

ADAM: (*As Bill Clinton*) I did not have sexual relations with that woman!

REED: (*Cutting him off before "woman"*) Get out!
(*ADAM scrambles off.*)

REED: Sorry about that. Now we've covered about fifty thousand years of American history in thirty minutes. Are there any questions? No? Okay, well, think about it, save them up, and in the second act we'll give you the chance to ask us any serious question about American history. But right now let's get back to the new country, which more than doubled in size in 1803 when President Thomas Jefferson—by this time sober—purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for about fifteen million dollars, or roughly three cents an acre. He then sent Lewis and Clark west to explore this vast and uncharted area. We are indeed fortunate tonight to have that fabulous team back with us. Just returned from their hugely successful tour of the western circuit—all the way from Bismarck, Boise, Clatskanie, Walla Walla, and Cucamonga—here they are! You know them, you love them, please bang your hands together for...Lewis and Clark!

(*REED leads the applause and exits. ADAM/LEWIS and AUSTIN/CLARK enter doing a vaudeville two-step. They wear loud coats and carry canes. AUSTIN wears a coonskin cap. ADAM wears a skunkskin cap with an arrow through it. They sing.*)

AUSTIN & ADAM: Hello, everybody, boy we're glad to be here

AUSTIN/CLARK: Just me

ADAM/LEWIS: Myself

AUSTIN & ADAM: And we!

(*They turn upstage.*)