

**Audition dialogue: Mrs. Partlet & Constance**

**Mrs. Partlet** - Come, tell me all about it! Do not fear – I, too, have loved; but that was long ago!  
Who is the object of your young affections?

**Constance** - Hush, mother! He is here! (Looking off.)

(Enter Dr. Daly. He is pensive and does not see them)

**Mrs. Partlet** - (amazed) Our reverend vicar!

**Constance** - Oh, pity me, my heart is almost broken!

**Mrs. Partlet** - My child, be comforted. To such an union I shall not offer any opposition. Take him –  
he's yours! May you and he be happy!

**Constance** - But, mother dear, he is not yours to give!

**Mrs. Partlet** - That's true, indeed!

**Constance** - He might object!

**Mrs. Partlet** - He might. But come – take heart – I'll probe him on the subject. Be comforted – leave  
this affair to me. (They withdraw.)