

044 ADRIAN

I so agree! Oh hey, look who's  
coming our way...

(calling)

Claudia, my love - come drink with  
us!

FOOTSTEPS APPROACHING, LAUGHTER

045 CLAUDIA

Your parties are the best, Dom!  
Hey, Adrian, who's your handsome  
friend?

ADRIAN

Benedict. He's in philosophy with  
me.

047 CLAUDIA

Philosophy? Ugh. How do you stand  
it?

048 ADRIAN

I don't, but Benedict loves it.

049 CLAUDIA

Really? You're a thinker then,  
Benedict?

050 BENEDICT

Well, I / don't know if -

MUSIC UP, ANOTHER THROBBING SONG.

051 CLAUDIA

Say, why don't we dance, Benedict?

052 BENEDICT

I'm not a very good dancer -

053 CLAUDIA

That's all right. I'll teach you.

054 DOMENICUS

Go for it, Benedict!

055 BENEDICT

No, really. I / don't want -

CLAUDIA

Come-on, Mr. Philosopher, a dance  
is just what you need! Free  
yourself from all those dry, boring  
ideas and have a little fun!

BENEDICT  
Claudia, I can't...

CLAUDIA  
Why?

BENEDICT  
I have to leave.

CLAUDIA  
But / I thought you just got here -

BENEDICT  
I'm really sorry. Good night.

The Merry Beggars