

The answer is encoded in binary, based on who is in the room at each 5-box break in the scene. The character list provides the order, from most significant to least significant bit. Each binary value indicates the corresponding letter of the alphabet (1=A, 2=B, etc).

Mother	Father	Guard #1	Guard #2	Herbert	value	letter
0	0	0	0	1	1	Α
1	0	0	1	1	19	S
0	1	1	1	1	15	0
0	1	1	1	0	14	Ν
0	0	1	1	1	7	G

The letters, read in order, tell us that Herbert might desire <u>A SONG</u>.