

PRINCESS AUDITION PIECE

THE EMPRESS AND SAFFRON WANDER ON TOGETHER

EMPRESS

So, you've met someone you say?

PRINCESS

[This is new territory for them both] I have yes...

EMPRESS

...and he is?

PRINCESS

He is...very special. He's kind, witty, handsome...but

EMPRESS

But?

PRINCESS

But not a prince.

EMPRESS

And that makes you sad?

PRINCESS

Of course. It's been drummed into me since I was a little girl – "you will be raised a princess and marry a prince." It's in every story book I've ever read. That's just how it is.

EMPRESS

For now!

PRINCESS

[Not letting herself loose with this thought] For now? For ever – you heard the Vizier, it's what the realm expects, what the realm deserves.

EMPRESS

And what you deserve my love, is to be happy.

PRINCESS

Thank you

EMPRESS

All I know is this, true love will always find a way and your destiny lies in your own hands. Quite literally. The ring of destiny that you wear...

THE EMPRESS NOTICES SAFFRONS RING IS MISSING

...where is your ring?

PRINCESS

I don't know?

EMPERESS

Why have you taken it off?

PRINCESS

I haven't, I don't...it must have fallen off. I'll find it mum I promise.

EMPERESS

[WARMLY]. Don't worry Saffron. It is your ring of destiny, it will find its way back to you come what may and guide you to your future happiness.

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