

*(With several mighty blasts from his trident, King Triton obliterates the magnificent bust, which evaporates in a million shards. Ariel falls to the ground, distraught. A pause. King Triton sees how pained Ariel is. After a slight moment of hesitation – could it be regret? – he swims away. Bereft, Ariel searches through the rubble. She picks up the garland of red sea anemones, and places it around her neck. Next, she finds the spyglass, her most precious treasure, and clings to it fiercely. Sebastian enters and tries to comfort Ariel.)*

#13 – *If Only (Ariel's Lament)*

Ariel

SEBASTIAN

Ariel.

ARIEL

He ruined all my things, my human stuff! If he really and truly loved me, then he'd never –

SEBASTIAN

Oh, child, it's because he loves you –

ARIEL

Well, he sure has a funny way of showing it!

*(with resolve)*

He can break every single treasure I own ... but he can't break me!

SEBASTIAN

Yeah, well you just might break his heart –

ARIEL

And you! Some friend you turned out to be! Bringing him here – to my secret place –

SEBASTIAN

For your own good, child.

*(a beat, and then)*

I pray you wake up from dis madness and soon. You're swimmin' in some dangerous waters.

*(Sebastian exits, and Ariel is left alone. She picks up the broken shard of a teacup, the lens from a battered telescope. She holds them tightly in her palms pressing them against her heart.)*

ARIEL

IF ONLY HE WOULD LOOK!

IF ONLY HE COULD SEE