THE ICE CREAM TANGO

(words and music by Tom Lehrer)

Elizabeth: [spoken] Do you know what I would really like right now?
[spoken] I would like ---- some ice cream.

Sara & Jamie: Me too!

Elizabeth: I would like ---- a cone.

Sara & Jamie: Me too!

Austin: Me too!

Elizabeth: It would really hit the spot,
And make me feel a lot
Like a queen upon a throne.

Jamie: [spoken] What flavor does your majesty crave?

Elizabeth: I would like ---- vanilla.

Jamie: Me too!

Austin: Not me. I'll take choc'late.

Sara: I want peach.

Jamie: [spoken] Peach??

Sara: [spoken] All right, choc'late.

Elizabeth: But wouldn't it be pleasant,
Some day when no one's present,
To order one of each.

Sara: [spoken] Including peach! [Sara and Jamie stick tongues out at each other.]

Austin: Would you rather have a dish?

Elizabeth: [spoken] A bit too fancyish!

Austin: Would you like it on a plate?

Elizabeth: [spoken] It's good -- but not great.

Austin: Would you like it on a stick?

Sara & Jamie: [spoken] Ick!

Austin: Well, how about a cup? [others shake their heads]
Okay, four cones, coming up!
I'll go and get the ice cream.

Jamie: Me too! You can't carry them alone.

Elizabeth & Sara: He's right.

Austin: I know.

Jamie: Two choc'lates, two vanillas,

Elizabeth & Sara: Two choc'lates, two vanillas.

Austin: For nothing the world has ever known.......

Jamie: Nothing the world has ever known.......

Elizabeth & Sara: Nothing the world has ever known

All [in harmony]: Can compare with an ice cream

Elizabeth: Cone!

Austin & Jamie I want an ice cream cone!

Elizabeth & Sara: [spoken] Me too!
A possible scene to set up "The Ice Cream Tango"

(Possibly some introductory dialogue, indicating that the four people are friends, that it is summer, etc.)

(Bell rings offstage)

A: What's that?

B: Could it be an ice cream truck?

C: I didn't think they existed any more.

D: Remember when we were kids how we used to look forward to the Good Humor Man?

(All laugh)  (trill in the music)

Soprano: (spoken) As a matter of fact, do you know what I would really like right now?

(sings) I would like some ice cream.......

Possible scene after the song

(During "two chocolates, two vanillas", A looks out the window.)

A: Hey, he's gone!

(All register disappointment.)

B: He must have left while we were standing around here singing.

All resume singing with "Nothing the world has ever known", etc.