

MOTHER Robert?

ROBERT All right, I promise.

MOTHER Very well, but you must stay close to Cook at all times.

ROBERT *(bored tone)* Of course we will.

ANNE Hooray! Let's go!

*[ANNE skips out of the kitchen, ROBERT following. COOK, MARTHA & TILLY pick up baskets.]*

COOK We'll be on our way, your Ladyship. Come along Martha, Tilly...

*[ALL exit.]*

## SCENE 4

*[The marketplace. TRADERS sing out their street cries. Among the crowd is TOM, sitting in a corner cleaning his recorder, perhaps eating a crust of bread. See page 48 for additional Street Cries]*

### Song - Street Cries Ⓞ Track 15 'Cherries so Ripe'

CHERRIES SO RIPE AND SO ROUND,  
THE BEST IN THE MARKET FOUND.  
THEY'RE ONLY A PENNY A POUND,  
SO WHO WILL BUY?  
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### Song - Street Cries Ⓞ Track 16 'Chairs to Mend'

CHAIRS TO MEND, OLD CHAIRS TO MEND!  
MACKEREL, FRESH MACKEREL!  
ANY OLD RAGS? ANY OLD RAGS?

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*[Enter COOK, MARTHA, TILLY, ANNE and ROBERT.]*

COOK Now then, Miss Anne, you go over there with Martha and Tilly, and Master Robert, you had better stay with me.

*[MARTHA & TILLY go to TRADER 1. COOK & ROBERT go elsewhere.]*

TRADER 1 *(to Tilly)* What can I get you miss?

TILLY Could we have two loaves of bread and some fruit please?

TRADER 1 Right you are. Pass me your basket.  
*[TILLY hands over the basket to be filled.]*

TRADER 1 Anything else?

TILLY No, thank you.  
*[TRADER hands back the basket.]*

TILLY Ooh! That's heavy! You can help me carry some of this, Miss Anne.  
*[TILLY puts some things into a separate basket and gives it to ANNE.]*

MARTHA Could you tell us who we should get our meat from?

TRADER 1 *(pointing)* The gent over there with the cap on.

MARTHA Right, thank you.  
*[MARTHA, TILLY & ANNE go to TRADER 2.]*

TRADER 2 What can I get you three lovely ladies?

MARTHA Could we have some ham and some beef please?

TRADER 2 Right-oh. *(Putting it into another basket)* You'll need something to wash this down with!

MARTHA Actually, we do need some cider and ale if you've got it.

TRADER 2 Of course I do my lovelies. *(Putting it into baskets.)* And here's a special bottle of spirit for you, on the 'ouse!  
*[MARTHA giggles and nudges TILLY]*

TILLY Why thank you. That'll warm us up later on.  
*[MARTHA, TILLY & ANNE wander until COOK & ROBERT rejoin them.]*

COOK Children, can you be trusted to look after the baskets for a few moments?

ANNE & ROBERT Yes, Cook.

COOK Stay here, then. We need to have a quick look at something over there *(pointing)*.  
*[COOK, MARTHA & TILLY move away.]*

TRADER 1 Fresh bread! Lovely fresh bread!

TRADER 2 Best beef you can buy! Best beef you can buy!  
*[Other traders may call out to advertise their wares ad lib.]*

ROBERT I hate shopping.

ANNE Oh, I don't. I love it!