SCENE ONE

The Beach

It is a bright, sunny day – the morning before SOPHIE and SKY's wedding.

ALI and LISA throw their bags over the wall and clamber over –

ALI / LISA

Sophie!!

SOPHIE / ALI / LISA

(Screaming with delight at seeing each other)

Aaaahhh!

SOPHIE

Ali! Lisa! Where've you been? I thought you'd get here hours ago.

ALI

What a journey! Guess who left her ticket on the kitchen table?

LISA

We said we have to get on this plane! It's our best-friend's wedding tomorrow.

ALI

We made such a fuss—but you weren't getting married without your bridesmaids!

(THEY do a "group hug" celebration.)

LISA

Where is he, then? Your Sky? We're dying to meet him.

ALI

How's your mum? I bet Donna's going nuts over this wedding?

SOPHIE

Listen, I've got a secret and you're the only ones I can tell—

ALI

Oh my God, you're pregnant!

SOPHIE

No. I've invited my Dad to my wedding!

LISA

Your Dad!

ALI

You mean you've found him at last?

SOPHIE

Not exactly.

(She produces the diary)

Look. I found this in mum's desk.

LISA

Sophie! You're not supposed to go around reading your mum's diary…

ALI

…No, she's supposed to go around reading yours…

SOPHIE

But look! 1979. It's the one she kept the year she got pregnant with me—you know how she won't talk about my dad, she says she can't remember, wellt listen…

(Reads from the diary)

'July 17th. What a night! After the show, Sam rowed me over to the little island. We danced on the beach and we kissed on the beach, and dot, dot, dot…'

LISA

What?

SOPHIE

Dot, dot, dot—that's what they did in the olden days.

SOPHIE goes back to the diary—

(Reads again)

'Sam's the one, I know he is—I've never felt like this before…'

SOPHIE continues as if reading from the diary, but now sings

HONEY, HONEY
HOW HE THRILLS ME, AHA, HONEY, HONEY
HONEY, HONEY
NEARLY KILLS ME, AHA, HONEY, HONEY

I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM BEFORE
I WANTED TO KNOW SOME MORE
AND NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN
HE'S A LOVE MACHINE
(OH, HE MAKES ME DIZZY)