

## Monologue

Barbra Streisand

Thank you!  
You know this is, I haven't done a concert, in about six years.  
And it's,  
oh thank you...  
But it's very exciting I must say,  
but it's also terribly, terribly scary...  
ooh, God I wish I was back on the set!  
Mmm, I gotta tell you this funny thing. But it's  
not so funny. But talking about being scared  
I was even more scared till I spoke to friends  
of mine also performers, you know...and they  
were telling me that they also... uh ...[drinks  
tea] tastes much better that way! The Japanese  
said so! Anyway... They told me that in order  
to conquer their fears, you know, they ... eh  
well, some of them drink; but I really hate  
the taste of liquors, so I...you know, I can't  
do that... And some of them... uh ... take pills;  
but I can't even swallow aspirin, so I can't  
do that, But... more important than that... I  
have found, and I believe, that performers  
should be very strong, you know, and... you don't  
know what I'm gonna say... your way ahead of me tonight.  
It's still illegal? We should face our problems head  
on! You know... what I was about to say you see,  
I have found that the way I conquer my fear of  
a performance is just to... uhm... you know,  
talk about it, and you get it out in the open,  
and you discuss it with a little...excuse me...  
[sniff] you just, you just talk about it freely and just...  
everything... and she's...  
what a fantastic CHORD you just played...  
What was that... an F minor 7th with a  
demented pinky on the 5th; it was really high.