

## **Side 1 NURSE KELLY and VETA**

**KELLY** – Mrs. Simmons, what is your brothers' name?

**VETA** – I'm sorry. Life is not easy for any of us. I'll have to hold my head up and go on just the same, That's what I keep telling Myrtle, and that's what Myrtle keeps telling me...she's heartbroken about her Uncle Elwood – Elwood P. Dowd. That's it.

**KELLY** – Elwood P. Dowd. His age?

**VETA** – Forty seven the 24<sup>th</sup> of last April. He's a Taurus- the bull. I'm Leo, and Myrtle is on a cusp.

**KELLY** – Forty-seven. Is he married?

**VETA** – No, Elwood has never married, he stayed with mother. He was always a great home boy. He loved his home.

**KELLY** – You have him with you now?

**VETA** – He's in a taxicab down the driveway. I gave the driver a dollar to watch him, but I didn't tell the man why. You can't tell things to perfect strangers.

**KELLY** – The rates here Mrs. Simmons – you'll find them printed on this card.

**VETA** – That will be taken care of by my mother's estate. The late Marcella Pinney Dowd. Judge Gaffney is our attorney.

**KELLY** – Now, I'll see if Dr. Sanderson can see you.

**VETA** – Dr. Sanderson?! I want to see Dr. Chumley himself.

**KELLY** – Oh, Mrs. Simmons, Dr Sanderson is the one who sees everybody. Dr. Chumley sees no one.

**VETA** – He is still head of this institution, isn't he? He's still a psychiatrist isn't he?

**KELLY** – Still a psychiatrist! Dr. Chumley is more than that. He is a psychiatrist with a national reputation. Whenever people have mental breakdowns they at once think of Dr. Chumley.

**VETA** – That's his office, isn't it? Well, you march right in there and tell him I want to see him! If he knows who's out her he'll come out.

**KELLY**- I wouldn't dare disturb him, Mrs. Simmons. I would be discharged if I did.

**VETA** – Well, I don't like being pushed off onto any second fiddle.

**KELLY** – Dr. Sanderson is nobody's second fiddle. He's young, of course, and he hasn't been out of medical school very long, but Dr. Chumley tried out twelve and kept Dr. Sanderson. He's really wonderful.....to the patients.