

ACT III

Music 24: ACT III PRELUDE (Cinderella March—Complete)

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Music 25: CURTAIN MUSIC ACT III

SCENE: CINDERELLA'S House. It is the morning after the Ball. STEPMOTHER, JOY and PORTIA in their dressing gowns are having a late breakfast. CINDERELLA is of course cooking and serving them during the scene.

STPMOTHER: What a night! What a magnificent affair.

CINDERELLA (*Playing innocent*): Were there many people there?

STPMOTHER: Oh, I should say about five thousand.

(Turning to her daughters)

What would you say, girls?

PORTIA: I would say about ten thousand.

JOY: Or twelve!

CINDERELLA: It must be a very large ballroom at the palace.

JOY: About a half a mile long.

STPMOTHER: And what beautiful music for dancing!

CINDERELLA: Did you dance, too?

STPMOTHER: I should say I did! I met an old beau of mine, and he practically monopolized me.

CINDERELLA: Was he a good dancer?

STPMOTHER: Light as a feather.

(The STEPMOTHER stops massaging her feet and inserts them in the bucket of hot water CINDERELLA has filled in front of her.)

CINDERELLA: Did any of you get to dance with the Prince?

JOY: Did any of us get to dance with the Prince?

PORTIA: Did you hear what she said? Did we get to dance! I danced about an hour with him.

JOY: You danced about an hour with him?

PORTIA: Didn't *you*?

JOY: Well, of course I did, if *you* did.