

---

Content Warning: Murder Plot / Violence

START

FASTRADA

Will you be praying at Arles next month?

CHARLES

No, I don't think so, my lady.

FASTRADA

Oh, but my lord, you always feel so much better after your yearly prayer.

CHARLES

I do?

FASTRADA

Yes, you do.

*(In the Broadway Production, she put CHARLES into a magic cabinet.)*

I sought out Pippin.

*(SHE opens the door of the cabinet to reveal PIPPIN)*

Your father loves you, Pippin.

PIPPIN

Freedom and dignity for all men is more important than the love between one father and one son.

FASTRADA

Still, your name will be on his lips when he prays...

*(Pause)*

...at Arles... next month... *alone*...

PIPPIN

Alone?

FASTRADA

And unguarded.

PIPPIN

What date?

FASTRADA

The fifteenth. Pippin, I beg you to bring this estrangement to an end.

PIPPIN

I intend to.

FASTRADA

May I tell your father of this resolve?

**PIPPIN**

No. Let it be a surprise.

*(PIPPIN exits)*

**FASTRADA**

A surprise.

*(To audience)*

I love surprises.

*(FASTRADA opens the door of the cabinet; LEWIS is revealed.)*

**LEWIS**

Mama... if Pippin kills Father...

**FASTRADA**

You'll be next in line for the throne, darling.

**LEWIS**

But if Father discovers Pippin's plot and executes him...

**FASTRADA**

You'll be next in line for the throne, darling.

**LEWIS**

Mama, no matter what happens... I'll move up!

**FASTRADA**

Yes, darling.

**END** *(Sings)*

I KNOW THE PARABLES TOLD IN THE HOLY BOOK  
I KEEP CLOSE ON MY SHELF  
GOD'S WISDOM TEACHES ME WHEN I HELP OTHERS,  
I'M REALLY HELPING MYSELF.  
AND IF WE ALL COULD SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE  
ALL COULD LEND A HELPING HAND  
WE ALL WOULD  
BE A LITTLE CLOSER  
TO THE PROMISED LAND

*(FASTRADA opens the cabinet to reveal CHARLES – he comes out of the cabinet on a unicycle)*

**CHARLES**

Well, I'm off to Arles to pray.