

Audition Scene 6 – Gilbert and Anne

(Gilbert and Anne are not friends ever since Gilbert insulted her hair color the first day they met. However, Gilbert tries to make nice and brings Anne's books to her when she is stuck at home.)

ANNE: Don't go, Mrs. Allen, I... *(To GILBERT)* What are you doing here?

GILBERT: Miss Stacy let me bring your books and assignments to you.

ANNE: Why did you want to do that?

GILBERT: Maybe it's because I don't want you to have any excuses when I score higher than you on the Queen's entrance examinations.

ANNE: Perhaps you'll be the one looking for an excuse.

GILBERT: We'll see. Well... good-bye.

ANNE: Gilbert.

GILBERT: Yes?

ANNE: Thank you... again.

GILBERT: Again?

ANNE: I was remembering the incident on the river last summer.

GILBERT *(laughing)*: Oh, when you and the other girls were acting out the Tennyson poem and your flatboat started to sink. Well, I couldn't let you drown, could I? I'm just glad I happened along when I did.

ANNE: So am I.

GILBERT: Anne, has it ever occurred to you that we might possibly... be friends?

ANNE: It has... somewhat.

GILBERT: I'm awfully sorry I made fun of your hair that time. Besides, that was so long ago, I think your hair is awful pretty now. Honest I do. *(ANNE appears to be melting ever so slightly, but then a distant memory resurfaces, and a pained expression crosses her face.)*

ANNE: Carrots. You called me carrots! I can never be friends with you, Gilbert Blythe. Never!

GILBERT (*stung*): All right. And I'll never ask you to be friends with me again, Anne Shirley. Good-bye. (*He exits*)

ANNE (*to herself*): Why did he really bring these books over? (*She puts the books away.*) Was it truly so that I won't have an excuse if he beats me on the Queen's exams?... Probably so. Well, I'll beat you, Gilbert Blythe. And when we're in school at Queen's, I'll study day and night to keep you from winning that gold medal.