

before MRS. MULLIN took the
liberty of brushing is back.)

JULIE Sleep, Billy -- sleep. Sleep peaceful, like a good boy. You weren't a good boy -- you were bad, and quick tempered and unhappy. but sleep peaceful now. I knew why you hit me. I always know everythin' you were thinkin' . . . But you didn't always know what I was thinkin'. One thing I never told you -- skeered you'd laugh at me. I'll tell you now -- [Even now overcoming shyness.] I love you. I love you. [In a whisper.] I love -- you. [Smiles.] [Takes off her shawl and drapes it over BILLY. NETTIE comes in and stops. JULIE looks up and sees her.] What am I goin' to do? What am I goin' to do?

NETTIE Do? Why you gotta stay on here with me -- so's I ken be with you when you hev the baby.

(JULIE buries her head in NETTIE's shoulder and holds tight to her.)

Main thing is to keep on livin' -- keep on keerin' what's goin' to happen . . . 'Member that sampler you gave me? 'Member what it says?

JULIE The words? I used to say 'em in school.

NETTIE Say 'em now -- see if you know what they mean.

Music No. 23

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

JULIE [Singing. Very broken.] When you walk
Through a storm
Keep your chin up high,
And don't be afraid . . of . . . the . . . dar --

(JULIE breaks off sobbing.)

NETTIE [Patting JULIE's hair, then sings.]
When you walk
Through a storm
Keep your chin up high,
And don't be afraid of the dark.
At the end
Of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet
Silver song
Of a lark.

(JULIE, listening to NETTIE raises head hopefully.)

Walk on
Through the wind