

## MR. ANTROBUS, MRS. ANTROBUS, GLADYS

MR ANTROBUS: Broken-down camel of a pig's snout, open this door.

MRS ANTROBUS: God be praised! It's your father. Just a minute! George! Sabina, clear the door, quick. Gladys, come here while I clean your nasty face.

MR ANTROBUS: She-bitch of a goat's gizzard, I'll break every bone in your body. Let me in or I'll tear the whole house down.

MRS ANTROBUS: Just a minute, George, something's the matter with the lock.

MR ANTROBUS: Open the door or I'll turn your livers out. I'll smash your brain on the ceiling, and the Devil take the hindmost.

MRS ANTROBUS: Now, you can open the door, Sabina. I'm ready.

MR ANTROBUS: Well, how's the whole crooked family? I'll be scalded and tarred if a man can't get a little welcome when he comes home. Well, Maggie, you old gunny-sack, how's the broken down old weather hen – Sabina, old fishbait, old skunkpot. And the children, how've the little smellers been?

GLADYS: Papa, papa, papa, papa, papa.

MR ANTROBUS: How've they been, Maggie?

MRS ANTROBUS: Well, I must say, they've been as good as gold. I haven't had to raise my voice once. I don't know what's the matter with them.

MR ANTROBUS: Papa's little weasel, eh? Sabina, there's some food for you. Papa's little gopher?

GLADYS: Papa, you're always teasing me. Papa... papa... I was very good in school today. Miss Conover said right out in class that if all the girls has as good manners as Gladys Antrobus, that the world would be a very different place to live in.

MRS ANTROBUS: You recited a piece at assembly, didn't you? Recite it to your father.

GLADYS: Papa, do you want to hear what I recited in class? "The Star," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Look, Papa, here's my report card. Lookit. Conduct A! look, Papa. Papa, do you want to hear "The Star," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow? Papa, you're not mad at me, are you? I know it'll get warmer. Soon it'll be just like spring, and we can go to a picnic at the Hibernian Picnic Grounds like you always like to do, don't you remember? Papa, just look at me once.