

CHILDREN'S SIDE

For the General Auditions on November 9, all children will perform the side below. All boys will play the role of "KURT", and all girls will play the role of "BRIGITTA." Please do not be concerned if you are older or younger than these roles. Age-specific casting will be explored at the Callback Auditions on November 16. This scene is intended to provide a simple, consistent tool for the General Auditions only. Please memorize the dialogue and be prepared to act the role with full commitment and energy. There will be a reader seated in the audience who will read the lines of the other characters in the scene.

MARIA meets the children for the first time.

MARIA

You didn't tell me how old you are, Louisa.

BRIGITTA

I'm Brigitta. *She's Louisa (pointing to her sister)* and she's thirteen years old and you're smart. I'm nine and I think your dress is the ugliest one I ever saw.

KURT

Brigitta, you mustn't say a thing like that.

BRIGITTA

Why not? Don't you think it's ugly?

KURT

If I did think so, I wouldn't say so. *(Snapping to attention.)* I'm Kurt, I'm eleven – almost.

BRIGITTA

(Indicating Maria's guitar case.) What's in there?

MARIA

My guitar.

BRIGITTA

What did you bring a guitar for?

KURT

We don't know any songs.

MARIA

You don't?

KURT

No.

MARIA

Well, I'll teach you.