

## Cabaret Soundtrack

### "Meeskite"

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HERR SCHULTZ:

[spoken]

Now the only word you have to know to understand this little song is the Yiddish word "meeskite".

Meeskite means: ugly, funny looking...

Meeskite means:

[singing]

Meeskite, meeskite

Once upon a time there was a

Meeskite, meeskite

Looking in the mirror

He would say

What an awful shock,

I've got a face

That could stop a clock.

Meeskite, meeskite

Such a pity on him

He is a

Meeskite, meeskite

God up in his Heaven left him out on a shaky limb

He put a meeskite on him!

[spoken]

Listen, he grew up. Even meeskites grow up.

[singing]

And soon in the Heder (means Hebrew School)

He sat beside this little girl

And when he asked her, her name

She replied: "I'm Pearl!"

He ran to the Zeiddah (that's grandfather)

And said in the scratchy voice of his

You told me I was the homeliest

Well, gramps, you're wrong, Pearl is!

Meeskite, meeskite

No one ever saw a bigger

Meeskite, meeskite

Ev'rywhere a flaw  
And maybe that is the reason why  
I'm going to love her, until I die!

Meeskite, meeskite  
Oh, it is a pleasure, she's a  
Meeskite, meeskite  
She's the one I'll treasure  
For I thought there could never be  
A bigger meeskite, than me!

[spoken]  
Listen to what happened:

[singing]  
And so they were married  
And in a year she turned and smiled:  
"I'm afraid, I am going to have a child".

Nine months she carried  
Worrying how's that child would look  
And all the cousins, well, worried too,  
But what a turn fate took:

Gorgeous, gorgeous  
They produced a baby that was  
Gorgeous, gorgeous  
Crowding 'round the cradle  
All relatives awed and wooed  
He ought to pose for a baby-food.

Gorgeous, gorgeous  
Would I tell a lie?  
He's simply  
Gorgeous, gorgeous  
Who'd have ever thought  
That we will see such a flawless gem,  
Out of two meeskites like them?

[spoken]  
Wait! Wait! This story has a moral. All my stories have  
morals:

[singing]  
Moral, moral  
Yes indeed the story has a  
Moral, moral  
"Thou you not a beauty  
It is nevertheless quite true  
There may be beautiful things in you".

Meeskite, meeskite  
Listen to a fable of the  
Meeskite, meeskite  
Anyone responsible for loveliness large or small  
Is not a meeskite at all!

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