

## **Pippin**

### **"No Time At All"**

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BERTHE

WHEN YOU ARE AS OLD AS I, MY DEAR  
AND I HOPE THAT YOU NEVER ARE  
YOU WILL WOEFULLY WONDER WHY, MY DEAR  
THROUGH YOUR CATARACTS AND CATARRH  
YOU COULD SQUANDER AWAY OR SEQUESTER  
A DROP OF A PRECIOUS YEAR  
FOR WHEN YOUR BEST DAYS ARE YESTER  
THE REST 'ER TWICE AS DEAR...

WHAT GOOD IS A FIELD ON A FINE SUMMER NIGHT  
IF YOU SIT ALL ALONE WITH THE WEEDS?  
OR A SUCCULENT PEAR IF WITH EACH JUICY BITE  
YOU SPIT OUT YOUR TEETH WITH THE SEEDS?  
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE STOP TRYING TO WAIT  
FOR FORTUNE AND FATE YOU'RE SECURE OF  
FOR THERE'S ONE THING TO BE SURE OF, MATE:  
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SURE OF.

(PIPPIN jumps to his feet)

PIPPIN

But Grandma, it's time that I'm worried about.

BERTHE

Now you sit down. And don't say anything until I'm  
finished. I've got three more choruses to do. But you  
can all join in with me if you wish...

(To audience)

And that goes for all of you out there, too. But just the  
choruses, the verses are all mine.

(Sings)

I'VE NEVER WONDERED IF I WAS AFRAID  
WHEN THERE WAS A CHALLENGE TO TAKE  
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW MUCH I WEIGHED  
WHEN THERE WAS STILL ONE PIECE OF CAKE  
MAYBE IT'S MEANT THE HOURS I'VE SPENT

FEELING BROKEN AND BENT AND UNWELL  
BUT THERE'S STILL NO CURE SO HEAVEN-SENT  
AS THE CHANCE TO RAISE SOME HELL.

(The BOYS join her. A song sheet is lowered behind her,  
and the words of the song are delineated by a  
bouncing ball of light)  
Everybody...

ALL  
OH, IT'S TIME TO START LIVIN'  
TIME TO TAKE A LITTLE FROM THIS WORLD WE'RE GIVEN  
TIME TO TAKE TIME, CAUSE SPRING WILL TURN TO FALL  
IN JUST NO TIME AT ALL

BERTHE  
Verse!  
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