

Sally/Jimmy/Mae

SCENE 8

(REEFER DEN. SLOW, SULTRY MUSIC PLAYS on the radio. JIMMY and SALLY dance and smoke. MAE appears agitated. JIMMY grabs SALLY)

START SALLY
Ow, kid. Careful with the merchandise.

JIMMY
Don't worry, I've almost got it unhooked.

(Finally, MAE has had enough. She pulls JIMMY aside)

MAE
Okay, Jimmy. Listen up good, cuz I'm only gonna say this once. Get out of here. Right now, this minute and don't look back.

JIMMY
Why? You guys are my friends.

MAE
It's dangerous here. It's too late for us. But you, you're young. You've still got a chance. Take it.

JIMMY
Aah, that's enough to make a cat laugh! Come on Sally, let's have us a little noy-toy-toy!

SALLY
Now you're talkin'!

(JIMMY whoops loudly. Mae tries to quiet him)

MAE
Jimmy. Jimmy. Jimmy, be quiet!

(MAE clicks off the radio)

MAE
You'll wake Sally's baby.

SALLY
(quickly)
Oh that's okay, Mae. Don't worry about it.

MAE
(suspicious)
Say, Sally... How come I haven't heard your baby crying tonight?

(LIGHTS CONVERGE on SALLY, who looks very guilty)

I dunno.

SALLY

END

(BLACKOUT. LIGHTS UP on the LECTURER)

Or did she?

LECTURER

(LIGHTS DOWN on the LECTURER and UP on the upper level. SALLY'S BABY [RALPH] is revealed, wearing a baby bonnet. He holds doll arms)

SONG: LULLABYE

SALLY'S BABY/RALPH

MY MOMMY NEVER NAMED ME
I GUESS SHE WAS TOO HIGH
MY TUMMY WOULD GET RUMBLY
I'D CRY AND CRY AND CRY
~~SHE SOLD HER CAR~~
~~SHE HOCKED HER RINGS~~
SHE STOOPED TO TURNING TRICKS
AND THEN SHE SOLD HER BABY BOY
TO GET HER DAILY FIX
LULLA LULLA BYE-BYE

(LIGHTS FADE on the BABY. LIGHTS UP on the REEFER DEN.

The PLACARD GIRL is revealed holding a sign: "REEFER makes you SELL YOUR BABIES..." She flips the sign. The reverse side reads: "...for DRUG MONEY!" JIMMY pushes SALLY away, his bravado slightly shaken)

JIMMY

You sold your baby, just so you could buy reefer?
Is this what I've been reduced to?

SALLY

It's okay, Jimmy. I got another one on the way.

(SALLY presses close to JIMMY and raises a joint)

SALLY

Anybody got a light?

(JIMMY lights her reefer and takes a drag. Everything is all right again. He laughs, SALLY joins in)