

## CAROLE KING (Only Pick One)

### CAROLE SIDE 1

#### CAROLE

You know what Gerry?

*(with surprising strength)*

I'm tired of worrying about how everything makes you feel. What about how I feel? I feel like I'm always failing because you won't try. And I'm tired of it. If you want to live like this, always lying, always letting someone down, that's your choice. But I've had enough. The girls deserve something better and you know what? So do I.

*She exits.*

### CAROLE SIDE 2

#### CAROLE

I don't want to do that anymore. I want to be a songwriter. Ma, when I hear a good song, I feel like someone understands me. Even if I'm all alone, it's like I've got a friend in the room. I want to do that for people.

## SIDES – GERRY GOFFIN (Only Pick One)

### GERRY SIDE 1

#### GERRY

Until words matter, rock and roll won't. It's just lame-o teenybopper junk. Plus a single is three minutes. What can you say in three minutes? Songs by Cole Porter or Gershwin are like little plays. You should listen to Bach some time.

### GERRY SIDE 2

#### GERRY

*(fighting tears)*

I'm sorry I've hurt you. I can't keep going like this. I'm going to stop the thing with Janelle. I thought I didn't have enough in my life but maybe I had too much. You and Louise are enough, and our writing. Will you let me come home?

## SIDES – CYNTHIA WEIL (Only Pick One)

### CYNTHIA SIDE 1

CYNTHIA

I don't know what Barry wants. Every time I call him, he hangs up. So you know what? I'm over him. I'm moving on. He wants to get married, he can marry his gastroenterologist. I guess I have to find a new partner. I'm scared, Carole. You know what Donny said to me the other day?

### CYNTHIA SIDE 2

CYNTHIA

Yes! I want to write sophisticated show tunes and satirical cabaret songs like Cole Porter.

## SIDES – BARRY MANN (Only Pick One)

### BARRY SIDE 1

BARRY

Obviously I'm not happy. But I noticed I'm as unhappy without you as I am with you, so I might as well be with you. If I'm going to be miserable, I at least want the sex that goes with it.

*Cynthia can't help herself – she smiles.*

While I was searching for ways to kill myself that didn't involve dying, I came up with a melody to the rain lyrics. Want to hear it?

### BARRY SIDE 2

BARRY

Going. I have an appointment with my GP. My throat's a little sore, could be post nasal drip, possibly sinuses. Then I see my heart guy at 2 – the rhythm just seems wrong to me – and then my shrink at 4. He thinks I'm a hypochondriac.

## **SIDES – DONNY KIRSHNER (Only Pick One)**

### **DONNY SIDE 1**

I have a different philosophy. Teenagers buy more records than anybody these days. Who better to write for kids than kids? Girl songs are very popular right now. You know who sings 'em? Girls. Let's hear your song.

### **DONNY SIDE 2**

#### **DONNY**

They're just like the Beatles except they're not British, they're American. And they aren't really a group, they're just playing a group in a sit-com about a group but I'm telling you, the Monkees are going to be huge.

## **SIDES – ENSEMBLE AND FEATURED ROLES**

### **ENSEMBLE AND FEATURE ROLE SIDE**

#### **ANNOUNCER**

Ladies and gentlemen, Carnegie Hall is proud to present the artist whose album TAPESTRY won Grammys earlier this year for the best record, best song, best album and best female vocalist. Here she is, singer-songwriter – Carole King.