

Scene Eight
A Hallway in the Villa

(The music continues as GRETl enters downstage right, carrying a lighted candle, followed by MARTA, BRIGITTA, and LOUISA. LOUISA has hold of GRETl's nightdress; BRIGITTA holds LOUISA's, and MARIA, BRIGITTA's. There is a rumble of thunder. They hesitate, then go on, and GRETl starts to sing bravely but tremulously.)

[MUSIC NO. 15A "THE LONELY GOATHERD (REPRISE)"]

GRETl.

O HO LAY DEE ODL LEE O
O HO LAY DEE ODL AY
O HO LAY DEE ODL LEE O

(Thunder crash. MARTA, LOUISA, and BRIGITTA turn around and run off right. GRETl, who is not aware of this, continues, then senses something is wrong. She reaches behind her for the others, turns, and sees she is alone. There is a clap of thunder. She runs off downstage left; blackout. Direct segue into:)

[MUSIC NO. 15B "CHANGE OF SCENE"]