

Ritchie Valens side

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MC: The heating is full on.

BUDDY: So why is everyone standing in the corridor to get warm?

MC: That's what they tell me and I believe them. You might not have noticed Buddy, but there's a blizzard blowin' out there. It's 10 below zero. Besides, this ain't Beethoven - it's rock 'n' roll.

BUDDY: Yeah and I sure as hell know who's getting killed.

SX: Applause off SL as RITCHIE VALENS finishes his act.

The MC moves to the stage.

BOPPER: (Shouting after the MC) If you don't get the heating turned up in here you'll have more than just a drummer in hospital with frostbite.

The MC runs SL onto the stage pushing through Ritchie and his backing singers who are entering SL.

MC: (OFF) Thank you, thank you Ritchie Valens... coming up next it's... (He's forgotten)

DION: (Waiting to go on - shouts) DION!

MC: (OFF) Dion and the Belmonts.

DION and the BELMONTS give a hop and a skip and go onstage.

SX: Applause onstage. Music in the background throughout the following.

RITCHIE: Hey Amigos... I hear you've got a plane laid on for tonight?

BUDDY: Yep.

The MC returns and waits to talk to Ritchie.

RITCHIE: You got a spare seat for me?

BUDDY: Well no we haven't Ritchie, there's me and the Bopper here and Tommy and that's the three seats.

RITCHIE: Hey man I've gotta get on that plane tonight, I've got a couple of chicks waiting in Moorhead. Where's Tommy?

BUDDY: He's around somewhere Ritchie.

RITCHIE: (Moving) I'll find him.

MC has been awaiting his chance.

MC: Ritchie, no more pelvis.

RITCHIE: Hey, Elvis does it, why can't I? (He moves his pelvis) Don't it just drive you wild.

MC: Ritchie I've told you, just sing the songs huh?

RITCHIE walks off.

RITCHIE: Sure man. You seen Tommy?

MC: (Following) Ritchie!!

~~CX: Small applause off SL~~

~~BUDDY: No foolin' around after the show Bopper, we've got to get to Mason City Airport by midnight.~~

~~BOPPER: (Looks to the sky) Praise the Lord. The thought of sleeping on that bus one more night in the freezing cold was killing me.~~

~~BUDDY: How long we got?~~

~~BOPPER looks at his watch.~~

~~BOPPER: One more act then the intermission. Then it's me - then you.~~

~~BUDDY: Just got time to phone Maria Elena.~~

~~BOPPER fools with the phone.~~

~~BOPPER: Hello baby.... this is your big Buddy speaking... Let's get this show on the road.~~

~~BUDDY: Rock 'n' roll it Bopper.~~

~~BOPPER: See you out there man.~~

~~BOPPER leaves, singing "Running Bear" as he goes.~~

~~BUDDY picks up the phone~~