

SCENE 3

The background is dark and spotlights are on Jim and Della, who stand separately on stage. They are both alone in their thoughts.

DELLA Oh Lord, what have I done?
 They took my treasure for a song,
 A tattered bill, and sent me on my way.
 But now that I've begun,
 It doesn't matter right or wrong,
 I couldn't think of any other way.

 So now the piper's paid,
 this is the bargain that I made:
 I only hope it will be worth the pain.
 To see the smile upon his face
 I know I'd gladly do it all again,
 Do it all for him!

JIM Oh Lord, what shall I do?
 It's sure my treasure will be gone:
 A tattered bill, and I will turn away.
 But then, it's also true,
 It doesn't matter right or wrong,
 I just can't think of any other way.

 And when the piper's paid,
 I hope the bargain that I make
 Gives compensation that is worth the pain.
 To see the smile upon her face
 I know I'd gladly do it all again,
 I will gladly do it all again!

DELLA This is my gift, this is my sacrifice.
 To show my love, this is an easy price!

JIM This is my gift, this is my offering.
 To show my love, this is the gift I bring!

BOTH This is my gift, my devotion, my delight.

JIM This is my love.

BOTH This is my gift, this is my love!

DELLA But still, I can't help worrying about my tattered hair,
 The thing he took such pleasure in now vanished into air.

JIM What will I say when Della asks how much her present cost?
 Will she think I'm a fool because my heirloom has been lost?

DELLA Just please, God, let him think that I am still a pretty wife.

JIM I only want to show her she's the wonder of my life.

DELLA Oh please, God, let him understand

JIM Please let her realize.

BOTH My one eternal treasure is
The true love in his/her eyes!