

PAT

Anything you say.

(MARGY hurries off into the Livestock Pavilion leaving PAT alone to ponder the moment.)

Anything you say? Well, would ya listen to me.

(VIVIAN and JEANNE, the two cooch dancers, enter.)

VIVIAN

Hey, Pat, we're throwin' a shower for Trudy tonight over at The Oasis. Trudy don't get off work till midnight but they're keepin' the dump open for us till dawn.

PAT

Thanks for the invite but I've sworn off.

JEANNE

Off what?

VIVIAN

And since when?

PAT

Off the high-life, starting now.

(VIVIAN and JEANNE look to each other, disbelieving, then look back at PAT.)

Music 17: THE MAN I USED TO BE

VIVIAN

YOU'VE CHANGED, BUB,
YOU'VE CHANGED A LOT.

JEANNE

AND THE GANG YOU USED TO GO WITH ALL CONCUR.
YOU'VE CHANGED, BUB.

VIVIAN

YOU'RE NOT YOURSELF.

VIVIAN & JEANNE

IF THIS IS YOURSELF, YOU'RE NOT THE MAN YOU WERE!

(PAT steps between them, takes their arms in a most gentlemanly manner, and crosses with them as he sings.)

PAT

THE MAN I USED TO BE,
A HAPPY MAN WAS HE,
AND AIMLESS AS A LEAF IN A GALE.

VIVIAN & JEANNE

WHATEVER HAS BECOME