

*(Lights come up onstage as YOUNG GEORGE enters, carrying a snow shovel over his shoulder. Sky cyclorama lit for cold winter weather. CLARENCE watches, delighted. YOUNG GEORGE is just past CLARENCE when YOUNG HARRY runs in, losing his scarf as he runs after his brother. CLARENCE notices and crosses to the scarf.)*

YOUNG HARRY. George! George! Wait for me! George!

*(YOUNG GEORGE stops, turns.)*

YOUNG GEORGE. Go home, Harry!

YOUNG HARRY. No, I wanna play with you guys!

YOUNG GEORGE. It's too dangerous.

YOUNG HARRY. Why? Whatcha gonna do?

YOUNG GEORGE. Gonna slide down the hill and across Potter's Pond on these snow shovels. You're too little.

YOUNG HARRY. Am not!

YOUNG GEORGE. Are, too! Now scam!

YOUNG HARRY *(crossing away, picking up the scarf. CLARENCE is pleased)*. I'm tellin' Mom. Mom!

YOUNG GEORGE *(drops the shovel and pursues YOUNG HARRY)*. OK, OK, OK!

YOUNG HARRY *(stops and turns)*. I can come?

YOUNG GEORGE. Yeah ... you can come.

YOUNG HARRY. Hooray! *(He crosses past YOUNG GEORGE, dropping the scarf again, and grabs the shovel. CLARENCE crosses to the scarf.)* Me first! I'll go farther'n anybody!

*(He exits offstage. YOUNG GEORGE turns and starts to move after YOUNG HARRY. He cups his hands and shouts.)*

YOUNG GEORGE. Don't go too far! The ice is thin out in the middle! Hey, fellas! Here comes the scare-baby, my kid brother, Haaaarrry Bailey!

YOUNG HARRY *(from offstage, shouting)*. I'm not scared, George!

*(YOUNG GEORGE notices the scarf, turns and crosses to pick it up. CLARENCE beams.)*

CHILDREN'S VOICES *(offstage ad-lib)*. Go Harry! Attaboy, Harry! (etc)

HARRY *(offstage)*. Here I gooooooooooooo!

*(The sound of the shovel across the ice. The ice breaks. A splash.)*

CLARENCE. Oh no! The ice broke! He's fallen through the ice!

CHILDREN'S VOICES *(offstage ad-lib)*. Harry! Somebody save him! He fell in! He's going to drown! *(Etc.)*

YOUNG HARRY. George!

*(YOUNG GEORGE, scarf in hand, turns and runs offstage. CLARENCE follows him across the stage.)*

YOUNG GEORGE. I'm comin', Harry! Everybody, make a chain! Make a chain!