

DINSMORE - LINA

DINSMORE

I-45

Now! Ta-tay-tee-toe-too.

LINA

(Impossibly nasal and flat, but totally unaware of anything wrong)

Ta-tay-tee-toe-too.

DINSMORE

No, no, Miss Lamont. Rrround tones. Rrround tones. Now, let me hear you rrread your line.

LINA

(Very flat on the "an" sounds)

"And I can't stan' 'im."

DINSMORE

"And I cahn' t stand him."

LINA

"And I can't stan' 'im."

DINSMORE

"Cahn' t!"

LINA

"Can' t."

DINSMORE

"Caaahn' t!"

LINA

(Like a goat bleating)

"Caaaan' t."

(Lights fade stage left where the TWO LADIES are. As THEY are exiting, the lights come up on stage right in the male diction coach's office.)

Scene 10-A

Male Diction Coach's office. DON, dressed casually, is being coached by a professional-looking MALE DICTION TEACHER. Don is obviously having very little trouble.

DON

Cahn' t - Cahn' t - Cahn' t.

TEACHER

Good. Now. Around the rocks the rugged rascal ran.

DON

Around the rocks the rugged --

TEACHER

(Interrupting)

Rrrrrrocks - Rrrrrrocks.

DON

Around the rocks the rugged rascal ran.