

Tevye's Dream

Tevye: (spoken)
AAAh! help help!

Golde: Tevye? Tevye wake up
(Tevye screams) What's the matter with you? Why are you howling like that?

Tevye: Where is she? Where is she?

Golde: Where is who? What are you talking about?

Tevye: Fruma Sarah, the butcher's first wife. She was standing there a minute ago!

Golde: What's the matter with you Tevye? Fruma Sarah's been dead for years! You must have been dreaming. Tell me what you dreamt and I'll tell you what it meant.

Tevye: All right, only... don't be frightened!
In the beginning I dreamt that we were having a celebration of some kind.
Everybody we knew was there. Musicians too. Suddenly, in comes your grandma Tzeitel, may she rest in peace.
Naturally, I went up to greet her, and she said:

Grandma Tzeitel: (sung)
A blessing on your head
(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)
To see a daughter wed
(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)
And such a son-in-law
Like no-one ever saw
The tailor Motel Kamzoil

Golde: (spoken) Motel?

Grandma Tzeitel: (sung)
A worthy boy is he
(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)
Of pious family
(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)
They named him after my Dear uncle Mordachai
The tailor Motel Kamzoil

Golde: (spoken)
A tailor? She must have heard wrong. She meant a butcher.

Tevye: (sung)
You must have heard wrong Grandma
There's no tailor
You mean the butcher Grandma
By the name of Lazar-Wolf

Grandma Tzeitel: Noooo Noo No!
I mean a tailor Tevye
My great-grandchild
My little Tzeitel who you named for me
Motel's bride was meant to be!
For such a match I prayed
(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)
In heaven it was made
(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)
A fine upstanding boy

Fruma Sarah: Tevye!! Tevye!!!!
 What is this about your daughter marrying my husband?
 Company: He's her husband!
 Fruma Sarah: Would you do this to your friend and neighbor Fruma Sarah?
 (Fruma Sarah!)
 Have you no consideration for a woman's feelings?
 (Woman's feelings!)
 Handing over my belongings to a total stranger!
 (Total stranger!)
 How? How can you let your daughter to take my place?
 Live in my house
 Carry my keys
 And wear my clothes
 Pearls
 How?
 Company: How can you allow your daughter to take her place?
 (Pearls!)
 House!
 (Pearls!)
 Keys!
 (Pearls)
 Clothes
 (Pearls!)
 How?
 Fruma Sarah: Such a learned man as Tevye wouldn't let it happen!
 (Let it happen!)
 Tell me that it isn't true and then I wouldn't worry!
 (Wouldn't worry!)
 Say you didn't give your blessing to your daughter's marriage
 (Daughter's marriage)
 Let me tell you what would follow such a fataled wedding
 (fataled wedding!)
 If Tzeitel marries Lazar-Wolf
 I pity them both!
 She'd live with him three weeks
 And when three weeks are up
 I'll come to her by night
 I'll take her by the throat and
 This I'll give your Tzeitel
 That I'll give your Tzeitel
 This I'll give your Tzeitel
 That I'll give your Tzeitel
 Here's my wedding present if she marries Lazar-Wolf!
 (Company and Tevye scream)
 Golde: Aye
 Aye
 Aye
 Aye
 Such a dark and evil spirit!
 Let it fall into the river, let it sink into the earth!
 Such a dark and horrible dream!
 And to think, it was brought on by that butcher!
 If my grandma Tzeitel, may she rest in peace,
 Took the time to come all the way from the other world to tell us

About the tailor all I can say is that it's for the best.
And couldn't possibly get any better. Amen.

Tevye:

Amen

Golde:

(sung)

A blessing on my head

Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov

My Grandma Tzeitel said

Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov

We'll have a son-in-law

Like no-one ever saw

The tailor Motel Kamzoil

Tevye:

We haven't got the man

(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)

We had when we began

(Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov)

But since your grandma came

She'll marry... what's his name?

Golde:

The tailor, Motel Kamzoil

Both:

The tailor, Motel Kamzoil