

ANNE & DORIT

(Walking Home)

NOTE: Dorit is pronounced “Door-REET”

Berlin, Nazi Germany, 1938.
The street in front of Anne’s apartment.

Anne and Dorit, both young girls, are the best of friends, even though they are of different religions – Dorit is Protestant; while Anne is Jewish. Now that the Nazis have come to power in Germany, life for Jews has become very hard. New laws have been passed that discriminate against Jews. Anne’s father has lost his job because Jews are no longer allowed to work in banking. Things are growing more difficult for Jews. Still, the girls always love to be together, go to school together, and play ‘dress up’ together.

Here, at the beginning of the play, Anne has just happily returned from a summer trip to her Aunt & Uncle’s. Since both she and Dorit collect picture postcards of movie stars, Anne has just given Dorit a gift of the latest movie star postcards.

DORIT is lively, energetic, excitable, fun, and very likable. Unfortunately, she is too easily susceptible to peer pressure. But at heart, she is a good person. ANNE is good-natured, intelligent, sensitive, and now painfully aware of all the discrimination against her, her family, and all Jewish citizens. Dorit doesn’t seem to acknowledge the seriousness of Anne’s predicament.

Both girls are fun, silly, relaxed with each other – the best of friends.

NOTE: No German accent is needed.

DORIT

With my new postcards, I bet I have the best collection of movie stars in all of Berlin!...Even better than yours.

ANNE (*laughing*)

Well, seeing how I just gave you the newest ones.

DORIT

Didn't you buy some for yourself?

ANNE (*shakes head 'no'*)

Not enough money.

DORIT

So – ask your father for some.

ANNE

I don't think so. He doesn't even have a job.

DORIT

Still?

ANNE

Hope he finds one soon. Things are getting pretty tough around our house.

DORIT

Really? My father says things are getting much better.

...Oh, by the way – sad news.

ANNE

What?

DORIT (*not upset*)

Perry died.

ANNE (*not upset*)

Our parakeet?

DORIT (*nods yes*)

Flew off to 'birdie heaven.'

ANNE

Oh well, he was looking pretty sick when I left.

DORIT

So, I gave him a good burial.

ANNE *(to be funny)*

Well, I hope at least it was a good Jewish ceremony.

DORIT *(laughs)*

And how do you know he was Jewish? He was half mine, you know. Could have been Protestant.

ANNE

So – what did you do?

DORIT

A good non-denominational...cigar box!

(BOTH girls laugh.)

ANNE

Doesn't really make any difference. We're not the most observant Jewish family around anyway.

DORIT

Gotta go. It's late.

ANNE

So.. see you Monday so we can walk to school together.

DORIT

I don't know why I have to go to school! I already know what I'm going to be when I grow up!

ANNE

Okay – I give – what is it this month?

DORIT

Same as last – I'm going to be...*(strikes a pose)*...a movie star!

ANNE

Well, if Shirley Temple ever decides to retire, we'll give you a call.

All I shall be ready!...See you!

DORIT

See you!

ANNE

END OF SIDE.