### (BELLE)

NOTHING LASTS NOTHING HOLDS ALL OF ME MY HEART'S FAR, FAR AWAY HOME AND FREE

(MRS. POTTS enters and gently knocks on the door.)

Who is it?

MRS. POTTS

Mrs. Potts, dear. I thought you might like some tea.

BELLE

Come in.

MRS. POTTS

Nothing like a nice warm cup of tea to make the world seem a bit brighter.

BELLE

(amazed that MRS. POTTS is a teapot)

But... you're a - you're a -!

MRS. POTTS

Mrs. Potts, dear. Very pleased to make your acquaintance.

(Stunned, BELLE backs up into a wardrobe, MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE, who comes grandly to life.)

MADAME

Careful, darling!

BELLE

Who are you?

MADAME

Madame de la Grande Bouche. Perhaps you've heard of me?

BELLE

Sorry.

MADAME

You see! They've forgotten all about me. One can be and I quote, "The toast of Europe. The brightest star ever to grace the stage." But fall under one little spell—

MRS. POTTS

Sssssh!

BELLE

Wait. This is impossible!

### MADAME

I know it is... but here we are! Well now, what shall we dress you in for dinner? (looks at BELLE's outfit)

This is... nice. But how would you like to borrow one of my gowns? Let's see what I've got in my drawers...

(opens her drawer and pulls out bloomers; embarrassed, reaches in again and takes out a eown)

Ah, here we are. I wore this the night I performed at the Royal Opera. The King himself was there! Of course, I wouldn't have a prayer of fitting into it now. Take it!

#### BELLE

That's very kind of you. But I'm not going to dinner.

### MADAME

Don't be silly. Of course you are. You heard what the Master said.

#### BELLE

He may be your master... but he's not mine!

(off their reaction)

I'm sorry. This is just happening so fast.

(MRS. POTTS and MADAME look at each other, feeling badly for Belle.)

# #8A - Home (Tag)

### Mrs. Potts, Madame

# MRS. POTTS

That was a very brave thing you did, my dear.

#### MADAME

We all think so.

#### BELLE

I'm going to miss my papa so much!

## MRS. POTTS

Cheer up, child. I know things may seem bleak right now, but you mustn't despair. We're here to see you through.

I HOPE THAT WE'LL BE FRIENDS THOUGH I DON'T KNOW YOU WELL

IF ANYONE CAN MAKE THE MOST OF LIVING HERE

THEN BELLE

IT'S YOU