

SCENE ONE

(Evening. Interior of Geppetto's puppet shop and toy store. We see the old man GEPETTO working on a wooden horse. BIANCHI, a City Council Member, enters the shop.)

BIANCHI: Good evening Geppetto!

GEPETTO: *(Quickly getting to his feet.)* Good evening Signora Bianchi! What a pleasure to have you in my shop!

BIANCHI: From the looks of it I have been the only one to visit in awhile. When is the last time you sold anything?

GEPETTO: My shop is always full of boys and girls; it's just late in the day.

BIANCHI: Yes, but are they buying anything?

GEPETTO: I don't mean to be rude, but it doesn't always have to be about money.

BIANCHI: You need to eat don't you.

GEPETTO: I get by. *(Trying to change subject.)* Is there something special I can suggest for you today. If you don't see it here just tell me what you wish for *(picks up chisel and wood)* and I will bring it to life for you.

BIANCHI: Actually I need a doll for my niece.

GEPETTO: I have just the thing. *(He grabs a fairy doll that is dressed all in blue with blue hair.)* This is my blue fairy, she is "blue" because she has wished so long to be with a little girl or boy who will love her and take care of her.

BIANCHI: She is beautiful Geppetto. Truly magical, I'll take it!

GEPETTO: Wonderful.

(A little boy, ADOLFO, in tattered clothes enters cautiously and curiously.)

BIANCHI: Could you...

GEPETTO: It's okay. Come in. Come in. *(ADOLFO enters.)* Can I help you find something special?

ADOLFO: No sir.