(SUZY picks up the Dream Catcher.)

BETTY JEAN
I can't believe it— you were smackin' on Johnny behind my back!

CINDY LOU
Obviously you weren't keeping him happy.

BETTY JEAN
Obviously you're keeping all the boys happy.

MISSY & SUZY
(quietly)
Oooh.

CINDY LOU
And what is that supposed to mean, Betty Jean?!

BETTY JEAN
You know exactly what that means, you bi—...

(She is about to swear, the girls gasp, and CINDY LOU backs up in surprise.)

—boyfriend stealer!!

BETTY JEAN
Of all the boys you could have, did you have to steal mine? You're supposed to be my best friend!

(CINDY LOU sticks her tongue out at BETTY JEAN, making a noise.)

Cindy Lou, you're really cruisin' for a bruisin'!

CINDY LOU
Oh yeah? Why don't you just D.D.T. — Drop Dead Twice.

BETTY JEAN
What? And look like you?!

CINDY LOU
Oh why don't you take a long walk off a short pier?

BETTY JEAN
Why don't you take a short walk... into the Boys Locker Room!!

(BETTY JEAN shoves CINDY LOU into the Boys Locker Room, offstage right.)
(Applause.)

(MISSY sets microphones for the next song.)

(CINDY LOU grabs the moon, glaring at BETTY JEAN. BETTY JEAN places her hands on it as well, and they start to shake the 'moon on a stick.')

(SUZY rushes over and grabs it from them.)

SUZY

Hey! They can see you!

(SUZY takes the moon away. CINDY LOU and BETTY JEAN look out at the audience, smile, and then rush over to the refreshment table, giggling & chattering. BETTY JEAN blows a noisy raspberry on CINDY LOU's arm.)

(MISSY gets everyone's attention.)

MISSY

Attention. Eyes.

(after a quick check that everyone is paying attention, she moves forward)

Tonight's entertainment was supposed to be provided by the boys from the glee club...

SUZY

You know: the "Crooning Crab Cakes."

MISSY

Yes, the "Crooning Crab Cakes." But Billy Ray Patton, the lead crab, got suspended from school again.

SUZY

They caught him hanging out behind the girl's locker room. Smoking!!

MISSY & SUZY

Euw!

SUZY

And last Sunday, his dad, the minister, caught him smoking behind the chapel.
MISSY & SUZY

Double-Euw!

*(they chant together with gestures)*

Tobacco can kill, and make you ill.

So don't be a butthead.

SUZY

BETTY JEAN

MISSY

*(MISSY prompts SUZY to continue while she crosses her heart.*

*SUZY, BETTY JEAN.*)

Suzy...

SUZY

Oh. Okay. So Billy Ray Patton is the leader of the "Crooning Crab Cakes," you know, the boys from the glee club, and the "Crooning Crab Cakes" were supposed to sing tonight, but Billy Ray got kicked out of school for being a butthead...

Suzy!

MISSY

BETTY JEAN

SUZY

...so Mrs. Carter, Judy's mom, convinced Mr. Lee and the P.T.A. board that it would be a really bad influence on all of the good kids if the "Crooning Crab Cakes" still got to sing at the prom, since the lead crab got in trouble for being a butthead...

Suzy!

MISSY
SUZY

...so the Crab Cakes got cancelled, Mr. Lee called Missy's mom, who called my mom, who called everybody else's mom, and here we are.

(posing with her hands up)

Ta da!

PETTY JEAN, CINDY JAY & MISSY

(mimicking the pose)

Ta da.

SUZY

I mean, my golly, if the boys can do it, so can we.

(She stands, smiling out, giggling.)

MISSY

(to Suzy)

Psst. Psst.

(MISSY holds up her skirt, indicating her dress.)

SUZY

Oh. Okay. So when Mr. Lee asked us to sing for the prom...

(excited, back to the others)

...for the prom!

PETTY JEAN, CINDY JAY & MISSY

(also excited)

The prom!

(They all squeal together.)

SUZY

...well, we knew we had to do something extra special. So Missy made our dresses. Aren't they neat-o?
MISSY
(with a curtsey)
3rd Period Home Ec. Thank you so much.

(MISSY runs off and brings on a rolling chalkboard. On the chalkboard is written in stacked words: "Springfield High School Is Just Terrific.")

SUZY
And of course you already heard Ritchie, who's running the lights. Hi Ritchie!

(SHE waves to him.)

(The lights flash in response.)

MISSY
Suzy!

(The lights restore.)

(MISSY begins to erase the writing on the chalkboard. She erases from right to left.)

CINDY LOU
Now the theme of tonight's super senior prom is "Marvelous Dreams."

BETTY JEAN
Chosen by Miss McPherson's 3rd period French class!

(They all point to Miss McPherson down front. This audience member now becomes Miss McPherson throughout the show.)

(MISSY turns from erasing the board.)

MISSY
Merci, Miss McPherson.

(They all quickly give Miss McPherson their own version of a French thank you.)

Beaucoup, beaucoup.

BETTY JEAN

CINDY LOU

Oui, oui, oui.
(BETTY JEAN stands and moves closer to CINDY LOU.)

ALL

MAYBE, MAYBE
MAYBE

(Appause.)

(BETTY JEAN opens her arms, and CINDY LOU embraces her. When they finish, MISSY rushes over and they all three share another big hug.)

(When they break the hug, MISSY notices SUZY, who has crossed to the refreshment table.)

MISSY

Hey girls— it's Suzy's turn!

CINDY LOU

How could we forget Suzy?

BETTY JEAN

There's so much of her.

(SUZY cries. MISSY comforts her, taking her to the microphone center.)

SUZY

(carrying her shoes)
Does this make me look fat? I feel fat.

MISSY

Of course not, honey. You look just like the rest of us.

BETTY JEAN

Only bigger.

(SUZY cries. CINDY LOU hits BETTY JEAN on the arm.)

MISSY

Maybe we should skip the three questions.

SUZY

Oh, okay. Well— I'm a housewife now.
(to the girls)

SUZY (CONT’D)

Yay.

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

Yay!

SUZY

And I'm going to have a baby.

(to the girls, less enthusiastic)

Yay.

BETTY JEAN, CINDY LOU & MISSY

Yay.

SUZY

Yay. We're going to have a little Ritchie Junior, right Ritchie, honey?

(looks up for a response)

Ritchie?

SUZY

(speaking)

You listen to me, Richard Lloyd Stevens: You know I love you, and I think I know you love me. But you've just gotta give me a sign... dammit!

(The lights flash a pattern of red hearts all over the stage.)

(Confetti canons may accompany this moment as well — as long as it is clearly noted that Ritchie is finally communicating his love for her.)

(The girls jump up and down in celebration, and the lights pulse as the song moves into fever pitch.)
Okay. You start first. Three questions.

(BETTY JEAN & CINDY LOU)

Three questions?!

(SUZY definitely wants to play.)

SUZY

Three questions!

(MISSY wants to keep SUZY involved.)

MISSY

(to Betty Jean and Cindy Lou)

Three questions!

Are you in love?

SUZY

Yes.

MISSY

Is he someone we know?

CINDY LOU

Yes.

MISSY

Is he here tonight?

BETTY JEAN

MISSY

Yes. And I've been keeping this a secret from everyone.

CINDY LOU

What?

BETTY JEAN

Who is it?

MISSY

I've been going out with Bill for the past five years.
Bill?

BILLY LOU

Bill who?

BETTY JEAN

Mr. Lee.

MISSY

BETTY JEAN & CINDY LOU

Mr. Lee?!

(They all look at Mr. Lee.)

MISSY

Oh ‘mon girls. We were all in love with him. I just happen to be the only one to do anything about it.

CINDY LOU

Yeah, but how did you two…

MISSY

Well, before I started teaching full time at Maple Leaf Elementary, I was a substitute art teacher right here at Springfield High. Go Chipmunks!

ALL

Go Chipmunks!

(They all make the chipmunk faces together.)

MISSY

Well, Bill and I would see each other in the halls, and he always had a little wink in his eye for me. Finally, one night he asked me out for pizza. Then we sort of made it a regular thing – every Monday night, more pizza. Bill and I have been having pizza for the past five years.

(she takes her microphone and crosses down front center)

And now I have only one question:

#16 IT'S IN HIS KISS/WEDDING BELL BLUES

71
(CINDY LOU allows BETTY JEAN to open the flap. MISSY holds it out for SUZY to read.)

SUZY

It's Betty Jean's turn!

(BETTY JEAN heads straight for the wine at the refreshment table.)

(MISSY, SUZY & CINDY LOU set up their microphones on the platform.)

MISSY

It's the birthday girl!

*They speak in quick succession.

*SUZY

Oh I can't believe we forgot that— Happy Birthday —!

*CINDY LOU

Oh that's right! Happy Birthday, Betty Jean!

*MISSY

Many happy returns —!

BETTY JEAN

(with wine bottle in one hand, glass in another)

Yeah, yeah, yeah, happy birthday to me.

MISSY

Three questions: Are you in love?

BETTY JEAN

We can just skip this part.

MISSY

Now play along!

CINDY LOU, MISSY & SUZY

Are you in love?

BETTY JEAN

Yes.

SUZY

Is he someone we know?
Yes.

CINDY LOU

Is he here tonight?

BETTY JEAN

None of your beeswax.

(crosses to her microphone)

You know, Johnny and I are going on three years now. But a person would know that if they actually came to the damn wedding.

(BETTY JEAN gives a sharp look to CINDY LOU.)

CINDY LOU

Betty Jean, if you'd just let me tell you...

(BETTY JEAN puts up her hand and doesn't let her finish.)

BETTY JEAN

...And most of you know that we've both been working down at Harper's Hardware since high school. I'm up in corporate sales now, Johnny's still in raw lumber. And then two weeks ago, he just up and quit.

(The girls react.)

And last week he... he up and moved out of the house.

(The girls react.)

I don't know what happened. Johnny says he needs some time alone. Some time to think. Well I've had plenty of time to think myself.

#19 I ONLY WANT TO BE WITH YOU

Hey, Johnny!

(singing)

BETTY JEAN

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS
THAT MAKES ME LOVE YOU SO
I ONLY KNOW I NEVER WANNA

MISSY, CL, SUZY

LOVE YOU SO
ALL (CONT'D)
YOU WOULD CRY TOO IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU

BETTY JEAN

WHOA-----

ALL
IT'S MY PARTY AND I'LL CRY IF I WANT TO
CRY IF I WANT TO, CRY IF I WANT TO
YOU WOULD CRY TOO IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU

(Appause.)

(SUZY picks up the Dream Catcher.)

CINDY LOU
Betty Jean, I really had no idea what was happening. I'm so sorry.

BETTY JEAN
I don't need your pity party, pink. What would you know about it, anyway 'Miss Lucky Lips' boyfriend stealer...

(SUZY jumps between them, and BETTY JEAN angrily grabs the
Dream Catcher from her.)

L-O-V-E-That- Spells-Love!!

(BETTY JEAN rips the Dream Catcher in two. She looks at one half,
then the other, finally looking under the flap.)

(to Cindy Lou)

It's your turn.

(BETTY JEAN takes the remains of the Dream Catcher away.
MISSY tries to keep the mood happy and keep the party moving
along.)

MISSY

Three questions?

(MISSY waits for CINDY LOU to acknowledge, then continues.)

...Are you in love?
Yes.

Is he someone we know?

Oh yeah. You knew him.

Is he somebody else's boyfriend?

Betty Jean…!

CINDY LOU

No, it's alright. I've had it coming for ten years. Betty Jean — I've been wanting to tell you this for the longest time. Your wedding was beautiful, and you looked absolutely radiant.

(BETTY JEAN softens.)

I was there, in the back. A person can change a lot in ten years, you know.

(out to audience)

After high school I quit my job and left town as fast as I could. I wanted to be a movie star so I moved to Hollywood, California. Well, North Hollywood. After a few years I realized I didn't really want to be a movie star, I just wanted to be... somebody else. When that finally hit me, I called Mr. Johnson at the Sweet Shoppe, got my old job back, and came back home. And right here in Springfield was the man who changed my life.

BETTY JEAN

Really? Who?

CINDY LOU

Remember the lead singer from the "Crooning Crab Cakes?"

#22 SON OF A PREACHER MAN

Billy Ray Patton…?

(The girls react to each other.)