MISSY~~
~~(reverently)~~

~~Let's catch a dream.~~

~~MISSY operates the Dream Catcher as THEY chant.~~

~~LOVE That Spells Love!~~

~~CINDY LOU reaches over to lift the flap of the Dream Catcher, and MISSY reads the name.~~

MISSY

Suzy's first!

~~SUZY squeals, then~~
~~she runs toward the Dream Catcher.~~
~~MISSY~~

~~MISSY~~

~~MISSY~~

~~Oh~~

~~SUZY (CONT'D)
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SUZY (CONT'D)

Well, I'm sure you can all guess who my song is for, since I just got pinned last month!

The others squeal. SUZY giggles.

My song is for a very special boy --

~~Oh, it's Ritchie Stevens, who's been on
the chair around her room.~~

-- my date for the prom, Ritchie Stevens. I love you, Ritchie!!

As SHE waves to him, ~~the lights flash.~~

#6- STUPID CUPID

~~STUPID CUPID YOU'RE A REAL MEAN GUY
I'D LIKE TO CLIP YOUR WINGS SO YOU CAN'T FLY
I'M IN LOVE AND THAT'S A CRYING SHAME
AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE ONE TO BLAME
HEY, HEY, SET ME FREE,
STUPID CUPID -- STOP PICKING ON ME!
I CAN'T DO MY HOMEWORK AND I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT
I MEET HIM EV'RY MORNING ABOUT HALF PAST EIGHT
I'M ACTING LIKE A LOVESICK FOOL
YOU'VE EVEN GOT ME CARRYING HIS BOOKS TO SCHOOL
HEY, HEY, SET ME FREE,
STUPID CUPID -- STOP PICKING ON ME!
YOU MIXED ME UP BUT GOOD, RIGHT FROM THE VERY START
HEY GO PLAY ROBIN HOOD WITH SOMEBODY ELSE'S HEART
YOU'VE GOT ME JUMPIN' LIKE A CRAZY CLOWN
AND I DON'T FEATURE WHAT YOU'RE PUTTIN' DOWN
SINCE I KISSED HIS LOVIN' LIPS OF WINE
THE THING THAT BOTNERS ME IS THAT I LIKE IT FINE
HEY, HEY, SET ME FREE,
STUPID CUPID -- STOP PICKING ON ME!
HEY, HEY, SET ME FREE,
STUPID CUPID -- STOP PICKING ON ME!~~

Applause.

SUZY (CONT'D)

I love you Ritchie!

SUZY waves, the lights flash.

MISSY

Suzy!

The lights restore. MISSY hands the Dream Catcher to SUZY.