**Annie Audition Monologues**

Choose ONE and give it your ALL!

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**MOLLY: (waking from a dream)** Mama! Mama! Mommy! (sees Annie) It was my Mama, Annie. We was ridin’ on the ferry boat. And she was holdin’ me up to see all the big ships. And then she was walkin’ away, wavin’. And I couldn’t find her no more. Any place. Gee, I dream about havin’ a mother and father again. But you’re lucky. You really got ‘em.

**MISS HANNIGAN: (catching Annie sneaking out)** Aha! Caught you! I hear ya, brat. I ALWAYS hear ya. Rotten orphan. Now, for this one’s shenanigans, you’ll scrub this floor, and strip them beds for the laundry man. And then you’ll get down on your knobby little knees and clean this dump until it shines like the top of the Chrysler Building. Get to work. Now! Why any kid would want to be an orphan, I’ll never know.

**LILY: (this is the first time she’s meeting Miss Hannigan)** Why did the old geezer from Yonkers say that the Rooster swindled him outta eleven hundred bucks? Because he swindled him outta 11 hundred bucks! I’m from Jersey City. The name’s Lily St. Regis – you know, like the hotel. I’m named after it! So you live in this dump? The city may foot your bill but this aint exactly Buckingham Palace. Your pearls ain’t even real. Rooster, I thought you said your big sis was livin’ in Clover? Nah - she’s livin’ in the skids.

**LILY #2: (in disguise as Shirley Mudge – this is all a lie)** Honey, we’re your Mom and Dad. You never knew it, dear, but you’re Annie Mudge. We was sick and broke, honey, and didn’t know which way to turn, and a man give us a chance to work on his farm up in Canada. But we couldn’t bring along no baby. Oh, Annie, all the years I dreamed of holdin’ you in my arms again.*(to her fake husband)* Ralph, look! Annie’s wearin’ the locket we left with her! Oh, thank God, Ralph, she’s our Annie!

**GRACE: (all business)** Good afternoon, Miss Hannigan? I’m Grace Farrell, and the New York City Board of Orphans suggested that... *(she gets interrupted)* I’m sorry, but I haven’t the slightest idea what you’re talking about. I am not “peddling” anything. I’m private secretary to Oliver Warbucks. Miss Hannigan, Mr. Warbucks has decided to invite an orphan to spend the Christmas holidays at his home. I’m here to select one.

**GRACE #2: (she’s been handling the search for Annie’s parents)** Drake, look at all these questionnaires. Do you realize that I’ve talked to 617 women who’ve claimed to be Annie’s mother and 619 men who’ve said that they were her father. That makes...a lot of liars. Drake, I never realized that there were so many dishonest people on the island of Manhattan. They were all liars and fakes, after nothing but the $50,000. None of them knew about the locket.

**LT. WARD: (thinking Sandy is a stray dog)** Hey, you, little girl. Come here. That dog there. Ain’t I seen him runnin’ around the neighborhood? Ain’t he a stray? Your dog, huh? So, what’s his name? Sandy, because of his Sandy color. Okay, let’s see him answer to his name. When you call him... Well, maybe he is your dog. But the next time you take him out I wanna see him on a leash and with a license. Or else he goes to the pound. You understand?

**WARBUCKS: (returning from a business trip; he’s powerful and busy)** Been away six weeks...Where is everybody? *(they enter)* Hello! It’s good to be home. The flight wasn’t bad...took seventeen hours. And we only had to land eight times. Now, first things first. Has the painting arrived from Paris? Good. Tell the President I’ll get back to him tomorrow. Oh, and Mrs. Pugh *(pronounced “Pyoo”),* I won’t be having dinner tonight. I’ve got hours of paperwork to get through. And Grace, I’ll need you for dictation.

**WARBUCKS #2: (explaining his story to Annie)** I was born into a very poor family in what they call Hell’s Kitchen, right here in New York. Both of my parents died before I was ten. And I made a promise to myself – some day, one way or another, I was going to be rich. Very rich. By the time I was twenty-three I’d made my first million. Then, in ten years, I turned that into a hundred million. Boy, in those days that was a lot of money. Anyway, making money is all I’ve ever given a darn about. And I might as well tell you, Annie, I was ruthless to those I had to climb over to get to the top. Because I’ve always believed on thing: You don’t have to be nice to the people you meet on the way up if you’re not coming back down again.

**BERT HEALY: (ending his radio show)** Thanks for dropping by, Oliver Warbucks. So, Annie’s parents, if you’re listenin’ in, there’s fifty thousand dollars and a wonderful daughter waiting for you. So get in touch right away, ya hear? Well, I see by the old clock on the wall that another of our Thursday-night get-togethers has gone by faster than you can say Oxydent – the toothpaste of the stars, to make your teeth Hollywood bright. So until next week, same time, same station, and gosh, I almost forgot – good night!

**ROOSTER: (just out of jail, visiting his sister Aggie (Hannigan) to get money)** Hi ya, Sis.

Long time no see. I got six months off my sentence for good behavior. Ahh, some old geezer from Yonkers said I swindled him outta eleven hundred bucks. Anyhow, I got eighty bucks comin’ in the mail. Thursday. So’s all I need is ten to tide me over...*(negotiating)* A fiver, Aggie? *(giving up)*This ain’t exactly Buckingham Palace, sis. You’re doin’ like I’m doin’ – Lousy. How’d the two Hannigan kids ever end up like this?

**ROOSTER #2: (in disguise as Ralph Mudge – this is all a lie)** We was sick and broke, honey, and didn’t know which way to turn, and a man give us a chance to work on his farm up in Canada. But we couldn’t bring along no baby. We loved you, Annie, but we had to leave you behind. We got in on the Greyhound this afternoon and went straight to the orphanage to fetch our Annie. And the lady there said our baby was up here.