



Narration - “It’s a Mystery”

(**Narrator note:** In the following narration, the name Yllona-Belle is pronounced Ee-lahn-uh-bell. The name Kanturin is pronounced Con-tour-in, and the strong syllable is “tour.”)

During the summer of 2011, the Ocean Grove Children's Show learned and performed an original adaptation of the classic story Beauty and the Beast. The two main characters are a girl named Yllona-Belle, and a prince named Kanturin.

This scene takes place near the end of the story.

Yllona-Belle is talking with her good friend, Miriana. Miriana asks if Yllona has had any more dreams about the "lost prince," referring to some vivid dreams Yllona has experienced during her stay at the castle—dreams where a lost prince calls to her to find him, saying that he is in an unexpected place, and that she needs to look for him with her heart.

Yllona-Belle has searched the castle, but hasn't found the prince, and she wonders if maybe it was just a dream after all. Miriana is forbidden to tell what she knows, because the angel, Aurolanda, had said, "Do you see this rose? It will bloom every day. But you must never lose it... or you will remain a Beast always. And the girl, who comes to be your bride—no one here is to tell her how this happened, until the day she expresses her love for you. Remember, guard your words... and guard the rose."

Miriana is sad to hear that Yllona is giving up the search, but she listens as Yllona sings about the mystery of love. As Yllona sings, the Queen and the castle attendants, still wearing the dark masks and scarves they have worn as a symbol of mourning all these years, silently gather to listen.