

*Set-up: Rosie has been touring with the band for a couple of months, during which time she has been arrested. She recently learned her fiance Tom has returned from the war (WWII) because of a severe injury, and has gone home to see him. He wants her to give up the band and get married right away.*

ROSIE

The war has changed things. I can make a living as a musician, I don't need to get married.

TOM

You really think that this will last, these girl bands?

ROSIE

We are the most booked swing band in the entire country, not just girl bands, of all the bands. We have our own bus, we can't get drafted, we play everywhere. The men overseas are writing home that they want us to tour with the USO --

TOM

But what happens when the war is over? When a club has a choice between a girl band and a real band?

ROSIE

A "real" band?

TOM

I'm sorry, I didn't mean that... Please, Rosie. I love you. Let me keep you safe. What you're doing, "passing", mixing yourself up with coloreds, it's too risky.

ROSIE

I don't want to walk away from something I care about because it's risky. What if you and all those hundreds of thousands of brave men walked away instead of fighting in this war?

TOM

You think what you're doing is the same as what I did? You're not saving the world from the Nazis, Rosie, you're playing music for dances.

ROSIE

No, no, of course not, I know it's not the same, but...I think I am fighting for something. Or at least, standing up, saying that I think things should be different. I think I should be able to have a job if I want to. And I don't think I should have to go to jail for playing with a band just because I look different from the other girls. I know that may not sound like much, compared to saving the world, but for the first time in my life, I feel like I'm part of something bigger, something that matters.