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GASTON

(rubbing his hands together) Well...if we're going to have a wedding, I guess I'd better go propose to the bride!

(He laughs...a big hearty booming laugh. The girls burst into a new round of tears.)

SILLY GIRLS

WAAAAAAAAAHHHH!

GASTON

Run along now.

(They go off, still sobbing.)

GASTON

Belle! Oh, Belle...anyone home?

(She comes around the corner of the house carrying a flowerpot. She spots Gaston, makes a face and ducks back.)

GASTON

Helllloooooo!

(There's no getting out of it. Belle reappears with a fake smile on her face.)

BELLE

Gaston? What a...pleasant surprise.

GASTON

Isn't it though? I'm just full of surprises.

(He reaches into his tunic, takes out a small miniature portrait and gives it to her.)

GASTON

For you....Mademoiselle.

BELLE

A miniature portrait...(looking closer)...of you. You shouldn't have.

GASTON

Don't mention it.

(He puts his arm around her shoulder.)

GASTON

Ya know, Belle, ah, there isn't a girl in town who wouldn't love to be in your shoes. This is the day your dreams come true!

(Belle deftly slips out from under his arm.)

BELLE

What could you possibly know about my dreams, Gaston?

GASTON

Plenty!

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GASTON (He speaks)

Picture this. A rustic hunting lodge. My latest kill roasting over the fire. My little wife, massaging my feet, while the little ones play on the floor with the dogs. Oh we'll have six or seven.

Dogs?

BELLE

No, Belle! Strapping boys, like me!

GASTON

Imagine that!

BELLE

~~I CAN SEE THAT WE WILL SHARE
ALL THAT LOVE IMPLIES
WE SHALL BE THE PERFECT PAIR
RATHER LIKE MY THIGHS
YOU ARE FACE TO FACE WITH DESTINY!
ALL ROADS LEAD TO
THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WITH ME!~~

~~GASTON~~

~~ESCAPE ME, THERE'S NO WAY
CERTAIN AS "DO RE"
BELLE WHEN YOU MARRY...~~

So Belle, what'll it be? Is it 'yes' or is it 'oh, yes'?

GASTON

I just don't deserve you.

BELLE

Who does?

GASTON

ME!

(singing)

GASTON

(Belle runs past him to the cottage - he's oblivious)

But thanks for asking!

BELLE

(And she ducks into the house, Gaston falls. The Silly Girls return.)

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