

## THE SOUND OF MUSIC AUDITION LINES

### **CAPTAIN: (A stern but distracted father. Falls in love with Maria.)**

*(Angrily)*—"Don't tell me about my son! You will pack your things and return to the Abbey as soon as you can!"

*(Softly)*—"I look at you now, and I realize this is not something that has just happened. It is something I've known - deep inside me for many weeks. You knew it too! What was it that told you?"

### **MARIA: (A Nun "wannabe"—who has a bit of a problem following the rules. A feminine tomboy. Very good with children. Falls in love with the Captain.)**

*(Desperate)*—"Don't send me away, Mother, please! This is what I want! This is my life! I know what you expect Mother, and I'll do it! I promise!"

*(Shyly)*—"Brigitta said - when we were dancing that night... I hadn't danced since I was a very little girl. It's quite different after you've grown up, isn't it?"

### **MOTHER ABBESS: (A maternal and serious nun - head of Nonnberg Abbey.)**

*(Maternally)*—"Maria - the love of a man and a woman is holy too. The first time we talked together you told me that you remembered your father and mother before they died. Do you remember - were they happy?"

*(Sternly)*—"Maria - you are not being sent to his battleship! *(Softly)* God bless you, Maria..."

### **ROLF: (Really likes Liesl, a messenger boy, becomes a Nazi.)**

*(Angrily)*—"Some people think we ought to be German. They're pretty mad at those who don't think so. They're getting ready to - well, let's hope your father doesn't get into any trouble.

*(Softly)*—"The only one I worry about is his daughter..."

### **MAX: (Is comedic, a creative. Placating. Wears nice suits. Friends with the Captain and Elsa. Doesn't want to "fly under the radar" with the Germans.)**

*(Precisely)*—"Georg, this is the way I look at it. There was a man who was dying. They were giving him the last rites. They asked him, 'Do you renounce the devil and all his works?' And he said, 'At this moment, I prefer not to make enemies.' "

*(Grandly)*—"I like rich people. I like the way they live. I like the way I live when I'm with them.

*(Hears the Abbey bells)* Speaking as a government official, I - Georg, is there a cathedral around here?

### **ELSA: (Is very rich, wants to marry the Captain. Also, sympathetic with the Germans.)**

*(Flirty)*—"I'm beginning to understand you better now that I see you here. You know, you're a little like those mountains - except that you keep moving. How can you be away from this place as much as you are?"

*(Excited - and this could be comedic)*—"Yes, show me the gardens - I want to see everything, and with you, too. I don't know any of your names yes, but it doesn't matter. I'm sure I won't get them straight for a long time."

### **FRANZ: (The butler. Has been with the Captain for years.)**

*(Matter of fact)*—"Well, that's one thing people are saying - if the Germans did take over Austria, we'd have efficiency!"

### **FRAU SCHMIDT: The housekeeper. Very practical.)**

*(Wistful)*—"He used to love music. There were wonderful evenings here. His wife would sing, and he would play the violin or guitar."

*(Matter of fact)*—"But now he's shut all that out of his life."

### **HERR ZELLER: (A full-on Nazi. Suspects the Captain is not "on board" with the Germans, and tries to get the Captain into the German Navy.)**

*(Angrily)*—"These are not times for joking! It has been four days since the Anschluss. This is the only house in the province that is not flying the flag of the Third Reich!"

**SISTER BERTHE: (Stern)**

“Reverend Mother, there is no doubt about Irmagard. The religious life is no place for the pious.”

**SISTER MARGARETTA: (A little spunky)**

“It’s strange. She’s happy to be here - but she’s unhappy too. She hasn’t spoken except in prayer.”

**SISTER SOPHIA: (Softhearted)**

“I love her very dearly. But she always seems to be in trouble, doesn’t she?”

**VON TRAPP KIDS**

*(All tired of multiple governesses, rarely get to see their dad, and all can sing and harmonize.)*

**LIESL (16 - having her first “crush”)**

*(Fibbing)* “I was out taking a walk, and somebody locked the doors earlier than usual, and I didn’t want to wake everybody up, so when I saw your window open... *(concerned)* You’re not going to tell father, are you?”

**FRIEDRICH (14 - stern)**

“I’m Friedrich, I’m fourteen, I’m a boy.

**LOUISA (13 - amazed)**

“You mean you don’t know anything about being a governess? Well, the first thing you have to do is tell Father to mind his own business!”

**KURT (10 - sensitive)**

“Brigitta, you mustn’t say a thing like that - because even if I thought so, I wouldn’t say so. I’m Kurt. I’m 11 - almost.”

**BRIGITTA (9 - very observant and pointedly honest)**

“I’m Brigitta, she’s Louisa, and she’s 13 years old, and you’re smart. I’m nine, and I think your dress is the ugliest one I ever saw.”

**MARTA (6 - just a cute little girl)**

“I’m Marta, and I’m going to be seven on [Tuesday](#), and I’d like a pink parasol.”

**GRETL (5 - the adorable one)**

“I got a sore finger.” *(hold up your finger to show)*