SOUNDS LIKE

A Ten-Minute Comedy Duet

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CAST:  PATSY and CHARLOTTE

PATSY:  About time you got here. I was about to walk over to the deli for a sandwich.
CHARLOTTE:  Sorry. Had a must-do type job at the last moment and then Sharon called and that took time.
PATSY:  What’s on her mind?
CHARLOTTE:  Oh, nothing. Just the usual Sharon gab.
PATSY:  Then what took so long?
CHARLOTTE:  She’s had a few problems. Of course, I’m not at liberty to discuss any of this with you. She told me in the
strictest confidence, and you know how I am about keeping secrets.
PATSY:  Sure. That’s why I’ll know everything in about thirty seconds.
CHARLOTTE:  What?
PATSY:  Spill it.
CHARLOTTE:  No!
PATSY:  Come on, Charlotte. Let it out. You know it’s killing you.
CHARLOTTE:  Never!
PATSY:  That acid is eating away at your stomach lining. You’ll have to tell me.
CHARLOTTE:  How would you feel if I betrayed you?
PATSY:  Relieved. Besides, telling you something is not setting it in stone, you know. It’s sorta’ like asking Monica
Lewinsky to keep a secret.
CHARLOTTE:  That’s not fair. I keep every secret I’m told.
PATSY:  I’m still waiting for the first one.
CHARLOTTE:  (look of amazement) Are you saying I have a big mouth?
PATSY:  No, I didn’t mean it that way. I guess I can understand you wanting to keep something quiet.
CHARLOTTE:  Good.
PATSY:  Look, what if I guessed. That wouldn’t be telling. You’d be home-free and we’d be having an intelligent
conversation by now.
CHARLOTTE:  That’s not fair. I keep every secret I’m told.
PATSY:  I’ll bet I would.
CHARLOTTE:  Not a chance.
PATSY:  Maybe not. But we could make a game of it. Sorta’ like charades. How about it?
CHARLOTTE:  You’re nuts.
PATSY:  Maybe so. But let’s try it. What have you got to lose? I’ll never get it, anyway…your words.
CHARLOTTE:  (pauses, dying to tell…hesitantly) Okay, let’s give it a try.
PATSY:  Here we go. Hit me with your best clue.

(CHARLOTTE holds up 1 finger, takes it down, holds it up again, then points to her ear)

PATSY:  Ear…ear wax!
CHARLOTTE:  Patsy! You know how to play this game.
PATSY:  Sorry.
CHARLOTTE:  Now concentrate and stop acting stupid.
PATSY:  Okay.
CHARLOTTE:  Charades – take two. (holds up 1 finger, takes it down, holds it up again, then points to her ear)
PATSY:  First word, first syllable, sounds like…

(CHARLOTTE points to herself)

PATSY:  You – your stomach - (CHARLOTTE shakes her head no) Me?

(CHARLOTTE points behind her)

PATSY:  Your butt.
CHARLOTTE:  (CHARLOTTE stops, puts hands on hips, and throws a dirty look at PATSY) Do you want to try this
or not?
PATSY:  All right. Just chill a second. I haven’t played this game in a while. Go ahead. I’m ready now.

(CHARLOTTE points to herself again)
PATSY: You? *(CHARLOTTE shakes head no and points behind herself)* Past pronoun. Him? Her? She?

*(CHARLOTTE nods yes – holds up two fingers)*

PATSY: Second word.

*(CHARLOTTE ironing)*

CHARLOTTE: Yes. *(Action and dialogue must go very fast now. CHARLOTTE holds up a finger on each hand, close together indicating a small word - then makes a mound with her hands)*
PATSY: Sharon and hump, bump – no round, hill…

*(CHARLOTTE to ears – sounds like)*

PATSY: *(jumping up and getting into it)* Sounds like, Hill. – Bill, Sharon and Bill…

*(CHARLOTTE rubs her stomach–indicating pregnant)*

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