

Matchmaker

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Hodel:

Well, somebody has to arrange the matches,
Young people can't decide these things themselves.Chava:
She might bring someone wonderful---Hodel:

Someone interesting---Chava:

And well off---Hodel:

And important---Matchmaker, Matchmaker,

Make me a match,

Find me a find,

catch me a catch

Matchmaker, Matchmaker

Look through your book,

And make me a perfect matchChava:

Matchmaker, Matchmaker,

I'll bring the veil,

You bring the groom,

Slender and pale.

Bring me a ring for I'm longing to be,

The envy of all I see.Hodel:

For Papa,

Make him a scholar.Chava:

For mama,

Make him rich as a king.Chava and Hodel:

For me, well,

I wouldn't holler

If he were as handsome as anything.Matchmaker, Matchmaker,

Make me a match,

Find me a find,

Catch me a catch,

Night after night in the dark I'm alone

So find me match,

Of my own.(spoken)Tzeitel:

Since when are you in a match, Chava? I thought you had your eye on your books.(Hodel chuckles)Tzeitel con't:

And you have your eye on the Rabbi's son.Hodel:

Well, why not?

We have only one Rabbi and he has only one son.

Why shouldn't I want the best?Tzeitel:

Because you're a girl from a poor family.

So whatever Yenta brings, you'll take, right?

Of course right!(throws scarf over her head, imitating Yenta)

(singing)Hodel, oh Hodel,

Have I made a match for you!

He's handsome, he's young!

Alright, he's 62.

But he's a nice man, a good catch, true?

True.I promise you'll be happy,

And even if you're not,

There's more to life than that---

Don't ask me what.Chava, I found him.

Won't you be a lucky bride!

He's handsome, he's tall,

That is from side to side.

But he's a nice man, a good catch, right?

Right.You heard he has a temper.

He'll beat you every night,

But only when he's sober,

So you'll alright.Did you think you'd get a prince?

Well I do the best I can.

With no dowry, no money, no family background

Be glad you got a man!Chava:

Matchmaker, Matchmaker,

You know that I'm

Still very young.

Please, take your time.Hodel:

Up to this minute,

I misunderstood

That I could get stuck for good.Chava and Hodel:

Dear Yenta,

See that he's gentle

Remember,

You were also a bride.

It's not that

I'm sentimentalChava and Hodel and Tzeitel:

It's just that I'm terrified!Matchmaker, Matchmaker,

Plan me no plans

I'm in no rush

Maybe I've learned

Playing with matches

A girl can get burned

So,

Bring me no ring

Groom me no groom

Find me no find

Catch me no catch

Unless he's a matchless match.

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