

ACT IScene 3

STAGE OF THE FORTY-SECOND STREET
THEATRE with CAST gathered about
as JULIAN comes on.

JULIAN

Mac, did you get the kids in costume?

MAC

Yeah, Boss.

JULIAN

Good. Now get me Brock and Billy, I want to run the Boardwalk number with the dialogue.

MAC

We can't do the dance section, Mr. Marsh. Gladys is out with a cold.

JULIAN

Then use Winnie.

ANDY

(Entering with PEGGY)

Oh, no, Boss. Winnie is in the number before. She'll never make the change.

JULIAN

Then get me any girl. We'll put a costume on her later. I want to rehearse this number right now.

(As DOROTHY and BILLY enter Right,
ABNER DILLON sits Left to observe
the rehearsal)

Miss Brock, Billy, let's go!

(Reading from script MAC gives him)

"It is morning, the sun sparkles brightly on a section of the boardwalk at Atlantic City, as we discover Rodney and Madaleine. Madaleine speaks."

DOROTHY

(Reading)

"Darling, darling, why did you take so long to declare yourself, the answer is yes, of course, we'll live together in a cottage by the sea and every morning we'll have breakfast and kisses in bed," oh my God.

JULIAN

And Rodney says....

BILLY

"And will you always love me, Madaleine?"

DOROTHY

"Yes, yes, yes, yes....
(Turning page)
Yes."

JULIAN

Now Rodney declares his love and they kiss.

ABNER

Hold on a minute, what's that fella doin' to Dorothy?

BILLY

I'm just acting, Mr. Dillon.

ABNER

I don't care what you call it. I ain't putting up good money to see the lady I love kissed by no actor.

JULIAN

All right, cut the kiss! Just say the speech and improvise something.

BILLY

"Oh, my darling, I love you! I worship you! I adore you!"

(HE hesitates, finally puts out his arm
and shakes her hand)

67

"YOU'RE GETTING TO BE A HABIT WITH ME"

DOROTHY

I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT STARTED
BUT IT STARTED IN FUN
I JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO BE GAY WITH
TO PLAY WITH SOMEONE
BUT NOW I REALIZE THAT I COULD NEVER LET YOU GO
AND I'VE COME TO TELL YOU SO

EV'RY KISS, EV'RY HUG
SEEMS TO ACT JUST LIKE A DRUG
YOU'RE GETTING TO BE A HABIT WITH ME

LET ME STAY IN YOUR ARMS
I'M ADDICTED TO YOUR CHARMS
YOU'RE GETTING TO BE A HABIT WITH ME

"You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me"
© 1932 (Renewed), Warner Bros., Inc.