

Audition Scene 1 – Anne, Diana, Mrs. Barry, Rachel Lynde

(Anne invited her best friend Diane over for her first “tea party”. Unfortunately, Anne mistakenly served Diane wine instead of juice and she gets drunk. Her mom, Mrs. Barry, is furious. Diana stumbles in, followed by Anne.)

MRS. BARRY: What’s the matter Diana?

RACHEL LYNDE: She’s drunk!

ANNE *(in disbelief):* Drunk?

MRS. BARRY: Drunk! Disgracefully and shamefully drunk! Anne Shirley, what did you give my Diana to drink?

ANNE: Only a few glasses of raspberry cordial, Mrs. Barry.

RACHEL LYNDE: Cordial, my foot! The girl smells like Jake Griffith’s distillery.

MRS. BARRY: Raspberry cordial indeed! I know currant wine when I smell it. *(DIANA giggles)*

ANNE: Wine? Oh, no. I must have gotten out the wrong bottle. Mrs. Barry, please forgive me. I didn’t mean to intoxicate Diana. *(DIANA giggles again, then moans.)*

MRS. BARRY: Drunk? My daughter is drunk? And in the presence of Mrs. Lynde, the chairwoman of the temperance society. You’re a wicked, wicked girl, Anne Shirley! I don’t think I want Diana to play with you anymore.

ANNE: Oh, Mrs. Barry –

MRS. BARRY: And you’d better cancel your plans to sit with Diana when school begins.

ANNE: Please, Mrs. Barry. This will surely cover my life with a dark cloud of woe.

DIANA: I think I’m going to be sick.

MRS. BARRY: Diane, we’re going to get you to bed. *(To ANNE)* As for you, young lady, I don’t think you are a fit girl for Diana to associate with. It was against my better judgement to let Diana associate with an orphan, and I have been proven right. Diana, will never see you again. Now please take your big words and dramatic gestures and leave our property at once!

ANNE *(near tears, running off):* Yes ma’am.

DIANA: I don’t think I’m going to be sick... I know I’m going to be sick. *(She begins to gag.)*