

## Audition Sides: Ariel, King Triton

**ARIEL**

And now let me see... what did Scuttle call this one? Is it a ditty-whumper? A thumb-doodle? Whatever it is... Prince Eric held it in his own strong, beautiful human hands—

*(An enraged KING TRITON bursts in.)*

**KING TRITON**

Ariel!

*(taken aback by the collection of human stuff)*

What is all this?!?

**ARIEL**

Daddy, they're my—

**KING TRITON**

Human junk!

**ARIEL**

No, treasures!

**KING TRITON**

Did you save a human from drowning?

**ARIEL**

He would've died!

**KING TRITON**

That savage brute could have killed you! And it's my job to keep you safe from harm.

**ARIEL**

But he didn't frighten me. He made me feel... wonderful! Besides, I am not a child anymore!

**KING TRITON**

No? Well, you are certainly talking like one. He's a human – you're a mermaid.

**ARIEL**

It doesn't matter – you don't understand! I wish mother were here!

**KING TRITON**

*(takes a moment to recover from the low blow)*

Ariel, I miss your mother just as much as you do. But I am still the king. And you are not to go to the surface ever again. Am I clear?!?

*(KING TRITON pauses for a moment of regret.)*

I'm just trying to protect her, Sebastian.