

Noah Claypole + ensemble & pauper assistant

The Sowerberry's apprentice who
bullies Oliver

Teen

Male

NOAH
(Addressing OLIVER)
Work'us! How's yer mother?

OLIVER
You leave my mother out of this - she's dead.

NOAH
What did she die of, work'us? Shortage of breath?

OLIVER
Never you mind.

NOAH
Oh, but I do mind.

OLIVER
Well, you'd better not say any more, see!

NOAH
Better not! Better not, if you don't mind! The cheek of it -
the workhouse cheek of it! My mother, 'e says. She was a nice
'un, she was!

(NOAH holds HIS nose in disgust)
Yer know, Work'us, it can't be helped now, and of course, it
couldn't be helped then, and I'm very sorry for it, and all that,
but yer must know, Work'us, you mother was a regular, right-down
bad'un.

OLIVER
What did you say?

NOAH
A regular, right-down bad'un. And it's a good thing she died
when she did or she'd have been doing hard labour in prison - as
like as not.

Noah/Ensemble - Song 'Who Will Buy'

WHO WILL BUY THIS WONDERFUL MORNING?
SUCH A SKY YOU NEVER DID SEE!
WHO WILL TIE IT UP WITH A RIBBON,
AND PUT IT IN A BOX FOR ME?

THERE'LL NEVER BE A DAY SO SUNNY,
IT COULD NOT HAPPEN TWICE.
WHERE IS THE MAN WITH ALL THE MONEY?
IT'S CHEAP AT HALF THE PRICE!

WHO WILL BUY THIS WONDERFUL FEELING?
I'M SO HIGH I SWEAR I COULD FLY.
ME, OH MY! I DON'T WANT TO LOSE IT.
SO WHAT AM I TO DO
TO KEEP THE SKY SO BLUE?

THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO WILL BUY!