

Joseph

Then it's settled! When's the date?

Emma

Joseph, we can't rush into this.

(MUSIC in. She sings.)

IT TAKES MORE THAN THE WOMAN AND THE MAN!
THERE ARE BOUQUETS THAT MUST BE BOUGHT!
ALWAYS FOOD, THERE'S QUITE A LOT,
AND THE USHERS MUST BE TAUGHT
TO LEAD THE LADIES WITH THEIR RIGHT HAND!

Joseph

SUCH A GLORIOUS THING!
YOU AND ME AND A DIAMOND WEDDING RING!
DOWN THE AISLE WE'LL GLIDE!
WITH YOU AT MY SIDE
WHEN YOU SAY:

Emma

I DO!

Joseph

THEN I WILL TOO!
SUCH A WEDDING!

Emma & Joseph

A WEDDING!
A WEDDING!

Joseph

A WEDDING
REplete WITH THE FOOD AND THE GUESTS,
ALL DRESSED IN THEIR BESTS:
WAISTCOATS AND VESTS!
A WEDDING COMPLETE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
AND ONLY THE FIDDLER CAN TELL US WHEN IT ENDS!

Emma

I HAVE FRIENDS WHO WILL SURELY WANT TO COME;

Joseph

FRIENDS CAN BE SO BOTHERSOME
ALWAYS SAYING SOMETHING DUMB!

Emma

THEY WILL SEE ALL THE THINGS THAT EACH GIRL WANTS
TO IMPRESS HER MOTHER'S "AUNTS":
THE CAKE, THE GROOM, THE DRESS, THE ROOM!

AND ONE MORE THING --
Joseph
THE WEDDING RING!

Emma
A WEDDING
REPLETE WITH TWO TABLES OF FOOD.
I'D LOVE IT IF YOU'D
BRIGHTEN THE MOOD!
A WEDDING COMPLETE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
ROMANCING AND DANCING! THE ONLY PLACE TO BE!

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*(Here, the optimistic
shine of the whole
affair starts to pale as
they both realize all
the problems a fancy
wedding will entail.)*

Emma
THERE'S SO MUCH WE HAVE TO DO!

Joseph
I'LL JUST LEAVE THAT UP TO YOU!

Emma
INVITATIONS MUST BE SENT!

Joseph
ALL THE CLOTHES WE'LL HAVE TO RENT

Emma
I'LL ARRANGE TO HAVE SOME FLOWERS!

Joseph
AND WE'LL STAND IN LINE FOR HOURS!

Emma
THERE WILL BE A SONG OR THREE.
AND IF THEY SING OFF-KEY,

Joseph
THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME.

Emma
I SHALL MAKE A WEDDING GOWN,
TRAIN OF LACE DOWN TO THE GROUND!

Joseph

(Really pessimistic now.)

YOU'LL COME TRIPPING DOWN THE AISLE.

Emma

BUT I'LL GO DOWN WITH A SMILE!

HERE COMES THE BRIDE¹

HER SMILE A MILE WIDE!

(Trying to cheer him up, she acts out that little journey down the aisle, elegantly, her arms out to the sides, holding an imaginary wedding gown.)

Joseph

(Still the kill-joy, he stands next to her.)

THERE STANDS THE GROOM.

HIS FACE: A PLACE OF DOOM.

(They pantomime standing in line for hours, shaking hands with everyone in the entire world. As they slow down and tire, so does the music, like an old phonograph winding down. Eventually, they slump to the floor totally exhausted as the MUSIC comes to a fatigued stop. With their last ounce of energy, they finish the song:

Emma

YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK MY FATHER.

Joseph

DO I REALLY HAVE TO BOTHER?

Emma

MY MOTHER WILL ATTEND,

Joseph

(In total despair)

WHERE'S ALL THIS GOING TO END?

They realize it together, after a pause. Beginning slowly)

¹ Lohengrin Bridal Chorus was not written until 1848 or 1850. So don't use that melody.

TOGETHER

IN A WEDDING
SO SIMPLE, YOU MIGHT MISS THE FOOD,
YOU MIGHT MISS THE DRESS
AND THE DANDIFIED DUDE!
A WEDDING -- THE SIMPLEST OF WEDDINGS FOR ME!
A SIMPLE WEDDING IT'S GONNA BE!
ALONE!

*LIGHTS down on them, up
on MOB. Their earlier
defeat with JOSEPH has
taken its toll: they're
slowly disintegrating.*

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