

# Side Six

STEPMOTHER      That girl is such a burden on me.

(A KNOCKING AT THE DOOR)

STEPMOTHER      Cinderella, Get back, get away from the door! Hello, may I help you?

BART                I have a message to deliver from the king.

STEPMOTHER      The king? What is it?

BART                By royal proclamation all eligible women must attend a ball given on the morrow for Prince Richard at the palace.

STEPMOTHER      A ball? A ball you say? What is this about?

BART                Apparently the prince is looking for some girl...to marry her...and they want her to come to the ball.

STEPMOTHER      Tomorrow night?

BART                Yes, ma'am

STEPMOTHER      Wonderful, we'll be there.

BART                And how many will be attending?

STEPMOTHER      Three. Myself. And my two daughters.

BART                Is that all of the single women? The proclamation states that all single women must attend. It's the law.

STEPMOTHER      Of course it is. Now put down three and run along, won't you? There's a dear.

(BARTHOLEMULE EXITS)

STEPMOTHER      Girls, GIRLS! Get down here quickly. Mother's got a surprise for you.