

BABY SNOOKS AND DADDY

MUSIC: UPBEAT "ROCKABYE BABY"

ANNOUNCER

Here's Baby Snooks! . . . and Daddy. Snooks has been complaining of a pain in her leg for three days. Daddy has coaxed her into this visit. They're waiting for the doctor. Let's listen!

SNOOKS

Daddy!

DADDY

Yes, Snooks?

SNOOKS

Where's the doctor?

DADDY

In another room, looking at a patient.

SNOOKS

What's in that glass case?

DADDY

Those are the doctor's instruments.

SNOOKS

Is he gonna play 'em?

DADDY

They're not musical instruments, Snooks. They're used for making examinations.

SNOOKS

Who uses 'em, Daddy?

DADDY

The doctor.

SNOOKS

What for?

DADDY

To find out if people are sick.

SNOOKS

What people?

DADDY

The people who come here.

SNOOKS

Why do they come here?

DADDY

Because they're sick!

SNOOKS

Then why does he need those instruments?

DADDY

To make sure!!

SNOOKS

Don't the people know?

DADDY

No!!!

SNOOKS

Why?

DADDY

. . . Because a lot of people only imagine they're sick when they're really not. And a lot of other people think they're very healthy and they find out they're terribly sick. So when you feel good, you may be sick. And when you feel sick, you may be very healthy.

SNOOKS

. . . How do *you* feel, Daddy?

DADDY

I feel fine!

SNOOKS

Because you're sick?

DADDY

No! I'm in perfect health, and I want you to be the same. That's why I brought you to the doctor.

SNOOKS

Is he gonna examine me?

DADDY

Yes.

SNOOKS

Where?

DADDY

All over.

SNOOKS

It don't hurt me all over.

DADDY

I know it doesn't, but you've had a pain in your leg for three days, and it might be caused by your tonsils.

SNOOKS

Where's them?

DADDY

In your throat.

SNOOKS

Huh?

DADDY

Your leg may hurt on account of your throat!

SNOOKS

Does my throat hurt me on account 'a my leg?

DADDY

Of course not.

SNOOKS

Why?

DADDY

How do I know!!!? It just doesn't, that's all! Now don't go too close to that instrument case.

SNOOKS

All right. . . . What's them funny-lookin' ice tongs?

DADDY

They're not ice tongs. That's a stethoscope.

SNOOKS

I want it, Daddy.

DADDY

What for?!!

SNOOKS

I wanna play ice man.

DADDY

I told you they have nothing to do with ice. The doctor's used that stethoscope on you before!

SNOOKS

Has he?

DADDY

Why, certainly. And you know what he does with it, too. He puts one end in each ear . . . and then what happens?

SNOOKS

The ice man carries him away!

DADDY

No! It's like a telephone! The doctor puts those things in his ears, and listens to your cardiac reaction.

SNOOKS

(breaks out crying) Waaaaaaah!

DADDY

Now what's the matter?

SNOOKS

I wanna go home!

DADDY

You *can't* go home! We're going to wait for the doctor.

SNOOKS

I don't wanna.

DADDY

Oh, there's nothing to be afraid of. The doctor won't hurt you. He's known you ever since you were born.

SNOOKS

How?

DADDY

Well, er, he just happened to be there when you arrived.

SNOOKS

Where?

DADDY

Right here, in California.

SNOOKS

Was I born in California?

DADDY

Well, yes.

SNOOKS

Where was you born?

DADDY

In Denver.

SNOOKS

Where was Mommy born?

DADDY

Mommy was born in New York.

SNOOKS

Then how did we all get together?

DADDY

I don't know! And stop twisting those dials!

SNOOKS

I wanna turn on the radio.

DADDY

Oh, that's not a radio. It's an X-ray machine.

SNOOKS

What's it for?

DADDY

It's a very expensive medical machine for making pictures.

SNOOKS

Turn it on, Daddy.

DADDY

Now what for?

SNOOKS

I wanna see Shirley Temple.

DADDY

Oh, it doesn't make moving pictures! It takes pictures of the inside of your body, so the doctor can tell what's wrong.

SNOOKS

Oh. . . . What's inside my body, Daddy?

DADDY

Oh, a lot of things. To begin with, there's a large number of bones in your body. Did you know that?

SNOOKS

Uh huh!

DADDY

How did you know that?

SNOOKS

'Cause I had sardines for lunch.

DADDY

. . . Oh, I'm not talking about *those* bones. I mean the skeleton, like, er . . . like . . . well, there's a skeleton standing right there in the corner.

SNOOKS

(bursts out laughing) Ha ha ha ha!

DADDY

What are you laughing at? You have one of things inside of *you*.

SNOOKS

(her laugh turns into a scream) Ha ha . . . Waaaaaaaaaaah!

DADDY

Now what are you hollering about?

SNOOKS

(still crying) If you had one inside you, you'd holler, too!

DADDY

I *have* got one! Everyone has a skeleton inside of him.

SNOOKS

(quiet) Who does that one belong to?

DADDY

What, that? That skeleton belongs to the doctor.

SNOOKS

How did he get it out?

DADDY

He didn't get it out. He had it made for him in a medical supply house.

SNOOKS

Don't he like it?

DADDY

Of course he likes it.

SNOOKS

Then why don't he wear it?

DADDY

Never mind that! That's just an imitation skeleton that tells a doctor what's the matter with his patients.

SNOOKS

The skeleton tells the doctor what's the matter with his patients?

DADDY

Yes.

SNOOKS

He don't look so good himself, Daddy.

DADDY

That's not what I mean at all! The doctor can check the skeleton just to make comparisons. And when he wants to find out other things about the body, he looks at this chart here, with all the muscles.

SNOOKS

Uh huh.

DADDY

The human anatomy is very interesting. And you should try to learn something about it. Why, even in school they teach about the five senses.

SNOOKS

Huh?

DADDY

The five senses! You know what the five senses are, don't you?

SNOOKS

Uh huh – nickels!

DADDY

No!!! They're the sense of touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing. And there's a separate organ for each one.

SNOOKS

I know that, Daddy.

DADDY

Well, you tell me what they are.

SNOOKS

Huh?

DADDY

Go on! You see with your visual organ, you hear with your hearing organ . . .

SNOOKS

Uh . . . I smell with my nose organ . . .

DADDY

Yes!

SNOOKS

I feel with my hand organ, and I eat with my mouth organ! . . . Ha ha ha!!

DADDY

Well . . . I wish that doctor'd hurry.

SNOOKS

I wanna go home.

DADDY

In a few minutes, Snooks. I want to wait for the doctor. Now just sit still and . . .
Snooks! I told you not to touch that X-ray machine!

SNOOKS

All right, Daddy. . . . What's this little handle for?

DADDY

Snooks!!!

SFX: A HUMMING STARTS, WHICH BUILDS, AND THEN RESOLVES INTO CRASHING MACHINE SOUNDS BEFORE IT FINALLY STOPS (under following dialog)

SNOOKS

Wheeee! Look at the pretty lights, Daddy!

DADDY

Good heavens! Turn that thing off!

SNOOKS

(continues to laugh) Wheeeee! Wheeee!

DADDY

Turn it off!!!

SFX: THE MACHINE FINALLY SUBSIDES WITH A BIG CRASH

SNOOKS

. . . You still want to wait for the doctor, Daddy?

DADDY

No. . . . Yes! You, you. . . We *are* going to wait for the doctor! And you're going to tell him exactly what happened! Here he comes now.

SFX: DOOR OPENS

DOCTOR

What was that . . . Good heavens! What happened to my X-ray?

DADDY

(desperate) Doctor, my little girl here will tell you the truth! Go ahead, Snooks!

SNOOKS

Hah?

DOCTOR

Well, who broke this five thousand dollar machine?

SNOOKS

Hmmm.

DADDY

Tell him exactly what happened, Snooks!

SNOOKS

All right. . . . (blurts) My daddy was try'na take a picture of Shirley Temple!

DOCTOR

What????

SNOOKS

An' the skeleton jumped on his back!

DOCTOR

(a cry of outrage)

SNOOKS

So Daddy got mad and kicked the machine to pieces!

DOCTOR

(bellows with anger) I'm going to go out and get a policeman!

SNOOKS

Uh . . . get a doctor, too.

DOCTOR

What for?

SNOOKS

My Daddy fainted! (giggles)

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