MARIE SIDE 1	Marie is French
OH, YOU WERE ONCE THAT SOMEONE WHO I FOLLOWED LIKE A STAR. THEN SUDDENLY YOU CHANGED AND YOU I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE. OR COULD IT BE THAT I NEVER REALLY KNEW YOU FROM THE START? DID I CREATE A DREAM? WAS HE A FANTASY? EVEN A MEMORY IS PARADISE FOR ALL THE FOOLS LIKE ME. NOW REMEMBERING IS ALL THAT I CAN DO, BECAUSE I MISS HIM SO WHEN I LOOK AT YOU. (Lights back up as JESSUP enters.) JESSUP Lady Blakeney, you have a visitor in the rose parden.	
MARGUERITE	
In the garden?	
(JESSUP exits.)	
PERCY No doubt it's a frog, m'dear. Toads and frogs do prefer meetin' a princess in the garden- Always hopin' for that kiss, don't you know	
No. 9a PLAYO (MARGUERITE exits.	FF: WHEN I LOOK AT YOU (orchectra)
START	PERCY ris. We've made contact with your fiancé.
(MARIE crosses to PERCY.)	
With Tussaud?	MARIE
Yes, and not only is he <u>safe</u> -	PERCY
Oh, thank God!	MARIE
-but we now make our headquart work there?	PERCY ers in the poor bloke's <u>cellar</u> ! Can you do your
	MARIE

In his cellar? Yes, of course! Tussaud will work beside me.

## (ARMAND enters, crossing to PERCY and MARIE.)

#### PERCY

Armand- there you are. I wouldn't bother to unpack your bags, my boy. We must get Marie back to Paris in the morning. You'll take her straight to the hideaway and tell Dewhurst- Oh, didn't I tell you? She's working with us now.

#### ARMAND

You, Mademoiselle? But I had no idea-

#### MARIE

Nor did I. Until last evening. Your leader is very persuasive.

#### PERCY

We can't speak here.

#### MARIE

END

I will fetch my shawl and meet you both by the river then?

(MARIE exits.)

## ARMAND

Tomorrow morning, Percy? But - what shall I tell Marguerite? I've only just returned. She wones so for my safety, and if she finds out I go to France-

## PERCY

Don't *let* her find out. Give another excuse. Lord only knows what new excuse *l'll* give her- Perhaps I should "go fishing in Scotland" again...

# ARMAND

She'll believe it. She has no idea who you really are. Lord, Percy, why don't you just tell her the truth?

PEF

Armand, she is to know nothing

ARMAND

But-.. why don't you trust her?

# PERCY

Odd's my life, boy, who trusts *anyone* in this slippery world? Better to play the game, what? Be on your guard. Zounds, when the heart goes soft, that's when the dagger plurges in. Off with you then. I'll meet you by the river.

(ARMAND exits as the scene changes to the garden.)

WHERE'S THE GIRL? IS SHE GAZING AT ME WITH SURPRISE? DO I STILL SEE THAT BLAZE IN HER EYES? AM I DREAMING OR IS SHE BESIDE ME..NOW..?

#### MARGUERITE

No-... Get out-...

<u>No. 10a</u>

## EXITS AND ENTRANCES

(orchestra)

(CHAUVELIN exits, as MARIE and ARMAND enter from another part of the garden.)

# ARMAND

Marguerite.

## START

# MARGUERITE

Marie- what is this Percy tells me? You are leaving us?

## MARIE

Yes, Marguerite. I leave tomorrow for France. But I promise you, this time, to come not *quite* so close to the blade of La Guillotine.

# MARGUERITE

But why go back? This is lunacy.

# MARIE

Marguerite, my fiancé needs me now. There is...important work we must do together.

# MARGUERITE

But - to travel there alone-

## MARIE

Oh, not alone, no. Armand will be with- ... me..

## MARGUERITE

Armand? No!

# ARMAND

It- it is only to.. to see Marie safely home. I-

## MARIE

I will-.. leave you both and say goodbye in the morning. Marguerite-.. I shall never forget the kindness you have shown me- you...and your husband.

(MARIE exits.)



Percy, Marguerite, Marie Servants: 6 girls

**MARIE - SONG** 

# 8~Scarlet Pimpernel Transition

[The Blakeney Drawing Room: MARGUERITE arranges flowers as MARIE paints at an easel. Six Servant GIRLS enter and sing to PERCY, who sits reading a newspaper.]

Cue: (Applause-segue from No. 7 Falcon In The Dive.)



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P/C

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