**SCENE IV. A room in JEDEDIAH'S house.**

*Enter JEDEDIAH, ALVIN, BUBBA, VIOLET, BEULAH, SALLY ANN, Preachin’ Bill, and DAISY*

**PREACHIN’ BILL**

See, I done tol’ you she was a innocent?

**JEDEDIAH**

So is Cap’n Jethro and Abner, who accused her wrongly. T’was that varmint Butch who done caused all this mess. I done talked ta Beulah and she didn’t know whut them villains was up to. Why she wast a victim, too.

**ALVIN**

Well, I’ma glad the worst parts over, and now everthang is gonna be alright.

**BUBBA**

That’s fer dang sher! I’m just a glad I’m not gonna hafta tangle with young Abner. He’s been a mighty good friend to me.

**JEDEDIAH**

Daisy, you and all them women folk needs ta be a hidin’. Abner an’ Jethro should be here anytime.

*Exit Ladies*

Cap’n Jethro and Abner promised by this hour to be a visitin’ me. You know your job, brother:  
You got to be a prentendin’ that Daisy is your onliest daughter and that she ain’t Daisy.  
And then, give her to young Abner.

**ALVIN**

I’ll be glad to do it, brother.

**BUBBA**

Can I ast you fer a favor, Preachin’ Bill?

**PREACHIN’ BILL**

Whatcu a talkin’ about, Bubba?

**BUBBA**

To tie me up, or untie me; one o them.  
Mr. JEDEDIAH, sir, truth is, good sir, that yer niece regards me with an eye of favor.

**JEDEDIAH**

I ‘speck you might be right about that.

**BUBBA**

And I got the same eye set on her, Jedediah.

**JEDEDIAH**

Yeah, and you can be a thankin’ me and Abner, and the Cap’n fer that later?

**BUBBA**

Your answer, sir, don’t make no sense to me:  
But, my will, I’ma hopin’ will be yern also, and that’s to stand and be married to Violet this very day in holy matrimony. And that, Preachin’ Bill is the favor I’m a needin’ from you, If’n o course that’s good with Jedediah.

**JEDEDIAH**

Welcome to the famly, nephew!

**PREACHIN’ BILL**

I’m a glad to do my part, too, Bubba. Look, yonder comes Abner and the Cap’n.

*Enter JETHRO and ABNER, and two or three others*

**JETHRO**

Good mornin’ to this fair assembly.

**JEDEDIAH**

Good mornin’ Jethro; good mornin’, Abner:  
We’re at yer service. Are you intendin’ to be a marryin’ my brother’s daughter today?

**ABNER**

Don’t worry Jedediah. That thar’s exactly whut I’ma doin’ today.

**JEDEDIAH**

Call her forth, brother; the husband to be and Preachin’ Bill is a ready.

*Exit ALVIN*

**JETHRO**

Good mornin’, Bubba. Why, what's the matter, that face o yorn looks even stranger than usual?

**ABNER**

Fer some reason, I thank I’ma seein’ some sign o weddin’ bells in his baby blues.

**BUBBA**

Don’t worry bout me; I know whut I’ma a gonna be a doin. An I reckon it ain’t a none of yer two businesses.

**ABNER**

Look, yonder come the ladies.

*Re-enter ALVIN, with the Ladies masked*

Which is one o you is my betrothed.?

**ALVIN**

This same is she, and I do give her to ye.

**ABNER**

Why, then she's mine. Sweet, young miss, let me see your face.

**JEDEDIAH**

No, that you cain’t do until you take her hand and swar to marry her if front o this here preacher.

**ABNER**

Give me your hand: I am your husband if’n you’ll a be a havin’ me.

**DAISY**

And when I lived, I was your other wife:

*Unmasking*

And when you loved, you were my other husband.

**ABNER**

Another Daisy!

**DAISY**

Nothing certainer: One Daisy died defiled, but I do live, And surely as I live, I am a maid.

**JETHRO**

This cain’t be Daisy! Daisy is dade!

**JEDEDIAH**

She died, my Cap’n, but whilest her slander lived.

**PREACHIN’ BILL**

All you folks look mighty flabbergasted; I’ll be explainin’ everthang after the weddin’ so don’t fret.  
I’ll tell you of fair Daisy’s death and how she now live’s again, but first let’s be a makin’ it official twixed Abner and Daisy.

**BUBBA**

Hold on a secont, severbody. Which one o you ladies is Violet?

**VIOLET**

[Unmasking] I answer to that name. Is there somethin’ you’re a wantin’ with me?

**BUBBA**

Do you not love me?

**VIOLET**

Why, no; no more than reason.

**BUBBA**

Why, then your uncle and the Cap’n and Abner have done been fooled. They swore you did.

**VIOLET**

Do not you love me?

**BUBBA**

The truth bein’, no; no more than reason.

**VIOLET**

Why, then my cousin Beulah and Sally Ann done been fooled; fer they done swore you did.

**BUBBA**

They swore that you was almost sick fer me.

**VIOLET**

They swore that you were pert near dead fer me.

**BUBBA**

'Tis no such matter. Then you do not love me?

**VIOLET**

No, truly, but more like in a friendly way.

**JEDEDIAH**

Come, cousin, I am sure you love this here Mountain Man.

**ABNER**

And I'll be sworn upon' it that he loves her; fer here's a paper written in his hand, a love sonnet to his most precious Violet.

**DAISY**

And here's another writ in my cousin's hand, stolen from her pocket, containing her undyin’ affection fer one Bubba Washburn.

**BUBBA**

A miracle! here's our own hands against our onliest hearts. Come, I reckon I’ll marry you; but, after a seein’ you in this light, it’ll be cause I feel sorry fer ye.

**VIOLET**

I reckon I won’t be a sayin’ no to ya if front o yor friends, but if truth be tol’, I done smelt pertier skunks than you.

**BUBBA**

Stop right thar. Now you be a givin’ me a kiss, afore I change my mind.

*Kissing her*

**JETHRO**

I don’t know whut to say; Bubba Washburn, a married man?

**BUBBA**

I’ll be a tellin’ you what Cap’n; even you cain’t ruin my day today. Do you thank I keer if yer a funnin’ with me today? No:I knowd I done spoke somethin’ awful about the constitution o marriage, but right now, I’m the happiest man on Pine Mountain. On any mountin fer that matter. An’ Abner, fer yer part. I’ma a thankin’ I woulda whooped you good in our challenge, but if truth be known, I’d ruther wrestle with a big ol’ bar than be a tanglin’ with you.

**ABNER**

I’ma a glad we never did come to blows, but I’da hated to embarrass you in front o my new cousin.

**BUBBA**

Come, come, we are friends: Let’s say our vows so’s we kin commence to the dancin’.

**JEDEDIAH**

We'll shur nuff have dancing afterward.

**BUBBA**

Cap’n you’re a lookin’ sad, Like I always said, git you a wife, ever man’s a needin’ a wife

*Enter a Messenger with Butch*

**Messenger**

Cap’n look here whut varmint we done caught down at Blees an’ Ward’s Ferry about to leave these here parts fer good.

**BUBBA**

Don’t be a thankin’ on him today. He ruin’t yesterday, let’s not let him ruin today. Let me thank up a proper punishment fer that one. Be takin’ him away. But fer now, everbody dance!

*Dance*

***Exit***