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The King and I

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Come on, lads, hurry!
We haven't got all day.
Is that it, captain?
Are we here?
Aye, laddie.
That's Bangkok all right.
Louis! Oh, Louis!
Mother! Look, there's Bangkok.
Yes, I know. Isn't it exciting?
Captain, I heard them lowering
the anchor. Is anything wrong?
We have to wait for the afternoon
tide to carry us over the bar.
Oh, I see.
Will the king of Siam come down
to meet us, Mother?
I hardly think so, dear.
Kings don't, as a rule.
Come forward, lads.
They need help in the bow.
Get along there.
That's the royal barge.
The king is coming out to meet us.
It's not the king,
it's the kralahome.
Who is the kralahome?
A sort of a prime minister.
The king's right-hand man,
you might say.
May I look? Please, may I see?
Aye, laddie.
Ma'am, if I might be allowed to offer
you a word of warning...
...that man has power, and he can
use it for you or against you.
You must stop worrying about me,
Captain Orton.
Sometimes I wonder if you know what
you're really facing.
An Englishwoman alone
in a country like Siam.
Oh, it doesn't matter, captain.
I shall have work to do...
...and the king has promised me

a house of my own.
I'll have a place to bring up my boy
as his father would have wished.
Mother, look.
The prime minister is naked!
Oh, don't be ridiculous, Louis.
He can't be naked.
He's only...
...half-naked.
They look so cruel, Mother.
Father wouldn't have liked us
to be afraid, would he?
No, Louis. Father would not have
liked us to be afraid.
Not ever.
Doesn't anything ever frighten you?
Oh, yes, sometimes.
- What do you do?
- I whistle.
Oh, that's why you whistle.
That's why I whistle.
Whenever I feel afraid
I hold my head erect
And whistle a happy tune
So no one will suspect
I'm afraid
While shivering in my shoes
I strike a careless pose
And whistle a happy tune
And no one ever knows
I'm afraid
The result of this deception
Is very strange to tell
For when I fool the people I fear
I fool myself as well
I whistle a happy tune
And every single time
The happiness in the tune
Convinces me that I'm
Not afraid
Make believe you're brave
And the trick will take you far
You may be as brave
As you make believe you are

You may be as brave
As you make believe you are
I think that's a very good idea,
Mother. A very good idea.
Yes, it is a good idea, isn't it?
I don't think I shall
ever be afraid again.
Good.
The result of this deception
Is very strange to tell
For when I fool the people I fear
I fool myself as well
Mrs. Leonowens, may I present his
excellency, the kralahome.
Sir, you are lady who will be
schoolmistress of the royal children?
- Yes.
- He called you "sir. "
Hush, dear, hush.
Have you friends in Bangkok?
I know no one in Bangkok at all.
His excellency wishes to know,
are you married, sir?
I am a widow.
What manner of man,
your deceased husband?
My husband was an officer
of Her Majesty's Army in...
Tell your master
his business with me...
...is as schoolteacher
to the royal children.
He has no right to pry
into my personal affairs.
He hasn't, Captain Orton.
I don't like that man.
In foreign country is best
you like everyone until you leave.
You might at least have told us
you speak English, Your Excellency.
It is not necessary for schoolteacher
to know everything at once.
You come with me now.
Your baggages shall be carried

to palace later.

Just a minute. Not the palace.

I am not living in the palace.

- Who say?

- The king say- Says.

In his letter of agreement,
he promised me 20 a month...

...and a house of my own
outside the palace walls.

King do not always remember
what he promise.

Then you will have to remind him.

If I tell king he break this promise,
I will make anger in him.

I think is better if king's anger
reserved for more important matters.

Very well, then. If you are
afraid to tell him, I will.

I should like to see him at once,
while there's time for me...

...to return to England on this boat.

King very busy now.

Your Excellency, all I want is
a few minutes audience with him.

I have come here to work
and I intend to work...

...but I shall take nothing less
than I have been promised.

You will tell king this?

I will tell king this.

It should be very interesting meeting.

You come now!

If you change your mind...

Goodbye, Captain Orton,
and thank you for everything.

Good luck, ma'am.

- Goodbye, captain.

- Goodbye, laddie.

Take good care of your mother now.

King in bad spirit today.

Suggest schoolteacher wait
for better day.

My spirit is just as bad, your
excellency. I cannot wait.

Man is Lun Tha, emissary from
court of Burma.
He bring present to king
from prince of Burma.
Her name is Tuptim.
Why, that girl is a present?
For king.
King is pleased with her.
Sorry. King has concluded audience.
Well, you mean I cannot see him?
Not today.
Louis, come with me.
You cannot do this!
- Your Majesty.
- Who, who, who?
Your Majesty, is new English
schoolteacher.
Mrs. Anna Leonowens and son.
Louis Leonowens.
You are schoolteacher?
Yes, Your Majesty. But before I start
my work here, there is one point-
You are part of general plan I have
for bringing to Siam...
...what is good in Western culture.
Already I have bring printing press
here for printing.
- Yes, I know, Your Majesty.
- How you know?
Before I signed our agreement, I found
out about your ambitions for Siam.
How old shall you be?
You do not look like
scientific person for teaching.
How old shall you be?
I am 150 years old, Your Majesty.
In what year were you borned?
In 1712, Your Majesty.
How many years shall you
have been married?
Several, Your Majesty.
How many grandchildren
shall you have by now?
How many, how many, how many?

You do not answer fast.
I make better question
than she make answer.
You are not afraid of king.
Not to be afraid is good thing
in scientific mind.
I think maybe...
...you make very good schoolteaching.
Come.
A few of my wives.
They have beauty
but not gift for knowledge.
I have no time for teaching,
being busy with foreign affairs...
...and other situations.
I may present Lady Thiang, head wife.
There is a happy land
Far, far away
Where saints in glory stand
Bright, bright as day
"In the beginning, God created
the heaven and the Earth. "
Missionary.
Oh, a missionary taught you English.
Yes, sir. Missionary.
I have boy too.
Crown Prince Chowfa Chulalongkorn,
heir to throne.
You help Madam Leonowens with
schoolteaching...
...and she in turn shall teach you
the better English.
She is very grateful to me
for my kindness.
Lady Thiang, have children prepare for
presentation to schoolteacher.
Speaking of teaching, Your Majesty,
in our agreement-
Lady Son IKlin, Lady Talap, Lady Piam.
And this girl is present to me
from a Burma prince.
She just arrived.
Good day, madam.
My name is Tuptim.

I already speak English.
And very nicely too.
I think I have fine idea.
In addition to children, you will also
teach those of my wives...
...as have sense enough for learning.
Siam to be very modern,
scientific country.
Everybody speaking the English.
Your Majesty, it is not in our
agreement that I teach your wives too.
Also, I will allow you to help me
in my foreign correspondence.
I shall be perfectly happy to
help you in any way I can...
...provided we can clear up this
one little matter of the house.
House?
House? What house?
My house, Your Majesty. The one
you promised me, adjoining the palace.
It is our pleasure
that you shall live in palace.
You teach in palace,
and you shall live in palace.
Will have nice apartment.
Can look out, see many things.
Oh, yes, I'm sure we could
see many things...
...such as iron bars, guards at
the doors, et cetera, et cetera.
What is this "et cetera"?
Well, it means "and all the rest
and so forth," Your Majesty.
You will meet my children.
I'm sorry, Your Majesty, but if
there is to be no house...
...I shall have to get back
to the boat.
You will stand here
and meet royal children.
Very well, Your Majesty.
But there isn't much time.
The royal princes and princesses.

Well, well, well?
Schoolteacher has graciously changed
her mind and shall live in palace.
For the time being, Your Majesty.
These are the children you shall teach.
Someday shall allow you
to meet my others.
More, Your Majesty?
Children of wives
not in favor with king.
Sixty-seven, I think.
No! Oh, ladies, please.
Don't open that, no.
Oh, my goodness! Oh, won't you all
go back to your rooms?
Lady Thiang, will you please
ask them to leave?
I must have some privacy.
Good heavens!
What are they trying to do to me?
Sir, they think you wear dress like
that because you shaped like that.
Well, I most certainly am not.
They wish to know, sir,
if they may see the boy?
I'm sorry, Lady Thiang, he is asleep.
Please, do tell me.
Why do you keep calling me sir?
Because you scientific,
not lowly like woman.
But do you all think that women
are more lowly than men?
Well, I certainly do not.
Please, sir, do not tell king.
Make king angry.
Perhaps it's time somebody did
tell him a thing or two.
Mrs. Anna?
Please, you have some English books
I can read?
Yes, of course, my dear,
but they're not unpacked yet.
They laugh at her because
she is foolish child.

She has come to live in palace of king
and yet she is unhappy.
After all, she had no choice
in the matter.
Perhaps she is homesick.
Is not homesickness that make me sad,
Mrs. Anna.
Is love for one
I shall never see again.
Oh, poor child.
He is Lun Tha, who was chosen
to bring me here.
We tried so hard not to have
love for each other...
...but we could not help ourselves.
We did try, Mrs. Anna.
It isn't easy to stop loving a man
if he's the man you want.
Even if you know
you will never see him again.
I know.
I was very much in love
with my husband.
Please ask them to put that down.
They wish to know, sir, who is man?
That was my husband, Tom.
Tom.
He was pretty in face.
Oh, dear, yes, he was.
Very pretty in face.
When I think of Tom
I think about a night
When the earth smelled of summer
And the sky was streaked with white
And the soft mist of England
Was sleeping on a hill
I remember this
And I always will
There are new lovers now
On the same silent hill
Looking on the same blue sea
And I know Tom and I
Are a part of them all
And they're all a part of Tom...

...and me
Hello, young lovers
Whoever you are
I hope your troubles are few
All my good wishes go with you tonight
I've been in love like you
Be brave, young lovers
And follow your star
Be brave and faithful and true
Cling very close...
...to each other tonight
I've been in love like you
I know how it feels
To have wings on your heels
And to fly down a street in a trance
You fly down a street
On the chance that you'll meet
And you meet...
...not really by chance
Don't cry, young lovers
Whatever you do
Don't cry because I'm alone
All of my memories...
...are happy tonight
I've had a love of my own
I've had a love of my own
Like yours
I've had a love...
...of my own
Be it pleasures and palaces
Though we may roam
Be it ever so humble
There's no place like home
A charm from the skies
Seems to hallow us there
- Father, I'll be late for school!
- You wait.
You are pleased to recite proverb
you learn yesterday...
...and writing down 12 times
in copybook.
"A thought for the day:
East or west...
...home is best. "

"East, west, home, best,"
means house!
"A man's house is only less dear
to him than his honor. "
Every day, month after week,
something about house.
Are my children to be taught
nothing more?
Yesterday we are taught...
...that the world is a round ball...
...which spins on an invisible stick
through its middle.
Everyone knows the world
rides on the back of a turtle...
...who keeps it
from running into the stars.
How can it be that everyone knows
one thing...
...if many people
believe another thing?
Then which is true?
The world is ball...
...with stick through it.
I believe.
You believe?
Does that mean that you do not know?
But you must know,
because you are king.
Good.
Someday you too will be king...
...and you too will know everything.
But how do I learn?
And when do I know
that I know everything?
When you are king.
When you are king.
But I do not know.
In my head are many facts,
but I am not sure.
What to tell a growing son?
How to bring truth and justice
to my people?
When I was a boy
World was better spot

What was so was so
What was not was not
Now I am a man
World have change a lot
Some things nearly so
Others nearly not
There are times I almost think
I am not sure
Of what I absolutely know
Very often find confusion
In conclusion
I concluded long ago
In my head are many facts
That as a student
I have studied to procure
In my head are many facts
Of which I wish
I was more certain
I was sure
Is a puzzlement
Shall I join with other nations
In alliance?
If allies are weak
Am I not best alone?
If allies are strong with power
To protect me
Might they not protect me
Out of all I own?
Is a danger to be trusting
One another
One will seldom want to do
What other wishes
But unless someday
Somebody trust somebody
There'll be nothing left on earth
Excepting fishes
There are times I almost think
Nobody's sure of what
He absolutely know
Everybody find confusion
In conclusion
He concluded long ago
And it puzzle me to learn
That though a man may be in doubt

Of what he know
Very quickly will he flight
He'll flight to prove
That what he does not know
Is so
Sometimes I think
That people going mad
Sometimes I think
That people not so bad
But no matter what I think
I must go on living life
As leader of my kingdom
I must go forth
Be father to my children
And husband to each wife
Et cetera, et cetera
And so forth
If my lord in heaven
Buddha show the way
Every day I try to live
Another day
If my lord in heaven
Buddha show the way
Every day I do my best
For one more day
But...
...is a puzzlement!
Come along now, children.
Take your places, please.
Quickly now...
...and quietly.
Lady Thiang, will you
start the lesson, please?
Blue...
...is ocean.
Red...
...Siam.
Here is king of Siam.
In right hand is weapon.
Show how he destroy...
...all who fight him.
Green...
...Burma.
Here is king of Burma.

No clothes mean...
...how poor is king of Burma.
Thank you, Lady Thiang.
I'll continue.
The map you have been looking at
is 25 years old...
...and today
we have a surprise for you.
A new map just arrived from England.
I do not see Siam.
The white is Siam.
Siam not so small.
Well, wait. Let me show you England.
See? It is even smaller than Siam.
Before I came here, Siam was just
that little white spot to me.
Now that I've been here many months
it has become far more than that...
...because I've met the people of Siam,
and I'm learning to understand them.
You like us, Mrs. Anna?
Yes, I like you very much.
Very much, indeed.
It's a very ancient saying
But a true and honest thought
That if you become a teacher
By your pupils you'll be taught
As a teacher I've been learning
You'll forgive me if I boast
And I've now become an expert
On the subject I like most
Getting to know you.
Getting to know you
Getting to know all about you
Getting to like you
Getting to hope you like me
Getting to know you
Putting it my way
But nicely
You are precisely
My cup of tea
Getting to know you
Getting to feel free and easy
When I am with you

Getting to know what to say
Haven't you noticed
Suddenly I'm bright and breezy
Because of all the...
...beautiful and new things...
...I'm learning about you
Day by...
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Getting to know you
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Suddenly I'm bright and breezy
Because of all the...
...beautiful and new things...
...I'm learning about you
Day...
...by...
...day
Goodness, this started out
to be a geography lesson.
Quickly, let's get back to work.
- Now-
- What is that green up there?
That is Norway.
Nor... way.
Nor... way.
Norway is a very cold place.
Sometimes it is so cold...
...that the lakes and rivers freeze...
...and the water becomes so hard
that you can walk on it.
Walk on water?
Yes, walk on water.
How is it possible?
Hard water?
Not only that, but the raindrops
change into small white spots...
...that look like lace.
And this is called "snow. "
Snow.
Spots of lace!
Yes, Your Highness. The water freezes
on its way down from the sky.
I do not believe such thing as snow.
And I do not believe
such thing as snow.
And I do not believe Siam is this big.
And other country so big.
- Siam is biggest country in world!
- Siam!
What, what, what?
How can schoolroom be so unscientific?
Well, Your Majesty, we had
a little misunderstanding.
I was trying to describe snow...

...and they refused to believe
there is such a thing.
Snow?
Snow.
From mountaintop.
From sky, Your Majesty.
From sky to mountaintop.
That's right, Your Majesty.
I remember. I see pictures
of Switzerland.
Land all white with snow.
Who does not believe this?
Well, after all,
they've never seen it.
Never seen?
If they believe only what they see,
why do we have schoolroom? Rise!
Never let me hear
of not believing schoolteacher...
...whom I have bring here
at high expense.
Twenty pounds each month.
Twenty English pounds.
Sterling!
Rise!
I command all of you...
...to make most of this opportunity
for expensive education.
For sake of selves...
...and country.
Furthermore, it is-
What, what, what? This is not
study book I have provide.
No, Your Majesty, it's one of mine.
- I gave it to Tuptim.
- The name! You tell me!
Is called
The Small House of Uncle Thomas.
Is by American lady,
Harriet Beecher Stowe.
A woman has written a book?
Uncle Tom's Cabin.
A wonderful book, Your Majesty.
All about the evils

of slavery in America.

President Lincoln of America

against slavery, no?

Very definitely, Your Majesty.

Me too.

Slavery very bad thing.

Mr. Lincoln is fighting a war,
even now, to set the slaves free.

You admire him for this?

Very much, Your Majesty.

He seems to be a fine man
who has studied hard...

...and educated himself.

In that, he is not unlike yourself.

Shall Mr. Lincoln be winning this war
he is fighting at present?

No one knows, really.

Does he have enough guns and
elephants for transporting same?

I don't think they have elephants
in America, Your Majesty.

- No elephants?

- No.

No wonder he's not winning war.

All right, children,
you may be seated now.

- Mrs. Anna?

- Yes, Your Highness?

I do not understand...

...how slaves can be set free
if their masters wish to keep them.

It's done by the passing of a law...

...and by the enforcing of that law,
if necessary.

But my slaves...

...and the slaves of my father...

Suppose there was such a law in Siam
and we did not want it so?

Sometimes things can't be just a
question of what we want, Highness...

...but of what is right.

I think perhaps we had better call
recess until after luncheon.

You may be excused.

Young prince has healthy respect...
...for ways of his own people.
Sometimes more than king.
Prince Chulalongkorn is a fine boy
with a keen and probing mind.
But he still has much to learn,
Your Excellency.
What is important for him to learn...
...I do not think he'll find
in this classroom.
I'm fully aware that you do not
approve of my coming to Siam.
Why are you so blind?
Have you no eyes to see?
King tries impossible task...
...wishing to be scientific man
who learn all modern things.
I think it a fine ambition.
Inside him is strong king like
his father, who cannot change.
He will only tear himself in two,
trying to be something he can never be.
Of course he can never be...
...if those closest to him
are unwilling to help him.
You do not know king
as well as you think you do.
You believe you have
great influence over him.
You will end up as his slave
like all the others.
I...
Yes, yes. Just a moment.
The king?
At this hour of the night?
Well, I trust His Majesty won't object
if I put some clothes on first.
You sent for me, Your Majesty?
Your Majesty.
Oh, Your Majesty is reading the Bible.
Mrs. Anna...
...I think your Moses
shall have been a fool.
Moses?

Moses, Moses, Moses.
I think he shall have been a fool.
Here it stands written by him...
...that the world was created
in six days.
Now you know and I know...
...that it took many ages
to create world.
I think he shall have been a fool
to have written so.
What is your opinion?
Is that why Your Majesty sent for me
at this hour of the night?
That is not reason, but first
I wish to discuss Moses.
Now, how am I ever to learn truth...
...if different English books
state different things?
The Bible was not written by men
of science, but by men of faith.
It was their explanation
of the miracle of creation...
...which is the same miracle whether
it took six days or many centuries.
I still think your Moses
shall have been a fool.
As you wish, Your Majesty.
Now, was there something else?
Take letter.
A letter? Now?
Now. When else?
Now is always best time.
Take letter to Mr. Lincoln of America,
who is very scientific ruler.
Very well, Your Majesty.
From Phra Mana Mongut...
...by the blessing of the highest
super agency in the world...
...of the whole universe,
the king of Siam.
Sovereign of all tributary countries
adjacent and in every direction...
...et cetera, et cetera, et cetera...
Do you not have any respect for me?

Why do you stand over my head?
I cannot stand all the time.
And in this country no one's head
shall be higher than king's.
From now on in presence, you shall
so conduct like all other subjects.
You mean, on the floor?
All subjects do so.
I'm very sorry.
I shall try my best not to let my head
be higher than Your Majesty's...
...but I simply cannot
grovel on the floor.
I couldn't possibly
work that way, or think.
You are very difficult woman!
Perhaps so, Your Majesty.
But observe care that head
shall not be higher than mine.
When I shall sit, you shall sit!
When I shall kneel, you shall kneel.
Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera!
Very well, Your Majesty.
Is promise?
Is promise.
Good.
To his Royal Presidency
of the United States in America...
..."Abraham Linkong"..
...et cetera. You fix up.
It has occurred to us...
You see, it has occurred to us...
It has occurred to us that if we
shall be sending you several pairs...
...of young male elephants...
...to be turned loose
in forests of America-
A- mer-i-ca.
We are of opinion...
...that after a while
they shall increase in number.
- And inhabitants of America shall-
- Your Majesty.
Well?

I don't think you mean pairs
of male elephants.
How can I make letter
if you interrupt?
And inhabitants of America shall be
able to catch and tame them...
...and use them as beasts of burden.
Only male elephants, Your Majesty?
You put in the details.
Good night.
Moses.
Lincoln!
Elephants!
Groveling on the floor

at 2:

I am Lun Tha.
You are Mrs. Anna, schoolteacher?
Yes, but you shouldn't be-
I must meet with Tuptim again.
Please!
You have been seeing her here?
Twice we have spoken.
Each time it becomes more difficult.
She has said you will help us.
Oh, no, I couldn't!
It's much too dangerous.
Not for me, but for Tuptim and you.
You'll be killed if they find you in
the City of Women. You must leave!
Death is not worse pain than
empty life. Please, Mrs. Anna.
I'm sorry, Lun Tha.
There's nothing I can do.
Wait there.
Tuptim.
Oh, Lun Tha.
Seeing you this way is not enough.
There is nothing we can do.
I am watched...
...too closely.
Must we go on forever
hiding our love like this?
We kiss in a shadow

We hide from the moon
Our meetings are few
And over too soon
We speak in a whisper
Afraid to be heard
When people are near
We speak not a word
Alone in our secret
Together we sigh
For one smiling day
To be free
To kiss in the sunlight
And say to the sky
Behold and believe
What you see
Behold...
...how my lover...
...loves me
When will we be together, Tuptim?
When?
It can never be, Lun Tha.
Not ever.
To kiss in the sunlight
And say to the sky
Behold and believe
What you see
Behold...
...how my lover...
...loves me
You must go now.
I will be missed, and they will
start searching for me.
When I return, it will be
to take you from here.
There is no way, Lun Tha.
There is the river. There are boats.
I will find a way.
Oh, if it could only be.
It will be.
I swear this.
When all is arranged,
I will get word to you.
I shall pray, Lun Tha.
If you see a chaba flower in your

path, broken like this...
...it will be the sign that I
have come for you. Watch for it.
I will be ready.
Stop, stop, stop!
- Your Majesty.
- What, what, what?
Well?
When Siam's richest province
was stolen by France...
...I warned it was only
beginning of Western treachery.
If enemies of ours,
with lies such as this...
...can convince British that you are
unfit to be ruler of Siam...
...our seas will soon be thick
with ships, greedy for conquest.
So it has finally come.
We must act quickly.
But how? Where?
I must think.
Clearly. Scientifically.
I must think.
But how can I think
while being driven out of mind!
A charm from the skies
Seems to hallow us there
Which, seek through the world
Is ne'er met with elsewhere
That was splendid. Very effective.
Now...
- Good morning.
- You think you teach king lesson!
This is one lesson you do not
be paid for teaching!
You will stop instructing wives
and children in "Home Sweet House"...
...in order to remind me of breaking
promises I never make, et cetera.
Your Majesty, I do not intend to have
my boy brought up in a harem.
You did promise me a house. "A
brick residence adjoining the palace. "

- Those were your very words.
- I do not remember such words!
- I remember them.
- I will do remembering!

Who is king here?

I remind you so you remember that.

I do not remember any promises.

I do not remember anything
except that you are my servant.

Oh, no, Your Majesty.

What, what, what?

I said, you are my servant!

No, Your Majesty, that is not true.

I am most certainly not your servant!

If you do not give me
the house you promised...

...I shall be forced
to return to England.

No! No! Please, Mrs. Anna.

Please. We believe schoolteacher!

I believe in snow!

Do not let her go away.

I let her do nothing
that is not my pleasure.

It is my pleasure that you stay here!

In palace! In palace!

No, Your Majesty.

Why do you wish
to leave these children...

...all of whom are loving you
so extraordinarily?

I do not wish to leave them. I love
them too, quite extraordinarily.

I cannot stay where a promise
has no meaning.

I will hear no more!

A land where there is a wish...

...for Siam to take her place
in the modern world...

...but where everything still remains
according to the wishes of the king!

You will say no more! No more!

I will say no more, because
there is no more to say!

Come, Louis.
Out, out, out!
Who is it?
Mrs. Anna, it is I, Lady Thiang.
Oh, well, come in, Lady Thiang.
Mrs. Anna, you must
go to king at once.
Indeed? And why must I?
I plan to leave on the next sailing.
Please, Mrs. Anna.
Did he send you here to ask me?
It is I who ask you.
King is in terrible distress,
not knowing where to turn.
Distress?
Agents in Singapore have found copies
of letters to British government...
...which describe king as barbarian...
...and suggest necessity
of making Siam a protectorate.
Oh, but that is outrageous!
The king is many things I dislike,
but he is not a barbarian.
Then you will go to him now?
You mean, to advise him?
It must not sound like advice.
King cannot take advice.
And he will not bring up subject.
You must do it for him.
No, Lady Thiang, I can't.
It's against all my principles.
He needs help, Mrs. Anna.
Oh, but he has you.
I am not equal to his special needs.
Please, Lady Thiang, I simply cannot
go to him, especially without...
...his having asked for me.
What more can I say to you?
This is a man who thinks
With his heart
His heart is not always wise
This is a man who stumbles and falls
But this is a man who tries
This is a man you'll forgive

And forgive
And help and protect...
...as long as you live
He will not always say
What you would have him say
But now and then he'll say...
...something wonderful
The thoughtless things he'll do
Will hurt and worry you
Then all at once he'll do...
...something wonderful
He has a thousand dreams
That won't come true
You know that he believes in them
And that's enough...
...for you
You'll always go along
Defend him when he's wrong
And tell him when he's strong
He is wonderful
He'll always need your love
And so he'll...
...get your love
A man who needs your love...
...can be...
...wonderful
Your Majesty.
You have come to apologize.
- I am sorry, Your Majesty, but-
- Good! You apologize.
- I didn't say-
- I accept.
Thank you, Your Majesty.
Well?
Do you not see I am occupied?
My mind on very important matters.
Anything you wish to discuss with me?
Why should I discuss
important matter with woman?
Very well, Your Majesty. In that case
I shall say good night.
Good night!
Your Majesty...
- What, what, what?

- I wonder...
- When the boat came from Singapore-
- Singapore!
- Was there any news from abroad?
- News!
There were news!
- They call me barbarian.
- Who?
Parties who would use this
as excuse to steal my country.
Now suppose you are Queen Victoria...
...and someone say to you king of Siam
is barbarian. Do you believe?
- Well, Your Majesty...
- You will!
You will believe I am because
there is no one to speak otherwise.
Oh, but this is a lie!
It is a false lie!
What have you decided to do about it?
You guess.
Well...
...if someone were sending a lie
about me to England...
...I would do my best to send
the truth to England.
Is that what you have decided to do,
Your Majesty?
Yes, that is what I have
decided to do. But how?
Guess how I shall do this.
Well, my guess would be
that you would seek...
...some kind of personal contact
with the British.
Personal contact! When British
ambassador and party arrive in Siam-
The ambassador, here?
On quick tour of Orient.
Friendship tour, they say.
I receive letters from his aide, Sir
Edward Ramsay, who accompanies him.
Edward, coming here?
"Edward"?

You call him this?
We are old friends. I knew him
in London before I was married.
When they're here, I'll take
opportunity of expressing my opinion...
...of thieves who would try
to steal my country.
I will show them who is barbarian!
Well, what is this face you put on?
My guess is that you will not fight
with your distinguished visitors.
- I will not?
- No, Your Majesty.
You will give a banquet
in their honor.
You will entertain them in
a particularly grand manner.
You will make them all
witnesses in your favor.
They will return to England
and report to the queen...
...that you are most certainly
not a barbarian.
Naturally!
Naturally! This is what
I shall have intended to do.
That's it, Your Majesty.
Stand up to them.
Put your best foot forward.
It's an expression, Your Majesty.
It means put on your best clothes...
...show them your most intelligent men
and most beautiful women.
Shall it be proper for the British
to see my women without shoes?
Shall it be proper for my women
to put their best bare feet forward?
No, we shall make them look
like ladies of Europe:
Shoes on feet, dresses on bodies.
You will tell me which ladies
are most like Europeans...
...and educate them in European
customs and manner for presentation.

- Also, sew dresses.
- Sew dresses?
All women shall help.
Don't you think it would
make a better impression...
...in their own manner and dress?
You are not being scientific.
The ambassador knows we are Siamese.
I wish him to know
we are also Europeans.
Wake up! Everybody to the temple!
Wake up, wake up, wives,
et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.
We will entertain them with acrobats.
We could give them
a theatrical performance.
Tuptim has written a play, her own
version of Uncle Tom's Cabin.
We shall give them theatricals.
We'll show them who is barbarian.
We could make European dishes
for dinner.
You teach. To be served
on high table, long white tablecloth.
- And napkins.
- Of finest silk.
- Using best gold chopsticks.
- Chopsticks?
Don't you think knives and forks
would be more suitable?
My mistake. British not scientific enough
for the use of chopsticks.
You are to order finest gold knives
and forks.
Also spoons.
Why do you not think of spoons?
An inspired idea, Your Majesty.
We mustn't forget cigars.
Englishmen are fond of them.
You are to make list of all eminent
Europeans residing in Bangkok...
-... for sending of invitations.
- Very well.
You will instruct court musicians

their learning music of Europe...
...for dancing, et cetera,
et cetera, et cetera.
Excellent, Your Majesty.
How much time do I have for all this?
British gunboat last reported off
Singkla. This give you one week.
One week? Your Majesty, one week!
In this same time...
...whole world was created, Moses say.
First, we ask help from Buddha.
Bow to him. Bow, bow, bow.
Bow!
Oh, Buddha, give us the aid of your
strength and your wisdom
Oh, Buddha, give us the aid
of your strength...
...and your wisdom
And help us to prove
to the visiting English...
...that we are extraordinary
and remarkable people
And help us to prove
to the visiting English...
...that we are extraordinary
and remarkable people
Help also Mrs. Anna to keep awake
for scientific sewing of dresses...
...even though she be only
a woman and a Christian...
...and therefore unworthy
of your interest
Help also Mrs. Anna-
- Your Majesty, this is really-
- A promise is a promise.
Head must not be higher than mine.
A promise!
- and therefore unworthy
of your interest
And Buddha...
...I promise you...
...that I shall give
this unworthy woman...
...a house.

We will build her a house of her own:

A brick residence...

...adjoining royal palace...

...according to agreement...

...et cetera...

...et cetera...

...et cetera.

Your Majesty-

- this unworthy woman...

...a house

We will build her

a house of her own...

...a brick residence

adjoining royal palace...

...according to agreement

Et cetera

Et cetera

Et cetera

The napkins finally arrived. Would you place them on the table please?

- Thank you.

- No, thank you.

Are we ready?

The guests are arriving.

Please, do not let

Englishmen come here.

We are afraid.

They cast terrible spell on us with evil eye.

Oh, nonsense. Nonsense!

Step back. Let me see how you look.

Stand apart.

Very nice. Now, turn round.

Oh, my goodness gracious!

What is trouble now?

Oh, I forgot! They have practically no undergarments.

Undergarments! Of what importance are undergarments at this time?

Of great importance.

Are you wearing undergarments?

All properly dressed English ladies always wear undergarments.

I have opinion that, in this regard,

England is very backward nation.

Is this what you shall be wearing?

Why, yes. Do you like it?

Well...

Are you certain this is customary,

et cetera, et cetera, et cetera?

Well, what is so extraordinary

about bare shoulders?

- Your own ladies-

- Yes.

But is different because

of not wearing...

...covering-ups on other parts

of body, and therefore-

Therefore what?

Is different.

I'm sorry you do not approve.

I have not said I do not approve.

The ambassador and his party

must be arriving.

Mrs. Anna, Mrs. Anna.

They are cannibals.

They will eat us!

They will do nothing of the kind.

Remember, when you are

presented to the ambassador...

...for heaven's sake, keep your backs

to the wall.

So!

Your Majesty, this shall be

His Excellency, Sir John Hay...

...most honorable representative

of United Kingdom in Great Britain.

Your Majesty.

I am pleased.

Cigar.

Thank you, Your Majesty.

May I introduce my aide,

Sir Edward Ramsay.

Your Majesty.

I am pleased. Cigar.

Thank you.

And this is Madame Leonowens...

...teacher of English language,

customs, et cetera, in royal household.
We've heard of
your splendid work here.
Thank you, Your Excellency.
Edward, it's so good to see you.
How are you, Anna?
Come with me. Meet royal wives.
Royal wives.
He has the head of a goat!
Evil eye!
Evil eye! Evil eye!
- Evil eye!
- Ladies!
Ladies, come back!
Come back. Oh, dear.
Oh, this is dreadful.
Why have you not educated them
in the British custom of spying glass?
Oh, is that what started the panic?
I regret, sir, my ladies
have not given good impression.
On the contrary.
We have rarely received so good
an impression in so short a time.
You have attractive pupils.
I wish you could see
His Majesty's children.
Unfortunately, they're asleep.
How many children do you have?
Oh, I have only 106.
I am not married very long.
Well, next month, expecting five more.
Anna, my dear.
You're looking lovelier than ever.
I was hoping to find you wasted
away with homesickness.
For England?
I have no one there, Edward.
Not anymore.
No one, Anna?
Hear that?
We danced to that once.
Richmond. Remember?
Still dance?

Not very often.

You should.

Do you remember I asked you
to marry me?

Of course. I never allowed Tom
to forget it.

I never learned to take defeat
like a gentleman.

Dear Edward.

I didn't come to Bangkok just because
I enjoy sleeping on a gunboat...

...or watching Sir John
comb his beard.

Anna, Anna, you're much too young
to bury your heart in a grave.

Oh, but it's not buried.

It's very much alive.

- Here?

- Yes.

Among people who need me.

People I can help.

You could help me very much, Anna.

I see another 10 years
of waiting in those eyes.

Dancing, after dinner!

I'm afraid I couldn't resist
talking over old times.

I had impression that Mrs. Anna
would help...

...for seating guests at dinner table,
et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

Now it is too late.

They all stand up, waiting.

In that case, we'd better
be going in, Anna.

We better be going in...

...Anna.

I forget.

If you'll excuse me, Your Majesty.

Now, herewith, shall be list of
subjects you try to bring up for talk.

On such subjects I am very brilliant
and will make great impression.

You begin with Moses.

Bow.
Eat, eat, eat!
His Majesty made a rather interesting
point about Moses...
...when he was reading the Bible.
Oh, yes. Now...
...Moses is very fine illustration
of little-known fact...
...that men of faith
and men of science...
...by contradicting each other...
...always manage to arrive
at same conclusion.
I shall explain...
I should like to propose a toast.
His Gracious Majesty,
the king of Siam:
May the rest of the world regard
him with the same high esteem...
...as does the government
of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.
Hear! Hear!
Your Majesty.
More toast.
To Her Gracious Majesty, Victoria...
...Queen of United Kingdom
and Ireland...
...powerful sovereign of British
colonies around globe of human world.
I wish to say, warm affection.
To the queen.
Enough toast for queen. Sit.
Now, theatricals for entertainment.
Tonight...
...play written by member
of royal palace as surprise for king.
Siamese version
of famous American book.
Your Majesty...
...and honorable guests...
...I beg to put before you:
Small House of Uncle Thomas.
We beg to put before you:
Small House of Uncle Thomas

Small House of Uncle Thomas
Small House of Uncle Thomas
Written by a woman
Harriet Beecher Stowe
House is in Kingdom of Kentucky...
...ruled by most wicked king

in all America:

Simon of Legree.
Your Majesty...
...I beg to put before you,
loving friends.
Uncle Thomas.
Dear Old Uncle Thomas
Little Eva.
Blessed Little Eva
- Little Topsy.
- Mischief-Maker Topsy
Happy people.
Very happy people
Happy, happy, happy people.
Your Majesty...
...I beg to put before you
one who is not happy:
The slave Eliza.
Poor Eliza
Poor Eliza
Poor unfortunate slave
Eliza's lord and master:
King Simon of Legree.
She hates her lord and master...
...and fears him.
This king has sold her lover...
...to far away province of Ohio.
Lover's name is George.
George
Baby in her arms also called George.
George
Eliza say she run away
and look for lover, George.
George
So she bid goodbye to friends...
...and start on her escape.
The escape.

Run, Eliza
Run from Simon
Poor Eliza running
and run into a rainstorm.
Comes a mountain.
Climb, Eliza
Eliza lose her way in forest.
- Frightening forest
- Poor Eliza.
- Poor Eliza.
- Poor Eliza.
- Poor Eliza.
- Poor Eliza.
- Poor Eliza.
Poor Eliza
Eliza very tired.
Your Majesty...
...I regret to put before you:
King Simon of Legree.
Because one slave has run away,
Simon beating every slave.
Simon clever man.
He decide to hunt Eliza...
...not only with soldiers...
...but with scientific dogs...
...who sniff and smell...
...and thereby discover all
who run from king.
Run, Eliza, run
Run, Eliza, run
Run from Simon, run
Run, Eliza
Run, run
Run from Simon
Run, run
Poor Eliza
Run from Simon
Eliza, run, run
Eliza, run from Simon, run
Run, Eliza
Run from Simon
Run, Eliza
Run from Simon
Run, Eliza, run, run, run
Eliza come to river.

- Eliza come to river.
- Poor Eliza
- Who can save her?
- Only Buddha
Save her, Buddha, save her
What will Buddha do?
Buddha make a miracle.
Buddha send an angel down.
Angel make the wind blow cold.
Make the river water hard.
Hard enough to walk upon.
Buddha make a miracle
Praise to Buddha
Angel show her how to walk
on frozen water.
Now as token of his love...
...Buddha send a new miracle.
Praise to Buddha
Send from heaven stars...
...and blossoms.
Look like lace upon the sky.
Praise to Buddha
Praise to Buddha
So Eliza cross the river...
...hidden by this veil of lace.
Forgot to tell you name of miracle.
Snow!
Of a sudden, she can see
Wicked Simon of Legree...
...sliding cross the river fast
with his bloodhounds and his slaves.
What has happened to the river?
Buddha has called out the sun!
Buddha has called out the sun
Sun has made the water soft
Wicked Simon and his slaves
Fall in river and are drowned
Everybody celebrate death of Simon.
And Eliza make happy reunion
with Dear Old Uncle Thomas...
...Blessed Little Eva...
...Mischief-Maker Topsy...
...and faithful lover George...
...who is looking like Angel to Eliza.

Topsy glad that Simon die.
Topsy dance for joy.
I tell you what Harriet Beecher Stowe
say that Topsy say:
"I specks I'se de wickedest critter
in de world. "
But...
...I do not believe
Topsy is wicked critter...
...because I, too,
am glad for death of king...
...of any king who pursue a slave who
is unhappy and who tried to escape.
And Your Majesty,
I wish to say to you:
I beg of you!
Your Majesty...
...and honorable guests...
...I will tell you end of story.
Is very sad ending, with sacrifice.
Poor little Eva
Poor little Eva
Poor unfortunate child
Is Buddha's wish
that Eva come to him...
...and thank him personally...
...for saving of Eliza and baby.
And so she die...
...and go to arms of Buddha.
Praise to Buddha
Praise to Buddha
Very clever.
Very clever, Your Majesty.
Author! Author!
Is there anything else
before I say good night?
Sit, sit, sit.
Plenty for two. Eat.
Oh, no, thank you.
Fork is a foolhardy instrument.
You pick up food, and it leaks.
Oh, your conversation at dinner
was most amusing, Your Majesty.
I was forced to laugh myself.

I was so funny.
Before leaving, Edward confided that
the ambassador was quite impressed.
Edward.
And he will most certainly send
a glowing report to Queen Victoria!
I am so pleased, Your Majesty.
I am aware of your interest.
I wish to say...
...you have been of great help
to me in this endeavor.
I wish to make gift.
I have hope you accept.
Put it on.
Put it on finger.
Oh, put it on,
put it on, put it on.
Your Majesty,
I don't know what to say.
When one does not know what to say...
...it is a time to be silent.
It is late, Your Majesty.
If there's nothing else-
There is, there is, there is else.
Have good news to tell.
Yesterday, a white elephant has been
discovered in forest of Ayutthaya.
And you regard this as a good omen?
Yes. Very good omen.
Everything going well with us?
Yes, everything going well with us.
Tuptim, your pupil.
Her play tonight.
Oh, but Your Majesty,
everyone enjoyed it immensely.
It is immoral for king to drown
when pursuing slave who deceive him.
Immoral. Immoral!
Tuptim shall hear of my displeasure
when she is found.
Found?
It is believed she hides
somewhere in palace...
...to escape king's anger and...

You know something of this?

- Only that she has been unhappy.

- Why unhappy?

She is in palace of king!

What is greater honor for girl
than to be in palace of king?

Oh, but Your Majesty, of what interest
to you is one girl like Tuptim?

In your house,

she's just another woman.

As a bowl of rice is just another bowl
of rice, no different from any other.

Now you understand about women.

So many English books I read
introduce strange idea...

...of love,

et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

You disapprove?

But it is a silly complication
of a pleasant simplicity.

A woman is designed for pleasing man.

That is all.

A man is designed to be pleased
by many women.

How do you explain the fact,

Your Majesty...

...that many men remain faithful
to one wife?

They are sick.

But you do expect women

to be faithful.

- Naturally.

- Well, why naturally?

Because it is natural.

It is like old Siamese rhyme:

A girl must be like a blossom

With honey for just one man

A man must live like honey bee

And gather all he can

To fly from blossom to blossom

A honey bee must be free

But blossom must not ever fly

From bee to bee to bee

Oh, Your Majesty, in my country

we have a far different attitude.
We believe that
for a man to be truly happy...
...he must love one woman
and one woman only.
This idea was invented by woman.
But it's a beautiful idea,
Your Majesty.
In England, we're brought up with it.
And by the time a young girl
goes to her first dance-
Young girl?
They dance also?
Like tonight?
In arms of man not her husband?
Why, of course.
I would not permit.
Oh, but it's very exciting.
When you're young...
...at your first dance...
...and you're sitting
on a small gilt chair...
...with your eyes lowered...
...terrified that you'll be
a wallflower.
And suddenly you see
two black shoes...
...a white waistcoat...
...a face.
It speaks.
We've just been introduced
I do not know you well
But when the music started
Something drew me to your side
So many men and girls
Are in each other's arms
It made me think
We might be
Similarly occupied
Shall we dance?
On a bright cloud of music
Shall we fly?
Shall we dance?
Shall we then say good night

And mean goodbye?
Or perchance
When the last little star
Has left the sky
Shall we still be together
With our arms around each other?
And shall you be my new romance?
On the clear understanding
That this kind of thing can happen
Shall we dance?
Shall we dance?
Shall we dance?
Why do you stop?
You dance pretty. Go on.
Your Majesty, I didn't realize.
After all, I'm not a dancing girl.
In England, no woman dances alone
while a man looks on.
But she dances with stranger,
holding hands?
Yes, but not always a stranger.
- Usually a very good friend.
- Then we'll dance together.
You show me.
Teach, teach, teach.
It's quite simple, the polka.
You count, "One, two, three,
and one, two, three...
...and one, two, three, and... "
- Shall we dance?
- One, two, three, and.
On a bright cloud of music
Shall we fly?
One, two, three, and.
- Shall we dance?
- One, two, three, and.
Shall we then say good night
And mean goodbye?
One, two, three, and.
Or perchance
When the last little star
Has leave the sky
Shall we still be together
With our arms around each other?

And shall you be my new romance?
On the clear understanding
That this kind of thing can happen
Shall we dance?
Shall we dance?
Shall we dance?
- One, two, three, and one, two, three-
- One, two, three, one, two, three-
Something wrong.
I know, I forgot "and. "
Next time I remember.
One, two, three,
and one, two, three, and-
That's splendid, Your Majesty.
Splendid, splendid!
You throw me off count!
And, one, two, three, and
one, two, three, and...
That is not right.
You were doing beautifully,
Your Majesty.
No, no. Not the way I see
Europeans dancing tonight.
Yes, it was. It was just like that.
Were not holding two hands like this.
No...
...as a matter of fact.
Was...
...like this?
No?
Yes.
Come.
Come.
We do it again.
- Your Majesty-
- Why do you burst in here?
We have found Tuptim.
- Where is she?
- Secret police are questioning her.
Her lover has not been caught.
Not yet.
What?
We believe she was
running away with Lun Tha...

...man who bring her here from Burma.
Dishonor.
Dishonor. Dishonor!
Bring her in.
Your Majesty, what will you do?
I shall do what is usually done
in such event.
No. No!
No! Mrs. Anna,
do not let them beat me.
Do not let them!
- Where is this man?
- I do not know.
It is known you were lovers with him.
I was not lovers with this man!
Dishonor!
- We will have truth of you.
- Stop that! Do you hear? Stop it!
It is better
if you understand at once...
...that this does not concern you.
Oh, but it does, Your Majesty.
It does, dreadfully.
Because of her,
and even more because of you.
She's a child, running away
because she was unhappy.
Can't you understand that?
You waste my time!
I beg of you not to take revenge
on this girl.
You'll throw away everything you've
accomplished for yourself and country.
The girl hurt your vanity, that's all.
She didn't hurt your heart.
You have no heart!
You've never loved anyone
and you never will.
I will show you. Give me.
I can't believe you will do
this dreadful thing!
You don't? Believe when you hear
her screams as you run from here.
I am not going to run. I am going

to stand here and watch you.
Hold this girl. I do this myself!
You are a barbarian.
Down, down, down!
Am I king or am I not king?
Am I to be cuckold in my own palace,
to take orders from English teacher?
- No, no. Not orders.
- Silence!
I am king as I was born to be...
...and Siam to be governed in my way!
Not English way, not French way,
not Chinese way!
My way!
Barbarian, you say.
There is no barbarian worse
than a weak king.
And I am strong, do you hear?
Strong!
Well?
The man, the lover has been found
in river. He is dead.
Dead?
Oh, no!
Oh, no!
Oh, no!
I don't understand you,
not you or your king.
I'll never understand him.
You!
When I warn you of this
many months ago, you do not listen.
You have destroyed him.
He can never be the king
he was before.
You have taken all that away from him.
You have destroyed king!
The next boat that comes, no matter
where it goes, I shall be on it.
Give this back to His Majesty.
I wish you have never come to Siam.
So do I.
Oh, so do I!
Mother.

Mother, our luggage is all loaded.
We'll be late for the boat.
Yes, Louis.
I'm coming.
Mrs. Anna.
Lady Thiang. Your Highness.
How nice of you
to come to say goodbye.
Mrs. Anna, I do not come for myself.
I come for one
who must see you quickly.
You may tell His Majesty
I am no longer subject to him.
You do not understand.
Mrs. Anna...
...he is dying!
Dying?
The king?
Oh, no, Lady Thiang. What happened?
Who can say what it is
that makes a man die?
A sad heart that no longer wishes
to go on beating?
Ever since night of great banquet,
he has shut himself away in palace...
...turning from all
who would speak to him...
...unwilling to sleep
or to nourish himself...
...searching through many books,
only to push them aside in despair.
Doctors warned him he must
change his ways quickly...
...but he would not listen, Mrs. Anna.
He would not listen.
I had no idea.
Everyone who knew
was forbidden to speak of it.
And now, doctors have no hope for him.
Mrs. Anna.
Your Highness.
I am frightened, Mrs. Anna.
I am frightened
because I love my father...

...and also because if he dies,
I shall be king.
And I do not know how to be.
Many men learn this after
they become kings, Your Highness.
It will be good to think back...
...on all that
Mrs. Anna has taught you.
When king heard you were sailing
tonight, he started to write letter.
It was difficult for him, Mrs. Anna.
Very difficult.
He has commanded
that I give it to you.
Please, may I hear what
my father has said, Mrs. Anna?
"While I am lying here...
...I think perhaps I die.
This heart which you say
I have not got...
...is matter of concern.
It occurs to me that there shall be
nothing wrong that men shall die.
For all that matters about man...
...is that he shall have tried
his utmost best.
In looking back, I discover that
you think much on those people...
...who require that you live up
to best of self.
You have spoken truth to me always...
...and for this I have often
lost my temper on you.
But now I do not wish to die...
...without saying this gratitude...
...and large respect,
et cetera, et cetera.
I think it very strange...
...that a woman shall have been
most earnest help of all.
But, Mrs. Anna, you must remember...
...that you have been
a very difficult woman...
...and much more difficult

than generality. "

We must hurry back now.

You will come?

Mother...

...now that the king is dying...

...does that make you friends again?

I suppose so, Louis.

We can't hurt each other anymore.

He always frightened me.

I wish you had known him better.

You two could have been
such good friends.

In many ways he was
just as young as you.

Was he as good a king
as he could have been?

I don't think any man has ever been
as good a king as he could have been.

But this one tried.

He tried very hard.

You really like him,
don't you, Mother?

Yes, Louis.

I like him very much.

Very much indeed.

Several weeks...

...I do not see you, Mrs. Anna.

And now I die.

Oh, no, Your Majesty.

This is not scientific.

I know...

...if I die or do not die.

You shouldn't be here.

Can't we move you to your room?

No.

I wish to remain here
in room with knowledge.

You are leaving Siam?

When?

Very soon, Your Majesty.

In fact, I can stay
only a few more minutes.

And you are glad of this?

People of Siam...

...royal children, et cetera...
...are not glad.
And all are in great affliction...
...of your departure.
I shall miss them.
You shall miss them...
...but you shall be leaving.
I, too...
...am leaving.
Only I'm not walking onto a boat...
...with my own feet...
...of my own free will.
I am just leaving.
Why is your head higher than mine?
Here.
Here is something belonging to you.
Put it on.
Put it on, put it on.
Please...
...wear it.
The children.
Let my children come in.
Good evening, children.
Good evening, my father.
- Please, do not go. We'll miss you!
- Children!
Stop this noise.
Did you come to see your father
or Mrs. Anna?
It is all right, Lady Thiang.
It is suitable.
My father.
Princess Ying Yaowalak.
I have wish to-
She has memorized message
for Mrs. Anna.
Speak message now.
Say it, say it, say it.
Dear friend and teacher...
...my goodness gracious...
...do not go away.
We are in great need of you.
We are like one blind.
Do not let us fall down in darkness.

Continue good and sincere...
...concern for us...
...and lead us in right road.
Your loving pupil...
...Princess Ying Yaowalak.
Mother...
...it's the boat. It's time to go.
- Do not go, Mrs. Anna.
- Please do not go.
No, no, Mrs. Anna!
Run down to the boat and ask
Capt. Orton to take our things off.
Yes, Mother.
Silence!
There's no reason
for doing of demonstration...
...for schoolteacher
realizing her duty...
...for which I pay her
exorbitant monthly fee...
...of...
...twenty-five pounds.
Furthermore...
...this disorganized behavior...
...in presence of dying king.
Rise.
Mrs. Anna...
...you...
...take notes.
You take notes...
...from next king.
Well?
Suppose you are king.
Is there nothing you would do?
I...
...would make proclamations.
Yes. Yes?
First, I would proclaim
for coming New Year...
...fireworks.
Also boat races.
Boat races?
Why boat races
with New Year's celebration?

I like boat races.
And, Father, I would make
second proclamation.
Yes, what is second proclamation?
Make it, make it.
Regarding custom of bowing to king...
...in fashion of lowly toad.
I do not believe this is good thing.
Causing embarrassing fatigue
of body...
...degrading experience for soul...
...et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.
This is bad thing.
I believe.
You are angry with me,
my father?
Oh, why do you ask question?
If you are king...
...you are king!
Don't ask question of sick man.
Nor...
...of woman.
This proclamation...
...against bowing to king...
...I believe to be your fault.
Oh, I hope so, Your Majesty.
I do hope so.
Up! Rise up!
Father?
Up, up, up!
Like soldiers in lines.
It has been said.
There shall be no more bowing...
...for showing...
...respect...
...for king.
It has been said by one...
...who has been trained...
...for royal...
...government.
There shall be no bowing like toad.
No crouching.
No crawling.
This does not mean, however,

that you do not show respect for king.
You will stand with shoulders back...
...and chin high, like this.
You will face king
with proud expression...
...showing pride in self
as well as in king.
This is proper way for men
to show esteem for one another...
...by looking upon each other's faces
with calmness of spirit...
...eyes meeting eyes in equal gaze...
...bodies upright, standing as men
were meant to stand...
...with dignity and awareness of self.
So from this day forward...