

The Original Studio Cast

"Summer Cottages"

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LOPAHIN

I have something pleasant to tell you. But as I said
before I really should be going. Well I'll take a minute.

(LOPAHIN sings)

NOW OF COURSE, YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD
THAT YOUR ORCHARD WILL BE SOLD
TO PAY THE INTEREST ON YOUR DEBT.
THE DATE IS AUGUST DEAR,
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR;
NO CAUSE FOR WORRY OR TO FRET.

NOW THE RAILROAD RUNS RIGHT BY,
AND THE RIVER WE CAN DRY,
SOME OTHER DETAILS I FORGET.
WE'LL CUT THE ORCHARD DOWN
AND BURSTING FROM THE GROUND
COME SUMMER COTTAGES TO LET.

GAEV

EXCUSE ME BUT THAT JUST SLIPPED BY.

MME RANEVSKY

IT'S NOT QUITE CLEAR DEAR YERMOLAI.

LOPAHIN

I'LL TRY TO PUT IT PLAIN AS TEA AND CAKES
TO SAVE THE ORCHARD THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES.

I SEE SUMMER COTTAGES,
SUMMER COTTAGES FOR MILES AROUND.
THERE MUST BE SUMMER COTTAGES,
TIME FOR BREAKING GROUND.

NOW THOSE SUMMER RESIDENTS
PAYING COSTLY SUMMER RENTS
WILL SURELY SHOW THE INTEREST ON YOUR DEBT

NOW WHAT MORE CAN I SAY,
THIS SURELY SAVES THE DAY
AND THINK OF ALL THE MONEY THAT YOU'LL NET.

SUMMER PICK-NICKS ON THE LAWN:
LOVELY LADIES IN LIGHT CHIFFON,
DRINKING PINK LEMONADE AND TEA,
THAT'S HOW LIFE SHOULD BE.

YES I'D TAKE AN AXE TO THE CHERRY ORCHARD;
SWEET CHERRY TREES TUMBLE DOWN, TUMBLE DOWN.
YES Iâ€™ D TAKE AN AXE TO THE CHERRY ORCHARD
TIME FOR BREAKING GROUND.

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