

Audition Sides - Urleen, Wendy Jo, Ren, Rusty

ARIEL

Chin up ... Mister McCormack.

*ARIEL exits. URLEEN, WENDY JO and RUSTY
surround REN.*

BEGIN

URLEEN

I love watching a guy fly in the face of authority. Don't you, Wendy Jo?

WENDY JO

Uh-huh.

REN

Was Principal Clark serious?

WENDY JO

Serious as a heart attack.

REN

Dancing is against the law?

RUSTY

Ever since the Potawney Bridge accident.

The GIRLS all nod gravely.

REN

The what?

RUSTY

Five years ago, these four kids from Bomont were driving back from a big dance over in Baylor County. They were crossing the Potawney Bridge when they lost control of the car. It skidded across four lanes, crashed through the railing, and fell thirty-five feet into the river.

REN

Whoa. Did anybody survive?

The GIRLS gravely shake their heads, "no."

Oh, no.

RUSTY

The autopsy report claimed there was alcohol in their blood. Well! Everybody in town went nuts.

URLEEN

And Reverend Moore started blaming anything and everything – liquor, rock and roll...

REN

And dancing?

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URLEEN

You got it.

RUSTY

He convinced the town council that it was all a sin and...

(snaps her fingers)

... just like that, they passed this law.

REN

Wait. Reverend Moore has that kind of power?

RUSTY

Reverend Moore?

URLEEN

He is the power.

WENDY JO

He is the law.

REN

Man. How can you stand to live like this?

URLEEN

Practice. Years of practice.

REN

I thought living in a small town was going to be perfect—

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(REN)

—like one big happy family.

RUSTY

Let me tell you about that family.

*She checks behind herself to be sure that no one's
listening.*

CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO
SOMEONE'S ON TO YOU
CAREFUL WHAT YOU DO

URLEEN

CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY
CUZ YOU'RE ON DISPLAY
EV'RY NIGHT AND EV'RY DAY

RUSTY

SOMEBODY'S HIDING IN THE GREAT UNKNOWN

END