

Scene Four

The lights come up on FLICK's quarters.

FLICK *is playing the violin. He stops, tunes a string. There is a knock. He puts down the violin.*

FLICK Enter.

HELGA *enters.*

Ah, Helga. What a pleasant surprise.

HELGA I hope that I have not called at an inconvenient moment.

FLICK I was adjusting my G string.

HELGA I will wait outside. *(She starts to go)*

FLICK Come back here at once. *(He picks up the violin and taps it)* This G string.

HELGA Oh, I see. You play?

FLICK What do you think I do with it—paddle a canoe? Hold the music.

HELGA Yes, Herr Flick.

He hands her the music and she holds it up.

FLICK Higher. Higher.

She holds it higher.

Now. Are you standing comfortably?

HELGA No.

FLICK Good. Then I will begin. *(He plays "FALLING IN LOVE AGAIN". This is a violin solo, but when he gets to the appropriate bit, he sings "I can't help it". He stops)*

HELGA Oh Herr Flick. There are so many sides to your nature. Just when I think I know you, I find beneath that ruthless