

(STUDENTS cheer.)

TEENAGE NONA (continues)

Great! Then I guess we earned a glass of punch. We'll be right back!

(BAND BREAKS and puts down their instruments.)

(TOMMY EXITS to the back of the gym.)

(STUDENTS pair off and talk quietly to each other)

(TEENAGE NONA crosses to the punch table. As she reaches for cup, TEENAGE ALEJANDRO ENTERS and sneaks up behind her, puts his arms along both sides of her waist and extends his arms to get a glass, then picks up the ladle to fill it.)

TEENAGE NONA

(Startled)

Do you always sneak up on girls at the punch bowl?

TEENAGE ALEJANDRO

Only the ones that deserve a cool drink and a compliment.

TEENAGE NONA

Really now? What kind of compliment?

TEENAGE ALEJANDRO

That song was great ... and so are you. I just thought you might need a little help. You see, these glasses can be very tricky to fill. I didn't want you to spill red punch all over your new outfit.

TEENAGE NONA

Alejandro, you have been pulling my pony tail and teasing me since I was in 5th grade.

TEENAGE ALEJANDRO

How else can I get your attention? Every time I ask you out, you say, "I'm too busy. I've got rehearsals" or "I'm in the middle of writing a new song." Can't you make even a little time for me?

(TEENAGE NONA sees TOMMY walking towards them, as he comes from behind ALEJANDRO.)

TEENAGE NONA

I'm sorry, Alejandro. It's not just the music. I have a boyfriend now.

(TOMMY walks up to TEENAGE NONA and puts his arms around her waist.)

TOMMY

Is this guy bothering you, Honey?

TEENAGE NONA

No, Tommy. You remember Alejandro Vega. He graduated last year and is working at his father's bodega on 10th street. I've known him for a long time.

TOMMY

Oh. Yea. Now I remember. What brings YOU to a high school dance?

TEENAGE ALEJANDRO

I was in the neighborhood and heard the music, so I decided to see who was playing.

TOMMY

Is that the only reason?

TEENAGE ALEJANDRO

Well, it's always fun to check out the scenery.

TOMMY (to ALEJANDRO)

I suggest you check out the scenery on the other side of the room. There's lots of young ladies over there who might need "a glass of punch"... and who aren't my girlfriend.

TOMMY (to TEENAGE NONA)

Are you ready for our next set, Honey?

TEENAGE NONA

Sure, Tommy. But I need to take another five to powder my nose.

(NONA EXITS.)

TOMMY

Just in case you didn't get my drift, I suggest that you don't get any bright ideas Alejandro. Carmela is mine now and we plan to get married and go on the road.

ALEJANDRO

Thanks for the heads up, but I think I'll wait I'll wait till she tells me that.

TOMMY

Oh, you won't have to wait long. She'll probably tell you tomorrow.

ALEJANDRO

Why is that?

TOMMY

You'll see.

(ALEJANDRO is mumbling something in Spanish under his breath.)