

DOCTOR. Nausea! — Change the diet! — What is her diet?

NURSE. Liquids.

DOCTOR. Give her solids.

NURSE. Yes, Doctor. She says she can't swallow solids.

DOCTOR. Give her solids.

NURSE. Yes, Doctor. *(Starts to go — riveting machine.)*

DOCTOR. Wait — I'll change her medicine. *(Takes pad and writes prescription in Latin. Hands it to NURSE.)* After meals. *(To door.)* Bring her baby.

*Exit* DOCTOR, followed by YOUNG DOCTOR and NURSE with surgeon's wagon.

NURSE. Yes, Doctor.

*Exits.*

YOUNG WOMAN *(alone)*. Let me alone — let me alone — let me alone — I've submitted to enough — I won't submit to any more — crawl off — crawl off in the dark — Vixen crawled under the bed — way back in the corner under the bed — they were all drowned — puppies don't go to heaven — heaven — golden stairs — long stairs — long — too long — long golden stairs — climb those golden stairs — stairs — stairs — climb — tired — too tired — dead — no matter — nothing matters — dead — stairs — long stairs — all the dead going up — going up — to be in heaven — heaven — golden stairs — all the children coming down — coming down to be born — dead going up — children coming down — going up — stop — stop — no — no traffic cop — no — no traffic cop in heaven — traffic cop — traffic cop — can't you give us a smile — tired — too tired — no matter — it doesn't matter — St. Peter — St. Peter at the gate — you can't come in — no matter — it doesn't matter — I'll rest — I'll lie down — down — all written down — down in a big book — no matter — it doesn't matter — I'll lie down — it weighs me — it's over me — it weighs — weighs — it's heavy — it's a heavy book — no matter — lie still — don't move — can't move — rest — forget — they say you forget — a girl — aren't you glad it's a girl — a little girl — with no hair — none — little curls all over his head — a little bald girl — curls — curls all over his head — what kind of hair had God? no matter — it doesn't matter — everybody loves God — they've got to — got to — got to love God — God is love — even if he's bad they got to love him — even if he's got fat hands — fat hands — no no — he wouldn't be God — His hands make you well — He lays on his hands — well — and happy — no matter — doesn't matter — far — too far — tired — too tired Vixen crawled off under bed — eight —

there were eight — a woman crawled off under the bed — a woman has one — two three four — one two three four — one two three four — two plus two is four — two times two is four — two times four is eight Vixen had eight — one two three four five six seven eight — eight — Puffie had eight — all drowned — drowned — drowned in blood — blood — oh God! God — God never had one — Mary had one — in a manger — the lowly manger — God's on a high throne — far — too far — no matter — it doesn't matter — God Mary Mary God Mary — Virgin Mary — Mary had one — the Holy Ghost — the Holy Ghost — George H. Jones — oh don't — please don't! Let me rest — now I can rest — the weight is gone — inside the weight is gone — it's only outside — outside — all around — weight — I'm under it — Vixen crawled under the bed — there were eight — I'll not submit any more — I'll not submit — I'll not submit —

*The scene blacks out. The sound of riveting continues until it goes into the sound of an electric piano and the scene lights up for Episode Five.*