

## Annie JR. Synopsis

It is 1933 and eleven-year-old Annie is in the Municipal Girls Orphanage, along with Molly, Kate, Tessie, Pepper, July and Duffy. When Molly awakes from a bad dream at 3:00 AM, Annie comforts her. She then asks her to read the note her parents gave her in 1922, when she was left on the doorstep of the orphanage. The note says that they will come pick her up, so she is always hopeful that they are still out there ("Maybe"). Orphanage supervisor Miss Hannigan comes in tells the kids to get to work; the little girls complain and Miss Hannigan wonders why any child would want to be an orphan.

Annie decides to escape to find her parents, but is caught by Miss Hannigan, who is currently suffering from a hangover. She is angered by this and forces all the girls to vigorously clean the orphanage ("Hard Knock Life"). Shortly after, Mr. Bundles, the laundry man, comes in to pick up the blankets. While Miss Hannigan is flirting with him, Annie climbs into the laundry basket and the orphans cover her up with the blankets. Once Miss Hannigan realizes she is gone, the other orphans express their frustration ("Hard Knock Life Reprise").

Annie successfully escapes, running into a friendly stray dog. As she comforts him, she tells him of better days yet to come ("Tomorrow"). The dog catcher is after him, so she pretends he is hers by calling him Sandy. Though at first unsuccessful, he is convinced, and she continues. However, a policeman named Lt. Ward (who had been sent by Miss Hannigan) catches her and brings her back.

Grace Farrell, assistant to the billionaire Oliver Warbucks, comes to the orphanage asking for an orphan to come to his mansion for the Christmas holiday. Because Annie was in Miss Hannigan's office, Grace asks to take her, and Miss Hannigan reluctantly agrees. Once she has left, Miss Hannigan explodes with her hatred for all the girls in the orphanage ("Little Girls").

Meanwhile, at the Warbucks Mansion, the staff welcomes Annie with open arms ("I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here"). When Oliver Warbucks comes back though, he is very moody and not too happy to have an orphan in his mansion. He asks Grace to take Annie to a movie, but she persuades him to come. As he and Annie begin to like each other, they enjoy a fabulous night in New York City ("N.Y.C.").

Back at the orphanage, Miss Hannigan's brother, Rooster, and his floozy girlfriend, Lily, pay a visit. She mentions that Annie is staying at a billionaire's house, and they think they could use this situation to get rich, though they do not yet know how ("Easy Street").

Warbucks sees the locket around Annie's neck, and buys her a new one from [Tiffany & Co.](#) He debates taking her "under his wing" because he does not know much about children, but decides he loves her and gives her the locket. However, she bursts into tears saying it was the only thing left by her parents, and refuses to accept a new one. Grace and the staff then pledge to find her parents no matter what it takes ("You Won't Be An Orphan For Long").

Annie appears on the radio on a show by Bert Healy ("Maybe" Reprise) where Warbucks announces that he is offering \$50,000 to the couple who can prove they are her parents. Healy then sings a song and the orphans who are listening, decide to dance and sing to the song they have just heard ("You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile). When Miss Hannigan hears, she barges in and demands to know what was happening. Molly announces that Annie was on the radio, and that there is a \$50,000 reward for her parents. Miss Hannigan is anything but pleased. Shortly after, a couple named Ralph and Shirley Mudge arrive, saying they left a little girl here eleven years ago and have come back for her. Miss Hannigan is shocked. They soon reveal themselves to be Rooster and Lily, and explain their plan for the reward. They request information about Annie from Miss Hannigan for one third of the money, though she demands one half for this service, and tells them about the note and the locket. ("Easy Street" reprise)

Because her parents have not shown up, Warbucks announces he would like to adopt Annie ("I Don't Need Anything But You"). They decide to throw a Christmas party, and Annie wants to invite Miss Hannigan and the orphans. They are interrupted by Mr. and Mrs. Mudge (Rooster and Lily in disguise) who come to pick up Annie. Grace and Warbucks are shocked, because they know about the note and the locket. Still, Warbucks does not think they are her real parents. He requests that she be allowed to stay one more night for the Christmas party, and then be taken away to their supposed pig farm in New Jersey. Early that morning, she wishes she could have been adopted, and not sent off with her "parents" ("Maybe" Reprise). Warbucks then receives a surprise visit from Roosevelt and his [Secret Service](#). It is revealed by him that Annie's parents are actually David and Margaret Bennett who died when she was a baby. They then realize that Mr. and Mrs. Mudge are really Rooster and Lily just as they show up to claim her and the money. They, along with Miss Hannigan, are arrested by the Secret Service, and everyone is delighted by Roosevelt's new deal for the economy ("Tomorrow" reprise)