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Señor Gruñón is an old miser who wants to protect his pear tree from pear-pickers and his life from intruders – so he is rather annoyed when an old cripple pays him a visit one night and asks for sustenance. The old man grudgingly obliges and resultantly discovers that the cripple is none other than St. Peter in disguise. Peter, touched by the old man’s kindness, offers to grant him one wish.

PETER

(Singing.)

DON'T TREMBLE OR BE ILL AT EASE
AT ALL THE POSSIBILITIES
BEFORE YOU HERE
SO CRYSTAL CLEAR
TODAY.

DON'T DISS OR SHRUG THE LIKELIHOOD
THAT SUDDENLY YOU LIKELY COULD
BRING DREAMS ALIVE
SO THEY CAN THRIVE
AND PLAY.

A WORLD WAITS BEFORE YOU
'TOORDS' WHICH NOW I IMPLORE YOU
JAM-PACKED WITH EVERY HOPE INSIDE YOUR HEAD.
A WORLD WAITS TO GREET YOU
AND THEREBY TO COMPLETE YOU
WITH ANY WISH TO WHICH YOUR HEART IS WED.

SEÑOR GRUÑÓN

(Singing.)

JUST ONE?

PETER

(Singing.)
JUST ONE!

SEÑOR GRUÑÓN

(Singing.)
JUST ONE?

PETER

(Singing.)
JUST ONE.
JUST ONE LITTLE WISH
AND SO MUCH CAN BE DONE.

ONE LITTLE WISH
IS ALL YOU NEED
TO SPROUT A GARDEN FROM A WEED,
TO SPRINGTIME WINTER
HERE, NOW 'INTER'
MARCH OR MAY.

ONE LITTLE WISH
IS ALL IT TAKES
TO MAKE A TEARDROP FILL UP LAKES,
TO LOCK SAHARAS
IN PASSED ERAS
THERE TO STAY.

ONE LITTLE WISH AND LO
A MORNING GRAY WITH SNOW
BLOOMS A SUDDEN RAINBOW IN THE SKY.
ONE LITTLE WISH AND OH
A WORLD YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
IS ALL YOU'LL EVER KNOW TO GREET THE EYE.

ONE LITTLE WISH
IS BUT REQUIRED
TO MAKE A PUPPET DANCE UNWIRED,
TO MAKE A STATUE
HOLLER AT YOU
"HI THERE, HEY!"

SO TRY A WISH.
I GRANT YOU ONE.
MOST OTHER SOULS HAVE NONE.
MAKE ONE LITTLE WISH AND IT IS DONE.

MUSIC continues, as:

SEÑOR GRUÑÓN

I'm not sure what to wish for.

PETER

Well, what is it you truly want?

SEÑOR GRUÑÓN

(With sudden resolution.)

I... I want people to leave my pear tree alone.

PETER

Be more specific. I cannot command minds. I can only command the unhuman.

SEÑOR GRUÑÓN thinks some more and then smiles.

SEÑOR GRUÑÓN

I know: I wish that everyone who tries to take one of my pears gets stuck to my pear tree and that only I can wish them down again.

PETER thinks on this proposal and then smiles broadly.

PETER

Hmmm... A good wish. A clever wish.

(A grand gesture.)

A granted wish!

PETER points commandingly to the Pear Tree. DAZZLING LIGHTS shine on its branches. An offstage chorus of ANGELS sing majestically:

PETER, ANGELS

(Singing.)

ONE LITTLE WISH AND LO
A HOPELESS WORLD OF "NO"
BRAGS A MILLION DOORWAYS TO EXPLORE.
ONE LITTLE WISH AND OH
A GOWN THAT WILL NOT FLOW
BECOMES A SILKEN SEA WITHOUT A SHORE.

ONE LITTLE WISH,
A SINGLE ONE,
CAN HIDE THE MOON BEHIND THE SUN
AND MAKE THE SUNSHINE
NEVER UNSHINE
NIGHT OR DAY.

SO TRY A WISH.
WHO NEEDS A TON?
ONE MAKES THE WHOLE WORLD RUN.
MAKE ONE LITTLE WISH AND IT IS DONE.

SO MAKE A WISH...
YES, MAKE A WISH...
COME, MAKE A WISH...
FOR YOUR DREAMS HAVE JUST BEGUN.