

(The chorus of OOMPA-LOOMPAS form a line across the back of the stage. WONKA presses a button and the OOMPA-LOOMPA furthest stage left presents a large, brightly colored ball. Imitating the sounds and actions of a machine, the OOMPA-LOOMPA passes the ball to the next person, and he or she in turn passes the ball down the line. Each OOMPA-LOOMPA creates their own machine movement and sound. The fourth OOMPA-LOOMPA to receive the ball places the ball behind his or her back using his or her right hand. With great fanfare, the large ball is replaced with a smaller ball, painted exactly the same color. [The actor keeps the first ball behind his or her back in the right hand, while the left hand presents the smaller ball which was pre-set at the top of the scene.] The machine continues down the line passing the medium ball. Again, a pause, and the medium ball is replaced with a smaller ball. The final person replaces the small ball with a tiny gum ball. WONKA takes the gum ball from the OOMPA-LOOMPA.)

START

WONKA

Voilà! The Everlasting Gourmet Gobstopper!

VIOLET

It looks like gum!

WONKA

That's because it is gum.

VIOLET

(in a reverie)

Gum...

WONKA

The most dazzling gum in the world...

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

Gum? Oh, no...

WONKA

... an entire gourmet meal without any of those nasty calories!

VIOLET

Gum...

WONKA

Unfortunately, it's not perfected yet, so we must not chew it—

VIOLET

Gum?!

END