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### SCENE 5: THE UNDERWATER KINGDOM

3 ACTORS REQUIRED, QUEEN, PEARL AND CHRIS THE CRAB

*Queen, Pearl enter from wings.*

QUEEN: Where did you go, Pearl? You can't keep swimming off like that! I've been worried sick!

PEARL: I'm sorry, mother. I really don't mean to cause you so much trouble.

QUEEN: Oh, my child. *(She hugs Pearl)*  
You remind me of myself in younger days. Headstrong.

PEARL: You're wrong, mother. I don't listen to my head - I listen to my heart. And I've got some exciting news to tell you.

QUEEN: Oh, really? Go on.

PEARL: I've met a man!

QUEEN: *(Squeals and jumps for joy in excitement)*  
Oh darling how wonderful! I'm thrilled. There's only one thing more important to me than seeing you crowned and that's seeing you happy. Tell me everything. Has he got good gills? Did he go to a posh school? How big is his dorsal?

*Enter Chris.*

CHRIS: There you are! Well, Princess Pearl, my schedule is shot! I hope you're happy!

PEARL: I'm more than happy - I'm ecstatic!

CHRIS: Charming!

QUEEN: Perhaps I should explain, Christian. Pearl has fallen in love!

CHRIS: Really?

PEARL: Yes!!

QUEEN: She's met a merman.

CHRIS: Congratulations!

PEARL: No - wait - that's not what I said.

QUEEN: Yes you did, dear.

PEARL: No. No. I said I've met a *man*. A *human*.

**SOUND CUE: DRAMATIC CHORDS**

QUEEN: YOU WHAT??!!

**DRAMATIC CHORD**

CHRIS: YOU WHAT?!!

**DRAMATIC CHORD**

QUEEN: How many times have I told you not to visit the human world?! You don't belong there! How can you be so foolish?! Your life is here in the sea!

PEARL: Not anymore it's not. I've met the man of my dreams. I want to marry him and travel the world together. Mother, will you help me? Please?

QUEEN: Absolutely not!

PEARL: In that case I'm going to go and stay with Auntie Octavia. She listens to me!

QUEEN: No! I forbid you to see her! That woman is not to be trusted. Listen to me, darling, you're just not thinking straight. Let's all calm down and talk about this.

CHRIS: Yes, lets CLAM down and talk about it

PEARL: There's nothing you can say to make me change my mind.

QUEEN: Maybe my words alone won't be enough. But add a little music and a handful of backing dancers and I can be pre-tty persuasive.

PEARL: You think?

QUEEN: Come on, Christian. Let's show her what we've got!

**BIG SONG AND DANCE NUMBER**