

Act 1, Scene 2 – Manor House

*[The lights reveal a Mediterranean Manor House on the mini-stage CS. The **Governor** and **Mrs Banks** are talking to **Mikey** and **Jane** while **Maids** and **Butlers** stand around.]*

Governor I've never been more humiliated in all my life. Not only do you wander off in the middle of the show, but you somehow managed to destroy the entire building.

Jane But dad, it wasn't our fault.

Mikey Yeah, we were just looking around when suddenly there was this cool explosion and then all this... like... fire and stuff.

Governor So you expect us to believe that the building just caught fire all by itself?

Jane Well that's what happened.

Mrs Banks Enough! If you insist on behaving like little children, then your father and I will have no choice but to treat you like little children. Your father and I are going to get you... a nanny.

Jane What? We're way too old for a nanny!

Mrs Banks Clearly you both still need supervision and someone to teach you some basic manners: someone strict and serious who won't take any of your nonsense. Someone like *(local references)*.

Jane We are not getting a nanny.

Mikey Ooh, I know who we can get!

Jane We are NOT getting a nanny.

Mikey Mary Poppins!

Governor Who?

Mikey She's this cool nanny who does magic. I saw it in a movie. She takes her kids on these wild adventures where there are flying people and dancing penguins. I've always wanted a dancing penguin. Can I have one pretty, pretty please?

Governor What? No. Now stop being silly.

Mikey I'm not being silly. This is what they did: first they got a piece of paper... *[A Maid gives him a paper and pen.]* Then they wrote her name on it – 'Mary Poppins'. Hey Jane, how do you spell 'Mary'?

Jane U... *[Mikey writes]* R... N... Idiot.

Mikey Mum, Jane's making fun of me.

Jane Mum, Mikey's being stupid.

Mikey Look, I don't need your help – I can get the audience to help me. Do you think you can help me write it, pretty please?

Audience Yes.

Mikey Can you?

Audience Yes!

Mikey Good, so what's the first letter in the word 'Mary'?

Audience M.

Mikey M, thank you. What's next?

Audience A.

Mikey E, very good.

Audience A!

Mikey Hey to you too! This is really fun. What comes next? Go on.

Audience R.

Mikey What was that? I didn't quite catch it.

Audience R!

Mikey Okay, R-R. Thank you. And the last letter is a...

Audience Y.

Mikey Y. Now how do you spell 'Poppins'?

Mrs Banks P, O, double-P, I, N, S. *[to the Audience]* Sorry you guys, I couldn't take it anymore.

Mikey Poppins... Now all I have to do is tear it up... *[he does so]* throw it into the fireplace... *[he does so]* and wait. *[He assumes a waiting pose as Maid 1 and Butler 1 walk in carrying a large carpet bag.]*

Maid 1 Your lordship, this was just found outside the house.

Governor What is it?

Butler 1 We don't know, but it's addressed to you.

Governor Fine, just leave it there. *[Maid 1 and Butler 1 place the carpet bag on the floor.]*

Now that's enough nonsense for today. I want both of you to go and clean your bedrooms right this minute.

Jane Why should we? Isn't that what we have maids for?

Mike Yeah.

Governor I think it's high time that you two learned the value of hard work.

Mikey No thank you.

Jane I think we'll pass.

Mrs Banks We're afraid you have no choice in the matter. But it's not as bad as you're making it out to be. You see...

Song 2 – A Spoonful of Sugar

Mrs Banks In every job that must be done
There is an element of fun
YOU FIND THE FUN AND SNAP
THE JOB'S A GAME

Governor AND EVERY TASK YOU UNDERTAKE
BECOMES A PIECE OF CAKE

Mrs Banks A LARK

Governor A SPREE

Both IT'S VERY CLEAR TO SEE

THAT A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR HELPS THE MEDICINE GO DOWN
THE MEDICINE GO DOWN-WOWN
MEDICINE GO DOWN
JUST A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR HELPS THE MEDICINE GO DOWN
IN A MOST DELIGHTFUL WAY

Mrs Banks SINCE YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS THE WORST
YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE IT'S REVERSED
AND CHANGE THE WAY YOU'RE ACTING AS FROM NOW

Governor COS IF YOU DON'T DO AS YOU'RE TOLD
YOU'LL BOTH BE GROUNDED TILL YOU'RE OLD

Both AND THAT'S A VOW – WE'LL FIND A WAY SOMEHOW

[As the Maids and Butlers join in the song, Mikey approaches the carpet bag, opens it, and pulls out a tall lampshade. This is followed by a hat stand and a (local reference).]

All FOR A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR HELPS THE MEDICINE GO DOWN
THE MEDICINE GO DOWN-WOWN

MEDICINE GO DOWN
JUST A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR HELPS THE MEDICINE GO DOWN
IN A MOST DELIGHTFUL WAY

*[During the musical interlude, **Mikey** pulls out another large object from the carpet bag which turns out to be **Merry Poppins**.]*

Merry Hello everybody! Did someone call for a nanny?
JUST A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR HELPS THE MEDICINE GO DOWN
IN A MOST DELIGHTFUL WAY

Governor/Mrs B IN A MOST DELIGHTFUL WAY

All IN A MOST DELIGHTFUL WAY

Merry Hello, how nice to be here! Thank you so much for the applause. I do love a big hand on my entrance. Ooh, this place looks posh.

Governor Who are you and what are you doing in my house?

Merry You tell me – aren't you the ones that called for a nanny? Merry Poppins, at your service.

Governor You're the nanny?

Merry That's me.

Governor You've come to look after the kids?

Merry That's what a nanny generally does, yes.

Mikey But you can't be Mary Poppins! Mary Poppins has a voice like the smoothest silk and looks like a princess. Your voice is like Velcro and you look like a drag queen.

Merry Well you're no Prince Charming either. You look like a *(topical reference)*. And besides, I didn't say I was Mary Poppins, did I? I'm Merry Poppins – her cousin... twice removed... forcibly from family weddings.

Jane But we wanted Mary Poppins!

Merry I think you'll find you're wrong. *[She takes out a piece of paper and shows it to them.]*
The documentation I have specifically asks for Merry Poppins, see? That's me. And who are you?

Governor I'm the Governor of *(place)* and these are my children.

Merry Governor, did you say? Tell me more.

Governor And this is my wife, Mrs Banks.