

SCENE 12: CHIM CHIMINEY – Roof#13 – *Chim Chim Cher-ee*

Bert, Mary Poppins

*(BERT sits on the roof, whistling and holding a chimney sweep's brush.)***BERT**

UP WHERE THE SMOKE IS ALL BILLOWED AND CURLED,
 'TWEEN PAVEMENT AND STARS IS THE CHIMNEY SWEEP'S WORLD.
 WHERE THERE'S 'ARDLY NO DAY NOR 'ARDLY NO NIGHT,
 THERE'S THINGS 'ALF IN SHADOW AND 'ALFWAYS IN LIGHT
 ON THE ROOFTOPS OF LONDON...

(MARY POPPINS appears.)

Coo... what a sight!

*(BERT helps MARY POPPINS onto the roof. She puts down her bag and umbrella.)***MARY POPPINS**

Oh. So you are a sweep now, are you?

*(BERT pats the seat on the chimney stack next to him and nods at the roofs of London spread out before their eyes. MARY POPPINS sits.)***BERT**

The best view in the world, eh? And who gets to see it? The birds, the stars, and
 the chimney sweeps. Nothing to beat it, eh?

NOW AS THE LADDER OF LIFE HAS BEEN STRUNG,
 YOU MAY THINK A SWEEP'S ON THE BOTTOM-MOST RUNG.
 THOUGH I SPENDS ME TIME IN THE ASHES AND SMOKE,
 IN THIS WHOLE WIDE WORLD, THERE'S NO 'APPIER BLOKE.

MARY POPPINS, BERT

CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIM CHER-EE,
 A SWEEP IS AS LUCKY AS LUCKY CAN BE.
 CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIM CHER-OO,

MARY POPPINS

GOOD LUCK WILL RUB OFF WHEN HE SHAKES HANDS WITH YOU.

BERT

OR BLOW ME A KISS,

MARY POPPINS

Bert...

BERT

AND THAT'S LUCKY TOO.

(MARY POPPINS stands and picks up her umbrella and bag.)

Oh, you're going then?

MARY POPPINS

The wind has changed.

BERT

But they're good kids, Mary.

MARY POPPINS

Would I be bothering with them if they weren't? But I can't help them if they won't let me, and there's no one so hard to teach as the child who knows everything.

BERT

So?

MARY POPPINS

So they've got to do the next bit on their own.

MARY POPPINS, BERT

CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIM CHER-EE,

MARY POPPINS

WHEN YOU'RE WITH A SWEEP, YOU'RE IN GLAD COMPANY.

Goodbye, Bert.

(MARY POPPINS exits.)

BERT

CHIM, CHIM, CHIM-CHIM CHER-EE,

WHEN YOU'RE WITH A SWEEP YOU'RE IN GLAD COMPANY.

NOWHERE IS THERE A MORE HAPPIER CREW

THAN THEM WHAT SINGS CHIM CHIM CHER-EE CHIM CHER-OO.

CHIM CHIMINEY, CHIM CHIM CHER-EE CHIM—

(MARY POPPINS flies away into the sky.)

MARY POPPINS

Cheerio, Bert. Keep an eye on them for me.

(JANE steps out of the nursery window with Mary Poppins's note in her hand. She scans the horizon desperately. A moment later, MICHAEL joins her.)