

## It's a Wonderful Life Audition Side #5 – George, Ernie, Bert, Clarence

**George:** Look here, Ernie, straightened me out here. I've got some bad liquor or something. That's Violet Bick. I think I know that girl.

**ERNIE:** So does every other guy in town with an itch.

**GEORGE:** I mean everything's crazy! You're Ernie and you live with your wife and kid over in----

**ERNIE:** You seen my wife???

**GEORGE (exasperated):** Seen your wife? I've been to your house a hundred times. **ERNIE:** Look, bub, what's the idea? I live in a shack in Poter's Field and my wife ran away three years ago and took the kid. And I ain't never seen you before in my life.

**GEORGE:** Okay. Okay! What's eatin' you? *(We hear George get out and slam cab door.)*

**ERNIE:** Is this where you live?

**GEORGE:** Of course it's the place.

**ERNIE:** Well, this house ain't been lived in for twenty years. Just get out of my cab! Why do I get all the loons? I'm getting a cop. *(We hear cab pull away as George enter old house)*

**GEORGE:** Mary! Mary! Susy! Pete! Janie! Zuzu! Where are you?

**CLARENCE:** They're not here, George. You have no children. This is just the old abandoned Granville place.

**GEORGE (ignoring him):** Mary!---What do you mean? Everything's crazy tonight! Where are my kids? (then, to Clarence) What have you done with them?

**ERNIE (from a distance):** There's the lunatic, Bert. Careful he's got a friend.

**BERT:** All right, buddy. No fast moves. Come on out here, both of you.

**GEORGE:** Bert! Thank heaven you're here!

**BERT:** Stand back.

**GEORGE:** Bert, what's happened to this house? Where's Mary? Where's my kids?

**ERNIE (warningly):** Watch him, Bert.

**BERT:** Come on, come on.

**GEORGE (bewildered):** Bert -- Ernie! What's the matter with you two guys? You were here on my wedding night. Both of you, stood out here on the porch and sung to us, don't you remember?

**ERNIE (nervously):** He's scaring me Bert.

**BERT:** Look friend. Everything's going to be all right. I don't want to have to use my stick OK?

**GEORGE:** Bert, now listen to me. You got to believe me! (gesturing to Clarence) this funny little guy says he's an angel -- he's tried to hypnotize me.

**ERNIE:** Watch it he's crazy. Bop him one.

**BERT:** I hate to do this, fella. Hey-Get this little guy off me. Hey!

**ERNIE:** Here I got 'em. Come here you----

**CLARENCE:** Run ... George! Run, George!

**(ALL AD LIB STRUGGLING AS WE HEAR GEORGE RUN AWAY.)**

**CLARENCE:** Help! Josephine, help!

**BERT:** Oh, shut up!

**CLARENCE:** Help, oh Josephine, help! Josephine!

**JOSEPHINE:** We got you Clarence. Hold on. **(We hear chimes and then no scuffling.)**

**BERT:** Where'd he go? Where'd he go? I had him right here.

**ERNIE {stammering}:** I need a drink

**BERT:** Well, which way'd they go? Help me find 'em.

**ERNIE:** He lit out towards the Boarding House. But I ain't going. I'm getting in my cab and staying there!

