

## 17. Opera Begins

*(twilight; a lamp burns in the schoolhouse; Twimfina is inside cleaning; Guru enters)*

TWIMFINA

I feel really happy about classes today. How about you, Guru? Are you happy?

GURU

Happy? I wouldn't go that far. But my father is safe. And you are here. So I guess I have no right to be less than happy. Is Ace spending the night again?

TWIMFINA

Yes, I asked him to. He's inside taking a bath. It makes no sense for him to be walking back and forth from Jeeno every day.

GURU

*(chuckles)*

"Running" – don't let him hear you say "walking". Olympians don't walk.

TWIMFINA

We should adopt him, Guru. We can give him a good life.

GURU

Yes – plus I think I can write him a really interesting part in my story.

TWIMFINA

*(chuckles)*

Good. You do that.

GURU

Of course I'll still be writing interesting parts for you to. Have you been satisfied with my story thus far?

TWIMFINA

*(chuckles)*

"Thus far"? Sure. But I should ask if you've been satisfied with MY story "thus far". Because you're in MY story too!

GURU

Excellent! A story within a story!

TWIMFINA

But my story is an opera...

*(singing on pitch "F4")*

...and everything is sung in an opera.

GURU  
(*speaking*)  
Okay.

TWIMFINA  
(*singing on pitch "F"*)  
...and everything is sung in an opera.

GURU  
(*speaking*)  
Okay.

TWIMFINA  
(*singing on pitch "F"*)  
...and everything is sung in an opera.

GURU  
(*singing on pitches "F" and then "G" to make it interrogative*)  
Okay?

TWIMFINA  
(*singing*)  
COME SING WITH ME, COME SING WITH ME  
TOGETHER LET'S WORK TO BUILD A HARMONY  
COME SING WITH ME, COME SING WITH ME  
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE  
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE  
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE  
COME SING WITH ME

GURU  
(*singing*)  
I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU  
TOGETHER WE'LL WORK TO MAKE THIS OPERA COME TRUE  
I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU

GURU and TWIMFINA  
(*both singing together*)  
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.  
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.  
TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.  
I'LL SING WITH YOU.

(music stops)

ACE

*(entering with towel)*

What's happening?

TWIMFINA and GURU

*(singing on pitch "F")*

This is an opera – and everything is sung in an opera.

ACE

*(chuckling)*

That's stupid.

TWIMFINA and GURU

*(singing on pitch "F")*

... and everything is sung in an opera.

ACE

*(chuckling)*

That's stupid.

TWIMFINA and GURU

*(singing on pitch "F")*

... and everything is sung in an opera.

ACE

*(singing on pitches "F" and then "G" to make it interrogative)*

That's stupid?

TWIMFINA and GURU

*(singing)*

COME SING WITH US, COME SING WITH US

LET'S WORK TO BUILD A WORLD HARMONIOUS

COME SING WITH US, COME SING WITH US, AND

JOIN US IN THIS OPERA OF LIFE

JOIN US IN THIS OPERA OF LIFE

JOIN US IN THIS OPERA OF LIFE

COME SING WITH US

ACE

*(singing)*

I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU

TOGETHER WE'LL WORK TO MAKE THIS OPERA COME TRUE

I'LL SING WITH YOU, I'LL SING WITH YOU

TWIMFINA, GURU and ACE

*(all three singing together)*

TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.

TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.

TOGETHER THROUGH THIS OPERA OF LIFE.

I'LL SING WITH YOU.

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