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**MR. BUCKET
MRS. BUCKET**

CHARLIE

GRANDPA JOE

GRANDMA JOSEPHINA

GRANDPA GEORGE

GRANDMA GEORGINA

Now, that's positive!

CHARLIE

(#15 – BUCKET SHACK TRAVELER begins. MR. BUCKET musses CHARLIE's hair, and they cross to the Bucket Shack center stage. The GRANDPARENTS all wear birthday hats made from yesterday's newspaper.)

SCENE 8: THE BUCKET SHACK

WONKA

The Bucket family went about from morning till night with a horrible rumbling in their tummies. Charlie felt it worst of all. But once a year, Charlie got a very special treat—

ALL

Surprise! Happy birthday, Charlie!

START

MRS. BUCKET

Here you go, Charlie. Happy birthday, my love.

(MRS. BUCKET hands CHARLIE a present looking much like a candy bar.)

GRANDMA JOSEPHINA

It's from all of us!

GRANDPA JOE

Go on, boy, open it!

(CHARLIE opens the present.)

CHARLIE

It's a Wonka's Whipple-Scrumptious Fudgemallow Delight!

GRANDPA JOE

The best of 'em all! Real whipple, carefully whipped at twenty-seven-hundred rpms for precisely sixty-two point three seconds—

MRS. BUCKET

Grandpa, please...

GRANDMA JOSEPHINA

I thought we agreed on the Nutt-a-riffic...

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(GRANDPA JOE turns sharply to GRANDMA JOSEPHINA. This is an ongoing debate.)

GRANDPA JOE

The Fudgemallow's the best, and you know it! Go ahead, Charlie, open her up... show us what thinkin' positive's all about!

MRS. BUCKET

Now, don't be too disappointed, my darling, if you don't find what you're looking for.

GRANDMA GEORGINA

The thing to remember is that whatever happens, you still have the bar of candy!

CHARLIE

Yes, I know...

GRANDPA JOE

For goodness sake, open it, boy!

GRANDMA GEORGINA

Please open it! You're making me jumpy.

(#16 – CHARLIE UNDERSCORE begins. CHARLIE tears open the wrapper. No Golden Ticket.)

CHARLIE

Well... that's that... who wants a piece?

MRS. BUCKET

We wouldn't dream of it, Charlie.

CHARLIE

Come on, Dad, have a piece. You deserve something special after losing your job.

ALL (EXCEPT CHARLIE)

What?

GRANDPA JOE

It's not true! Charlie, that's not funny. Tell me it's not true.

GRANDMA GEORGINA

We'll starve!

MR. BUCKET

It is true. And we will not starve. Now, what kind of party is this? Hey, let's splurge a little. Put on the radio.

MRS. BUCKET

Mr. Bucket's right. What's a little more electricity? Charlie, plug in the radio!

CHARLIE

Really? This is the best birthday ever!

STOP

(CHARLIE pantomimes plugging in an old-fashioned radio; we hear it buzz and crackle to volume. (#17 – VIOLET NEWS FLASH begins.)

SCENE 9: VIOLET RADIO STATION

PHINEOUS TROUT

We interrupt the *Orphan Annie Radio Hour* to bring you this important news flash. A third Golden Ticket has been found in Snellville, Georgia.

(WONKA enters and gestures, causing Violet's Golden Ticket to glow. #18 – GOLDEN TICKET LIGHT BOX 3 begins. Violet's Golden Ticket lights.)

(PHINEOUS TROUT)

And what is your name, young lady?

(VIOLET steps forward, loudly chewing gum into an old-fashioned Decca microphone. VIOLET and her mother are dressed exactly alike.)

VIOLET

Violet. Violet Beauregarde.

MRS. BEAUREGARDE

Violet, quit chewing your gum so loudly. Remember what your therapist said about acting out—

VIOLET

Ah, can it, Ma! You flap your jaws as much as I do..

PHINEOUS TROUT

Now tell us, Violet, how did you find your Golden Ticket?

VIOLET

I'm a gum chewer, normally, but when I heard about Wonka's contest, I laid off the gum and switched to candy bars. Now of course I'm right back on gum. In fact, I've been working on this piece for over three months solid. I've beaten the record set by my best friend, Cornelia Prinzmetel. Hi, Cornelia... listen to this...