Original Cast, At The Ballet

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music by MARVIN HAMLISCH

lyrics by EDWARD KLEBAN

FOLLOWS " And "

SHEILA (speaks)

Well, let's face it. May family scene was not good.

(sings)

Daddy always thought that he married beneath him.

That's what he said, that's what he said.

When he proposed he informed my mother

he was probably her very last chance.

And though she was twenty-two, though she was twenty-two,

though she was twenty-two -

She married him.

Life with my Dad wasn't ever a picnic.

More like a " Come as you are. "

When I was five I remember my mother

dug earrings out of the car.

I knew that they weren't hers, but it wasn't

something you'd want to discuss.

He wasn't warm.

Well, not to her.

Well, not to us.

But ev'rything was beautiful at the ballet.

Graceful men lift lovely girls in white.

Yes, ev'rything was beautiful at the ballet.

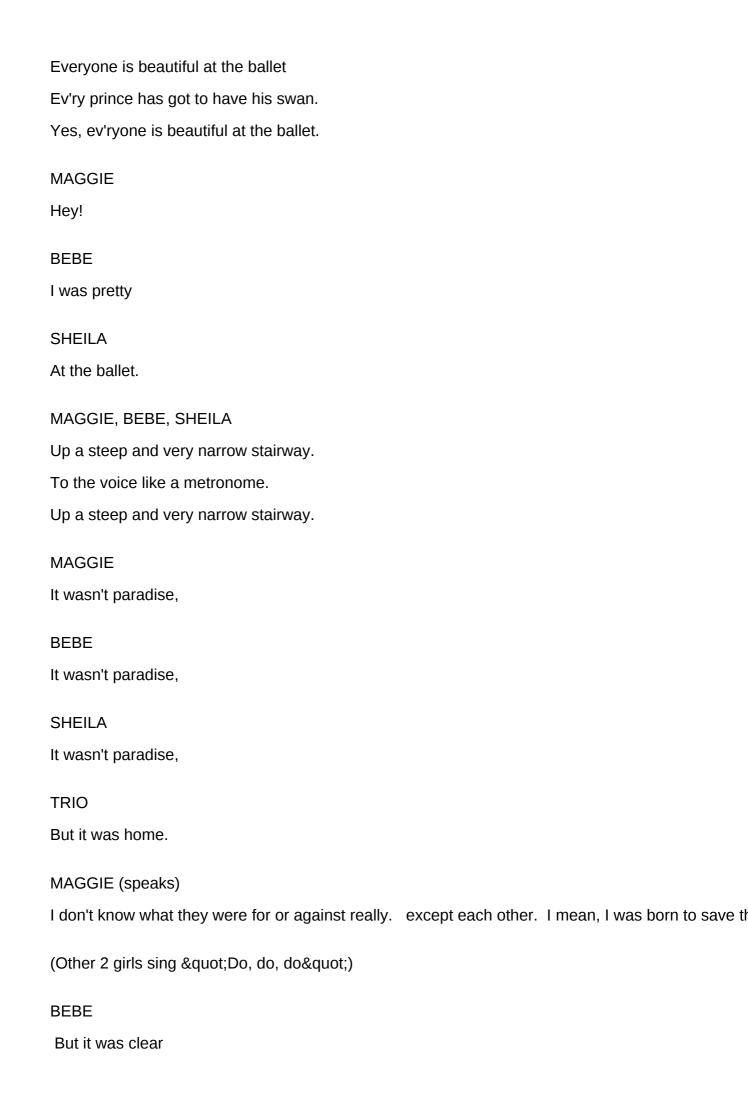
Hey!

I was happy at the ballet.

(speaks)

That's when I started class (sings) Up a steep and very narrow stairway. SHEILA, BEBE To the voice like a metronome. Up a steep and very narrow stairway. **SHEILA** It wasn't paradise, **BEBE** It wasn't paradise, SHEILA, BEBE It wasn't paradise, **SHEILA** But it was home. **BEBE** Mother always said I'd be very attractive When I grew up, when I grew up. " Different, " she said, " with a special something and a very, very personal flair." And though I was eight or nine, though I was eight or nine, Though I was eight or nine, I hated her. (Now) " Different " is nice, but it sure isn't pretty. "Pretty" is what it's about. I never met anyone who was "different" Who couldn't figure that out. So beautiful I'd never live to see. But it was clear, if not to her, Well, then to me that

BEBE, MAGGIE



SHEILA When he proposed
MAGGIE That I was born to help their marriage and when
SHEILA Thet's what he said
That's what he said
That's what she said
MAGGIE
I used to dance around the living room
SHEILA
He wasn't warm
BEBE
Not to her
MAGGIE
It was an Indian chief and he'd say: "Maggie, do you wanna dance "
And I'd say, "Daddy, I would love to "
Ev'rything was beautiful at the ballet.
Raise your arms and someone's always there.
Yes, ev'rything was beautiful at the ballet,
At the ballet, at the ballet!!!
TRIO
Yes, ev'rything was beautiful at the ballet.
MAGGIE
Hey!
BEBE
I was pretty

SHEILA

I was happy

MAGGIE

I would love to

TRIO

At the ballet