

MELCHIOR:

*I'll walk now with them.**I'll call on their names,**I'll see their thoughts  
are known.**Not gone—**Not gone—**They walk with my heart—**I'll never let them go.**I'll never let them go.**I'll never let them go . . .**You watch me**Just watch me,**I'm calling.**I'm calling—**And one day all will know . . .**(Melchior stands alone. The lights fade to black.)*

## SCENE 10

## Coda

*Ilse stands alone. A world washed in song light.*

ILSE:

*Listen to what's in the heart of a child,  
A song so big in one so small,  
Soon you will hear where beauty lies—  
You'll hear and you'll recall . . .**The sadness, the doubt, all the loss, the grief,  
Will belong to some play from the past;  
As the child leads the way to a dream, a belief,  
A time of hope through the land . . .**A summer's day,  
A mother sings  
A song of purple summer  
Through the heart of everything.**(The Boys, the Girls, and the Adults enter, joining her in song.)*

ALL:

*And Heaven waits,  
So close it seems  
To show her child the wonders  
Of a world beyond her dreams**The earth will wave with corn,  
The days so wide, so warm,  
And mares will neigh with  
Stallions that they mate, foals they've borne . . .**And all shall know the wonder  
Of purple summer . . .**And so, I wait.  
The swallow brings  
A song of what's to follow—  
The glory of the spring.**The fences sway.  
The porches swing.  
The clouds begin to thunder,  
Crickets wander, murmuring—**The earth will wave with corn,  
The days so wide, so warm,  
And mares will neigh with  
Stallions that they mate, foals they've borne . . .*