

A Rare Find

9 Maria and Todd discovered an old vinyl record while
18 rummaging through a cabinet in the attic. “Thelma Louise
29 Hopkins!” Maria cried. “I read about her in a magazine. This
42 could be worth millions!” As it turned out, it was not worth quite
54 that much, but it was an extremely rare recording, one of the
61 few original Thelma Louise Hopkins recordings left.
71 Mr. Sanchez, an executive at an auction company, told the
82 two that it could be worth thousands, so they should consider
93 selling it. Todd was amenable, but Maria was not convinced, not
102 until she found out more information about Thelma Louise
112 Hopkins. At the library they listened to tapes of her
122 songs, saw photographs of her that were decades old, and
133 looked over a biography about the singer’s life and music. They
144 also found an article on the Internet about what Thelma Louise
154 had been doing recently. She was still employed occasionally as
163 a performer because she needed the money. Although Thelma
172 originally had been compensated well, she never owned the
182 copyrights of her songs, which meant that while other people
193 still profited from her original recordings, she never saw a penny
199 of the tremendous wealth they made.
204 “That’s not fair!” Todd cried.
215 A few minutes later, Maria called Mr. Sanchez “We still want
226 to auction off the record,” she told him, “but we want
238 the proceeds to go to Thelma Louise Hopkins. Can you help us
240 do that?”
251 “I sure can,” said Mr. Sanchez. Then he added, “You two
are doing a commendable thing.” 256

1. What is the story mostly about?
2. Why did Todd and Maria decide to give away the money?