

Side Four

HUGO. ... Kim, before you go, could I talk to you for a minute?

KIM. Right now? I mean, couldn't it wait? I'm in an awful hurry!

HUGO. I don't think so, Kim. It's important.

DEBORAH SUE. Hugo Peabody, what's so important that you have to talk to her right now?

HUGO. (*Bursting forth*) What's so important? I'll tell you what's so important! The day after I give her my pin she goes around kisses someone else, that's what's so important! I want you to know I'm quite upset about this. I've already had several headaches and a nosebleed!

ALICE. Why Hugo, I believe you're actually jealous of Conrad Birdie!

HUGO. Me jealous? I'm the opposite of jealous. I'm very jealous! And I have every right to be. Kim's my steady!

KIM. That's just it, Hugo, I'm your steady! Oh I may admire Conrad Birdie as one admires a far-distant and unattainable ideal. But I'm pinned to you, Hugo, and I don't care how common and ordinary you are, that's how I'm going to stay!

HUGO. You're not just saying that to make me feel better?

...Oh Kim, I feel so much better now!
All thoughts of a nosebleed have utterly vanished!

KIM. You were silly to worry, Hugo. Conrad Birdie may be a great public figure but he doesn't make me feel all dizzy and faint when I think of him. Only my steady does that. Why even when I say his name, I don't feel a thing. Listen. Conrad Birdie! Conrad Birdie. (*And it hits her. Huskily.*) Conrad Birdie ...