

## SO IN LOVE Kiss me Kate

- MUSIC: Cole Porter
- LYRICS: Cole Porter
- TYPE: Musical Comedy
- YEAR: 1948
- CHARACTER: Lilli

### SYNOPSIS:

*The merchants of Venice* show is being rehearsed at a theatre in Baltimore. The show director and main star is Fred Graham. He is starring opposite his ex wife Lilli. Fred is paying a lot of attention to a cabaret star Lois Lane. Bill Calhoun is also in the show and has signed Fred's name to an IOU for the sum of \$10,000. The main backer to the show is Lilli's new boyfriend Harrison Howell who is contributing \$200,000.

Fred is confronted by two gangsters wanting the IOU paid which Fred knows nothing about. They leave but tell him they will return. **Lilli receives a bouquet and thanks Fred through the dressing room wall. Her feelings soften towards him. She sings 'So In Love.'**

However the Fred had intended the flowers to be for Lois. The rehearsal proceeds. Then Lilli finds the card addressed to Lois. Pandemonium. Lilli threatens to leave the show and marry Harrison without delay. The gangsters return. Fred tells them if Lilli leaves the show he won't be able to pay them. Could the gangsters help? They can and prevent her departure.

Harrison arrives and can't really believe Lilli is being held prisoner. The gangsters' boss is disposed so they don't need the IOU any more. Lilli is free. She sweeps off to leave Fred in the show without her, but happily when the end of the play comes she returns. Petruchio and Katherine are reunited.