

LITTLE BLUE & LITTLE RED #2

(Final Scene)

The Train Yard.

NOTE: The four actors who play the engines of this railroad have no external “machine” pieces. They do not move mechanically or stiltedly. They may refer to their feet as wheels, but they walk normally. They are dressed in engineer’s overalls. The most important trait of these “engines” is their humanity.

LITTLE BLUE is the “Little Engine That Could.” She is one of the younger engines at the railroad. BLUE is cheerful, an optimist, hopeful, full of life and lots of energy. She also longs to grow up so she can someday leave the yard and pull the train like the adults. She is very warm and loving – sensitive to others. Though she may get discouraged, she remains confident she will someday achieve her dream of being a main line engine.

LITTLE RED (like Little Blue) is also one of the younger engines at the railroad. Red is Blue’s best friend – they share the work as switchers in the train yard. Red is spirited, fun, lively – sometimes playing “teacher’s pet” to get what she wants. But at heart, Red is a good person – if a bit over-zealous & comically misguided at times.

Here, in the last scene, Little Blue has just successfully pulled the Toy Town Express up the mountain – succeeding even though Little Red thought that she might fail – doubting Blue when she would say “I think I can.” Now that Blue has proved Red to be wrong, Red is worried that their friendship might be damaged. Red is truly happy for her friend and wants to remain friends.

RED

Congratulations, Miss 'Main Line Engine!'

(Trying to cover her obvious mistake of doubting Blue's ability.)

I always knew you could do it. Even when everybody else said: 'No way'. Not me! I never doubted it - not for a second!

BLUE

Yeah, right!

RED

So,...ah... what do you say?...Friends?... "Always were and always will be"?

BLUE

(No hard feelings.)

"Always were and always will be"

RED

All right!

BLUE

Hey, I know. From now on, we could both share the job of the Piney Vale Toy Express.

RED

Share the job?

BLUE

Yeah, sure. You know - some days I'll work here in the yard, and you can pull the Toy Express.

RED

Really?!

BLUE

Sure.

RED

Wow! Thanks!

BLUE

And then Rusty can teach a whole new class at school.

RED

A whole new class?

BLUE

"The Magic of a Train!"

RED (*laughs*)

What?

BLUE

And teach us all new whistles on how to say a 'friendly hello', and I bet that she'll...

RED

Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

...You are going to - work in this yard, - pull the Piney Vale Toy Express, - learn signals on your whistle, - AND learn 'friendly hello's'?

...You really think you can handle all of that?

BLUE

Well, ...I ...I think I can!

END OF SIDE.