

SCENE FOUR: URSULA'S LAIR

(We catch up with FLOTSAM and JETSAM as the SEA CHORUS descends and reconfigures to form the dark and sinister lair of the Sea Witch. The EELS are sssso ssslippery that they even ssslither their ssspeech.)

JETSAM

Oh, Sssorceress of the Ssssea!

FLOTSAM

Oh, Beauty of the Brine!

JETSAM, FLOTSAM

Hail to the Sssea Witch! Hail to Ursssula!

(URSULA the Sea Witch enters with her TENTACLES stretching out in all directions. A magic shell sparkles and glows as it hangs from a chain around her neck.)

URSULA

Flotsam, my pet! Jetsam, my darling! Come to me, my little seaspies!

(As Ursula's TENTACLES wrap around the EELS, they sizzle with electricity.)

Mama's feeling... woebegone – banished to the nether regions of the sea. No food, hardly any company... I'm simply wasting away!

JETSAM, FLOTSAM

Poor Ursssula!

URSULA

Yes, poor me! What news do you have?

FLOTSAM

King Triton and the merfolk are celebrating your defeat!

JETSAM

And he blames you for the queen's demise...

URSULA

Of course he does!

(strokes the magic shell)

Use a little black magic to help out a few merfolk, and this is the thanks I get! Well, now it's time to turn the tides on Triton. We just need to find his Achilles heel... a weakness that will crack his armor...

(URSULA, TENTACLES, and EELS pulsate as they think. Then, the EELS get an idea!)

FLOTSAM

The King is terribly devoted to his daughters...

JETSAM

Especially the youngest, with the beautiful voice...

FLOTSAM

But – she missed the celebration...

URSULA

Hmmm... Apparently Ariel takes her gift for granted... just like her mother did! A woman doesn't know how precious her voice is until she's been silenced.

FLOTSAM, JETSAM

Ssilenced...

URSULA

You two find out what that girl really wants then lure her here to my lair. I'll whip up a little spell to make her dreams come true. Once we have her trapped, Triton will rush to her rescue. And then, my dears...

FLOTSAM, JETSAM

Yesss...?

URSULA, TENTACLES

The trident, crown, and throne will all be mine!!!

(#11 – INTO KING TRITON'S COURT. URSULA, FLOTSAM, and JETSAM exit in electrical delight.)