

**Buttons** The Ugly Sisters wouldn't let her, even though she is the Baron's own daughter, but actually of course (*going coy*) she wanted to stay at home with me. She thinks I'm wonderful.

**All** Ooooooh!!!!

**3rd Girl** Buttons - are you in love with Cinderella?

**Buttons** She's alright. We're just good friends (*rolling his head round*)

**All** Ahh!!!

**Buttons** Well she needs a friend like me, Honestly, if you'd seen all the hard work she's done these last few days, getting ready for them coming back.

**2nd Girl** I thought you said you'd done all the work.

**Buttons** Well, I helped.

**All** What!

**Buttons** Supervised

**All** What!

**Buttons** Watched. Now, don't waste my time, I've work to do.

**3rd Girl** He means some more work to watch. (*Ensemble laugh and disperse. Exit right as Kiddies surround Buttons at both sides of him shouting "Buttons"*)

**Buttons** Hello, kids.

**Kiddies** Hello, Buttons. (*Rather refined*)

**Buttons** (*Imitates them*) You don't say it like that. "Hello Buttons" (*Posh*) You sound as if you come from Harrogate. You say "Hello Buttons" (*local accent*) (*To audience*) This lot know how to say "Hello Buttons" - don't you?

**Audience** Yes, (*after necessary persuasion*)

**Buttons** Look, every time I come on I'll say "Hello Kids" and I want you to shout "Hello Buttons". We'll have a practice, (*Work business with audience and kiddies joining in*) Now don't forget every time I come on "Hello kids" - "Hello Buttons". Well that's got things rolling, Now let's get things rocking, ( ) (*cue for rock number - Buttons and Kiddies. Kiddies exit at end of number right,. Buttons into house left*)

(*Enter Snatchem and Grabbem up right*)

**Grabbem** Shh!

**Snatchem**        *(Loud)* I never said a word.

**Grabbem**        *(Loud)* Shut up.

**Snatchem**        *(Quietly)* Shh!

**Grabbem**        See that house over there?

**Snatchem**        Yes?

**Grabbem**        We're going to take them by surprise.

**Snatchem**        Why?

**Grabbem**        Because we're here to serve a summons and collect the cash.,

**Snatchem**        Who from?

**Grabbem**        Baron Hardup of Stonybroke Hall. He hasn't paid the instalments on his Sky television.

**Snatchem**        How do you know it's the right place and the right person?

**Grabbem**        The house has a Sky dish and he's got an ugly mug. See if there's anyone with an ugly mug. *(Snatchem goes to the door left and knocks, Loud drum effect)*

**Buttons**         *(Buttons appears left "Hello Kids" routine. Then to Snatchem)* Who are you?

**Snatchem**        You've not got an ugly mug.

**Buttons**         You have,

**Snatchem**        Baron Hardup owes us some money, We want to see him.

**Buttons**         Well get your binoculars - he's away on holiday.

**Grabbem**        Who's in charge here?

**Buttons**         Buttons.

**Snatchem**        Then we want to see him.

**Buttons**         I'll go look for him. *(Exits and re-enters immediately wearing a chef's hat)*

**Grabbem**        Are you Buttons?

**Buttons**         No I'm ze chef. But I'll see if I can find 'eem. *(Repeat business with Buttons reappearing as Coachman, Head Gardener, Butler with a different hat or wig and different accent each time)*

**Grabbem** Are you Buttons?

**Buttons** No I'm the coachman. But I'll see if I can find him. Walk on. (*Exiting to the house and then re-entering*)

**Grabbem** Are you Buttons?

**Buttons** No. I'm the Head Gardener and my petunias need mangel-worzling. I'll see if I can find him (*Exiting into house and re-entering as Butler*)

**Grabbem** Are you Buttons?

**Buttons** No I'm the Butler. You rang, m'lord. I'll see if I can find Buttons. (*Exiting into house and re-entering as himself*)

**Snatchem** Here, we've seen you before.

**Buttons** I'm sorry you haven't found Buttons. (*He crosses right between them*) I'm just going to do my shopping.

**Grabbem** What's your name?

**Buttons** Buttons. (*Short comic chase round and off, Buttons left, duo right*)  
  
(*Enter ensemble right as horn sounds*)

**1st Girl** It's the Baron's silly old car.  
  
(*Horn again and a crash*)

**2nd Girl** It's in the ditch.

**3rd Girl** Who's driving it?

**1st Girl** The Ugly Sisters. Here they are, back from holiday.  
  
(*Enter Ugly Sisters to play on music dressed in bikinis and towelling robes, sombreros for one, sailor hat for other. They just have the steering wheel seizing it from each other while orchestra plays "I do like to be beside the seaside". Explosion off right. Baron staggers on carrying all the luggage which he dumps right. Sisters byplay has got rough enough for them to get dishevelled*)

**Deidre** So who was that driving?

**Josephine**  
(*the plumper one*) Not me.

**Deidre** And it wasn't me