GOOSE: well, I have eggs to hatch. (She exits.) (exit UR

TEMPLETON: And I have trash piles to raid. (He exits. Dexit OR

GANDER: Good—good—good night, Wilbur. Better get some rest after such a long day. (He exits.)

WILBUR: Yes, thank you, I will. The animals seem nice...I think. But I'm not so sure about Templeton. (Another beat.) And I'm a trifle concerned about the old sheep's remark. (slightly imitating Sheep's voice.) "You know why they want to make you fat and tender, don't you?)...Well, I'm not going to worry about it just now. I'm much too tired.

(WILBUR yawns, lies down and closes his eyes. As the lights slowly dim,

CHARLOTTE, a spider, comes out from behind the web. She carefully creeps over
to WILBUR and smiles. NOTE: If desired, CHARLOTTE may remain offstage
during the following speech. If so, only her voice is heard.)