

CINDERELLA. You don't really believe that, do you? That wishes are poppycock?

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Why shouldn't I?

CINDERELLA. Well, whenever I dream of having a fairy godmother...

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Dreams?

FOL-DE-ROL AND FIDDLEDY DEE,
FIDDELDY FADDLEDY FOODLE,
ALL THE DREAMERS IN THE WORLD
ARE DIZZY IN THE NOODLE.

CINDERELLA. So, my wishes are poppycock and I'm crazy for dreaming.

(Aside, to the ANIMALS.)

With a fairy godmother like that, who needs a stepmother?

FAIRY GODMOTHER. You know what her problem is? She can't handle how fabulous you are.

CINDERELLA. Fabulous? *Me?*

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Those girls of hers can't hold a candle to you and they all know it. Jealousy! That's why they treat you as they do.

CINDERELLA. But they're my family. They're all I've got.

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Believe me, honey - when your daddy remarried, this is not what he had in mind for you.

CINDERELLA. You talk like you knew him.

FAIRY GODMOTHER. I did know him.

CINDERELLA. And Mother?

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Very well.

CINDERELLA. Was she...my mother, I mean - was she beautiful?

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Well, people did seem to think so. But your mama never put much stock in beauty. The way you look isn't really something you can take credit or blame for, is it?

CINDERELLA. I wish I'd known her.

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FAIRY GODMOTHER. So does she, honey.

CINDERELLA. I've wished so hard...

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Wishes again! Look - it is true that everything *starts* with a wish. But it is what you *do* with a wish that counts.

[MUSIC NO. 09 "IMPOSSIBLE"]

CINDERELLA. So my wish to go to the ball?

FAIRY GODMOTHER. Fol-de-rol and fiddledy dee. How would you get there? I suppose one of those pumpkins is going to magically transform into a golden carriage.

CINDERELLA. Well, no...

FAIRY GODMOTHER. And that those mice will somehow become horses to pull your magic carriage.

CINDERELLA. Of course not. That's impossible.

FAIRY GODMOTHER. If you say so.

IMPOSSIBLE

FOR A PLAIN YELLOW PUMPKIN TO BECOME A GOLDEN
CARRIAGE.

IMPOSSIBLE

FOR A PLAIN COUNTRY BUMPKIN AND A PRINCE TO JOIN
IN MARRIAGE.

AND FOUR WHITE MICE WILL NEVER BE FOUR WHITE
HORSES.

SUCH FOL-DE-ROL AND FIDDLEDY DEE OF COURSE IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

BUT THE WORLD IS FULL OF ZANIES AND FOOLS
WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN SENSIBLE RULES
AND WON'T BELIEVE WHAT SENSIBLE PEOPLE SAY,
AND BECAUSE THESE DAFT AND DEWY-EYED DOPES
KEEP BUILDING UP IMPOSSIBLE HOPES,
IMPOSSIBLE THINGS ARE HAPPENING EVERY DAY!

IMPOSSIBLE.

CINDERELLA.

IMPOSSIBLE?

FAIRY GODMOTHER.

IMPOSSIBLE.