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GOLDE

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TEVYE

(Dream)
(Secondary)

~~Wonder of wonders, miracle of miracles,
God took a tailor by the hand,
Turned him around, and, miracle of miracles,
Led him to the Promised Land.~~

~~When David slew Goliath, yes!
That was a miracle.
When God gave us manna in the wilderness,
That was a miracle, too.~~

~~But of all God's miracles, large and small,
The most miraculous one of all
Is the one I thought could never be
God has given you to me.~~

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SCENE SEVEN

TEVYE's bedroom. The room is in complete darkness. A groan is heard, then another, then a scream.

TEVYE
Aagh! Lazar! Motel! Tzeitel!

GOLDE
What is it? What?

TEVYE
Help! Help! Help!

GOLDE
Tevye, wake up! (GOLDE lights the lamp. The light reveals TEVYE asleep in bed.)

TEVYE
(In his sleep)
Help! Help!

GOLDE
(Shaking him)
Tevye! What's the matter with you? Why are you howling like that?

TEVYE
(Opening his eyes, frightened)
Where is she? Where is she?

GOLDE

Where is who? What are you talking about?

TEVYE

Fruma-Sarah. Lazar Wolf's first wife, Fruma-Sarah. She was standing here a minute ago.

GOLDE

What's the matter with you, Tevye? Fruma-Sarah has been dead for years. You must have been dreaming. Tell me what you dreamt, and I'll tell you what it meant.

TEVYE

It was terrible.

GOLDE

Tell me.

TEVYE

All right—only don't be frightened!

GOLDE

(Impatiently)

Tell me!

TEVYE

END

All right, this was my dream. In the beginning I dreamt that we were having a celebration of some kind. Everybody we knew was there, and musicians too.

(As he speaks, MEN, including a RABBI, WOMEN and MUSICIANS enter the bedroom. TEVYE, wearing a nightshirt, starts to get out of bed to join the dream.)

In the middle of the dream, in walks your Grandmother Tzeitel, may she rest in peace.

GOLDE

(Alarmed)

Grandmother Tzeitel? How did she look?

TEVYE

For a woman who is dead thirty years, she looked very good. Naturally, I went up to greet her. She said to me—

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ke that?