

60 FOOTLOOSE

Ariel & Shaw

(The **GIRLS** exit.)

Start

(VI observes **SHAW** and **ARIEL**.)

**SHAW**. I don't want you to see him again.

**ARIEL**. Ren? Why? Just because he hasn't lived in this town his whole life?

**SHAW**. That's not it. But, clearly, the boy has no respect for authority. And everyone tells me he's a troublemaker.

**ARIEL**. Who's "everyone"? (re: the card table) The Bridge Club?! Gimme a break.

**SHAW**. Ariel! What am I going to do with you?

**ARIEL**. Me? Daddy, lately all you do is look for the worst in people and then, of course, you find it.

**SHAW**. My, my, where did that come from?

**ARIEL**. From you, Daddy! Today's sermon is: the world is evil, and Ariel has to be locked away in a tower!

**SHAW**. That's a little melodramatic, don't you think?

**ARIEL**. No, I don't! Daddy, you make me feel like a prisoner. And I hate it! I just hate it!

end

(She exits.)

**SHAW**. (notes that VI has observed this fight) Someone's got to put a foot down.

VI. (blithely) I didn't say anything.

(She exits, leaving **SHAW** frustrated and agitated.)

[MUSIC NO. 8: "HEAVEN HELP ME"]

**SHAW**.

I DON'T ENJOY BEING HER JAILER

I DON'T RELISH TELLING HER, "NO!"