

Scene 4

(Gumps Hair Palace and Auto Shop. Cordella Gumps is working on Ada's hair. Pawnee, another customer has her hair wrapped up waiting her turn.)

CORDELLA GUMPS

Hello, Gumps Hair Palace and Auto Shop. A tune up and a perm? I have an opening at 4 pm today. Sure thing Miss Alva.

ADA BUMPKINS

Is that my sister?

CORDELLA GUMPS

Yes.

ADA BUMPKINS

Tell her she still has my Mary and Joseph salt and pepper shakers and I would like them back.

CORDELLA GUMPS

You hear that Alva? She heard you. Bye,bye.

(Hangs up.)

ADA BUMPKINS

Cordella, I'm liking the hair. I'm so glad you could fit me in.

CORDELLA GUMPS

I couldn't but you always manage to shove your way in.

ADA BUMPKINS

I wouldn't be Head organist if I didn't shove. Cordella, you're a heavenly gem during this dark dismal time in Frogville.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Why the long wrinkled face Ada?

ADA BUMPKINS

I wish my heart was as good as my hair. Preacher Lawton has fallen into the pits of hell.

PAWNEE

Is he hurt?

ADA BUMPKINS

Only his faith Pawnee. He has decided to marry, and hold on to your hairnets here, Buddy Bovine and Jasper Hollow Jr.

PAWNEE

Can they do that?

CORDELLA GUMPS

In 32 states.

ADA BUMPKINS

Including Oklahoma and with sad results that means Frogville.

CORDELLA GUMPS

The world's changing Miss Ada.

ADA BUMPKINS

The only thing we should be changing is our underwear. And this is Frogville, we don't do that here but apparently Preacher Lawton wants too.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Well, isn't that nice of him to help out the gay community.

PAWNEE

Frogville has a gay community?

CORDELLA GUMPS

Every town has a gay community, all you need is more than one gay and you have a gay community.

ADA BUMPKINS

It's a tragedy.

CORDELLA GUMPS

It's just another marriage.

PAWNEE

What do they do in a gay community?

CORDELLA GUMPS

They do normal things like dance with each other, bowl, go see plays--

PAWNEE

I love to bowl. How can I get into their community?

CORDELLA GUMPS

You have to be gay.

PAWNEE

Oh.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Hey, Pawnee, maybe we could pretend to be lesbian girlfriends to get in.

PAWNEE

It could work. Hey, maybe we could get married like Jasper and Buddy. Then we could get a lifetime membership.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Hell, I've had three husbands.

PAWNEE

Four here.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Maybe we've been doing it all wrong.

PAWNEE

Then let's be lesbians.

CORDELLA GUMPS

What do you think Ada? Do Pawnee and I make a cute couple?

ADA BUMPKINS

I think you both need to quit sniffing the hair spray. Ever since I caught those two boys kissing under the willow tree. The same willow tree where we performed our musical salute to the Holy Bible.

CORDELLA GUMPS

I thought that was a nice play.

ADA BUMPKINS

Thank you.

PAWNEE

The second act was kind of slow especially the Last Supper scene, I mean, how many times can you say pass the salt, I mean did each and every one of them disciples have to say it, why couldn't you have them say it altogether, "Pass the salt, Jesus."

ADA BUMPKINS

As I was saying ever since the willow tree incident I knew Frogville was heading down the road of sin.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Been there. Done that. Got lost once too.

ADA BUMPKINS

Oh, how I wish my heart was as good as my hair.

PAWNEE

So when's the big gay wedding?

ADA BUMPKINS

The end of the world begins on the last Sunday in the month of June.

PAWNEE

I'll be sure to wear new underwear.

ADA BUMPKINS

Such a tragedy.

CORDELLA GUMPS

Hmmmm, I wonder...

ADA BUMPKINS

What makes this even more tragic is that I, Miss Ada Bumpkins, will be playing the song they heard when they first danced. "You Make Me Feel Mighty Real" by Sylvester.

PAWNEE

I never knew that cartoon cat could sing. He was always chasing that little yellow bird with the big fat head. I wanted that cat to eat him. I always hated that bird.

ADA BUMPKINS

It isn't a cat. It is a big black guy with more make up than a twelve year old hooker and more woman than Miss Diana Ross.

PAWNEE

That must be really gay.

CORDELLA GUMPS

He's probably president of his gay community too.

ADA BUMPKINS

My son, Bartle showed me an internet video of him. I was so petrified I stayed up praying all night long.

CORDELLA GUMPS

I hear that gay men are great tippers.

ADA BUMPKINS

I can't play disco on my organ. It's meant for the Lord.

PAWNEE

No they're great toppers.

ADA BUMPKINS

But due to circumstances from beyond the grave I'll have to do the work of a sinner. Oh, how I wish my heart was as good as my hair.

CORDELLA GUMPS

How much you'd think they pay?

ADA BUMPKINS

Who?