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BRIGHT STAR

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PRODUCTION NOTES

The play jumps in time between 1923-4 and 1945-6 in North Carolina. It is based on a true incident.

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ACT ONE
SCENE 1

#1 IF YOU KNEW MY STORY

(1945. LIMBO)

ALICE

IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
YOU'D HAVE A HARD TIME
BELIEVING ME
YOU'D THINK I WAS LYING
JOY AND SORROW NEVER LAST
I'LL DIE TRYING NOT TO LIVE IN THE PAST

IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
MY HEAVEN AND MY HELL
IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
YOU'D HAVE A GOOD STORY TO TELL

I LEFT MY CLOTHES ON THAT COLD RIVER ROCK
MY CARES AND MY WOES ROLLED UP IN MY SOCKS
I LAID DOWN IN THAT MOUNTAIN STREAM
AND THE ICY WATER RUSHED OVER ME

ALICE

IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
MY HEAVEN AND MY HELL
IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
YOU'D HAVE A GOOD
STORY TO
TELL ME I'M NOT ALONE

WOMEN AND MEN

OOH...
OOH...
OOH...
YOU'D HAVE A GOOD
STORY TO
TELL...

ALICE

TELL ME I'M NOT ALONE

WOMEN

TELL...

ALICE

MANY BACKS HAVE BROKEN FROM LESSER WEIGHT I KNOW
I WAS BORN TO CARRY MORE THAN I CAN HOLD
EVEN THOUGH I STUMBLE
EVEN THOUGH I FALL,
YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME CRUMBLE,
YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME CRAWL

ALICE

IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
DREW THE WATER FROM MY
WELL
IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
YOU'D HAVE A GOOD
STORY TO
TELL ME I'M NOT ALONE
TELL ME I'M NOT ALONE
EVEN THOUGH I STUMBLE
EVEN THOUGH I FALL
YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME
CRUMBLE
YOU'LL NEVER SEE
ME CRAWL
IF YOU KNEW MY STORY

WOMEN AND MEN

IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
OOH...
IF YOU KNEW MY STORY
YOU'D KNOW HAVE A GOOD
STORY TO
TELL ME I'M NOT ALONE
TELL ME I'M NOT ALONE
I STUMBLE
OOH... I FALL
OOH...
YOU'LL NEVER SEE
AHH...AHH...
OOH...OOH...

WOMEN AND MEN

YOU'D HAVE A GOOD STORY TO TELL
YOU'D HAVE A GOOD STORY TO TELL

BILLY CANE

YOU'D HAVE A GOOD STORY TO TELL

*(The stage set spins. BILLY is
approaching home.)*

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 2

(1945. BILLY'S HOME. OUTSIDE HAYES CREEK.)

(BILLY walks gently up the road to surprise his family. DADDY CANE (65) sits on a rocker on the porch. Still spry, good looking. He sits with MARGO, pretty, Billy's family friend since childhood. Daddy Cane sees him.)

DADDY CANE

Well, look how you've grown!

BILLY CANE

Daddy!

DADDY CANE

So good to see you, son.

(They hug each other.)

You win the war all by yourself?

BILLY CANE

I had a little help.

DADDY CANE

Well, I salute you.

BILLY CANE

Then you salute us all.

(They face each other, man to man.)

MARGO

Hi, Billy.

DADDY CANE

(then)

Look who I'm visiting with!

BILLY CANE

Margo! Is that you? You've grown every which-a-way.

(They hug, a friendly one.)

MARGO

I was just delivering a book your Daddy ordered.

BILLY CANE

(all in fun)

Now Daddy, have you been reading again?

DADDY CANE

(playing along)

I have, son.

BILLY CANE

Daddy, I've warned you about reading. That could make you smart.

DADDY CANE

I know, call the hillbilly police.

MARGO

Mr. Cane, Billy's been sending me his stories from overseas, and I've got a stack of them all edited.

BILLY CANE

And I got published in Stars and Stripes!

MARGO

Billy!

BILLY CANE

(to MARGO)

Did you get my latest?

MARGO

I sure did. You can come by the bookstore and pick it up.

BILLY CANE

Well, what'd you think?

MARGO

You don't have to know everything all at once.

BILLY CANE

Margo, that is so you! Mama inside? Or are you making her plow again, Daddy?

(MARGO and DADDY CANE look quickly at each other.)

MARGO

Billy, I've got to get back.

*(She hugs him one more time, deeper.
She exits, after taking a last look at
DADDY CANE.)*

BILLY CANE

What's gotten into her? And where is Mama?

(yells)

Mama!

#2 SHE'S GONE

*(BILLY notices his father's
expression.)*

What is it, Daddy?

*(DADDY CANE walks to BILLY, wraps his
arms around him, holds him. BILLY
understands.)*

DADDY CANE

No way to write you, son.

(DADDY CANE turns and faces BILLY.)

WE HAD A VISITOR
WHILE YOU WERE AWAY
UNWELCOME AS HE WAS
HE CAME ON IN ONE DAY

HE SAT DOWN QUIETLY AT YOUR MOTHER'S SIDE
SHE LEFT WITH HIM SOMETIME IN THE NIGHT
SHE'S GONE
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH SHE LOVED YOU SON

SHE HAD NO FEAR OF DEATH
SHE WENT ON PEACEFULLY

SHE JUST CLOSED HER EYES
AND DRIFTED OFF TO SLEEP

BILLY AND DADDY CANE

SHE'S GONE
SHE'S GONE

DADDY CANE

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH SHE LOVED YOU SON

BILLY AND DADDY CANE

LET'S WALK ON OVER THERE AND LAY
A ROSE UPON HER GRAVE

DADDY CANE

Why don't you pick a floribunda rose, son? That was her favorite.

*(Lights change, BILLY and DADDY CANE
walk into the graveyard. BILLY carries
a rose.)*

Here she is. Under the walnut tree.

(A gravestone angel marks her grave.)

BILLY CANE

You bought her a gravestone angel.

DADDY CANE

There was this lovely one in back of Julia Wolfe's garage.
She made me a nice deal on it as a courtesy.

BILLY CANE

It's beautiful.

DADDY CANE

The owls are speaking tonight. I'll go hear what they have
to say.

(He does.)

BILLY CANE

(to the gravestone)

Mama, when I was in mud up to my knees, I thought it would
be you mourning me. Not this way round.

*(He puts the rose on the grave, then
looks around.)*

BILLY CANE (CONT'D)

And, I'm sorry that daddy put an angel over your grave. You used to make fun of people for doing that. You said you'd rather let your deeds speak for your time on Earth.

(then)

Mama, thank you for the way you raised me. The way you spoke, your parlance around the house, made me a curious lover of words, and you always pointed me toward the writers who used them well. Remember when you had me copy stories out of the Asheville Southern Journal, just so I'd know what it feels like to write well?

(he kneels)

I made it back home like you always said I would. But I never thought homecoming could be so cruel.

#2A SCENE CHANGE

You are my Mama, and I place my hand here...

(he puts his hand on the dirt)

...to touch you now and forever.

BILLY AND DADDY CANE

SHE'S GONE

SHE'S GONE

DADDY CANE

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH SHE LOVED YOU SON

[FADE OUT:]

SCENE 3

(1945. MARGO'S BOOKSHOP.)

(MARGO runs a modest bookshop. There are a few customers in the shop. She hands a book to MAX, a young customer.)

MARGO

Here it is, Max. Since when did you become such an avid reader?

MAX

Since you took over the bookstore. When you stopped working at the soda shop I lost three pounds. Margo, would you like to go to the movies sometime?

MARGO

I don't want you to spend your money on me.

MAX

It would be cheaper than buying all these books!

(MAX sighs and leaves. BILLY enters.)

FLORENCE

Hi, Billy.

BILLY CANE

Margo. Sorry, it took me a while to make it in.

MARGO

I thought it might. How are things with Daddy?

BILLY CANE

He's doing better. It's strange. We both swear we can hear her call out to us sometimes.

MARGO

How are you doing?

BILLY CANE

I started writing again. And that brings me comfort.
(then, picking up a book from the counter)

A thesaurus? Are you writing now?

MARGO

No, Max just returned it. He thought it was a book about dinosaurs.

(then)

Oh, and Billy, I read the story you sent me.

BILLY CANE

I've been wondering about that. What'd you think?

MARGO

(teasing)

Well, it started out great...but...

BILLY CANE

Oh.

MARGO

Then it got better and better!

BILLY CANE

It did?

MARGO

Billy, you've grown up and so has your writing.

(She retrieves his stories from a shelf.)

Now, I caught a few typos and retyped it on heavy bond. In fact, I retyped them all!

BILLY CANE

(earnest)

Thank you. Thank you.

(then)

Margo, I've been thinking. What if...what if I submitted some of these stories to the Asheville Southern Journal?

MARGO

Oh, Billy! Yes. Yes. You were always so tentative about it. What made you decide that?

#3 BRIGHT STAR

BILLY CANE

I'M READY FOR MY LIFE TO BEGIN
I'M READY FOR IT ALL TO START
MY HEART'S ABOUT TO BUST
DON'T LEAD THE WAY I MUST
FOLLOW MY OWN BRIGHT STAR

MARGO

Edna, we still have that special delivery stamp I've been saving?

EDNA

We sure do.

BILLY CANE

I'm not mailing them, Margo. I'm going to hand-carry them to Asheville, and sleep like a dog on their doorstep until I get published.

FLORENCE

(exiting)
Good luck, Billy.

BILLY CANE

MANY A LONG COLD NIGHT
I HUDDLED DOWN IN THE DARK
I MADE A VOW IF I EVER MADE IT OUT
I'D FOLLOW MY OWN BRIGHT STAR

BRIGHT STAR
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
SHINE ON AND SEE ME THROUGH

BRIGHT STAR
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
AND ONE DAY I'LL SHINE FOR YOU

(BILLY hugs MARGO, and exits the bookstore.)

MARGO

For what's it's worth, I'll [miss you]...

(But BILLY is gone.)

(We begin a travel montage of him heading for Asheville.)

BILLY CANE

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT
LIFE WILL BRING
ONLY WHAT YOU BRING TO
LIFE
HOPES AND DREAMS AND
FINE IMAGININGS
THEY HAPPEN IN THEIR
OWN GOOD TIME.
I'VE SEEN A WEAK MAN
FIGHT
I'VE SEEN A STRONG MAN
CRY
I HAVE LEARNED THE
BRIGHTEST DAY CAN TURN
INTO THE DARKEST NIGHT

BRIGHT STAR KEEP
SHINING FOR ME
SHINE ON AND SEE ME
THROUGH
BRIGHT STAR KEEP
SHINING FOR ME
AND ONE DAY I'LL SHINE
FOR YOU

BILLY CANE

THERE'S ALWAYS A SONG
TO SING
A MELODY IN THE DARK
LIFTS MY SPIRITS EVERY
TIME I HEAR IT
COMFORTS MY ACHING
HEART

BILLY CANE

KEEP SHINING FOR ME

AND SEE ME THROUGH
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
I'M ON MY WAY

ENSEMBLE

OOH...

OOH...

OOH...

HAPPEN IN THEIR OWN
GOOD TIME
OOH...
AH...
OOH...
CRY...

BRIGHTEST DAY CAN TURN
INTO THE DARKEST NIGHT

BRIGHT STAR

SHINE ON SHINE ON

OOH...

AND ONE DAY
AHH...AHH...

ENSEMBLE

OOH...

OOH...

AHH...

ENSEMBLE

BRIGHT STAR BRIGHT DAY
BRIGHT LIGHTS BRIGHT
WAY
BRIGHT STAR BRIGHT DAY
I'M ON, I'M ON MY WAY

BILLY CANE (CONT'D)

BRIGHT STAR KEEP
SHINING FOR ME

SHINE ON AND SEE ME
THROUGH
BRIGHT STAR KEEP
SHINING FOR ME
AND ONE DAY I'LL SHINE
FOR YOU

ENSEMBLE (CONT'D)

BRIGHT STAR BRIGHT DAY
BRIGHT LIGHTS BRIGHT
WAY
SHINE ON AND SEE ME
THROUGH
BRIGHT STAR BRIGHT DAY
CARRY ME FAR AWAY
I'M GONE I'M ON MY WAY

BILLY AND ENSEMBLE

BRIGHT STAR KEEP SHINING FOR ME
SHINE ON AND SEE ME THROUGH
BRIGHT STAR KEEP SHINING FOR ME
AND ONE DAY I'LL SHINE

BILLY CANE

FOR YOU

ENSEMBLE

AHH...AHH...

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 4

*(1945. ASHEVILLE. LOBBY OF THE
ASHEVILLE SOUTHERN JOURNAL.)*

*(A busy office. The front desk is
manned by DARYL AMES. LUCY GRANT, an
editor, mans her station. The desk
bears a sign: "Asheville Southern
Journal". BILLY enters, holding his
manuscript.)*

BILLY CANE

(to DARYL)

Hello, is this the Asheville Southern Journal?

*(DARYL leans over and cranes to read
the lettering on the front of his
desk.)*

DARYL

Good question, because this sign is often wrong.

LUCY

Don't mind Daryl.

BILLY CANE

If someone wanted to submit some stories to your
magazine....

LUCY

Let me hand them to the nice man.

*(LUCY takes BILLY's manuscript, gives
it to DARYL who starts to put it in the
"round file.")*

DARYL

Then wave them goodbye.

BILLY CANE

Why wave them goodbye?

*(BILLY retrieves the manuscript from
the trash can.)*

DARYL

Because our editor, Miss Alice Murphy, is one of the keenest editors in America. The New Yorker magazine sent people down here to try and hire her away.

LUCY

But she wants to stay right here in North Carolina.

BILLY CANE

That's good!

DARYL

Not for young tadpoles like you.

LUCY

She once made Ernest Hemingway cry. He lay right there, banged his fists on the floor and sobbed.

BILLY CANE

Why?

LUCY

He used a comma to join two independent clauses.

BILLY CANE

Look, I came all the way from Hayes Creek and I gotta get back, so...

DARYL

Well, aren't we busy.

BILLY CANE

Can I pick up my stories tomorrow?

(DARYL and LUCY both laugh.)

DARYL

Look, you think we're going to read them by tomorrow, if at all?

LUCY

I'm sorry but we don't even read young writers anymore without a whopping letter of recommendation.

DARYL

Hmm. Now where did that door go? Oh! There it is...

(He walks BILLY to the door. Miss ALICE MURPHY enters, (38). Trim, prim. All business.)

BILLY CANE

Thomas Wolfe read them.

ALICE

Thomas Wolfe?

BILLY CANE

He read them and wrote me back saying I had talent. I sent them to him last year.

ALICE

You can leave your stories here. I'm a great admirer of Thomas Wolfe.

BILLY CANE

Well, thank you. I will tell him you said that. You must be Miss Murphy.

ALICE

I don't have to be, but I am.

BILLY CANE

(to the room)

I'll wait to hear from you. I'm William Cane.

DARYL

I'm writing your name down...

(writes in the air)

William.

(DARYL starts to write. BILLY exits. As soon as he does, DARYL tosses the paper in the trash.)

ALICE

Mr. Ames, hand me those stories. I'm going to read them.

DARYL

Why?

ALICE

Because he's a liar, and liars sometimes make very good story tellers. Now, what about the new submissions?

DARYL

We have several. This one from...

(reads)

Carl Sandburg.

ALICE

Well, we should certainly look at that.

DARYL

Tennessee Williams.

ALICE

A very promising new writer. Yes.

DARYL

And one from Joseph Algonquin.

ALICE

Another one? He's always terrible.

DARYL

Miss Murphy, it's time you knew. Joseph Algonquin is my pen name.

ALICE

Oh. Well, maybe you've improved. I'll take a look at it.

DARYL

Don't bother.

(He dumps it.)

LUCY

Miss Murphy, there's a dance at the Shiny Penny tonight.

ALICE

And?

DARYL

Those officers returning home keep asking about you.

LUCY

When a female walks in that place there isn't a head that doesn't swivel.

ALICE

No. Tonight I want to cozy up to a few unnecessary adverbs and then cut their heads off.

DARYL

I've heard stories about you, Miss Murphy, you weren't always such a wallflower.

ALICE

No, not always.

#4 WAY BACK IN THE DAY

DARYL

The whole world is rejoicing about the war being over.

LUCY

And you should get out and celebrate, too. Come with us; just this once.

ALICE

WAY BACK IN THE DAY
I WOULD HAVE GONE WITH YOU
WAY BACK IN THE DAY
YOU COULD NOT HAVE KEPT ME AWAY

I WAS THE LIFE OF THE PARTY
I WAS HAPPY AND CAREFREE
DANCING ON THE FLOOR WITH EVERYBODY
HE WAS NEXT TO ME

WE'D SING AND WE'D SWAY
TO EVERY SONG TOGETHER
WAY BACK IN THE DAY

I COULD NOT WAIT TO GET AWAY
MOONLIGHT MUSIC FROM ACROSS THE RIVER
CALLING, PLAYING THROUGH THE NIGHT

I WOULD RUN BAREFOOT THROUGH THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER
TO BE WITH EVERYONE

ENSEMBLE

AHH...

ALICE AND ENSEMBLE

WAY BACK IN THE DAY

ALICE

YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE
HAD TO ASK ME

ENSEMBLE

OOH.

ALICE AND ENSEMBLE

WAY BACK IN THE DAY

ALICE

I'D HAVE BEEN THE FIRST ONE TO SAY

*(ALICE changes her look to her younger
self, North Carolina rural 1923.)*

ALICE AND ENSEMBLE

COME ON WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR
IT'S ALL GOING ON OUTSIDE OF YOUR DOOR

ALICE

I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER
YOU'RE COMING OUT WITH ME

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 5

(1923. A HOUSE IN THE VERY SMALL TOWN OF ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA.)

(JIMMY RAY (20), the Mayor's son, works outdoors under a tree. He fiddles with an old ice box on the street. ALICE enters, now age 16.)

(She approaches Jimmy Ray.)

ALICE

Now that's a sight. The Mayor's son with his sleeves rolled up repairing an ice box.

JIMMY RAY

Well, if it isn't the little princess of Zebulon. Princess, what's the matter with repairing an ice box?

ALICE

Jimmy Ray, an ice box has no moving parts. My granny could repair an ice box. There's ice and a box. I think you're just showing off your muscles.

JIMMY RAY

Keep talking, Alice Murphy. I'm curious how your mind works.

ALICE

Okay. You remind me of Adonis. You know who Adonis is?

JIMMY RAY

I sure do. He's a Greek God.

ALICE

Well, you remind me of him. In fact, you remind me of the myth of Adonis when he repaired the ice box.

JIMMY RAY

You ever think you might be too smart for this town?

ALICE

All the time.

JIMMY RAY

What makes you so sure?

ALICE

I entered an essay contest in Raleigh. The first prize was five dollars, and I won it.

JIMMY RAY

What was it about?

ALICE

I wrote about how there should be a rebirth of Southern writers, all writing about the Southern way, and that's how we can make our voices known.

JIMMY RAY

I don't know how a group of judges from Raleigh could turn that down.

ALICE

They couldn't. I took that five dollars and put it toward my college fund.

JIMMY RAY

How much do you have in your college fund?

ALICE

Five dollars.
(then)
Want a biscuit?

JIMMY RAY

I wouldn't mind havin' a biscuit.

(ALICE takes one over to him. He reaches out for it.)

ALICE

Your hands are dirty! You don't want to eat a dirty biscuit.

JIMMY RAY

You better feed it to me then.

ALICE

Now, you and I were thinking the exact same thought.

(ALICE feeds him the biscuit.)

JIMMY RAY

You got a little wildcat about you, Alice Murphy.

ALICE

What's that book?

(ALICE grabs the book out of his toolbox.)

JIMMY RAY

Hey there!

(ALICE looks at the title.)

F. Scott Fitzgerald. He's a new writer.

ALICE

(reads)

I know who he is. "The Beautiful and Damned." Is that us, Jimmy Ray?

JIMMY RAY

Damned if I know, but you're sure beautiful. I finished it. You can keep it.

ALICE

If my daddy sees the title he'll kill me.

JIMMY RAY

Read it under the covers.

#5 WHOA, MAMA

ALICE

(looks at poster for dance)

So, who you gonna take to the Couples' Day dance?

JIMMY RAY

I don't know yet.

ALICE

Well, I'm standing right here in front of you.

JIMMY RAY

That's not proper, you asking me.

ALICE

I read in a book that sometimes you have to plant an idea
in a boy's head.

JIMMY RAY

Well, that might be a pretty smart book.

YOU'RE A YOUNG GIRL
AND YOU OUGHTA KNOW BETTER
THAN TO BE HERE
WHAT WOULD EVERYBODY THINK

WHOA MAMA, BETTER BACK UP SLOWLY
MAKE A QUICK GETAWAY AND HURRY ON HOME
WHOA MAMA AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING
YOUR POP'LL GET A SHOTGUN HAVE TO RUN MEN OFF

THEY'LL HIDE IN THE SHADOWS FALL OUT OF TREES
WAIT BY YOUR WINDOW WHISPER BLESS YOU WHEN YOU SNEEZE
SOMEONE WILL LOOK AT YOU JUST LIKE THIS
SOMEONE WILL ASK YOU FOR A KISS

YOU'RE A SMART GIRL MAKE A FOOL OF SOMEBODY
I'M A SMART GUY AND I KNOW THAT IT WON'T BE ME

ALICE

We'll see.

JIMMY RAY (PLUS ENSEMBLE)

(WHOA, MAMA,) TAKE A SECOND
LOOK BEFORE YOU SET YOUR SIGHTS ON ME
(WHOA, MAMA,) I'M A RESTLESS SMALL TOWN BOY WITH A
HEART AS WILD AS A BIG CITY

(Dance break from JIMMY RAY.)

JIMMY RAY

SOMEONE WILL TAKE YOUR
HAND
JUST LIKE SO
SOMEONE WILL NEVER WANNA
LET YOU GO
SOMEONE WILL PUT YOU ON
A PEDESTAL
SOMEONE WILL TELL YOU
YOU'RE INCREDIBLE

ENSEMBLE

OOH...
JUST LIKE SO
OOH...
LET YOU GO
SOMEONE
OOH...
SOMEONE
OOH...

ALICE

I'M A YOUNG GIRL
AND I WANNA GO DANCING
WANNA DIP AND TWIRL
WITH THE HANDSOMEST BOY IN TOWN

ALICE

SOMEBODY BETTER COMB
THEIR HAIR
AND PUT A CLEAN SHIRT
ON
PICK ME UP AT EIGHT
SOMEBODY BETTER TAKE
ME THERE
GONNA HAVE A LOT OF
FUN ON OUR VERY FIRST
DATE

ENSEMBLE

SOMEBODY

SOMEBODY

SOMEONE WILL WANT FOR
YOU TO
WALK HER HOME
SOMEONE WILL WANT A
LITTLE
TIME ALONE
SOMEONE WILL WAIT
AS LONG AS IT TAKES
FOR YOU

OOH...

WALK HER HOME

OOH...

TIME ALONE

OOH...

OOH...

OOH...

JIMMY RAY

YOU'RE A SWEET GIRL WRAP A MAN AROUND YOUR PINKY
ON YOUR FEET GIRL GET GOIN' 'CAUSE IT WON'T BE ME

ALICE

SOMEBODY'S GONNA BUZZ
AROUND ME
LIKE A FUZZY BUMBLE BEE

ENSEMBLE

SOMEBODY

JIMMY RAY

WHOA, GO SLOW, MAMA
YOU'RE PRETTY AS A DAISY
SMELL LIKE A ROSE
MAKE A MAN CRAZY
BUT IT WON'T BE ME!

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 6

(1923. ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA. A CABIN IN THE WOODS.)

(MAMA MURPHY (late fifties), and DADDY MURPHY (early sixties) prepare supper. An extended family is there, busying about, readying for a feast. Reminder: this is not a bunch of hillbillies, but a turned-out group that's on the slim side of financial ease.)

(ALICE arrives, fresh from her visit with JIMMY RAY.)

#6 FIRMER HAND / DO RIGHT

ALICE

I'm home!

DADDY MURPHY

WHERE WHERE WHERE'VE YOU BEEN
YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE HELPIN' IN THE KITCHEN
WHERE WHERE WHERE DO YOU GO?
NO DAUGHTER OF MINE OUGHT TO WORRY ME SO

ENSEMBLE

YOU'RE THE BLACK SHEEP
A LITTLE LOST LAMB

DADDY MURPHY

SHOULD'VE RAISED YOU WITH A FIRMER HAND

ENSEMBLE

BLACK SHEEP
A LITTLE LOST LAMB

ALICE

ALL YOU EVER DO IS REPRIMAND

(MAMA sees the book ALICE is carrying, "The Beautiful and Damned." She takes it from her, hides it from DADDY.)

MAMA MURPHY

SHAME SHAME SHAME ON YOU

MAMA MURPHY (CONT'D)

THERE AIN'T NO LIMIT TO THE TROUBLE YOU BREW

DADDY MURPHY

SHAME SHAME SHAME ON ME
YOU MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE FAMILY

ENSEMBLE

YOU'RE THE BLACK SHEEP
A LITTLE LOST LAMB

ALICE

WHEN YA GONNA LOVE ME JUST THE WAY I AM?

MAMA MURPHY

I PRAY THAT YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR WAYS

ALICE

I don't know why a girl can't have fun around here.

DADDY MURPHY

WHY WHY WHY ON EARTH
HAVE YOU BEEN SO HARDHEADED SINCE THE DAY OF YOUR
BIRTH

MAMA MURPHY

WHY WHY IN THE WORLD
DON'T YOU DO US ALL A FAVOR BE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL

ENSEMBLE

YOU'RE THE BLACK SHEEP
A LITTLE LOST LAMB

DADDY MURPHY

SHOULD'VE RAISED YOU WITH A FIRMER HAND

ENSEMBLE

BLACK SHEEP
A LITTLE LOST LAMB

MAMA MURPHY

ALWAYS UP TO YOUR SHENANIGANS

DADDY MURPHY

You gotta start towing the line!

ALICE

That's all I ever do around here is tow the line!

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING DO RIGHT
DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT FOR ME

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING STEP IN LINE
BETTER MIND, DO OR DIE, DO RIGHT FOR ME

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING DO RIGHT
DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT FOR ME
AND WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ME IS BA-A-A-A-D FOR THE FAMILY

DADDY MURPHY

I swear I'm going to have to rein you in!

ALICE

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYIN'

ALICE AND ENSEMBLE

DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT FOR ME

ALICE

YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYIN'

DADDY AND ENSEMBLE

STEP IN LINE

MAMA AND ENSEMBLE

BETTER MIND

DADDY AND ENSEMBLE

DO OR DIE

MAMA, DADDY, AND ENSEMBLE

DO RIGHT FOR ME

ALICE

AND WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ME

MAMA, DADDY, AND ENSEMBLE

IS BAD FOR THE FAMILY

ENSEMBLE

DO RIGHT

MAMA

Alice, we need you to shell those peas.

ENSEMBLE

DO RIGHT

ALICE

Why do I have to shell the peas, Mama?

ENSEMBLE

DO RIGHT

DADDY MURPHY

(stern)

The Lord gave us those peas, Alice.

ENSEMBLE

DO RIGHT

ALICE

Well why'd he have to put 'em in pods?

DADDY MURPHY

Don't you ever question the Lord!

ALICE

I'm not questioning him; I'm just saying maybe some of my ideas are better.

ENSEMBLE

[GASP]

DADDY MURPHY

BLACK SHEEP

MAMA MURPHY

LITTLE LOST LAMB

MAMA, DADDY, AND ENSEMBLE

SHOULD A RAISED YOU WITH A FIRMER HAND

DADDY MURPHY

BLACK SHEEP

MAMA MURPHY

LITTLE LOST LAMB

DADDY MURPHY

SHOULD'VE RAISED YOU WITH THE BACK OF MY HAND

ENSEMBLE

(during scene transition)

DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT FOR ME
DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT FOR ME
STEP IN LINE, BETTER MIND, DO OR DIE, DO RIGHT FOR ME
DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT DO RIGHT FOR ME
WHAT'S RIGHT FOR ME
IS BAD FOR THE FAMILY

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 7

(1923. ZEBULON. MAYOR'S LIVING ROOM.)

(The living room of MAYOR DOBBS (43).)

(MAYOR DOBBS, a powerful man, physically and professionally, stands with his lawyer, STANFORD ADAMS. JIMMY RAY enters.)

MAYOR

Jimmy Ray. You were supposed to be here a while ago. Thank you, ladies.

JIMMY RAY

Sorry, Daddy, I was out fixing Aunt Idell's icebox.

MAYOR

(to STANFORD)

Can you believe my son? I'm trying to hand over an empire to this boy and he's out fixing an icebox.

(picks up a document)

What's that?

JIMMY RAY

(grabs paper)

Application for college. I've been thinking about it.

MAYOR

Four years away from home when everything you need to learn I'm teaching you here within these walls? Your grandfather taught me and I teach you. That chain must not be broken.

JIMMY RAY

Well, Daddy, I understand, but I thought we'd discussed this.

MAYOR

Stanford, do I sense disinclination?

STANFORD

None of my business, Mayor.

JIMMY RAY

There's a whole world outside Zebulon. I want to get to know it.

MAYOR

Who are you getting this from? Where's that book you were reading?

JIMMY RAY

I gave it away.

MAYOR

Good. Let the Jazz Age infect someone else.

STANFORD

Mayor, the Conklins.

JIMMY RAY

The Conklins? In Charlotte? What about them?

MAYOR

They've got a beautiful daughter. Ola.

STANFORD

Well, a daughter with resources.

JIMMY RAY

Stanford, what exactly isn't your business?

MAYOR

The Conklins are a family with produce trucks that drive across this state, and we are the second biggest purveyors of produce for three hundred miles.

JIMMY RAY

You want me to marry someone for her trucks?

MAYOR

That's an equation they don't teach in college.

JIMMY RAY

Where's the romance in that?

(The MAYOR looks over at STANFORD.)

MAYOR

Romance?

STANFORD

(snide)

I have no comment.

JIMMY RAY

(to Stanford)

No comment? What do you think that was?

MAYOR

Just have lunch with her.

JIMMY RAY

I couldn't do that. I know their daughter. She's a dumbbell.

MAYOR

Doesn't have to be her. The Wilsons in Winston-Salem have a daughter and a very active horse farm.

JIMMY RAY

I've met her. She is indistinguishable from the horses.

MAYOR

How about Naomi Weiss? The daughter of tobacco. And she plays the banjo.

(then)

All right, I know.

JIMMY RAY

Daddy, I couldn't carry on a conversation with any of them.

MAYOR

You don't have to carry on a conversation. You ever seen me carry on a conversation with your mother?

STANFORD

It's not necessary.

JIMMY RAY

And that is a tragedy.

MAYOR

Son, the way it works is the business is handed down, and we marry conveniently. In order to live well.

#7 A MAN'S GOTTA DO

JIMMY RAY

Don't break the chain, right Daddy?

MAYOR

A MAN'S GOTTA DO WHAT A MAN'S GOTTA DO
WHEN A MAN'S GOTTA DO WHAT HE'S GOT TO
A WELL BRED WIFE WITH A SILVER SPOON AND KNIFE
WILL BUTTER YOUR BREAD TWICE AS GOOD AS YOU DO

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
THAT'S WHEN I WAS SETTLING DOWN
YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE ENGAGED
AND I OPENED UP A BANK ACCOUNT.

JIMMY RAY

YOU CAN'T EXPECT THE FUTURE TO BE JUST LIKE THE PAST
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE SIR, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND

MAYOR

WHEN I STOOD TALL SIDE BY SIDE WITH YOUR GRANDPA
THERE WAS JUST NOTHING AT ALL WE COULDN'T DO

JIMMY RAY

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT I OBSERVE AND I OBJECT
THERE'S NO RUSH FOR ME TO STEP INTO YOUR SHOES

MAYOR

YOU CAN'T WASTE YOU TIME ON FOOLISH THINGS
WHEN THERE'S REAL WORK TO BE DONE
THERE WON'T BE ANY STOPPING YOU AND ME
WHEN YOU DO WHAT I TELL YOU SON

You have no idea what I would do to protect this dynasty.

*(The MAYOR tears up the college
application papers.)*

JIMMY RAY

THE ROAD BEYOND THE RIVER LEADS RIGHT BACK TO THIS
HOUSE
I WON'T BE GONE FOREVER JUST LET ME GO NOW

JIMMY RAY

YOU CAN'T EXPECT THE
FUTURE

MAYOR

A MAN'S GOTTA DO WHAT
A MAN'S GOTTA DO

JIMMY RAY (CONT'D)

TO BE JUST LIKE THE
PAST.
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE
SIR

PLEASE TRY TO
UNDERSTAND

MAYOR (CONT'D)

WHEN A MAN'S GOTTA DO
WHAT HE'S GOT TO
WHEN I STOOD TALL SIDE
BY SIDE WITH YOUR
GRANDPA
THERE WAS JUST NOTHING
AT ALL WE COULDN'T DO

MAYOR

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CAN'T COMPREHEND
WHAT TO DO, WHY CAN'T I GET THROUGH TO YOU?

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 8

(1945. ASHEVILLE. ALICE'S OFFICE.)

(DARYL, BILLY, and LUCY are in ALICE's office.)

LUCY

Daryl and I read your stories.

DARYL

Yes, I thought they were extraordinary.

BILLY CANE

Really? Extraordinary?

DARYL

Sorry, I said that too fast: Extra. Ordinary.

LUCY

Don't mind Daryl. Can I get you a cup of coffee?

BILLY CANE

My nerves are jittery enough already.

DARYL

Shot of vodka?

BILLY CANE

I don't drink.

LUCY

Billy, if you want to be a writer you have to drink alcohol and feel sorry for yourself. We'll meet you one night at the Shiny Penny.

(ALICE enters. DARYL and LUCY quickly exit.)

DARYL

Going.

ALICE

Well. Mr. Cane. It's very rare to have a young writer make it past our gatekeeper, Mr. Ames. Your Thomas Wolfe letter certainly helped. He wrote you last year?

BILLY CANE

Yes, overseas. Tom - Thomas - was very kind to me.

ALICE

Thomas Wolfe letters are extremely rare. Did you bring it?
I'm dying to see it.

BILLY CANE

I did. I'm never far from it.

(He hands it to her.)

ALICE

If I were you, I would protect this letter. It could be
very valuable one day.

BILLY CANE

Thank you, ma'am.

ALICE

It is, indeed, valuable already. Since Thomas Wolfe died
seven years ago.

BILLY CANE

(pause)

I missed that.

ALICE

Obviously.

BILLY CANE

You can imagine how difficult it was to get that letter.
Are you sure?

ALICE

I'm as sure as he is. He's buried right here in Asheville.

BILLY CANE

Miss Murphy, I'm just doing what I have to. I never would
have made it through that door...

ALICE

Clearly. Here are your stories back, Mr. Cane.

BILLY CANE

Did you read them at all, Miss Murphy?

ALICE

Like I said, here are your stories back. Except this one, which I'm buying from you for ten dollars.

BILLY CANE

But, I thought you said...

ALICE

I am not publishing it, but I am investing in you. You have a flair, Mr. Cane. Not for the scourge of war, but for gentleness and tenderness, and also the well-timed lie. You write well.

BILLY CANE

Do you mean that, Miss Murphy?

#7A BRIGHT STAR UNDERSCORE

ALICE

I don't have time to hand out compliments I don't mean. But you will write better when you find your voice. You need to find a sweeping tale of pain and redemption. In the people you know and in the people you meet.

(She writes him a check for ten dollars.)

(DARYL crosses to center to move the desk offstage.)

BILLY CANE

(to DARYL)

Ten bucks! I'm rich!

ENSEMBLE

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT LIFE WILL BRING
ONLY WHAT YOU BRING TO LIFE
HOPES AND DREAMS AND FINE IMAGININGS
THEY HAPPEN IN THEIR OWN GOOD TIME
THEY HAPPEN IN THEIR OWN GOOD TIME

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 9

(1945. HAYES CREEK. MARGO'S BOOKSTORE.)

(MARGO primping the book shop. MAX browses, eyes MARGO out of the corner of his eye, then approaches.)

MAX

Margo...

MARGO

Oh, hi, Max.

(notices his stammering)

What is it?

MAX

Uh... These things are always hard. It's time for me to move on.

MARGO

From what?

MAX

Us. I hope you understand, it's not you; it's me.

(MAX exits. FLORENCE and EDNA enter with a package.)

EDNA

She's got it ready!

(EDNA takes the package and pulls out a pretty dress. MARGO takes it and holds it up to her.)

FLORENCE

I nipped it in at the waist, you slender thing. Every young woman deserves a new dress!

MARGO

Tomorrow I turn twenty-one. I've known Billy Cane since I was six and it's time he sees me in a new way. As the woman I am.

(She starts to put it back in the box.)

FLORENCE

Good for you.

EDNA

(to FLORENCE)

Billy's back from Asheville today....

MARGO

...and he said he was coming over here with a surprise.

FLORENCE

A present.

EDNA

Something he got there!

FLORENCE

There's a jewelry store in Asheville!

(BILLY enters, carrying a folded magazine. FLORENCE sees him.)

FLORENCE (CONT'D)

Oh Billy, I'm so happy for you!

(BILLY looks confused. FLORENCE and EDNA exit.)

BILLY CANE

Hello, Margo. The bookstore looks spick-and-span.

MARGO

I just made room for a new magazine rack.

BILLY CANE

Well, that's appropriate.

MARGO

Oh? How?

BILLY CANE

I've got something for you.

(He digs in his pocket.)

MARGO

You said you did. I was wondering...

*(He produces a folded piece of paper.
MARGO looks at it; opens it.)*

BILLY CANE

It's my new address.

MARGO

Oh.

BILLY CANE

In Asheville. I'm going to live there and write there.

MARGO

Are you sure that's...

(He shows her the check.)

Ten dollars? From the Asheville Southern Journal.

BILLY CANE

Not published yet, but...

MARGO

Oh Billy, that's so exciting! A real adventure.

BILLY CANE

I can still send you my stories. That all right?

MARGO

(gathers herself)

Of course. You're going to need someone to cash that check.

BILLY CANE

Are you kidding? I'm going to frame it.

MARGO

If you frame it, you can't cash it.

BILLY CANE

Hello and goodbye. Will you miss me?

MARGO

Like I miss trouble.

BILLY CANE

Did you ever think that you might be selling a magazine with one of my stories in it?

(She hands him the money.)

MARGO

Yes.

BILLY CANE

Oh Margo, I could almost kiss you!

*(He shakes her hand. BILLY disappears
down the road and is out of sight.)*

#8 ASHEVILLE

MARGO

WHEN YOU GET TO ASHEVILLE
WRITE ME IF YOU WILL
TELL ME HOW YOU'RE DOING
HOW IT'S TREATING YOU
DO YOU LIKE YOUR NEW JOB?
DID YOU FIND A NEW LOVE?
IS IT EVERYTHING THAT YOU WERE DREAMING OF?

MARGO

OOH...
IF IT DON'T WORK OUT
OOH...
IF IT DON'T WORK OUT
OOH...
YOU CAN TURN AROUND
AND COME ON BACK TO ME
COME ON BACK TO ME
YOU CAN COME ON HOME
TO ME

ENSEMBLE

OOH...

OOH...

OOH...
TURN AROUND

MARGO

IT WON'T BE THE SAME HERE
WITHOUT YOU I'LL BE FIGHTING TEARS
WHEN YOU WERE OVER IN THE WAR
I FOUGHT 'EM OFF BEFORE
I'LL JUST STAY ON THE LOOK OUT
AND I'LL LISTEN FOR THE SOUND
OF YOUR OL' 34 FORD

MARGO

COMIN' DOWN THE ROAD...
OOH...
IF IT DON'T WORK OUT

ENSEMBLE

COMIN' DOWN THE ROAD
OOH...
IF IT DON'T WORK OUT

MARGO (CONT'D)

OOH...
YOU CAN TURN AROUND
AND COME ON BACK TO ME
COME ON BACK TO ME
YOU CAN COME ON HOME
TO ME

ENSEMBLE (CONT'D)

OOH...
YOU CAN TURN AROUND
AND COME ON BACK TO ME
COME ON BACK TO ME

MARGO

WHEN YOU GET TO ASHEVILLE
WRITE ME IF YOU WILL
LET ME KNOW THAT YOU STILL THINK ABOUT ME

#9 PICNIC DANCE

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 10

(1923. A PARK IN ZEBULON)

STANFORD

Come on Zebulon. It's Couples' Day. Grab a partner.

(A banner says, "Zebulon Couples' Day! Last Summer Bash of 1923." The park is populated with excited, dancing, townspeople. JIMMY RAY, separate from the revelers, is to the side, looking for ALICE.)

HERE WE GO
NOW FACE YOUR PARTNER, SLAP THE FLOOR
AND CLOSE THE DOOR
PASS YOUR GIRL AND HESITATE
ROUND THE CORNER AND CIRCULATE

Ah, Couples' Day!

NOW RUN UPTOWN
FACE YOUR HONEY, NOSE TO NOSE
PASS RIGHT THRU, AND STUB YOUR TOES
WHILE THE ROOSTERS CROW, AND THE BIRDIES SING
NOW TAKE YOUR SWEETIE, AND MAKE A RING

EVERY OTHER WOMAN, EVERY OTHER MAN
KEEP GOING, KEEP GOING
BOW TO YOUR GIRL, BOW TO YOUR MAN
NOW YOU'RE HOME, SO THANK THE BAND

#9A UNDERSCORE (BY YOUR SIDE)

JIMMY RAY

Did anyone see you slip away?

ALICE

Not a person. Anyone see you?

JIMMY RAY

I don't care who sees me with you.

ALICE

You don't care who sees you with anybody. I heard you had tea at the Magnolia House with Ola Conklin.

JIMMY RAY

Oh, Daddy made me. Thinks it's good business.

ALICE

He made you dance with her too?

JIMMY RAY

Daddy thinks we're still living in the Old South.

ALICE

Well, aren't we? This is hicksville, Jimmy Ray, and we're the hicks in the ville if we don't get out. So what was she like?

JIMMY RAY

Who?

ALICE

Ola Conklin!

JIMMY RAY

Well, she sneaked rum in her tea.

ALICE

Well, that's something to her credit.

JIMMY RAY

Why are you favoring her? You should be jealous.

ALICE

Not me.

#10 WHAT COULD BE BETTER

ALICE (CONT'D)

I've got to believe in myself, don't I?

JIMMY RAY

Are you playin' me like a fiddle, Alice Murphy?

(Fiddle noise from the orchestra.)

ALICE

I'm not playin'.

(MAMA MURPHY and DADDY MURPHY appear upstage.)

DADDY MURPHY

(looking for Alice)

Alice! Alice! Where is that girl?

MAMA MURPHY

I think she went down by the river.

DADDY MURPHY

She sure is down by the river a lot. And she never takes her rod and reel.

MAMA MURPHY

I think she's landing a fish anyway.

DADDY MURPHY

Alice! Alice!

ALICE

Oh, that's Daddy. It's almost dark. I've got to get back.

(She starts to go. JIMMY RAY grabs her hand.)

JIMMY RAY

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN HOLDING YOU CLOSE
TO ME LIKE THIS

ALICE

I'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF I STAY OUT LATE AGAIN

JIMMY RAY

TEN MORE MINUTES IN MY ARMS
WON'T DO ANY HARM

ALICE

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN HOLDING YOU CLOSE TO ME?
I CAN'T IMAGINE IMPROVING THIS MOMENT AT ALL

JIMMY RAY

IF I ASKED YOU FOR A KISS

ALICE

HOW COULD I RESIST?

(Musical interlude.)

ALICE AND JIMMY RAY

IF YOU SAID THIS WAS HEAVEN
I WOULD NOT DISAGREE

TOWNSFOLK

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN HOLDING YOU CLOSE
TO ME LIKE THIS

ALICE

I DREAMED OF IT EVERY
DAY SINCE I TURNED
SIXTEEN

TOWNSFOLK

OOH...

ALICE AND JIMMY RAY

LIGHTNIN' STRIKE ME IF
I'M LYING
YOU'RE ALL THAT I NEED

TOWNSFOLK

OOH...

OOH...

ALICE, JIMMY RAY, TOWNSFOLK

LET ME STAY HERE FOREVER
I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME

TOWNSFOLK

WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN HOLDING YOU CLOSE
TO ME LIKE THIS?
WHEN THERE IS MUSIC AND DANCING AND STARS UP ABOVE

*(Thunder and lightning. People still
dance, but hold each other closer.)*

ALICE AND JIMMY RAY

LIGHTNIN' STRIKE ME IF
I'M LYING
YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE

TOWNSFOLK

OOH...

OOH... (BLOW)

*(Thunder and lightning. ALICE and JIMMY
RAY melt into each other.)*

*(The dusk has turned to night, as the
weather turns dark.)*

SCENE 11

(1923. ZEBULON. A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.)

*(ALICE sits in an examining office with
DR. NORQUIST.)*

DR. NORQUIST

It's definitely a malady that we see around here sometimes that affects young women. You're about eleven weeks pregnant.

ALICE

Oh, Lord.

DR. NORQUIST

It's not the Lord that did it. That only happened once that I know of. You've been running around, Alice Murphy.

ALICE

I don't call it running around. Love is not running around.

DR. NORQUIST

Does he love you?

ALICE

I think he does.

DR. NORQUIST

Alice, when you tell him about this, you will know.

ALICE

Oh, Dr. Norquist, Zebulon has a thousand eyes and one, single, tiny mind. How can trouble and happiness walk hand in hand?

DR. NORQUIST

They sometimes do.

ALICE

What should I do now?

DR. NORQUIST

Come back in several weeks. I can handle this on account for a while. And don't worry, you can trust me with this news.

(ALICE exits the office.)

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 12

(1923. ZEBULON. MAYOR'S HOUSE.)

(The MAYOR enters, confronts JIMMY RAY.)

MAYOR

I hope you don't love her.

JIMMY RAY

What is it, Daddy?

MAYOR

Jimmy Ray, are you the father of Alice Murphy's child?

(Oh. He's taken aback.)

JIMMY RAY

It's conceivable.

MAYOR

Jimmy Ray, sometimes you are too eloquent.

JIMMY RAY

She's going to have a baby?

MAYOR

It appears she is.

JIMMY RAY

I should go see her.

MAYOR

And what?

JIMMY RAY

Tell her I love her.

MAYOR

But you don't mean that. Now, it might feel like you do.
But you're young, Jimmy Ray.

JIMMY RAY

I know those feelings, those misleading ones. I've felt them before. But Alice. I see her and it's different. She has special qualities that....

MAYOR

Special qualities. Those "special qualities" exist in your imagination. And the last thing we need is you dragging around a callow bride and child everywhere we do business. You let me take care of this.

JIMMY RAY

Daddy, I'll handle this myself. It's my right and my responsibility.

#11 I CAN'T WAIT PT. I

(JIMMY RAY exits.)

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 13

(1923. ZEBULON. LIMBO.)

(ALICE is alone on the street, but the lights dim, leaving her in limbo.)

SPIRITS

OOH...

ALICE

(sings to her unborn baby)

OOH I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOUR FACE
OOH I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOUR FACE
MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU
MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU
YOU'RE A SIGN FROM HEAVEN
OUR LOVE WAS MEANT TO BE
TO US YOU WERE GIVEN
OUR LOVE WAS MEANT TO BE

(Three women appear as though SPIRITS behind ALICE, and sing the chorus with her.)

ALICE AND SPIRITS

MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU
MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU

(Music vamps underneath.)

(The three women in the spotlights are replaced by four men. DR. NORQUIST, the lawyer, STANFORD ADAMS, DADDY MURPHY, AND MAYOR DOBBS.)

DADDY MURPHY

You brought sin into our blissful Eden.

MAYOR

My son was weak before you.

STANFORD

Have you ever stood up against society? Very few can withstand it.

DR. NORQUIST

There are ways to undo these things.

ALICE

Undo?

DADDY MURPHY

(to DR. NORQUIST)

That's a crime upon a crime.

(The MAYOR holds up his palm to DR. NORQUIST.)

MAYOR

This baby would destroy Jimmy Ray's career. I thought you loved my son.

ALICE

I do!

DR. NORQUIST

North Carolina doesn't abide illicit couples.

STANFORD

You don't want to go to a home for wayward girls. They're like prisons.

DR. NORQUIST

I know a place several hours out of town - a cabin in the woods - where you could stay until you figure out what to do. I've done it for others.

DADDY MURPHY

It sounds to me like you're being offered a sanctuary.

MAYOR

Alice, Jimmy Ray will ask you to marry him. But you must say no. He is still a boy. Now if you wait just a year, he will be one of the leaders of Zebulon and eventually all of North Carolina.

STANFORD

If this were known, there are people who wouldn't do business with him.

MAYOR

You wouldn't do that to Jimmy Ray.

ALICE

Of course I wouldn't...of course.

DR. NORQUIST

Well, then you must wait.

STANFORD

Wait, Alice Murphy. Wait.

#11A I CAN'T WAIT PT. II

DADDY MURPHY

Go to the cabin in the woods.

(The lights on the four men fade to black.)

(ALICE focuses on the baby inside her.)

ALICE

I'M GONNA MAKE YOU A SWEATER
AND DRESS YOU UP SO FINE
AND WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER
I'LL KEEP YOUR HAND IN MINE
IF YOU'RE LIKE YOUR DADDY
HANDSOME STRONG AND TRUE
IF YOU'RE LIKE YOUR DADDY
ALL THE GIRLS WILL BE CHASING YOU

(The SPIRITS reappear in the spotlight.)

ALICE AND SPIRITS

MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU

*(JIMMY RAY appears in spotlight,
bearing flowers. He walks to ALICE.)*

ALICE

Oh, Jimmy Ray.

JIMMY RAY

Look at you. You look like you're standing in a moonbeam.

ALICE

That's the way I feel.

JIMMY RAY

I want to set things right. Marry me.

(one knee)

Will you marry me, Alice Murphy?

ALICE

Oh yes, Jimmy Ray. Yes, yes.

(They hug.)

But we can't right now. Not right away.

JIMMY RAY

What? Why?

ALICE

We need some time. The people in this town, always looking at us sideways.

JIMMY RAY

I don't care about that...

ALICE

And so many reasons. Dr. Norquist offered a cabin. Just for a short while, where I won't be seen. It's the only thing that makes sense right...

JIMMY RAY

Why're you giving me trouble, Alice?

ALICE

Don't you know I'm always going to give you trouble?

(then)

Oh!

(She feels something in her stomach.)

JIMMY RAY

What, Alice?

ALICE

Oh, Jimmy Ray. It felt like a butterfly. Feel.

(She puts his hand on her stomach.)

JIMMY RAY

(to the unborn baby)

I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU
AND SHAKE YOUR LITTLE HAND
IF YOU'RE LIKE YOUR MAMA

JIMMY RAY

YOU'LL MAKE ME A
HAPPY MAN
(to Alice)
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU A
PROMISE
TO LOVE YOU FOR ALL
TIME
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU A
PROMISE
TO KEEP YOUR HAND IN
MINE

MALE ENSEMBLE

HAPPY MAN

MAKE YOU A PROMISE

MAKE YOU A PROMISE

JIMMY RAY, SPIRITS, ENSEMBLE

MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU
MM MY MM MY MY BABY
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 14

(1945. INT. ALICE'S OFFICE.)

*(LUCY and DARYL are arranging Miss
ALICE MURPHY's desk. BILLY enters.)*

BILLY CANE

Miss Murphy asked me to meet her here. Am I being sent home? It's been twelve weeks and I haven't published anything.

DARYL

She's on her way.

BILLY CANE

That sounded scary.

LUCY

Daryl can make Happy Birthday sound scary. Show him, Daryl.

DARYL

(scary)

Happy Birthday.

*(ALICE enters holding a two-page
manuscript. LUCY and DARYL leave.)*

ALICE

(to LUCY and DARYL)

Thank you.

(to Billy)

Mr. Cane, your latest submission is a bit of a mess. What's going on?

BILLY CANE

I'm sorry, Miss Murphy. I'd sent it to Margo and hadn't gotten it back yet. So I just turned it in. Frankly, I'm getting a little discouraged.

ALICE

Well, don't get discouraged. Work on it with Daryl. He's a fine editor.

(She hands him the manuscript.)

BILLY CANE

Why did my mouth just go dry? How about if I work with Lucy?

ALICE

No, I should keep you out of harm's way.

(He starts to go.)

BILLY CANE

Miss Murphy, what do you think of it?

ALICE

What do I think of it?

BILLY CANE

Yes.

ALICE

Well, first you need to cut out three hundred words...

BILLY CANE

Three hundred?! Which three hundred?

ALICE

The superfluous ones.

(then)

You look shocked.

BILLY CANE

I always thought that was pronounced "superFLUous."

ALICE

And, you should open with your second paragraph, not the first. The action begins there.

BILLY CANE

What do I do with the first paragraph?

ALICE

Turn it into a lullaby because it put me to sleep. Look.

(She shows him the heavily penciled manuscript.)

BILLY CANE

Anything else?

ALICE

You have to cut the word "twixt."

BILLY CANE

Wait, what's the matter with "twixt?" You don't like "twixt?"

ALICE

Use "between."

BILLY CANE

Why?

ALICE

Because a man wrote this, not Tinkerbelle.

(then)

And the second to the last paragraph should be cut.

BILLY CANE

What? I cried when I wrote that.

ALICE

Clearly. It's as purple as a baboon's butt.

BILLY CANE

(shocked)

Miss Murphy!

ALICE

Well, it's true.

(then, thoughtfully)

And then there's this last sentence. It flows nicely, but I'm curious.

BILLY CANE

About?

ALICE

Now why...why, Mr. Cane, would you end your essay with a word ninety-nine percent of our readers would have to look up?

(reads)

Dot dot dot, "the longing of the human heart and its search for propinquity."

BILLY CANE

I did that on purpose, Miss Murphy.

ALICE

Why?

BILLY CANE

It's the only five-dollar word in the whole piece. And because of it, I get the impact of the ending twice. The reader lands on a striking word with an elegant cadence. "Propinquity." Then, the reader goes to the dictionary...

(he mimes the action of picking up a dictionary)

"The longing of the human heart and its search for..."

(he opens the pages of the imaginary dictionary)

...closeness."

(There is a pause.)

ALICE

I'll tell you what. If you can sway Daryl, you can sway me.

BILLY CANE

So then there's hope.

ALICE

Let me put it this way. No one has ever swayed Daryl.

(She exits.)

#11B SCENE CHANGE

ENSEMBLE

(moody)

BRIGHT STAR
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
SHINE ON
AND SEE ME THROUGH
BRIGHT STAR
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
AND ONE DAY
I'LL SHINE FOR YOU

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 15

(1924. ZEBULON. A PATHETIC SHACK IN THE WOODS. NIGHT.)

(The cabin is in shambles. The baby has been born, probably five days ago. Towels, pans, are everywhere. ALICE lies in bed with the baby by her side. DADDY is there. MAMA, too, tending to ALICE and the baby. DADDY MURPHY paces, holding a Bible.)

DADDY MURPHY

I'm glad the shame is here in the woods and not in our house.

MAMA MURPHY

Quiet, you'll wake the baby with your rantin'.

DADDY MURPHY

Thank God it's a boy. It was Eve who tempted Adam. Am I right, Alice? You bewitched him!

(The MAYOR enters with the lawyer, STANFORD, who is carrying a valise.)

MAYOR

(nods)

Mr. Murphy. Ladies.

ALICE

You came to see your grandson.

MAYOR

So this is the child.

ALICE

Isn't he beautiful?

MAYOR

Yes, fine looking.

ALICE

(to STANFORD)

We named him after his father. Isn't that right, little James? And where is Jimmy Ray? He's been here every day cooing over his boy.

MAYOR

He's on an errand to Durham.

MAMA MURPHY

On a Sunday?

(to STANFORD, suspicious)

Stanford, you come to see the baby?

STANFORD

I love children.

MAYOR

Now, this terrible and tragic situation must be salvaged.

STANFORD

Fortunately, there is a solution.

MAYOR

And I am here to see that it is implemented. A legal and completely anonymous adoption.

MAMA MURPHY

What?

ALICE

No! That is not a solution!

MAYOR

A legal and completely anonymous adoption! That is the only solution.

(STANFORD takes out a few papers.)

STANFORD

I have the papers drawn up here.

MAMA MURPHY

(to DADDY MURPHY)

Are you aware of this?

DADDY MURPHY

Somewhat.

MAYOR

And I have spoken with Jimmy Ray and he agrees.

ALICE

He agrees?

MAYOR

He certainly does.

ALICE

I doubt that.

MAYOR

Didn't he, Stanford?

STANFORD

He sure did.

*(STANFORD takes out some papers and
puts them on a table near DADDY
MURPHY.)*

#12 PLEASE, DON'T TAKE HIM

MAYOR

You are not of age, and only your father has to give consent. While the true father in this situation is decidedly unclear.

MAMA MURPHY

You watch the way you talk about our daughter.

ALICE

Nobody is taking my baby!

MAYOR

You've got to be reasonable.

DON'T DENY HIM
A BETTER WAY OF LIFE WHEN
HE CAN GROW UP WITH PRIDE
FOLKS WILL LAUGH AND
TALK BEHIND HIS BACK IF
YOU BRING HOME A BASTARD CHILD

ALICE

YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM
HE'S MY BABY
YOU CAN'T TAKE MY BABY BOY
DADDY! DON'T YOU LET HIM!
MAMA! DON'T LET HIM!
YOU CAN'T TAKE MY BABY BOY

MAYOR

DON'T BE FOOLISH
WHY WOULD YOU WANNA DO THIS?
DON'T YOU WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR HIM?

STANFORD

I KNOW PEOPLE
WEALTHY AND AGREEABLE
WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HIM IN

ALICE

YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM
NO!
DON'T TAKE HIM
YOU CAN'T TAKE MY BABY BOY

ALICE & MAMA

DADDY! DON'T YOU LET HIM!

ALICE

MAMA! DON'T LET HIM!

ALICE

PLEASE DON'T LET HIM
TAKE MY BABY BOY

MAMA MURPHY

PLEASE NO!

MAYOR

I will take the baby myself to the State agency in Raleigh.

STANFORD

They've already been contacted.

MAMA MURPHY

(to the MAYOR)

You can't!

DADDY MURPHY

(thinks)

I will sign it.

MAMA MURPHY

No you're not!

(She goes for the papers.)

DADDY MURPHY

I have to do what I think is right for our daughter!

ALICE

No, Daddy! No!

(DADDY MURPHY signs the paper.)

DADDY MURPHY

DON'T BE SELFISH
LET HIM GO AND HELP HIM
LEAVE BEHIND A WORLD OF SHAME
IF HE'S RIDICULED AND THEY MAKE FUN OF HIM AT SCHOOL
YOU'LL ONLY HAVE YOURSELF TO BLAME

ALICE

PLEASE DON'T TAKE HIM

MAMA MURPHY

HE'S OUR GRANDSON

ALICE

NO! DON'T TAKE HIM

MAMA

HE'S OUR ONLY ONE

ALICE

YOU CAN'T TAKE MY BABY BOY

ENSEMBLE

NO...NO...NO...NO..
NO...NO...NO...NO..
OOH...OOH...OOH...OOH...

(The MAYOR takes the papers and puts them in his inside pocket. DADDY MURPHY goes toward ALICE and the baby.)

(ALICE turns away, the MAYOR is behind her and takes the baby from her.)

(The MAYOR puts the child in the valise. ALICE runs toward the baby, but DADDY MURPHY tightly holds her back. Mama stands in horror. STANFORD stands between the baby and MAMA MURPHY. ALICE falls to her knees in anguish.)

(The MAYOR takes the baby and puts him in the valise, leaving the top open for air.)

(Cries, moans from ALICE. DADDY MURPHY holds her back. STANFORD stands between MAMA MURPHY and the baby.)

MAYOR

I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR
YOU CAN THANK ME LATER
FOR MAKING YOUR LIFE EASIER

(The MAYOR is out the door. MAMA MURPHY runs to the portal.)

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 16

(1924. INTERIOR OF A TRAIN CAR.)

(Sounds of the train rolling. The MAYOR enters carrying the valise. He is sweating, anxious. He stands, holding the hand rail. Train sounds increase.)

#13 A MAN'S GOTTA DO (REPRISE)

MAYOR

WELL A MAN'S GOTTA DO WHAT A MAN'S GOTTA DO
WHEN A MAN'S GOTTA DO WHAT HE'S GOT TO
A MAN CAN'T BE FOOLED CAN'T BE PLAYED AND CAN'T BE
SCHOOLED
CAN'T BE MADE TO FOLLOW RULES THEY SAY HE OUGHT TO
A MAN MUST PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY
PAVE THE WAY FOR SUCCESS
A MAN MUST PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY
AND ENSURE THEIR HAPPINESS
I WON'T BE DUPED YOUR YOUNG MOTHER IS CONFUSED
TO IMAGINE SHE CAN USE MY SON
I WON'T LET ANYBODY STAND IN THE WAY OF THE PLANS THAT
I MADE
NOT ANYONE

MAYOR

A MAN MUST ENGAGE HIS
BACKBONE
STAND UP STRAIGHT AND
STRONG
A MAN MUST ENGAGE HIS
BACKBONE
AND RIGHT WHAT HAS
GONE WRONG

ENSEMBLE

OOH...
OOH...
OOH...STRONG
OOH...

(The tempo increases again, picking up
the rhythm of the train.)

MAYOR

(sung to the baby)

A MAN'S GOTTA DO
WHAT A MAN'S GOTTA DO
WHEN A MAN'S GOTTA DO
WHAT HE'S GOT TO

ENSEMBLE

GOTTA DO
GOTTA DO
GOTTA DO
GOT TO

MAYOR (CONT'D)

I WON'T LET ANYBODY
STAND IN THE WAY
OF THE PLANS THAT I
MADE

ENSEMBLE (CONT'D)

GOTTA DO
GOTTA DO
GOTTA DO

A MAN MUST PROTECT HIS
FAMILY
SHIELD THEM FROM ALL
PAIN
A MAN MUST PROTECT HIS
FAMILY
AND PRESERVE HIS GOOD
NAME!

OOH...
OOH...
OOH...
OOH...
NAME!
AAH...AAH...

(The clatter grows louder. The whistle blows. Suddenly, with straining face and fiery will, the MAYOR throws the valise from the train high into the air. It ascends in slow motion, tumbling, and is swallowed by the night.)

(End of Act One.)

ACT 2

#14 ENTR' ACTE

#14A OPENING ACT 2

SCENE 0

(1924. TRAIN DEPOT OUTSIDE OF ZEBULON.)

*(MAMA and ALICE, with ALICE's luggage.
Some people mill around.)*

STATIONMASTER

Boarding, number 7 for Raleigh, Charlotte, and
Chapel Hill. Number 7, board!

MAMA MURPHY

You doin' okay, Alice?

ALICE

First time away from home.

MAMA MURPHY

You always were too smart for this town, and
Chapel Hill is a wonderful school. And you got a
scholarship!

ALICE

That came out of the blue.

(then)

How is Daddy?

MAMA MURPHY

I know your father is a tender man. Right now
he's searching scripture to justify what he did,
but the Bible is NOT obliging. How's Jimmy Ray
doing?

#15 SUN'S GONNA SHINE

ALICE

Mama, he going to meet me in Raleigh as soon as I
get settled and we're going to find our baby.

MAMA

That'll be a joyous day for all of us.

ALICE

LONELY, BROKEN FEELING
LONELY, TO MY SOUL

I HAD IT ALL
HERE IN MY ARMS
I KNEW THE JOY OF TRUE LOVE
I HAD IT ALL
THEN IT WAS GONE
NOW I AM ALONE

SO LONG, SWEET EMBRACES
SO LONG, SUMMERTIME

MAMA

YOU GOT TO FIGHT!
YOU GOT TO SAY

MAMA & WOMEN

I'M NEVER GONNA STAY DOWN

MAMA

YOU GOT THE NIGHT
YOU GOT THE DAY

ALICE

I GOT THE OLD DARK CLOUD

MAMA

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

MAMA & WOMEN

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

MAMA

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

MAMA & WOMEN

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

ALICE

LONG TIME, I'VE BEEN WAITING
A LONG TIME, LONG ENOUGH

MAMA MURPHY

YOU GOT THE POWER
YOU GOT THE FAITH
YOU GOT THE STRENGTH
TO GO ON
YOU GOT THE LIGHT
YOU GOT THE WAY
WE'RE NEVER ALL ALONE

WOMEN

OOH
OOH
YOU'VE GOT THE STRENGTH
TO GO ON
OOH... LIGHT
OOH... WAY
WE'RE NEVER ALL ALONE

MAMA & WOMEN

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

ALICE, MAMA & WOMEN

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

MAMA MURPHY

SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT

MAMA & WOMEN

SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S GONNA BE OKAY

MAMA & ALICE

SOMETHING TELLS ME
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
SOMETHING TELLS ME
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY

WOMEN

OOH
OOH
OOH
TIME TO GO

MAMA & ALICE

SOMETHING TELLS ME
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT
SOMETHING TELLS ME
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY

ENSEMBLE

SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

EVERYONE

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

ALICE

THE CLOUDS ARE ROLLIN'
ROLLIN' ON BY
THE CLOUDS ARE
ROLLIN' ON BY

EVERYONE

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

ALICE & MARGO

THE CLOUDS ARE ROLLIN'
ROLLIN' ON BY
THE CLOUDS ARE
ROLLIN' ON BY

EVERYONE

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

ALICE

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

EVERYONE ELSE

OOH

SCENE 1

(1924. ZEBULON. MAYOR'S LIVING ROOM.)

(The MAYOR is in the living room. He is not well, and has a slight yellow cast. He drinks a scotch. JIMMY RAY enters, carrying a suitcase.)

JIMMY RAY

(firm)

You shouldn't be drinking.

MAYOR

Something's got to calm my agitation.

JIMMY RAY

You should be lying down.

(JIMMY RAY prepares medicine for him.)

Here's your medicine.

(He offers him medicine.)

MAYOR

There's no doubt about it. I'm turning yellow as a sunflower. That's poison in my liver, they tell me. That's a swift thing.

JIMMY RAY

Maybe not.

MAYOR

(sees his suitcase)

Suitcase? Where're you headed?

JIMMY RAY

Chapel Hill.

MAYOR

Overnight?

JIMMY RAY

Maybe more. Maybe a week or more.

MAYOR

Who's going to take care of me?

JIMMY RAY

I've arranged it.

MAYOR

You take care of me! The son takes care of the father the same way the father took care of the son!

JIMMY RAY

I'll be back.

MAYOR

What's in Chapel Hill? Business, I hope.

JIMMY RAY

What do you think?

MAYOR

That girl that almost ruined you? You stay away from her. Trouble once is trouble always.

JIMMY RAY

She and I are bonded, and we have a child out there somewhere.

(then)

Together maybe we can find him and lay claim.

MAYOR

(mocking)

Find him.

(JIMMY RAY starts to go.)

JIMMY RAY

Why not? You'd be surprised what can be accomp...

MAYOR

You will never find that child.

JIMMY RAY

What do you mean?

MAYOR

You're still holding that suitcase, Jimmy Ray.

*(JIMMY RAY puts down the suitcase.
Checks his watch.)*

That's better.

(then)

I took care of my son that night. I made everything right for you, so you could go into the world without encumbrance.

JIMMY RAY

That adoption should have been my decision.

MAYOR

There was no adoption.

JIMMY RAY

What are you talking about?

MAYOR

I cleansed you as sure as I was dipping you in baptismal waters.

JIMMY RAY

Is this the liquor talking?

MAYOR

Nobody knew the mayor on that train; I got on in Ryan County. I was just a businessman passing through. But not with papers in a briefcase...Something better. Something better to relocate.

JIMMY RAY

What? What'd you have?

MAYOR

Had me a baby in a suitcase.

JIMMY RAY

What do you mean? What did you do?

MAYOR

I walked toward the far end of the train where there was just me and the creature and the clatter of the tracks. I stepped out between the cars...

JIMMY RAY

No.

#16 HEARTBREAKER

MAYOR

...and as we passed over the river I flung it high into the air.

JIMMY RAY

I'VE HEARD OF EVIL IN THE WORLD
BUT YOU AND I ARE FLESH AND BLOOD
HE WAS JUST A BABY
HE WAS MY SON

MAYOR

I did it for you.

(JIMMY RAY points for the MAYOR to leave. The Mayor slowly exits.)

JIMMY RAY

THERE GOES OUR CHANCE FOR HAPPINESS
AND ALL OUR HOPES AND DREAMS
I'LL NEVER GET TO SEE HIS FACE
OR KNOW THE BOY HE'D BE
I CAN NEVER GO SEE HER AGAIN
NEVER LOOK INTO HER EYES AGAIN
I CAN NEVER TELL HER WHY

HOW COULD SHE EVER LOVE ME NOW?
OOH, HEARTACHE!
HOW COULD SHE EVER LOVE ME NOW?
HEARTBREAKER!
HEARTBREAKER!

LOOK AT WHAT YOU DONE TO ME
YOU DESTROYED ME
I CAN NEVER GO SEE HER AGAIN
I COULD NEVER HURT HER WITH ALL THIS

JIMMY RAY (CONT'D)

I CAN NEVER TELL HER LIES

YOU MAY AS WELL HAVE MURDERED ME
WHEN YOU CAST HIM AWAY THAT NIGHT
ALL I HAVE TO LIVE FOR HAS DIED

I CAN NEVER GO SEE HER AGAIN
NEVER HOLD HER IN MY ARMS AGAIN
I COULD NEVER BREAK HER HEART

(JIMMY RAY, broken.)

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 2

(SHINY PENNY CAFE AND BAR, ASHEVILLE.)

(A lively cafe-bar in Asheville.)

#16A THE SHINY PENNY

(1946. People are dancing - along with LUCY and DARYL - to a jazzed up version of Asheville. They separate from the dancers. Light music continues.)

DARYL

I gave Miss Murphy one of my humor pieces.

LUCY

Oh, great Daryl! What did she say?

DARYL

She said she really liked it and could I turn it into a humor piece.

(BILLY enters.)

Well, look who walked in. Does he know this place sells intoxicating beverages?

LUCY

(rising)

I say he's lonely. Let's find out.

(LUCY goes over to him.)

Well, boy meets girl. This calls for a sloe gin fizz.

BILLY CANE

It does?

LUCY

It does.

BILLY CANE

I'll have one.

LUCY

Have you had one before?

BILLY CANE

I've seen photos.

LUCY

So, you lonely since you've been here?

BILLY CANE

Every evening I have a date...with my typewriter.

LUCY

That's not company. This is what a real person feels like,
in case you forgot.

(She takes his hand.)

BILLY CANE

That does feel real.

LUCY

There's more where that came from.

*(She offers the other hand. He takes it
- for a moment. DARYL delivers the two
gin fizzes.)*

DARYL

Don't drink 'em both, Lucy.

(DARYL exits.)

LUCY

Here you are.

(he tastes)

What do you think?

BILLY CANE

It's sweet and tart at the same time.

DARYL

Just like Lucy.

(BILLY takes another swig.)

LUCY

It's called a sloe gin fizz, but you don't have to drink it
slow.

(She downs her glass, and helps BILLY down his.)

BILLY CANE

You are a modern woman, Lucy.

LUCY

A bit.

BILLY CANE

You want to be a writer?

LUCY

Better than that. I want to be a censor.

BILLY CANE

A censor? Why a censor?

LUCY

When I was twelve, I gave my father a Raymond Chandler mystery novel. I was watching him read it and suddenly, his face went the color of a rose. He set the book face down and called for my mother and took her into another part of the house and shut the door. I went over to the book to see what he had just read, and right there in the middle of the page was the word "brassiere." I thought, "this must never happen again." So now, a few nights a week, I take a manuscript home, fix myself a Manhattan, and search for hidden erotic content. Would you like to do that with me sometime?

BILLY CANE

Well...

LUCY

Well? What? You got a girl back home?

BILLY CANE

Well, no...uh...I don't know.

LUCY

Well, don't bring her to Asheville.

BILLY CANE

Why not?

LUCY

(indicates her body)

Because country girls flatten out under the city lights.

(she calls to the waiter)

Another round!

#17 ANOTHER ROUND

BILLY CANE

Really?

DARYL

You heard the lady.

LUCY

Lady? Please! Not on a Friday night!

ALL WEEK LONG I'M UP TO MY ELBOWS
WORKIN' AWAY AT MY 9 TO 5
I'M NOT GONNA WASTE AWAY AT HOME
HITTIN' THE TOWN EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

(Short instrumental, 8 bars.)

LUCY (CONT'D)

HAVE YOU TRIED A RITZ OR A GREYHOUND
SO MANY DRINKS AND SO LITTLE TIME
I'VE DECIDED IT'S ONLY RIGHT I
TRY THEM ALL AND SEE WHAT I LIKE

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

ENSEMBLE

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

LUCY

BESIDES ALL THAT I LIKE A LITTLE BUZZ
IN ADDITION TO THAT I LIKE A LITTLE HIGH

LUCY (CONT'D)

I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY WHO DOESN'T
LIKE TO FEEL GOOD ALL OF THE TIME

LUCY

POUR ME
POUR ME
POUR ME
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME
POUR ME
POUR ME
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

ENSEMBLE

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

DARYL

MUSCADINE WINE MAKE ME FEEL SO FINE

LUCY

I LIKE HARD LIQUOR IT HITS ME QUICKER

LUCY AND DARYL

MUSCADINE WINE MAKE ME FEEL SO FINE
I LIKE HARD LIQUOR IT HITS ME QUICKER

LUCY

Come on, Hayes Creek!

(Instrumental, 32 bar dance break.)

LUCY, DARYL AND BILLY

MUSCADINE WINE MAKE ME FEEL SO FINE
I LIKE HARD LIQUOR IT HITS ME QUICKER

BILLY CANE

SHOT OF WHISKEY GOT ME FEELING FRISKY

DARYL

HOW BOUT A RUM AND COCA COLA WITH THE
EXTRA-ADDED BONUS OF A SODA WITH A LITTLE KICK

LUCY, DARYL, AND BILLY

HOW BOUT A RUM AND COCA COLA WITH THE
EXTRA-ADDED BONUS OF A SODA WITH A LITTLE KICK

BILLY CANE

I WAS FEELING LONESOME AND HOMESICK
DOWN DEJECTED AND DUBIOUS

BILLY CANE (CONT'D)

I'VE DISCOVERED WHAT DOES THE TRICK
BARTENDER GIVE ME SO MORE-A-THIS!

ALL

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

(LUCY goes to the bar and picks up two more sloe gin fizzes. Delivers one to BILLY, who takes a drink. She picks up a carafe from the bar and pours DARYL a drink. He sips.)

(During the instrumental and dance, everyone swaps drinks.)

(LUCY sidles up to BILLY seductively, swings him around.)

ENSEMBLE

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND
POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

ALL

POUR ME ANOTHER ROUND

(LUCY smacks Billy on the lips with a big kiss. They separate, BILLY lingers, thinking, confused.)

#17A ANOTHER ROUND PLAYOFF

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 3

*(1946. ASHEVILLE SOUTHERN JOURNAL
OFFICE.)*

*(BILLY enters ALICE's office. He has a
few stories with him.)*

ALICE

I asked to see you, Mr. Cane, because Mr. Ames put your "propinquity" piece on my desk. He seems to think it's ready.

BILLY CANE

Ready?

ALICE

We're publishing it next month.

BILLY CANE

You are?

ALICE

We are.

BILLY CANE

Miss Murphy, would it be all right if I were to jump for joy?

ALICE

You may.

BILLY CANE

Yahoo!

ALICE

Is that the best you can do?

BILLY CANE

One more time. YAHOO!

*(DARYL enters, carrying ALICE's hat and
coat. BILLY runs to him, hugs him.)*

DARYL

Miss Murphy...

BILLY CANE

(over hug)
Thank you, Daryl!

DARYL

Down, boy.
(then, to ALICE)
Just reminding you that you have a train to catch.

BILLY CANE

You're leaving?

ALICE

I'm going to Raleigh on some long-overdue personal business.

DARYL

(checking)
With a stop in Zebulon to see family...Here are your tickets.

BILLY CANE

Miss Murphy, that train runs right through Hayes Creek. We could meet there. I could show you the places I've been writing about.

ALICE

Well, I've done it for other writers. Mr. Ames, have Lucy put it on my itinerary.

DARYL

Oh, she's going to be a little late today. She's under the weather.

ALICE

Is that in quotes?

DARYL

Very.

(He exits.)

BILLY CANE

I'm afraid that's my fault. I went to the Shiny Penny last night and Lucy and I had a bit of a flapdoodle.

ALICE

You love to pull words out of your hat. I have the same habit.

BILLY CANE

I got that from my mother.

ALICE

I got it from a desperate need for attention.

BILLY CANE

Well, I've got a little of that, too.

(They laugh.)

ALICE

Have you started anything new?

BILLY CANE

I have, and I find I'm writing more and more about home.

ALICE

Mr. Cane, it would be easier to get Lincoln off the face of Mt. Rushmore than to get home out of the heart of a Southern writer. I'll see you in Hayes Creek. And congratulations.

#17B SCENE CHANGE

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 4

(1946. RALEIGH. A GOVERNMENT OFFICE.)

(ALICE is in a drab government office going through records. She looks exhausted. A CLERK sits at a desk as ALICE goes through records. She finishes one file, starts another. A female CLERK is at a nearby desk.)

ALICE

(to clerk)

Are these all the files for May 15th, 1924?

CLERK

They are. The laws are changing this year. These records won't be open anymore. Would you like me to help you search? Again?

ALICE

That would be so kind. The baby was wearing a...

CLERK

I know, a blue sweater.

ALICE

Maybe in one of the photos...

(They start to pour through another file together.)

CLERK

The photos are in black and white, Miss Murphy. Maybe he wasn't dropped off in Raleigh. You should be trying some of the surrounding towns. Charlotte has an agency.

ALICE

He was dropped off here. Kate, you remember anybody else checking for a baby left here on the same date?

CLERK

Not that I recall. Should there be?

ALICE

I would think so.

CLERK

I know this is hard to hear, but maybe he didn't care as much as you.

ALICE

If there's truth in this world, he cared. Somehow, he would have come looking.

CLERK

It's only me behind this counter for the last nineteen years.

ALICE

(she considers)

Well then that's a puzzle I should have sorted out before.

#17C SCENE CHANGE

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 5

(1946. RALEIGH. A WELL-MANICURED STREET.)

(A WELL-DRESSED WOMAN, (40s), exits the house.)

WELL-DRESSED WOMAN

LeAnn, Mary! Wait for Momma!

(yells back at the house)

I'll go on ahead! We'll just walk and meet you there.

(They disappear up the street. Then, an older, fine looking, and well-dressed JIMMY RAY exits the house. He stops by the gate, straightens himself, pulls himself together, and passes ALICE on the sidewalk. She turns and watches him, about to call out, but he stops first and turns.)

(He looks at her for a long while.)

JIMMY RAY

The sun does shine in Raleigh.

ALICE

Hello, Jimmy Ray.

JIMMY RAY

Alice. Young Alice.

ALICE

Not so young.

JIMMY RAY

Young forever in my memory.

ALICE

This is your home. It's nice.

JIMMY RAY

I worked hard over the years.

ALICE

Those your kids?

JIMMY RAY

In a way. They're my sister's kids.

ALICE

You married?

JIMMY RAY

No. I never married. Close, a couple of times.

ALICE

I guess I would have heard. I followed you.

JIMMY RAY

I know you never married. I paid attention. You did well in Asheville. I had some trips there, looked up at your building, never went in though.

ALICE

Why not?

JIMMY RAY

You moved on. You published Carson McCullers, Eudora Welty....

ALICE

You have been paying attention.

JIMMY RAY

I always paid attention to you, Alice. If I didn't, I knew I was in trouble.

ALICE

We were so young.

JIMMY RAY

We were, but I wonder...often, was I old enough to have behaved differently, better.

ALICE

Yes. When I came to Raleigh today, it wasn't my intention to see you. I was at the hall of records. With the same woman who has been there for twenty years. And I asked if anyone else had looked for the whereabouts of our child. And she said not one. Not one person. Not you.

JIMMY RAY

I didn't, Alice.

ALICE

And you never came to see me. Why?

JIMMY RAY

Oh Alice. Is it better to hope or to know?

ALICE

Please.

JIMMY RAY

After my father died, we discovered it was he who had funded your scholarship.

ALICE

Why?

JIMMY RAY

To get you out of town.

(then)

Guilt.

ALICE

Guilt?

JIMMY RAY

Alice, on the train to Raleigh, somewhere in the night, my father took our son and threw him off the train and into the river below.

#18 I HAD A VISION

ALICE

I HAVE BEEN BLINDED
I CAN'T SEE A THING
I HAVE BEEN BLINDED
DARKNESS FELL ON ME

JIMMY RAY

I HAD A VISION
OF HOW OUR LIFE WOULD BE
ROLLING LIKE A RIVER
PEACEFUL, WILD AND FREE
I HAD A VISION
OF HOW OUR LIFE WOULD GO
A HAPPY LITTLE FAMILY
PLAYING ON THE PORCH

JIMMY RAY (CONT'D)

IF I COULD LIFT
THIS VEIL OF DARKNESS
IF I COULD SEE
MY WAY BACK TO YOU

JIMMY RAY AND ALICE

I HAVE BEEN BLINDED
ALL THE LIGHTS WENT DIM
BLINDED BY SOMEONE

JIMMY RAY

I CAN'T SPEAK OF HIM

JIMMY RAY AND ALICE

I HAD A VISION
OF HOW OUR LIFE WOULD BE
FULL OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND SWEET HARMONY
I HAD A VISION OF HOW OUR LIFE WOULD GO
ALL OF OUR KIDS SINGING

JIMMY RAY

WHILE YOU PLAYED PIANO

JIMMY RAY AND ALICE

IF I COULD LIFT THIS VEIL OF DARKNESS
IF I COULD SEE MY WAY BACK TO YOU
I HAD A VISION OF HOW OUR LIFE WOULD BE
EVERYTHING WAS BEAUTIFUL, YOU WERE NEXT TO ME
I HAD A VISION OF HOW OUR LIFE WOULD GO
EVERYTHING WAS WONDERFUL AND I LOVED YOU SO

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 6

(1946. HAYES CREEK. THE BOOKSTORE.)

(MAX enters.)

MARGO

Hello Max, how can I help you?

MAX

Oh, I'm a little early. I'm walking Edna home after the bookstore closes.

(Seeing EDNA's anticipation.)

MARGO

Well, guess what. We just closed.

(MAX puts his arm out and EDNA takes it. They exit.)

(MARGO arranges books. BILLY appears at the door. The bell rings, MARGO's back is to him.)

May I help you...

(she swings around)

Well.

(She runs to him, they hug excitedly.)

BILLY CANE

Happy to see me?

MARGO

For a writer you're not very good at reading people. What are you doing here?

BILLY CANE

Margo, you're the first person I wanted to tell. I'm going to be published in the Asheville Southern Journal!

MARGO

What? Whoo hoo!

(MARGO goes crazy with celebration. She jumps around like BILLY did when he was

*told the same information. Finally, she
leans on the desk, exhausted.)*

MARGO (CONT'D)

(out of breath)

That is some damn news.

BILLY CANE

...my, my.

(He steps back.)

MARGO

What is it, Billy?

BILLY CANE

I think I'm seeing you in a new way.

MARGO

What do you mean?

BILLY CANE

Margo, since I came back from the war many things have changed in my life.

MARGO

Of course.

BILLY CANE

And some things have remained constant. Family. This place, Hayes Creek. But one thing has been both constant and changing. And I wonder "how is that possible?"

MARGO

Anything's possible with people. What is it?

BILLY CANE

Us.

MARGO

There's an 'us?'

BILLY CANE

There is if you want there to be.

MARGO

I don't know. I've just never thought of you that way.

#19 ALWAYS WILL

BILLY CANE

WE'RE S'POSED TO BE TOGETHER I KNOW
I FEEL IT WAY DOWN DEEP IN MY SOUL
WE'RE NEVER MEANT TO BE APART
I KEEP YOU HERE INSIDE OF MY HEART
I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

BILLY AND MARGO

I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

MARGO

WE'RE S'POSED TO BE TOGETHER IT'S TRUE
I'VE HAD MY DOUBTS BUT NOT ABOUT YOU

BILLY CANE

WE'RE NEVER MEANT TO BE APART
I LOVE YOU NOW I HAVE FROM THE START

BILLY AND MARGO

I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL
I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

BILLY CANE

Margo, I have a confession to make. While I was in
Asheville, I kissed a girl.

MARGO

Oh? What was it like?

BILLY CANE

Have you ever kissed a chicken?

MARGO

(embarrassed, giggles)

Yes!

(BILLY walks over and kisses her.)

BILLY CANE

How long's it been since I kissed you?

MARGO

Twelve years. And that was on a dare. You ran like a rabbit.

BILLY CANE

Believe it or not, I'm shakin' now like I was that day.

BILLY AND MARGO

WE'RE NEVER MEANT TO BE APART
I LOVE YOU NOW I HAVE FROM THE START
I ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

ENSEMBLE

THEY ALWAYS HAVE ALWAYS WILL
ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS WILL

#19A SCENE CHANGE

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 7

(1946. ZEBULON. ALICE'S CHILDHOOD CABIN. NIGHT.)

(ALICE walks up the road. DADDY MURPHY sits asleep on the porch.)

(She walks up, pauses to look at the old place. It's been a long while. She continues, then stops where DADDY MURPHY can see her, and she puts down her bags.)

ALICE

Anybody home?

DADDY MURPHY

Well, child. Just as promised.

(He hugs her.)

ALICE

We're almost the same age now.

DADDY MURPHY

Oh, I'm staying a bit ahead of you. So happy to see you, darling, I didn't know if I was worth a visit any more.

ALICE

Daddy, how can you say that?

DADDY MURPHY

Through the years, reasonableness has laid its hand on my shoulder, and things I've done in the past don't quite stand up like they used to.

(Alice takes it in, then)

Do you want a glass of water?

ALICE

Do you have any of that hooch?

DADDY MURPHY

I do.

(He lifts a plank in the floor and retrieves a bottle.)

DADDY MURPHY (CONT'D)

How long can you stay?

ALICE

Just one day.

DADDY MURPHY

One day, darling. That's a short time to say a lot.

ALICE

Mama here?

DADDY MURPHY

She's at the neighbors; she'll be back. But I'm glad to have you alone. I can talk to your Mama, but not about certain things.

ALICE

Sounds like you've been banking words, Daddy.

DADDY MURPHY

You've got to around here.

(He stands, moves to the edge of the porch.)

Them trees. Some nights it's so quiet you can hear a leaf fall. And you can tell the color of that leaf just by the tiny crisp crack it makes as it lights on the ground.

ALICE

I know that feeling.

(then)

Sometimes I hear the fiddlers in town and I know they're playing the sound of the wind over the lakes back home.

(then)

What kind of things can't you talk to Mama about?

(He pauses for a moment. Something is hard for him to say.)

DADDY MURPHY

Certainly not about things that occurred twenty-three years ago.

ALICE

No, not about things that occurred twenty-three years ago.

DADDY MURPHY

That had to be the most painful day of your life.

(Silence.)

It was, wasn't it, sweetheart.

ALICE

Oh, Daddy...

DADDY MURPHY

It was.

ALICE

Yes.

DADDY MURPHY

Well, if shame could ever equal pain, I would say I know how you feel. Because what I did that day made it the most shameful day of my life.

ALICE

Thank you, Daddy.

DADDY MURPHY

I believe that was the last day my own daddy still had hold of me. How I felt after that helped me purge him from me.

(ALICE hugs him.)

I don't ask for forgiveness...

ALICE

Oh, Daddy, I forgi...

DADDY MURPHY

(cuts her off)

No, Alice, I cannot even forgive myself.

(MAMA MURPHY enters silently, and stands out of sight.)

I wonder what happened to the boy. Do you know, Alice?

ALICE

I do, Daddy.

*(she collects herself, then thinks
better of it)*

He was adopted by a good family in California and raised
with very much love. He's educated, and successful, and
he's a fine young man.

DADDY MURPHY

That's what I wished for him all along.

ALICE

Maybe your wishes made it so.

#20 SUN'S GONNA SHINE (REPRISE)
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*(DADDY MURPHY and ALICE rise. DADDY
MURPHY enters the cabin. ALICE
follows.)*

MAMA MURPHY

THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN
THE SUN IS GONNA SHINE AGAIN

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 8

(1946. OUTSIDE HAYES CREEK. DADDY CANE'S HOUSE. THE NEXT DAY.)

(Car lights off stage. BILLY and ALICE enter.)

ALICE

Your Daddy knows we're coming?

BILLY CANE

He sure does.

(yells)

Hey, Daddy! It's Billy, and put your pants on! There's a lady present.

DADDY CANE

All right! Let me get 'em on!

(He appears.)

Hello there, son. I still salute you.

(He does.)

BILLY CANE

Daddy, this is Miss Murphy.

DADDY CANE

I know all about you! We're standing on the wrong side of the porch.

(They walk to the porch.)

BILLY CANE

You want a Nehi?

ALICE

Yes, thank you.

(He retrieves them from a porch cooler.)

DADDY CANE

Miss Murphy, there's a barber shop in Hayes Creek with your magazines stacked on the settee. We're readers here.

ALICE

And Billy will be published in its next issue.

DADDY CANE

I heard! Mary Lee would have been awfully pleased to know that.

ALICE

Mary Lee?

BILLY CANE

That's my mother.

DADDY CANE

Billy, you've got clothes here, you know that? Good pants and some shirts. You ought to take 'em on over to your new place.

BILLY CANE

I could use 'em, Daddy.

(BILLY goes inside.)

ALICE

There must be some wonderful stories about your wife, Mr. Cane. Maybe Billy should write about her.

DADDY CANE

Oh, I don't think so. Better to pick from the whole town, with our array of cads and scoundrels.

(BILLY emerges from the cabin.)

BILLY CANE

Look at this! My old mail order plaid! Still good. And my old fishing vest.

DADDY CANE

Let me get you something to put them in. Miss Murphy...

(DADDY CANE goes inside.)

BILLY CANE

How do you like it here?

ALICE

It's lovely, Billy. Reminds me of Zebulon, in some ways.

*(DADDY CANE comes out with a valise.
Sets it down. BILLY goes inside.)*

You must find wonderful repose here, Mr. Cane.

DADDY CANE

I do.

*(ALICE glances at the suitcase.
Something familiar? But she gets
distracted.)*

Miss Murphy?

ALICE

I'm sorry, Mr. Cane.

(collects herself)

Your wife must have died young. Billy's only twenty-three.

DADDY CANE

Mary Lee died last year at sixty-five. She had Billy late in life. That's a rarity around these parts, where everyone's married and bearing kids before they can ride a bike.

*(ALICE still notices the suitcase.
Perhaps it starts to bother her.)*

(calling to BILLY)

Billy, there's a box full of your things in the shed.

*(He starts putting the clothes into the
valise.)*

BILLY CANE

(calling)

I don't want to take up Miss Murphy's time with that. But look what I found. A good pair of boots and my old baby sweater! I want to show this to Margo.

*(He holds up a blue baby sweater. ALICE
sees it, and stands in shock. Goes to
it.)*

#20A BABY SWEATER UNDERSCORE

BILLY CANE (CONT'D)

What is it?

*(She goes to the sweater. Takes it.
Holds it.)*

ALICE

I know this sweater.

(She walks to the suitcase.)

I know this suitcase.

DADDY CANE

How?

ALICE

My life was borne away from me in it.

DADDY CANE

You say you've seen this sweater before?

ALICE

I made it!

(DADDY CANE stands in shock.)

DADDY CANE

I knew this day would come.

ALICE

It's you who has a story, isn't it Mr. Cane? It's you.

BILLY CANE

What are you two talking about, Daddy?

DADDY CANE

Billy, one evening I was out frog gigging. I went a little farther down river than I usually go...

[LIGHTS CHANGE; THE SET CHANGES.]

*(1924. THE WOODS. MOONLIT NIGHT. A
TRAIN TRESTLE OVERHEAD.)*

*(We hear the sound of frogs croaking.
YOUNG DADDY CANE with a flour sack and
a flashlight combs the brush. He points
the flashlight at a spot near the
bank.)*

YOUNG DADDY CANE

Now where are you fat ones? Me and Mary Lee gonna have you
for dinnah! There you are, Mr. Toad...

*(Suddenly, there is the violent noise,
clatter and clang of the train going
by. Lights flare and streak. The whole
effect is overpowering, and YOUNG DADDY
CANE cowers from its frightening
strength. A suitcase flies in from
above, and gently lands on the tall
soft grasses at the river's edge. The
train is gone.)*

Damn it! You made me lose Mr. Ichabod P. Toad!

*(He keeps wandering. But faintly heard,
mixed in with the sound of the croaks,
is the tiny sound of a baby crying.)*

I hear ya...over there.

(Another cry.)

Somebody there?

(stands)

Anybody there?

*(He walks over to the riverbank, and
parts the foliage. There is the valise.
He opens it.)*

(squats again)

Good Lord! Little Moses. Little Moses in the rushes.

(looks inside)

My Lord...

(looks firmly at the baby)

Bangs and bruises. You're in a heap o' trouble little...

(checks)

...fella.

(He stands, picks up the valise with the baby in it.)

(The three SPIRITS walk to center stage, perhaps behind a scrim. They sing quietly behind the dialogue.)

#21 I CAN'T WAIT (REPRISE)

YOUNG DADDY CANE (CONT'D)

(to the baby)

Come on. We got to get you fixed up. If you came from the sky, it's the Lord's will that we raise you....if you came from that train, then somebody didn't want you.

SPIRITS

MM MY MM MY MY BABY
OOH
MM MY MM MY MY BABY
OOH

(DADDY CANE rejoins the scene.)

#22 SO FAMILIAR / AT LONG LAST

ALICE

SO FAMILIAR
I COULD FEEL YA
WHEN YOU CAME THROUGH THE DOOR
SO PECULIAR
LIKE I KNEW YA
SOMEWHERE BEFORE
YOU'RE MY BABY
HOW CAN THIS BE
YOU'RE MY SWEET BABY
COME BACK TO ME

ALICE

SO FAMILIAR
I COULD FEEL YA
HERE IN MY HEART
SO PECULIAR
LIKE I KNEW YA
RIGHT FROM THE START

ENSEMBLE

SO FAMILIAR
I COULD FEEL YA

SO PECULIAR
LIKE I KNEW YA

BILLY CANE

I'm sorry Miss Murphy...but my mother is buried just beyond this cabin.

(BILLY exits.)

DADDY CANE

Billy! Billy!

(DADDY CANE chases after him.)

ENSEMBLE

OOOH
LOVE IS COMING HOME

ALICE

AS THE SKY WAS DARKENING
THROUGH YEARS OF NIGHT
I FELT A DOOR WAS OPENING
TO THIS GORGEOUS MORNING LIGHT
AT LAST AT LAST AT LAST AT LAST
AT LONG LAST

THE ANSWER TO A MOTHER'S PRAYER
HEALING OF MY HEART'S DESPAIR
A BURDEN NO LONGER TO BEAR
AT LAST

FOUNTAIN IN THE SQUARE
FILLED WITH FLASHING COINS
WISHES IN THE WATER
OH TO FIND MY BOY
AT LAST

ALICE

LONELY MOMENTS NEARLY
BROKE MY WILL TO LIVE
SOMETHING ALWAYS TOLD ME
TO HOLD ON FOR THIS

HOLD ON
LOVE IS
COMING HOME
AT LAST
AT LAST
AT LAST
AT LAST
AT LONG LAST

ENSEMBLE

AHH...
AHH...
AHH...

HOLD
ON
LOVE
OOH...
AHH...
AHH...

AT LAST
AT LONG LAST

ALICE (CONT'D)

A BLESSING UNEQUIVOCAL
TRULY IT'S A MIRACLE
FAITH RESTORED AND HOPE SECURED
AT LAST

HALLELUJAH

HALLELUJAH

IT'S THE DAY I'VE WAITED FOR

IT'S THE DAY I'VE WAITED FOR

IT'S THE DAY I'VE WAITED FOR

AT LAST

ENSEMBLE (CONT'D)

OOH...

OOH...

OOH...

AHH...

HALLELU, HALLELUJAH

OOH...

OOH...

OOH...

AH... AH, AH, AH...

LOVE IS COMING HOME

[TRANSITION TO:]

SCENE 9

*(1946. ASHEVILLE. SOUTHERN JOURNAL
OFFICE.)*

(It's 10AM. DARYL and LUCY are there.)

DARYL

Where is she? She's an hour and a half late. This is not like her.

LUCY

She got a notice from the post office that there's a special delivery letter.

DARYL

If they can send a notice why can't they send the letter?

LUCY

She went over there with Jimmy Ray to pick it up.

DARYL

She's pretty cozy with Jimmy Ray.

LUCY

He's attractive, don't you think?

DARYL

Oh Lucy, I don't know how to judge if a man's attractive.

LUCY

Yes, you do.

*(Then a commotion. ALICE and JIMMY RAY
enter the office, holding a manuscript,
laughing hysterically.)*

JIMMY RAY

(points to a line)

Read the next line!

ALICE

(reading)

Oh, my lord!

(to DARYL)

Daryl, this is the funniest thing I've ever read. We've got to run this in our humor column right away.

(She hands him the manuscript.)

DARYL

What is it?

ALICE

It's a hilarious piece by a writer I've never even heard of. Lillian Jones.

LUCY

Lillian Jones? Congratulations Daryl!

ALICE

What?

DARYL

(excited)

Lillian Jones is my new pen name!

ALICE

Good for you!

LUCY

Miss Murphy, you have been on a tear lately.

DARYL

You have. Miss Murphy, may I be frank?

ALICE

Well, it'll take a while to get used to calling you that, but sure.

DARYL

What's come over you? I really miss the dark layer of gloom that you brought to work with you every day.

ALICE

Oh, all right. Look, everyone's going to find out sooner or later. Years ago I had a child.

LUCY

Daryl, you owe me five dollars.

ALICE

Well, I found out he's alive and well, and raised by another family. He's a fine young man, and it turns out he works for me.

LUCY

Works for...? Oh my God. It's Daryl!

ALICE

It's Billy.

DARYL

Billy?

(LUCY and DARYL gasp.)

LUCY

When was the last time you spoke to him?

ALICE

The night he found out. A month now. He hasn't written or called. But these things take time, don't you think?

JIMMY RAY

I'm thinking of taking a trip just to lay eyes on him. I wouldn't know him if I saw him.

(BILLY enters, with MARGO.)

BILLY CANE

Hello.

JIMMY RAY

Oh my God.

ALICE

Hello.

BILLY CANE

(to JIMMY RAY)

Hello. Billy Cane.

JIMMY RAY

You're a handsome boy. You take after your father. And that would be me.

BILLY CANE

Honored to meet you, sir.

DARYL

Lucy, shall we go look for that pencil box?

LUCY

The missing pencil box? Yes.

*(They remove themselves upstage, but
turn to listen.)*

DARYL

Now where is that pencil box?

BILLY CANE

Miss Murphy, I came to apologize.

ALICE

You don't have to apolo...

BILLY CANE

I do. I was selfish. All I thought about was how I was hurt that night. But it was not just me; it was every one of us.

ALICE

Oh, Billy.

BILLY CANE

So I went to the site of my real birth: a small cabin in the woods.

ALICE

How did you find it?

BILLY CANE

Your father loves you very much. He led me to the cabin and told the story of that awful night. How I was torn from your arms. And I understood that truth walks beside us like a shadow, and one day it merges with us. Until it does, we are not truly whole.

JIMMY RAY

(awe)

Billy, you are no doubt your mother's son.

BILLY CANE

Lucy, I owe you an apology, too. Perhaps I was a little misleading.

LUCY

(extends her hand)

Well we can start fresh...

MARGO

Ahem! Hello everyone, I'm Margo. I'm Billy's fiancée.

BILLY CANE

Oh Margo, you are? Thanks for letting me know! Whoo ha!

(He swings her around. Then...)

JIMMY RAY

Alice, are you going to the wedding?

ALICE

Well, of course I am. He's my son!

JIMMY RAY

Not theirs. Ours.

(JIMMY RAY walks to her.)

ALICE

(after a pause)

Lucy, put "getting married" on my calendar.

DARYL

Now that's the Miss Murphy we know and love.

#23 FINALE

JIMMY RAY

I HAVE A VISION OF HOW OUR LIFE WILL BE

ALICE AND JIMMY RAY

ROLLING LIKE A RIVER, PEACEFUL, WILD AND FREE

BILLY AND MARGO

I HAVE A VISION OF HOW OUR LIFE WILL GO
ALL OF OUR KIDS SINGING WHILE YOU PLAY PIANO

DARYL

And Lucy and I are getting married.

(they all look at him)

We're not, but wouldn't that have been great?

EVERYONE

LOVE LET ME LIFT
THIS VEIL OF DARKNESS
LOVE LET ME SEE
MY WAY BACK TO YOU

(BILLY goes to ALICE, hugs her.)

I HAVE A VISION
OF HOW OUR LIFE WILL BE
EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL
YOU ARE NEXT TO ME
I HAVE A VISION
OF HOW OUR LIFE WILL GO
EVERYTHING IS WONDERFUL
AND I LOVE YOU SO
LOVE LET ME LIFT
THIS VEIL OF DARKNESS
LOVE LET ME SEE
MY WAY BACK TO YOU
MY WAY
BACK TO YOU

(End of Act Two.)

#24 BOWS

EVERYONE

YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT LIFE WILL BRING
ONLY WHAT YOU BRING TO LIFE
HOPES AND DREAMS
AND FINE IMAGININGS
THEY HAPPEN IN THEIR OWN GOOD TIME

BRIGHT STAR BRIGHT DAY
BRIGHT LIGHTS BRIGHT WAY
BRIGHT HEART BRIGHT THINGS
THAT I WILL SAY
BRIGHT STAR BRIGHT DAY
CARRY ME FAR AWAY
I'M GONE
I'M ON MY WAY

BRIGHT STAR
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
SHINE ON AND SEE ME THROUGH
BRIGHT STAR
KEEP SHINING FOR ME
AND ONE DAY I'LL SHINE FOR YOU

AND ONE DAY I'LL SHINE FOR YOU

#25 EXIT MUSIC

THE END

- VOCAL SCORE -



Music, Book, and Story by STEVE MARTIN
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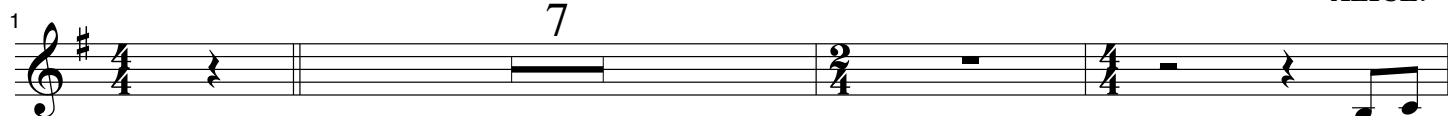
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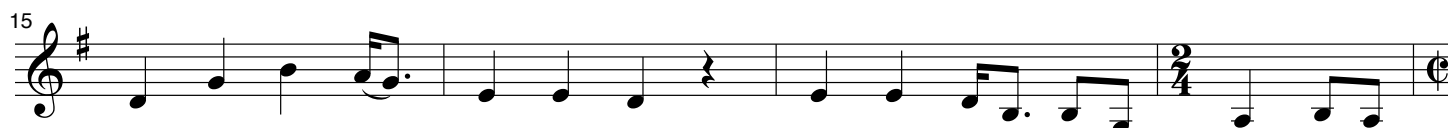
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If you

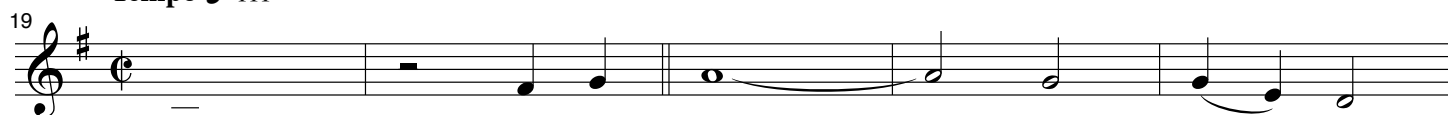


knew my sto - ry you'd have a hard time be - liev - ing me, you'd think I was lying.



Joy and sor - row nev - er last I'll die try - ing not to live in the

Tempo ♩=111



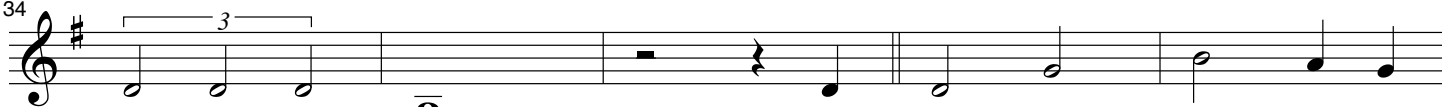
past If you knew my sto - ry



My heav - en and my hell If you



knew my sto - ry You'd have a good

34 
sto - ry to tell I left my clothes on that

39 
cold riv - er rock My cares and my woes rolled up in my

44 
socks I laid down in that moun - tain stream and the

49 **ALICE:** 
i - cy wat - er rushed o - ver me If you knew _____

WOMEN: 
Ooh _____

MEN: 
Ooh _____

54

my sto - ry My heav - en and my

Ooh

59

hell If you knew my sto - ry

Ooh

64

You'd have a good sto - ry to tell

You'd have a good sto - ry to tell

You'd have a good sto - ry to tell

69 (ALICE)

me I'm not a - lone

74 ALICE:

Tell me I'm

WOMEN:

Tell

79

not a - lone Man - y backs have

84

bro - ken from less - er weight I know I was born to

88

car - ry more than I can hold E - ven though I stumb - le

93

ev - en though I fall You'll nev - er see me crum - ble, you'll

97

nev - er see me crawl If you knew my

WOMEN:
If you knew my

MEN:
If you knew my

101

sto - ry Drew the wa - ter from my well.

sto - ry Ooh

sto - ry Ooh

106

If you knew my sto - ry You'd

If you knew my sto - ry You'd

If you knew my sto - ry You'd

111

have a good sto - ry to Tell _____ me _____

8

116

_____ I'm _____ not _____ a - lone _____

8

121

Tell _____ me _____ I'm _____ not _____

8

126

a - lone E - ven though I

a - lone I

a - lone I

130

stumb - le ev - en though I fall You'll nev - er see me

stum - ble Though I fall Ooh

stum - ble Though I fall Ooh

134

crum - ble, you'll nev - er see

You'll nev - er see

You'll nev - er see

138

me crawl.

Ahh

Ahh

Ahh

rit.**Slower**

144

If you knew my

Ooh

Ooh

(Applause)

149

sto - ry

Ooh

Ooh

TENORS:

4 7

153-156

You'd

(Train cross)

WOMEN:

165

You'd have a good sto - ry to tell. _____

have a good sto - ry to tell. _____ You'd

BASSES:

You'd have a good sto - ry to

BILLY:

169

You'd

_____ You'd have a good sto - ry to tell.

have a good sto - ry to tell. _____

tell. _____ A good sto - ry to tell.

Poco Rit.

173

have a good sto - ry to tell. _____

*Music by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell**Lyrics by Edie Brickell**Orchestration by August Eriksmoen**Vocal arrangements by Rob Berman*

BILLY: "What's gotten into her? And where is
Mama? (yells) Mama! ... What is it, Daddy?"

DADDY: "No way to write you, son."

DADDY CANE:

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8 1-7 We had a vis-i-tor _____

15 8 while you were a - way _____

20 8 Un - wel - come as _____ he was, _____ He came on in one day

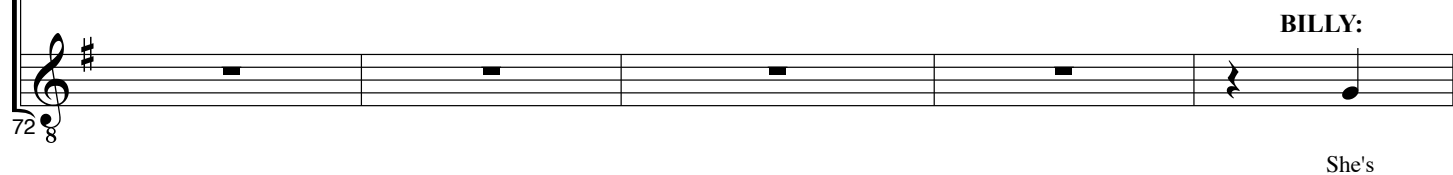
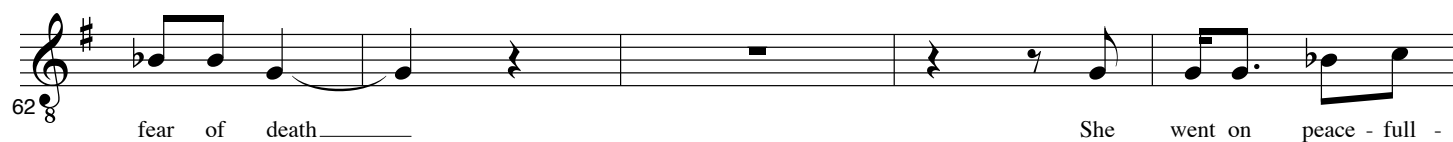
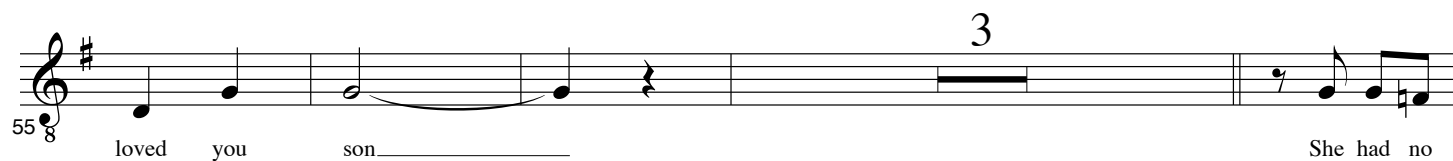
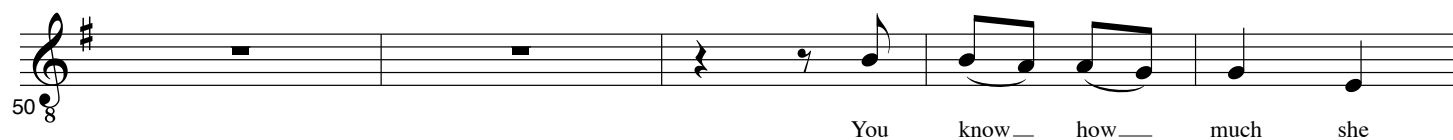
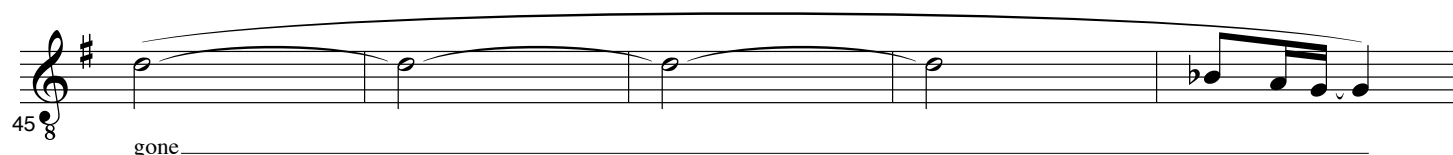
25 8 _____ He sat down qui - et - ly _____

30 8 _____ at your moth - er's side _____

35 8 She left _____ with him _____

40 8 some time in the night _____ 10 She's

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8 gone _____

77 8 gone _____

This system contains two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a long melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, then down to G4, with a fermata over the final G. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a long melodic line starting on G3, moving up stepwise to D4, then down to G3, with a fermata over the final G. The lyrics "gone" are written below both staves.

DADDY CANE:

8 She's gone _____ You know ___ how ___ much she

82 8 She's gone _____

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8 loved you son 4 DADDY CANE: Let's walk _____ on ov -

87 8 4 BILLY: Let's walk _____ on ov -

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8 - er there _____ and lay _____

95 8 - er there _____ and lay _____

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8

A rose up - on her grave

10

A rose up - on her grave

2 16 14 rit. 2

2 16 14 2

DADDY CANE: "Why don't you pick a floribunda rose, son? That was her favorite."

(Lights change, BILLY and MR. CANE walk into the graveyard. BILLY carries a rose.)

DADDY CANE: *(cont'd)* "Here she is. Under the walnut tree."

(A gravestone angel marks her grave.)

BILLY CANE: "You bought her a gravestone angel."

DADDY CANE: "There was this lovely one in back of Julia Wolfe's garage. She made me a nice deal on it as a courtesy."

BILLY CANE: "It's beautiful."

DADDY CANE: "The owls are speaking tonight. I'll go hear what they have to say."

Scene Change

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Vocal arrangement by Rob Berman

BILLY: "I made it back home
like you always said I would.
But I never thought homecoming
could be so cruel." **[MUSIC]**

BILLY: (cont'd) "You are my Mama,
and I place my hand here... to touch
you, now and forever." **[GO ON]**

Slowly

DADDY CANE:

She's Gone

BILLY:

She's Gone

She's gone

You know how much she loved you son

She's gone

Rall.

Warmly

Poco Rit.

MARGO: "Oh, Billy! Yes. Yes. You were always so tentative about it. What made you decide that? [MUSIC]"

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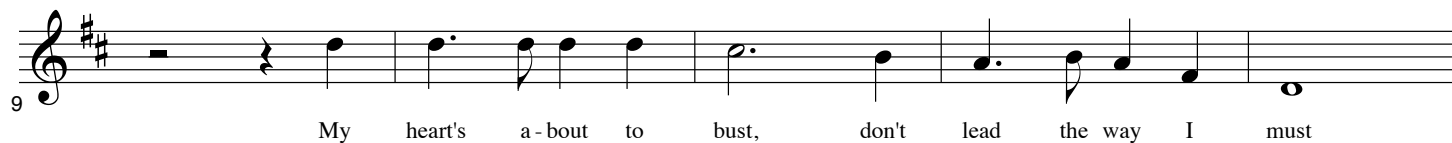
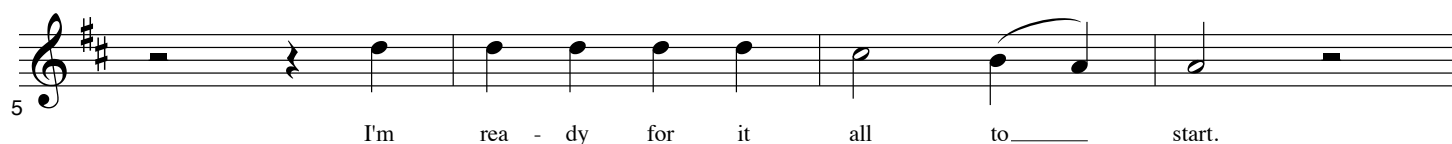
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Freely

BILLY:



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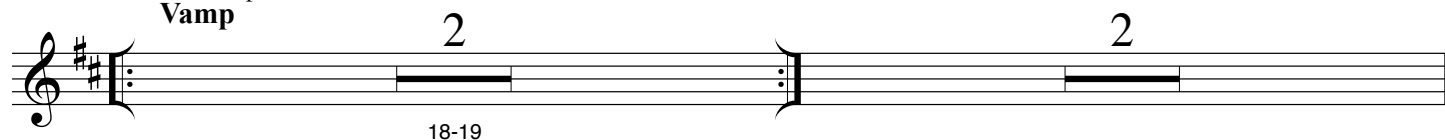
MARGO: "Edna, we still have that special delivery stamp I've been saving?"

EDNA: "We sure do."

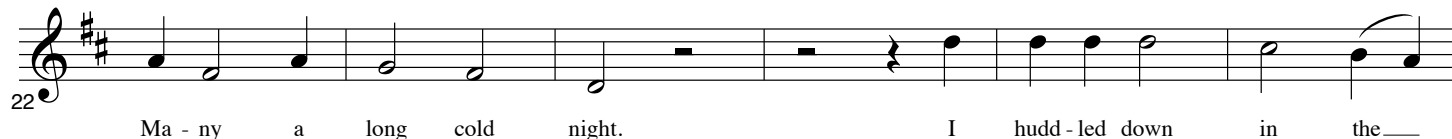
BILLY: "I'm not mailing them, Margo. I'm going to hand-carry them to Asheville, and sleep like a dog on their doorstep until I get published." [GO ON]

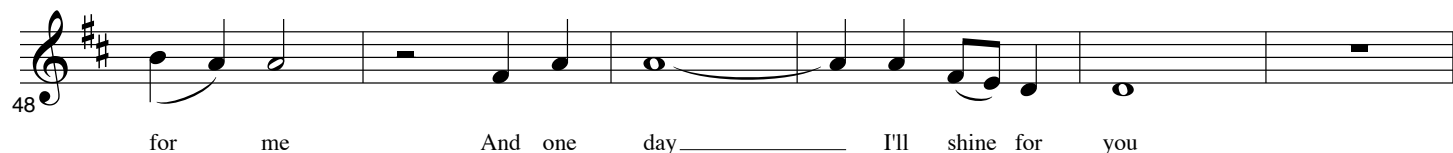
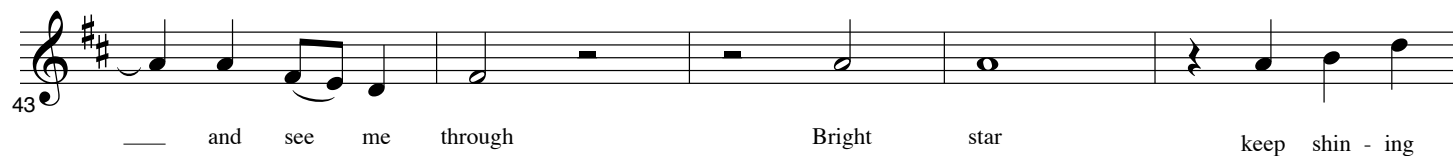
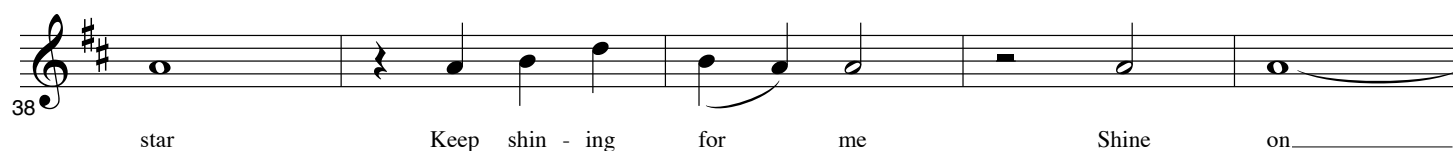
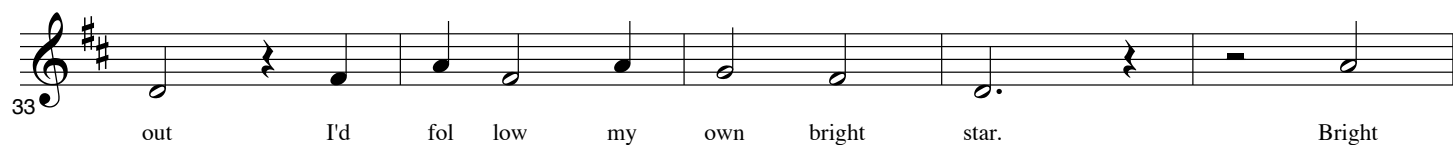
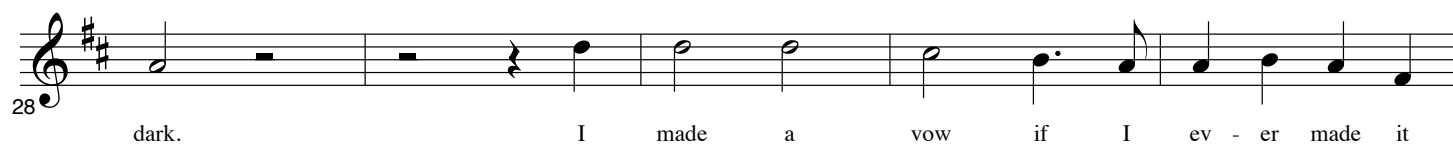
FLORENCE: "Good luck, Billy."

Vamp



BILLY:





MARGO: "For what's it's worth, I'll [miss you]..."

11



BILLY:

You nev-er know what life will bring. On-ly what you bring to—

WOMEN:

Ooh

MEN:

Ooh

life. Hopes and dreams and fine i-mag-i-

Ooh

Ooh

nings They hap-pen in their own good time.

Hap-pen in their own good time.

Hap-pen in their own good time.

4 **BILLY:**

I've seen a weak man fight

4 **WOMEN:**

Ooh Ah

4 **MEN:**

Ooh Ah

82-85

I've seen a strong man cry

Ooh Cry

Ooh Cry

90

I have learned the bright est day can turn in - to the

bright est day can turn in - to the

bright est day can turn in - to the

94

99 8

dark - est night. Bright star Keep shin - ing

dark - est night. Bright star

dark - est night. Bright star

This system contains measures 99 through 103. It features three staves in G major (one sharp). The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics: "dark - est night. Bright star Keep shin - ing". The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final notes of measures 102 and 103 in both the vocal and piano parts.

104 8

for me Shine on and see me through

Shine on Shine

Shine on Shine

This system contains measures 104 through 108. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics: "for me Shine on and see me through". The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final notes of measures 107 and 108 in both the vocal and piano parts.

109 8

Bright star keep shin - ing for me

on Ooh

on Ooh

This system contains measures 109 through 113. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics: "Bright star keep shin - ing for me". The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. A fermata is placed over the final notes of measures 112 and 113 in both the vocal and piano parts.

And one day I'll shine for

And one day

And one day

113 8

you.

Ah Ah

Ah Ah

116 8

There's

122 8

al - ways a song to sing. *solo* A mel - o - dy

Ooh Ah Ooh

Ooh

120

in the dark, Lifts my spi - rits

Ah Ah

Ooh Ah

131

e - v'ry time I hear it. com - forts my ach - ing heart. Bright

Ah Bright

139

Keep shin - ing for me _____

star _____ bright day _____ Bright lights _____ bright

star _____ bright day _____ Bright lights _____ bright

142

This system contains three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a melodic line with a long note on 'Keep' and a phrase 'shin - ing for me' with a long note. The second and third staves provide harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'star', 'bright', 'day', 'Bright', 'lights', and 'bright' are aligned with the notes on the second and third staves. A rehearsal mark '142' is at the start of the third staff.

And see me through

way _____ Bright _____ star _____ bright _____

way _____ Bright _____ star _____ bright _____

148

This system contains three staves of music. The first staff has a melodic line with a long note on 'And' and a phrase 'see me through' with a long note. The second and third staves provide harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'way', 'Bright', 'star', and 'bright' are aligned with the notes on the second and third staves. A rehearsal mark '148' is at the start of the third staff.

Keep shin - ing for me _____ I'm on my way. Bright

day _____ I'm _____ on I'm on my _____ way. Bright

day _____ I'm _____ on I'm on my _____ way. Bright

152

This system contains three staves of music. The first staff has a melodic line with a long note on 'Keep' and a phrase 'shin - ing for me' with a long note, followed by 'I'm on my way.' and 'Bright'. The second and third staves provide harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'day', 'I'm', 'on', 'I'm', 'on', 'my', 'way.', and 'Bright' are aligned with the notes on the second and third staves. A rehearsal mark '152' is at the start of the third staff.

BILLY:

star Keep shin - ing for me Shine

MEN/WOMEN:

star bright day Bright lights bright way Shine

BILLY:

on and see me through. Bright

WOMEN:

on Bright

MEN:

on Bright

BILLY:

star keep shin - ing for me And one

MEN/WOMEN:

star bright day Car - ry me far a - way I'm

BILLY:

day I'll shine for you

MEN/WOMEN:

gone, I'm on my way. Bright

BILLY:

Bright star Keep shin - ing for me Shine on _____

WOMEN:

star Bright star Keep shin - ing for me Shine on _____

MEN:

star Bright star Keep shin - ing for _____ me Shine on _____

17 48

_____ and see me through Bright

_____ and see me through Bright star _____ Bright

_____ and see _____ me through Bright star _____ Bright

17 48

star keep shin - ing for _____ me And one day _____ I'll

_____ star Keep shin - ing for _____ me And one day _____ I'll

star Keep shin - ing for _____ me And one day _____ I'll

18 38

188

shine _____ for you. _____

shine _____ Ah _____

shine _____ Ah _____

This system contains three staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff has lyrics 'shine' and 'for you.' with a double bar line between them. The second and third staves have lyrics 'shine' and 'Ah'. The music features a melodic line with a long note on 'shine' and a descending line on 'Ah'.

192

Ah _____

Ah _____

This system contains two staves of music. Both staves have a long note on 'Ah' followed by a descending melodic line. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure.

rit.

2 2

2 2

198-199

This system contains two staves of music. Both staves have a double bar line after the first measure, followed by a measure with a '2' above it, and then another measure with a '2' above it. The first staff has a 'rit.' marking above the first measure. The second staff has a '2' above the first measure.

Music and Lyrics by Edie Brickell
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DARYL: "I've heard stories about you Miss Murphy,
 you weren't always such a wallflower."

ALICE: "No. Not always." *[MUSIC]*

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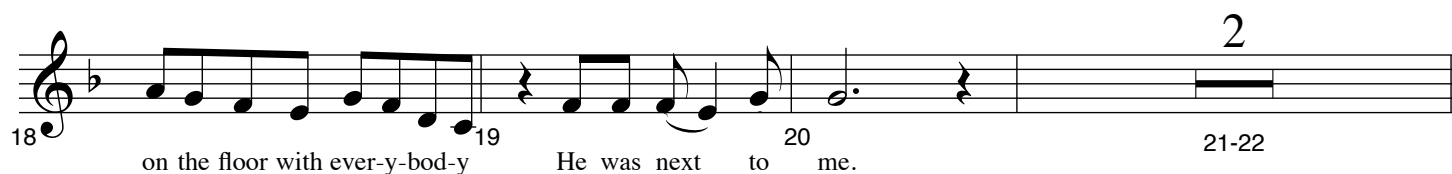
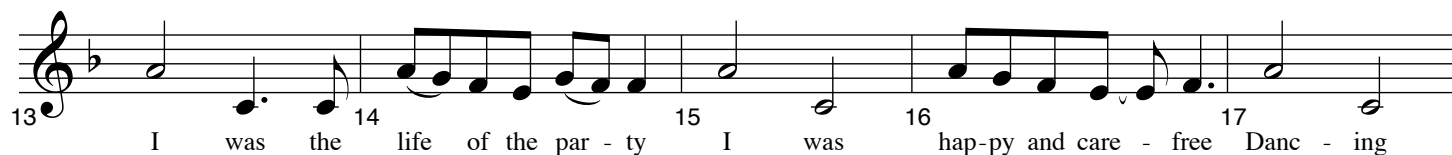
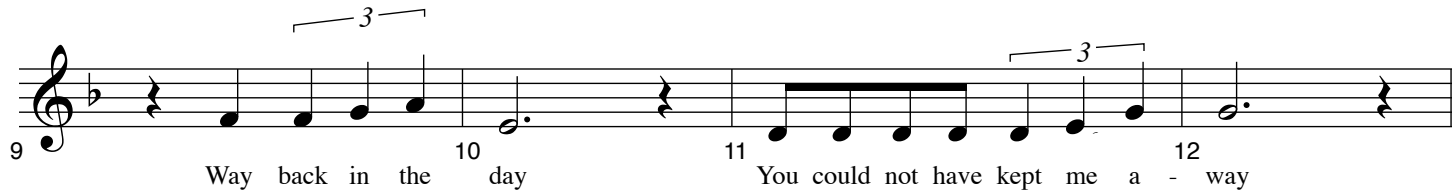
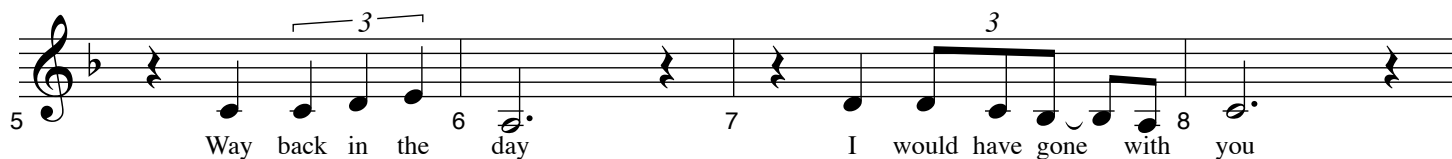
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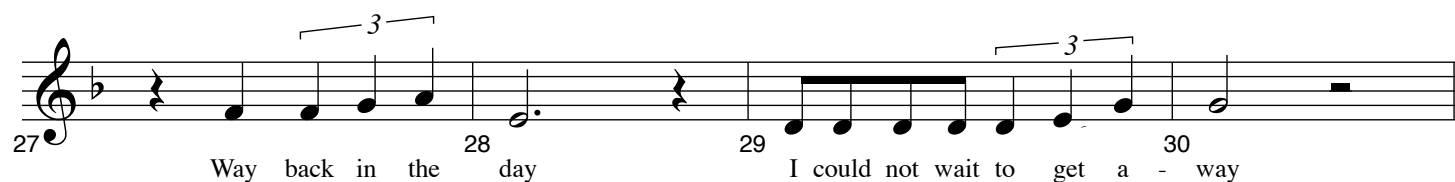
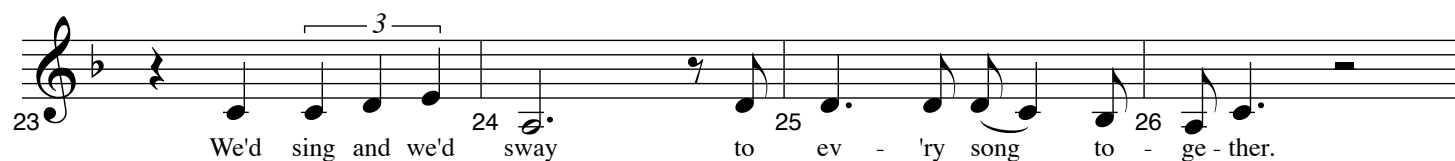
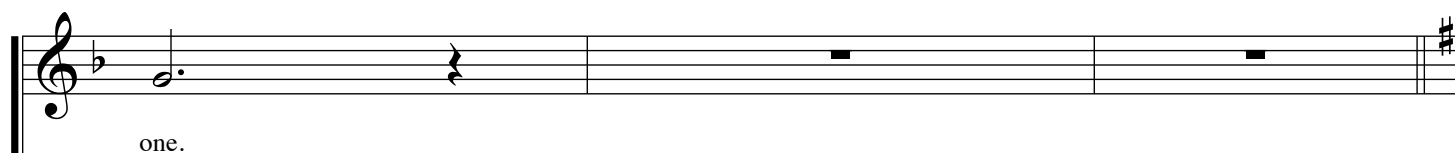
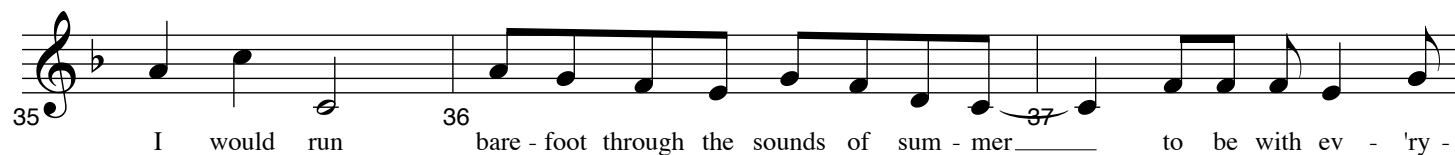
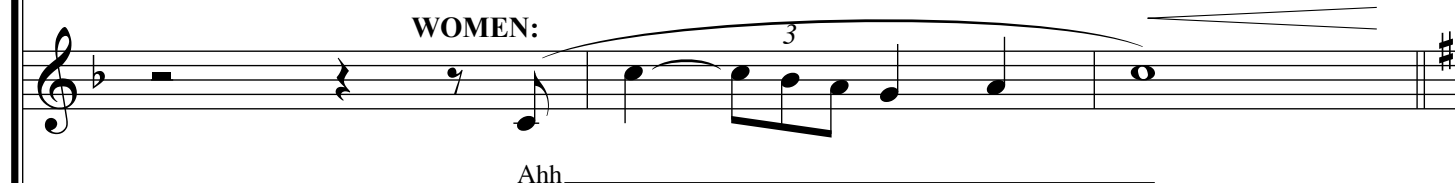
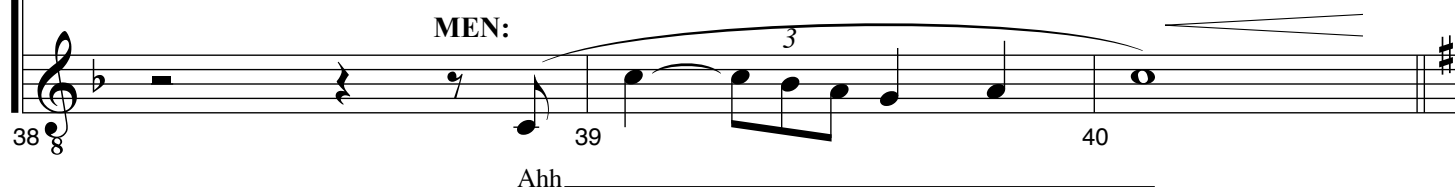
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DARYL: "The whole world is rejoicing about the war being over."

LUCY: "And you should get out and celebrate, too. Come with us; just this once."

ALICE:



**ALICE:****WOMEN:****MEN:**

ALICE:

Way back in th day You nev-er would have had to ask me

WOMEN:

f Way back in the day Ooh

MEN:

Way back in the day Ooh

Way back in the day I'd have been the first one to say Come

Way back in the day Ah Come

Way back in the day Ah Come

on what are you wait - ing for It's all go-ing on out -

on what are you wait - ing for It's all go-ing on out -

on what are you wait - ing for It's all go-ing on out -

41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51

side of your door I won't take no for an answer

side of your door Ooh

side of your door Ooh

52 8 53 54

Meno mosso**ALICE:****ALICE:** "Now that's a sight..." [OUT]

55 You're coming out with me 56 57

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ALICE: "If my daddy sees the title he'll kill me."

JIMMY RAY: "Read it under the covers."

ALICE: "So, who you gonna take to the Couples' Day dance?"

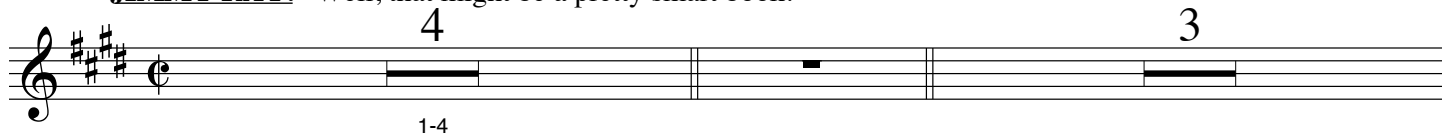
JIMMY RAY: "I don't know yet."

ALICE: "Well, I'm standing right here in front of you."

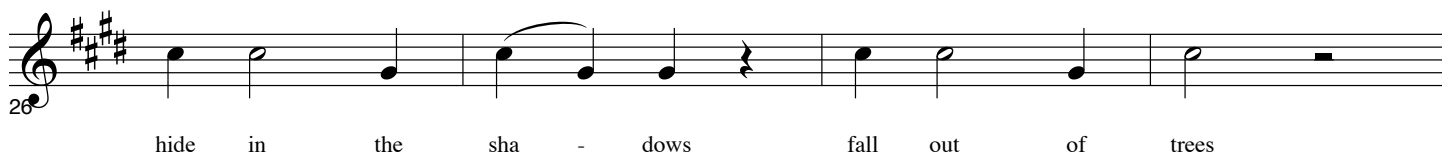
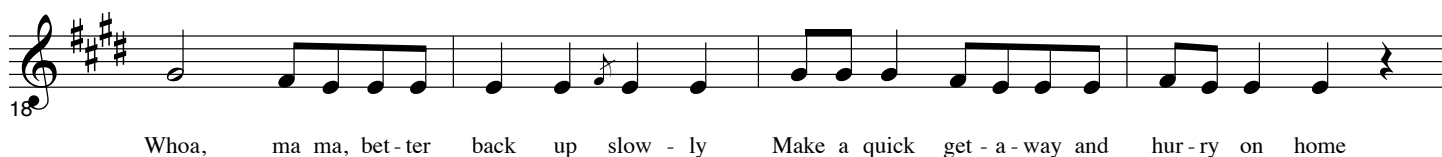
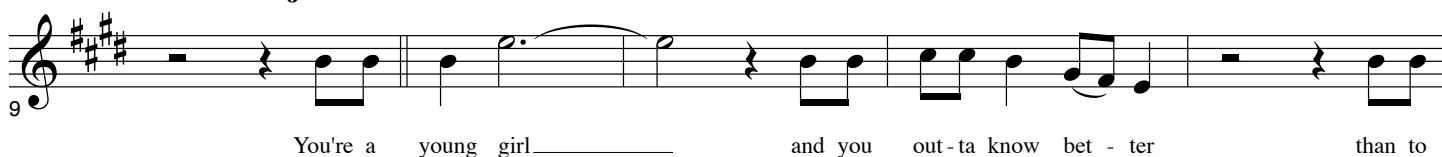
JIMMY RAY: "That's not proper, you asking me."

ALICE: "I read in a book that sometimes you have to plant an idea in a boy's head."

JIMMY RAY: "Well, that might be a pretty smart book."



JIMMY RAY:



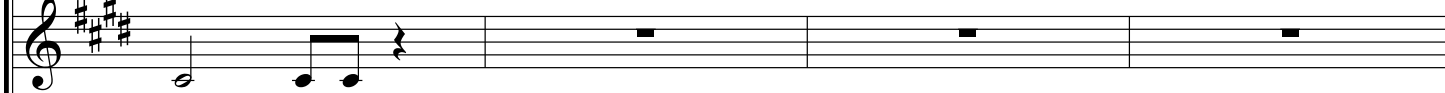


ALICE: "We'll see."

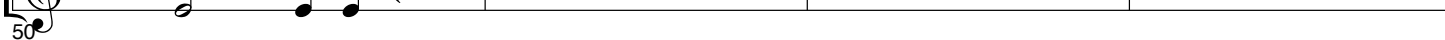
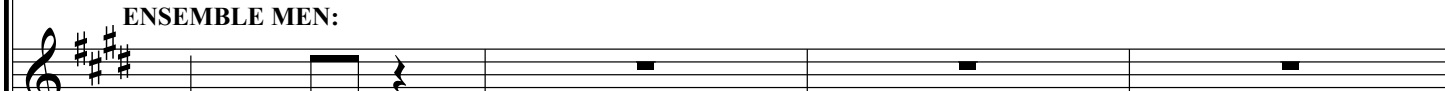
JIMMY RAY:



ENSEMBLE WOMEN:



ENSEMBLE MEN:



I'm a rest - less small town boy with a heart as wild as a big ci - ty

Whoa ma - ma

Whoa ma - ma

54

Rhythmic Dance Break

12

JIMMY RAY:

Some - one will take your hand just like

just like

Ooh

just like

Ooh

just like

58-69

so Some - one will ne - ver want to let you go

so Ooh let you go

so Ooh let you go

73

Dreamy

Some - one will put you on a ped - e - stal

Some - one Ooh_____

Some - one Ooh_____

Some - one will tell you

Some - one

Some - one

85-86

ALICE:

I'm a

you're in cre - di - ble

Ooh

Ooh

Rhythmic again

ALICE:

young girl

and I wan - na go danc - ing

Wan - na dip and twirl

With the hand - som - est boy in town

ALICE:

Some - bo - dy bet - ter comb their hair and put a clean shirt on

Some - bod - y

ENSEMBLE MEN:

pick me up at eight. Some - bod-y's gon-na take me there, gon-na have a lot of fun— on our

Some - bod - y

Some - bod - y

106

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the vocal score, measures 106 through 109. It features three staves in G major (one sharp). The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics: 'pick me up at eight. Some - bod-y's gon-na take me there, gon-na have a lot of fun— on our'. The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) includes chords and melodic fragments. Measure 106 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Measure numbers 106, 107, 108, and 109 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

ver - y first date Some - one will want for you to walk her

Ooh— walk her

Ooh— walk her

110

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the vocal score, measures 110 through 113. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics: 'ver - y first date Some - one will want for you to walk her'. The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a long, sustained note in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand. Measure 110 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Measure numbers 110, 111, 112, and 113 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

home Some - one will want a lit - tle time a - lone

home Ooh— time a - lone

home Ooh— time a - lone

114

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the vocal score, measures 114 through 117. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics: 'home Some - one will want a lit - tle time a - lone'. The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a long, sustained note in the right hand and a melodic line in the left hand. Measure 114 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Measure numbers 114, 115, 116, and 117 are indicated at the bottom of the staves.

Dreamy

Some - one will wait

Ooh

Ooh

118

Detailed description: This system contains measures 118, 119, and 120. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics 'Some - one will wait' with a long note on 'wait' spanning into measure 120. The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) features sustained chords. Measure 118 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

as long as it takes

Ooh

Ooh

121

Detailed description: This system contains measures 121, 122, and 123. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics 'as long as it takes' with a triplet of eighth notes over 'as' and a long note on 'takes' spanning into measure 124. The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) features sustained chords. Measure 121 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

for you

for you

for you

124

Detailed description: This system contains measures 124, 125, and 126. The vocal line (top staff) has lyrics 'for you' with a long note on 'you' spanning into measure 127. The piano accompaniment (bottom two staves) features sustained chords. Measure 124 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

JIMMY RAY:

You're a

Ooh

Ooh

135

Rhythmic again
JIMMY RAY:

sweet girl

wrap a man a-round your pin-ky

139

On your feet girl

get go-in' cause it won't be me.

138

ALICE:

Some-bod-y's gon-na buzz a-round me like a fuz-zy

ENSEMBLE WOMEN:

Some-bod-y

ENSEMBLE MEN:

Some-bod-y

143

158 Musical score for 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a final measure containing a whole note. The lyrics 'The Rose Tree' are written below the staff. The score ends with a double bar line and the word 'ATTACCA'.

(Applause)

ATTACCA

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Lyrics by Edie Brickell

Orchestration by August Eriksmoen

Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

[Attacca from #5]

A Bit Slower **2** **ALICE: "I'm home!"** **4** **DADDY MURPHY:**

8 1-2 Where where

8 where've you been— You should-'ve been here help-in' in the kitch - en Where where

ENSEMBLE:

12 8 where do you go?— No daugh - ter of mine— ought to wor - ry me so You're the

DADDY MURPHY:

15 8 black sheep— a lit - tle lost lamb— Should-'ve raised you with a firm - er hand

ENSEMBLE: **ALICE:**

19 8 Black sheep— a lit - tle lost lamb All you ev - er do is rep - ri - mand

MAMA MURPHY:

24 Shame shame shame on you— There ain't no lim - it to the troub - le you brew

DADDY MURPHY:**ENSEMBLE:**

28 Shame shame shame on me. You make a mock-er - y of the fam - i - ly You're the

ALICE:**MAMA MURPHY:**

32 Black sheep. a lit - tle lost lamb When you gon-na love me just the way I am? I

36 pray that you will

ALICE: "I don't know why a girl can't have fun around here."

40 change your ways

DADDY MURPHY:

44 Why why why on Earth Have you been so hard - head-ed since the day of your birth

MAMA MURPHY:**ENSEMBLE:**

48 Why why in the world Don't you do us all a fav-or be a good lit - tle girl. You're the

52 black sheep. a lit - tle lost lamb

DADDY MURPHY:

Should-'ve raised you with a firm - er hand

ENSEMBLE:

Black sheep — a lit - tle lost lamb —

54

MAMA MURPHY:

Al - ways up to your she - nan - i - gans

58

DADDY MURPHY: "You gotta start towing the line."**ALICE:** "That's all I ever do around here is tow the line!"**ALICE:**

4 **Faster** $\text{half note} = 125$ 7

60-63

You're al-ways say - ing

72

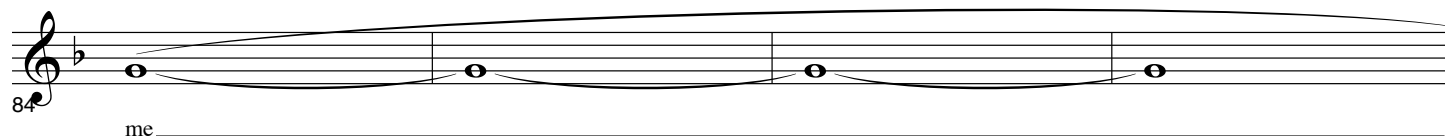
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77

do or die, do right for me You're al-ways say - ing do right do right

81

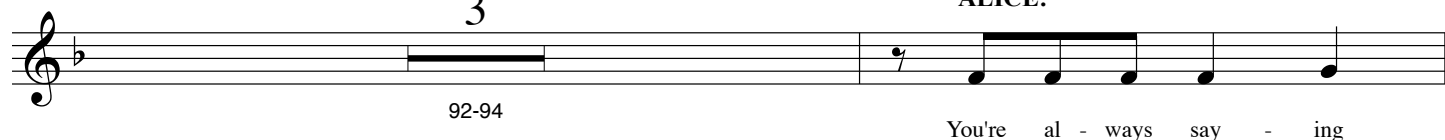
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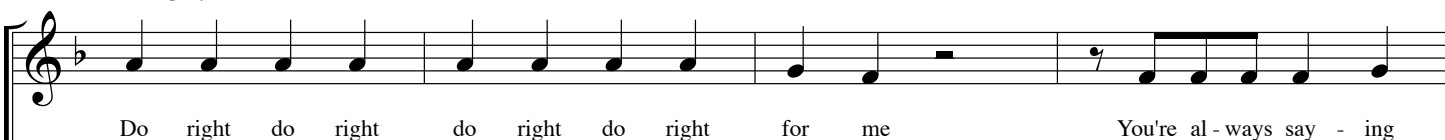
DADDY MURPHY: "I swear I'm going to have to rein you in!"

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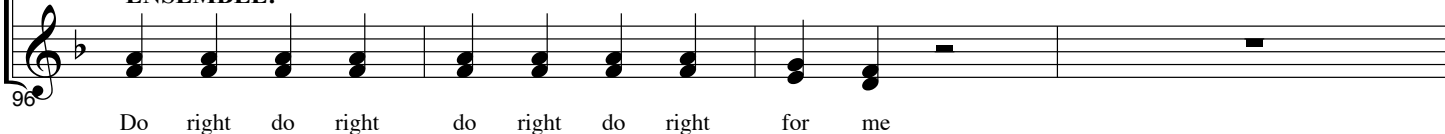
ALICE:



ALICE:



ENSEMBLE:



DADDY:

MAMA:

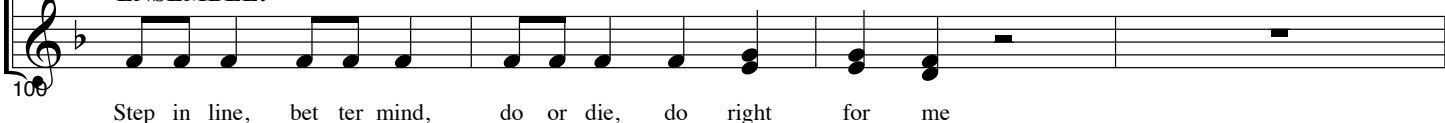
DADDY:

BOTH:

ALICE:



ENSEMBLE:



me

104

**MAMA/
DADDY:**

is bad for the fam - i - ly.

ENSEMBLE:

Is bad for the fam - i - ly.

108

MAMA: "Alice, we need you to shell those peas."
ALICE: "Why do I have to shell the peas, Mama?"

p **ENSEMBLE:**

Do right Do right

112

DADDY: "The Lord gave us those peas, Alice."
ALICE: "Well why'd he have to put 'em in pods?" *[MUSIC OUT]*

VAMP (Cut off on Cue)

Do right Do right

116

DADDY: "Don't you ever question the Lord!"

ALICE: "I'm not questioning him. I'm just saying maybe some of my ideas are better." **[GO ON]**

DADDY:

MAMA:

Black sheep Lit - tle lost lamb

(GASP!)

**MAMA/
DADDY:**

DADDY:

MAMA:

Should - ve raised you with a firm - er hand Black sheep Lit - tle lost lamb!

Should - ve raised you with a firm - er hand

DADDY:

ENSEMBLE:

Should - ve raised you with the back of my hand! Do right do right do right do right

Should - ve raised you with the back of my hand!

for me Do right do right do right do right for me

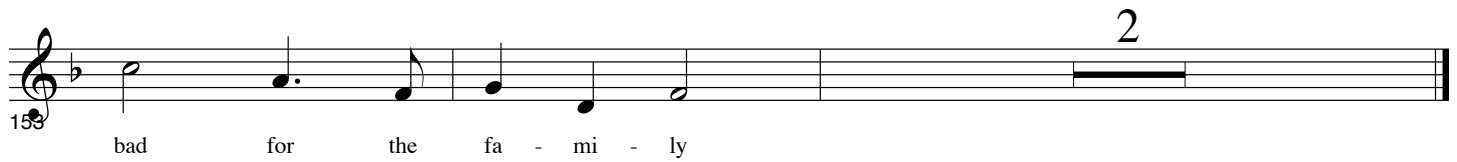
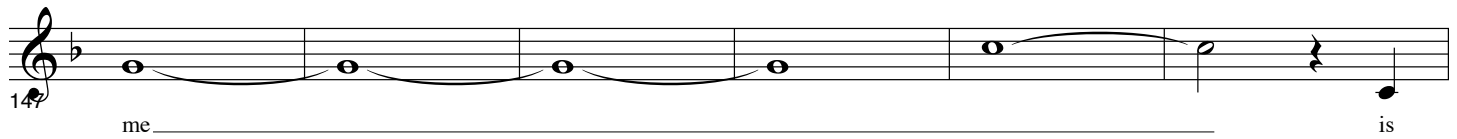
for me

Step in line, bet ter mind, do or die, do right for me

Step in line, bet ter mind, do or die, do right for me

Do right do right do right do right for me What's right for

Do right do right do right do right for me



MAYOR: "Son, the way it works is the business is handed down, and we marry conveniently. In order to live well." *[MUSIC]*

JIMMY RAY: "Don't break the chain, right, Daddy?"

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Kinda Free 2

MAYOR:

8 1-2 A man's got - ta do what a

6 8 man's got - ta do When a man's got - ta do what he's

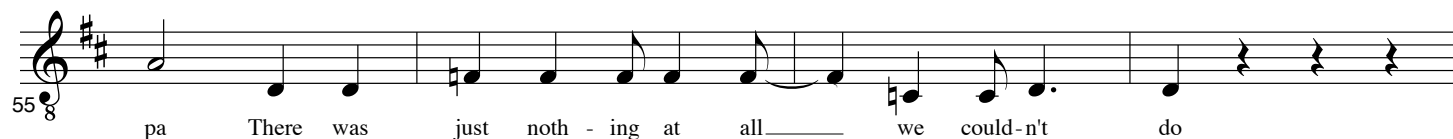
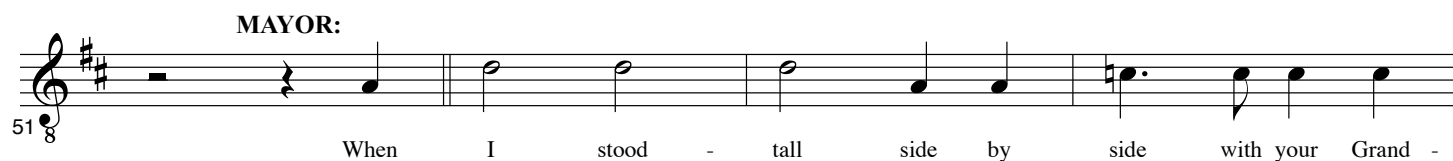
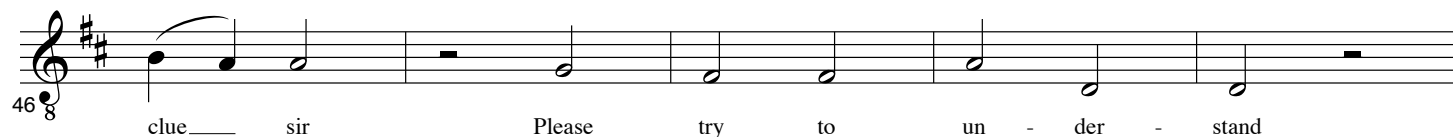
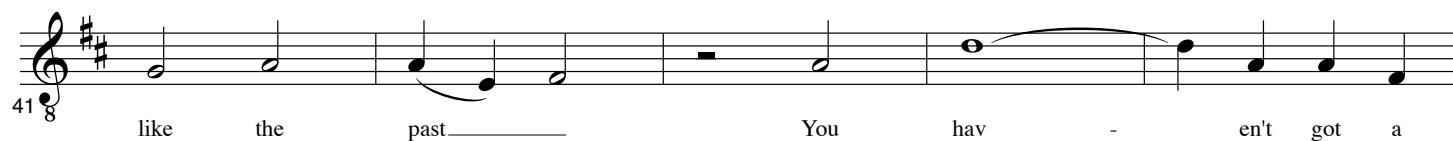
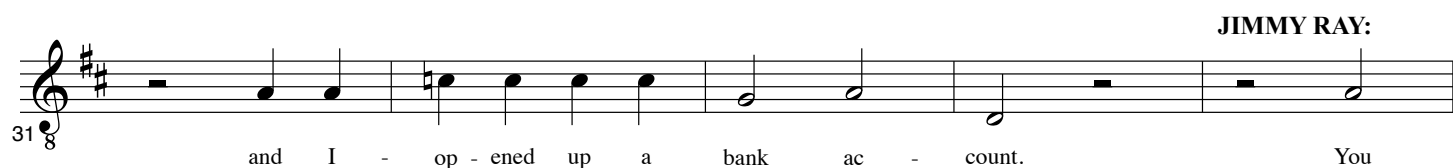
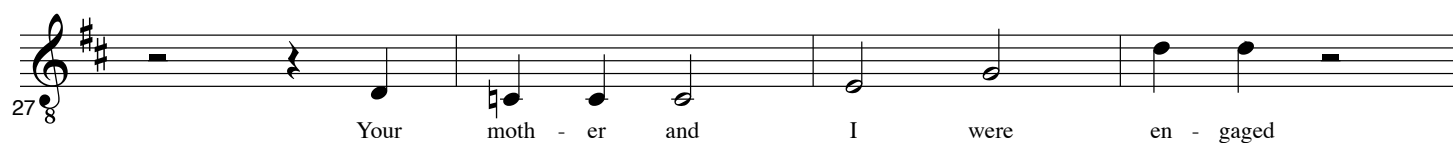
10 8 got to A well bred wife with a

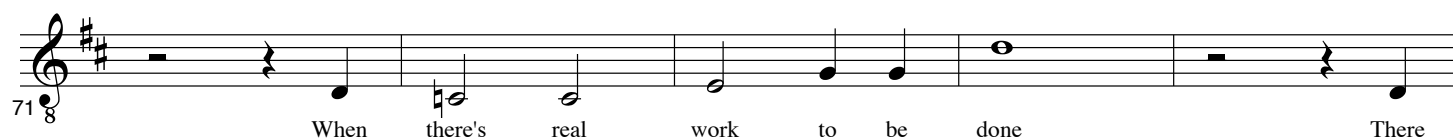
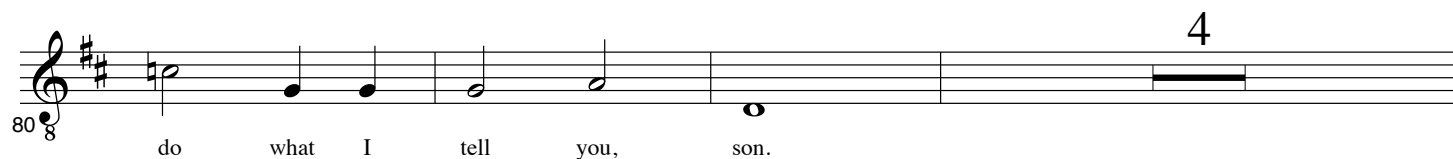
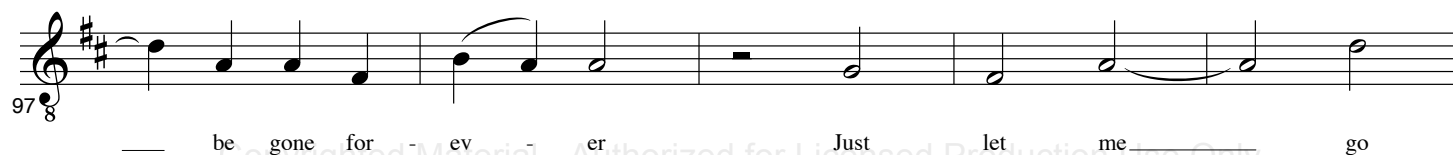
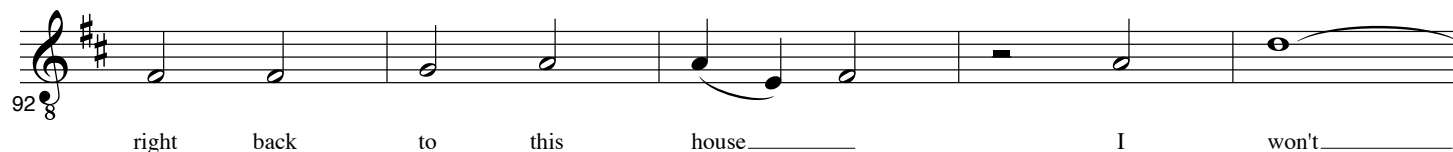
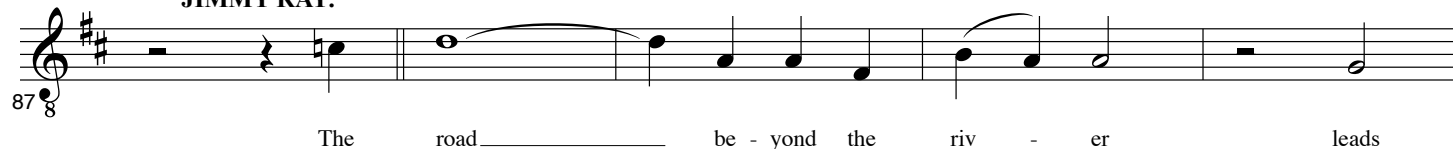
14 8 sil - ver spoon and knife will but - ter your bread twice as good as

Tempo ♩=128

18 8 you do. I re - mem - ber when I was

22 8 your age That's when I was sett - l - in' down.



**MAYOR:****MAYOR:** "You have no idea what I would do to protect this dynasty."**JIMMY RAY:**

MAYOR:

8
A man's got - ta do what a

10 8
now. _____ You can't _____ ex - pect the

8
man's got - ta do When a man's got - ta do what he's

10 8
fu - ture to be just like the

8
got to When I stood - tall side by

11 8
past _____ You hav - en't got a

8
side with your Grand - pa There was just noth - ing at all _____ we could - n't

11 8
clue _____ sir Please try to un - der -

8
do I can't un - der stand why you can't com - pre -

118
stand _____

8
hend what to do Why can't I get through to you?

123

(Applause)

8 Rit. 4

123

BILLY: "Do you mean that, Miss Murphy?" *[GO]*

ALICE: "I don't have time to hand out compliments I don't mean.
But you will write better when you find your voice. You need to
find a sweeping tale of pain and redemption. In the people you know
and the people you meet."

BILLY: "Ten bucks! I'm rich!"

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Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

Freely 8 Tempo di Bright Star 3

ENSEMBLE:

You nev - er know what life will bring. _____

You nev - er know what life will bring. _____

On - ly what you bring to _____ life. _____ Hopes and

On - ly what you bring to _____ life. _____ Hopes and

dreams and fine i - mag - i - nings They hap - pen in their

dreams and fine i - mag - i - nings They hap - pen in their

Rall.

own good time. They hap - pen in their own good time.

own good time. They hap - pen in their own good time.

Vocal Score

Asheville

Bright Star

8

BILLY: "Will you miss me?"

MARGO: "Like I miss trouble."

BILLY: "Did you ever think that you might be selling a magazine with one of my stories in it?"

MARGO: "Yes."

BILLY: "Oh, Margo, I could almost kiss you!" [GO]

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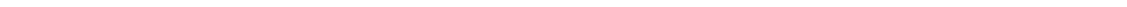
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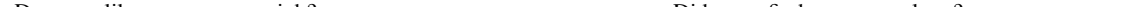
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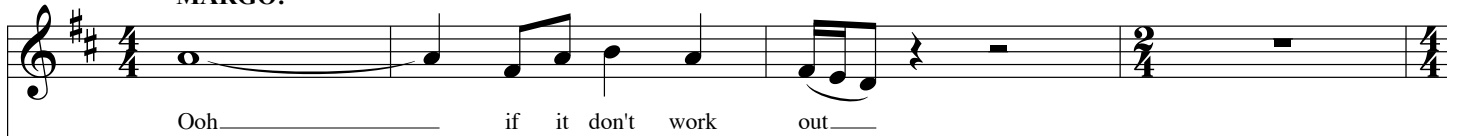
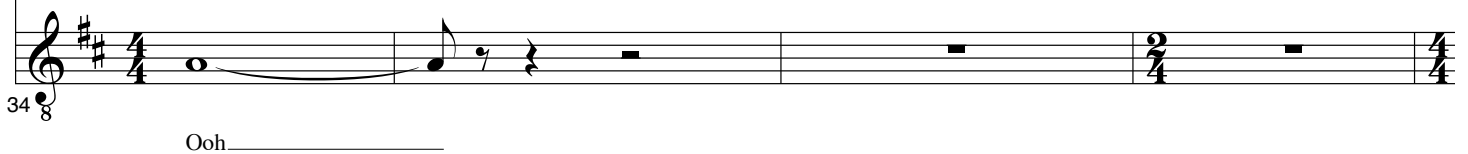
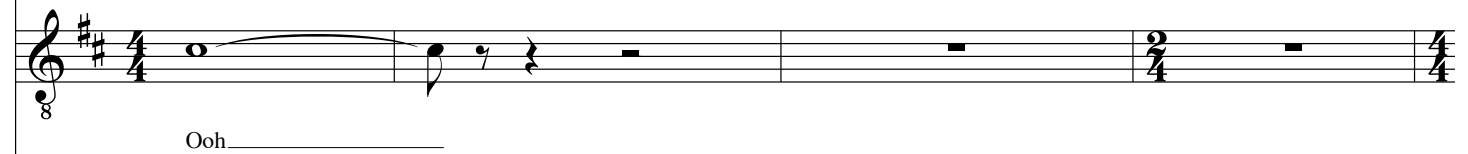
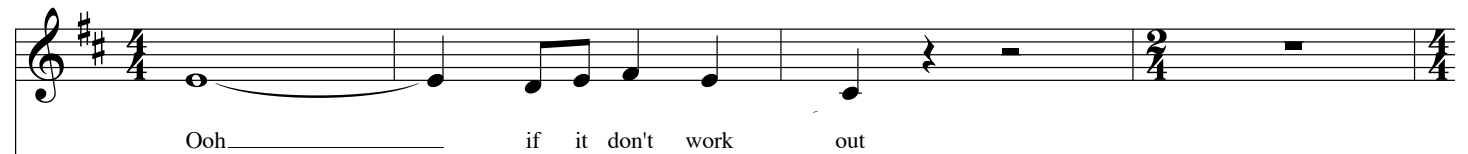
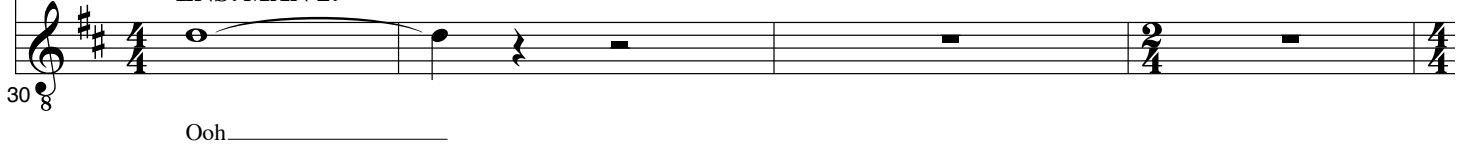
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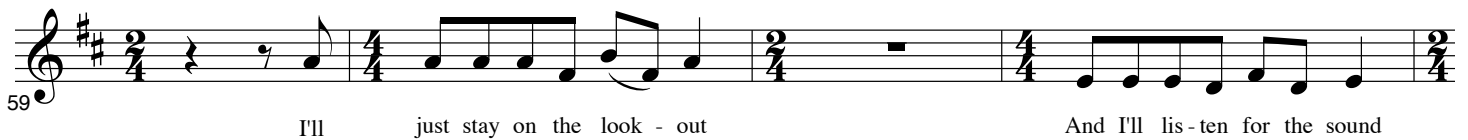
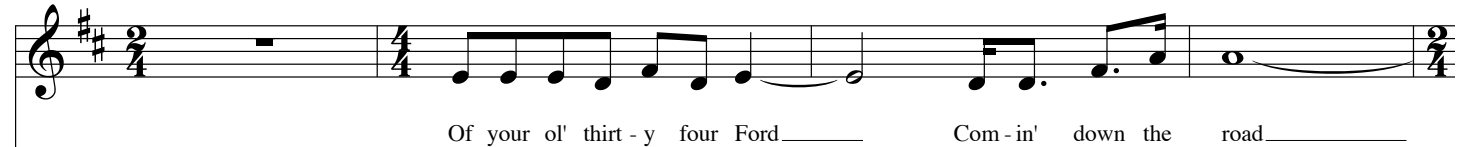
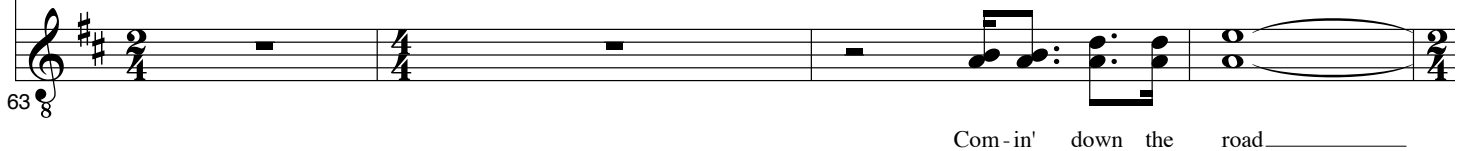
14 
When you get to Ashe - ville Write me if you will

18 

22 
Do you like your new job? Did you find a new love?

26

MARGO:**ENS. MAN 1:****ENS. MAN 2:****ENSEMBLE WOMEN:****ENSEMBLE MEN:**

**MARGO:****MARGO:****ENSEMBLE MEN 1 & 2:**

72 8

Ooh if it don't work out

Ooh if it don't work out

76 8

Ooh you can turn a - round And come on back to

Ooh you can turn a - round And come on back to

80 8

me Come on back to me You can come on home to

me Come on back to me

Interlude

84

me

MARGO:

89

When you get to Ashe - ville

Rit.

94

Write me if you will Let me know that you still think a-bout me

Segue as 1

[Segue from #8]

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$\text{♩} = 115$ **STANFORD:** "Come on, Zebulon. It's Couples' Day. Grab a partner."

1-4 5-12

STANFORD:

13-20 21-28 29-43 44

Here we go! Now

45 46 47 48

take your part - ner, slap the floor, and close the door.

STANFORD: "Ah, Couples' Day!"

49 50 51 52 53-60

Pass your girl and he - si - tate, round the cor-ner and cir - cu - late.

STANFORD: "Now run uptown."

61 62 63 64

Face your ho-ney, nose to nose, pass right through and stub your toes. While the

65 66 67 68

roos - ters crow and the bir - dies sing, now take your swee-tie and make a ring.

STANFORD: "Keep going, keep going."

69 70 71-72

2

Ev - 'ry o - ther wo-man, ev - 'ry o - ther man,

73 74 75 76

Bow to your girl, bow to your man. Now you're home, so thank the band!

[Applause Segue]

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-TACET-

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Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

JIMMY RAY: Why are you favoring her? You should be jealous.**ALICE:** Not me. I've got to believe in myself, don't I?**JIMMY RAY:** Are you playin' me like a fiddle, Alice Murphy?**ALICE:** I'm not playin'.**DADDY MURPHY:** Alice! Alice! Where is that girl?**MAMA MURPHY:** I think she went down by the river.**DADDY MURPHY:** She sure is down by the river a lot.

And she never takes her rod and reel.

MAMA MURPHY: I think she's landing a fish anyway.**DADDY MURPHY:** Alice! Alice!**ALICE:** Oh, that's Daddy. It's almost dark. I've got to get back.

(She starts to go. JIMMY RAY grabs her hand.)

[Segue from #9A]

Freely

7

Tempo ♩=64 4

1-7

ALICE:

I'll be in trou-ble if

JIMMY RAY:

13 8

What could be bet-ter than hold-ing you close to me like this

I stay out late a - gain.

JIMMY RAY:

18 8

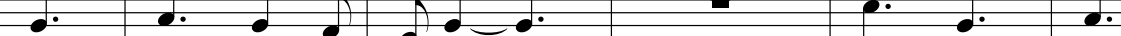
Ten more mi - nutes in my —

ALICE:



If you said this was heav-en_____ I would not dis - a -

JIMMY RAY:



If you said this was heav-en_____ I would not dis - a -

gree _____

gree _____

WOMEN:

What could be bet - ter than hold - ing you close to

MEN:

What could be bet - ter than hold - ing you close to

59 8

ALICE:

I dreamed of it ever - y day since I turned six - teen

WOMEN:

me like this

Ooh

MEN:

me like this Ooh _____

64 8

ALICE:

Light - nin' strike me if I'm ly - ing You're all

JIMMY RAY:

Light - nin' strike me if I'm ly - ing You're all

Ooh

Ooh

70 8

ALICE:

that I need Let me stay here for - ev - er

JIMMY RAY:

that I need Let me stay here for - ev - er

WOMEN:

Let me stay here for - ev - er

MEN:

Let me stay here for - ev - er

75 8

ALICE:
I don't want to go home _____

JIMMY RAY:
I don't want to go home _____

WOMEN:
I don't want to go home _____

MEN:
I don't want to go home _____

81 8

WOMEN:
What could be bet - ter than hold - ing you close to me like this

MEN:
What could be bet - ter than hold - ing you close to me like this

86 8

When there is mu - sic and danc - ing and stars up a - bove

90 8

When there is mu - sic and danc - ing and stars up a - bove

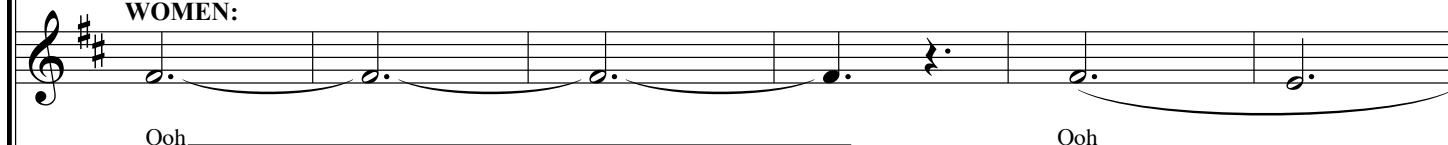
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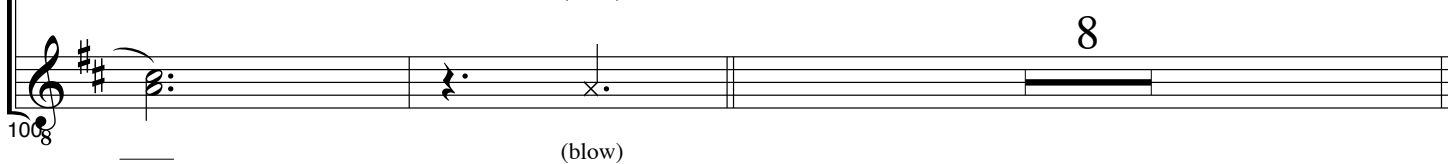
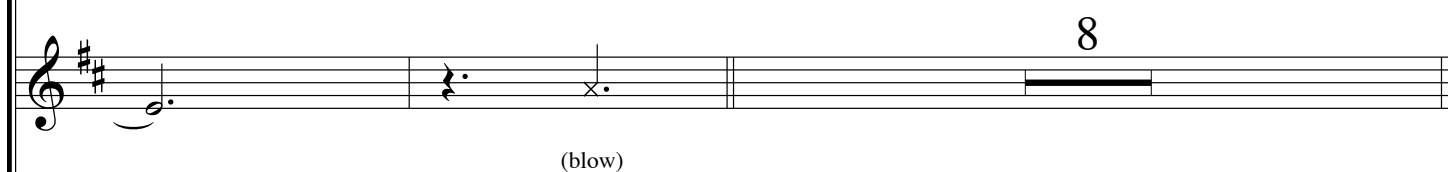
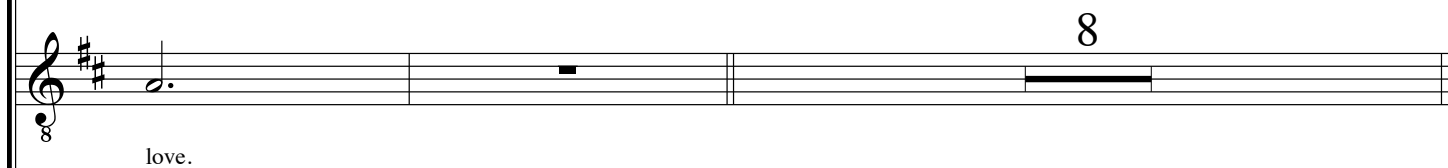
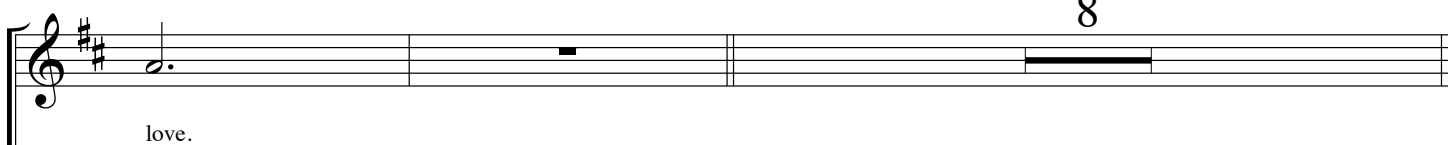
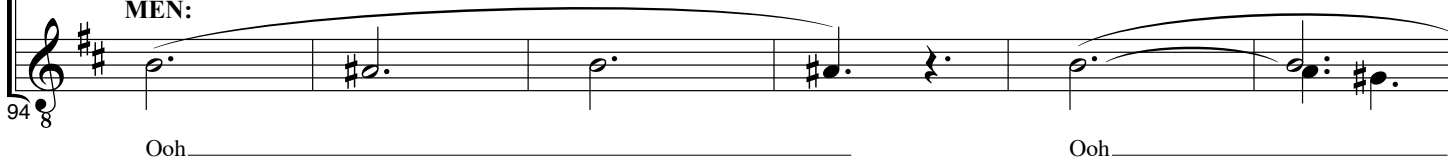
JIMMY RAY:



WOMEN:



MEN:



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JIMMY RAY: "Daddy, I'll handle this myself.
It's my right and my responsibility." **[GO]**

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4

1-4



WOMEN:

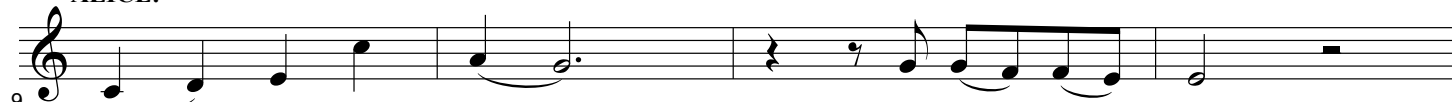
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Ooh _____

ALICE:

9



Oh _____ I can't wait _____ to see _____ your _____ face

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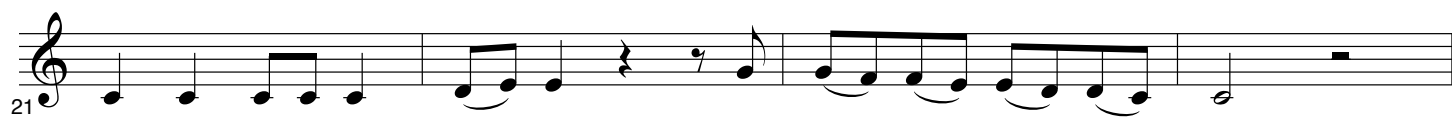
Oh _____ Oh _____ I _____ can't wait to see _____ your face.

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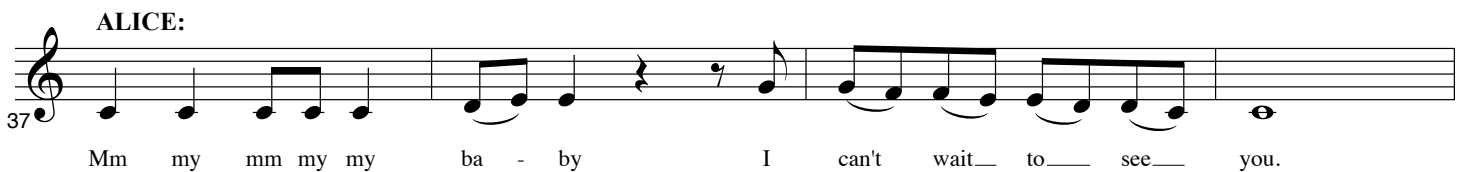
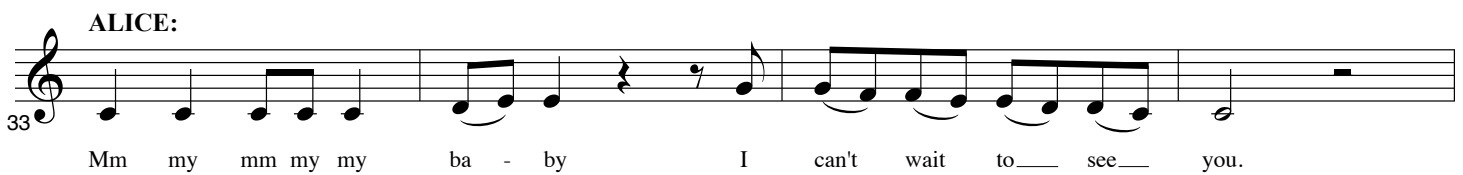
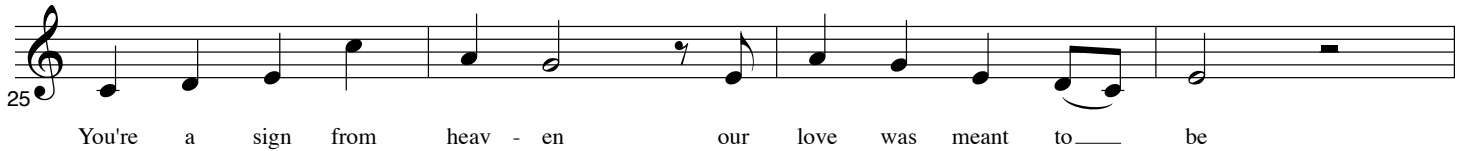


Mm my mm my my ba - by I can't wait to _____ see _____ you.

21



Mm my mm my my ba - by I can't wait to _____ see _____ you



DADDY MURPHY: "You brought sin into our blissful Eden."

MAYOR: "My son was weak before you."

STANFORD: "Have you ever stood up against society? Very few can withstand it."

DR. NORQUIST: "There are ways to undo these things."

ALICE: "Undo?"

DADDY MURPHY: "That's a crime upon a crime."

MAYOR: "This baby would destroy Jimmy Ray's career. I thought you loved my son."

ALICE: "I do!"

DR. NORQUIST: "North Carolina doesn't abide illicit couples."

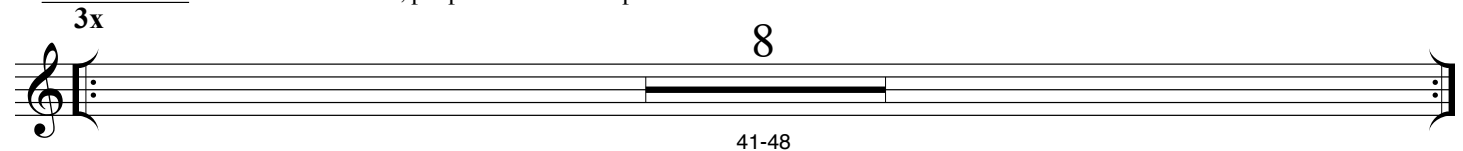
STANFORD: "You don't want to go to a home for wayward girls. They're like prisons."

DR. NORQUIST: "I know a place several hours out of town -- a cabin in the woods -- where you can could stay until you figure out what to do. I've done it for others."

DADDY MURPHY: "It sounds to me like you're being offered a sanctuary."

MAYOR: "Alice, Jimmy Ray will ask you to marry him. But you must say no. He is still a boy. Now if you wait just a year, he will be one of the leaders of Zebulon and eventually all of North Carolina."

STANFORD: "If this were known, people around these parts wouldn't do business with him."



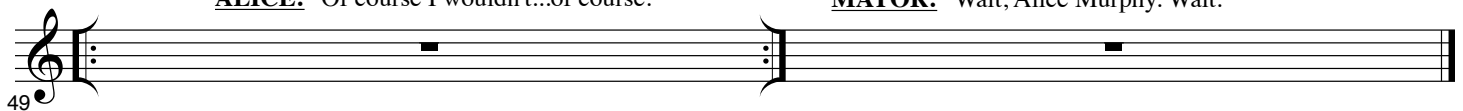
VAMP

MAYOR: "You wouldn't do that to Jimmy Ray."

ALICE: "Of course I wouldn't...of course."

DOCTOR: "Well, then you must wait."

MAYOR: "Wait, Alice Murphy. Wait."



Segue

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[Segue from #11]

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DADDY MURPHY: "Go to the cabin in the woods."

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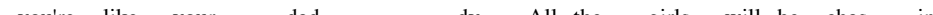
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ALICE:

5 I'm gon - na make you a sweat - er And dress you up so fine

9 And we'll al - ways be to - geth - er I'll keep your hand in mine

[illegible]

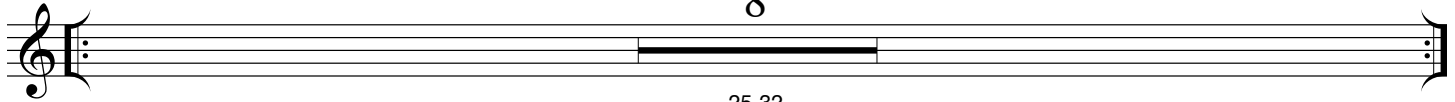
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ALICE & WOMEN:

21 Mm my mm my my ba - by I can't wait to see you

ALICE: "Oh, Jimmy Ray."**JIMMY RAY:** "Look at you. You look like you're standing in a moonbeam."**ALICE:** "That's the way I feel."**JIMMY RAY:** "I want to set things right. Marry me. Will you marry me, Alice Murphy?"**ALICE:** "Oh yes, Jimmy Ray. Yes, yes."**ALICE:** "But we can't right now. Not right away."**JIMMY RAY:** "What? Why?"**ALICE:** "We need some time. The people in this town, always looking at us sideways."

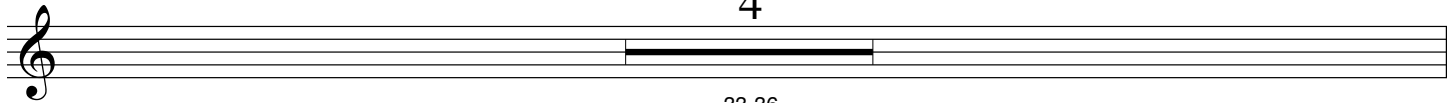
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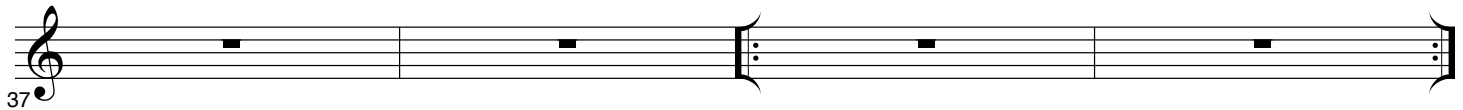
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JIMMY RAY: "I don't care about that..."**ALICE:** "And... so many reasons. Dr. Norquist offered a cabin. Just for a short while, where I won't be seen. It's the only thing that makes sense right..."

4



33-36

JIMMY RAY: "Why're you giving me trouble, Alice?"**ALICE:** "Don't you know I'm always going to give you trouble?" *[GO ON]***VAMP**

37

ALICE: "Oh!"**JIMMY RAY:** "What, Alice?"**ALICE:** "Oh, Jimmy Ray. It felt like a butterfly. Feel." *[GO ON]***Rit.****A Tempo**

41

JIMMY RAY:

43

I can't wait to meet you And shake your lit - tle hand



If you're like your ma - ma you'll make me a hap - py man

MEN:

47 8

hap - py man.

I'm gon-na make you a prom-ise To love you for all time

51 8

Make you a prom-ise

I'm gon-na make you a prom-ise To keep your hand in mine

55 8

Make you a prom-ise

WOMEN:

Mm my mm my my ba-by I can't wait to see you

59 8

Mm my mm my my ba-by I can't wait to see you

JIMMY RAY & MEN:

Mm my mm my my ba-by I can't wait to see you

59 8

Mm my mm my my ba-by I can't wait to see you

Molto Rit.

Mm my mm my my ba-by I can't wait to see you

63 8

Mm my mm my my ba-by I can't wait to see you

MISS MURPHY: "Well, let me put it this way:
no one has ever swayed Daryl." *[MUSIC]*

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Tempo di Bright Star

3

WOMEN:

Ah

MEN:

Bright star Keep shin - ing

BILLY:

Bright star Keep shin - ing

5-7

8

Ah

for me Shine on _____ and me through

see

11 for me Shine on _____ and see me through

Bright star keep shin - ing for me And one

Bright star keep shin - ing for me And one

16

And one

Rit.

Vocal score for measures 21-25. The music is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo marking "Rit." is above the first staff. The lyrics are: "day I'll shine for you". The melody is a half note "day", followed by a quarter note "I'll", an eighth note "shine", and a quarter note "for you". The accompaniment consists of a sustained chord of F# and C# in the right hand and a sustained bass note of F# in the left hand. The measure numbers 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 are indicated at the beginning of each staff.

Piano accompaniment for measures 26-39. The music is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo marking "Rit." is above the first staff. The lyrics are: "day I'll shine for you". The melody is a half note "day", followed by a quarter note "I'll", an eighth note "shine", and a quarter note "for you". The accompaniment consists of a sustained chord of F# and C# in the right hand and a sustained bass note of F# in the left hand. The measure numbers 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 are indicated at the beginning of each staff.

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MAYOR: "You are not of age, and only your father has to give consent. While the true father in this situation is decidedly unclear."

MAMA MURPHY: "You watch the way you talk about our daughter."

ALICE: "Nobody is taking my baby!"

MAYOR: "You've got to be reasonable."

MAYOR:

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1-6

Don't de - ny him A bet - ter way of life when

9

He can grow up with pride. _____ Folks will laugh and Talk be-hind his back if

ALICE:

13

You bring home a bas - tard child _____ You can't take him

17

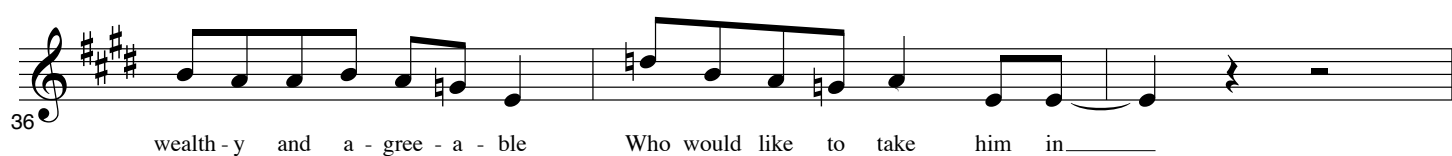
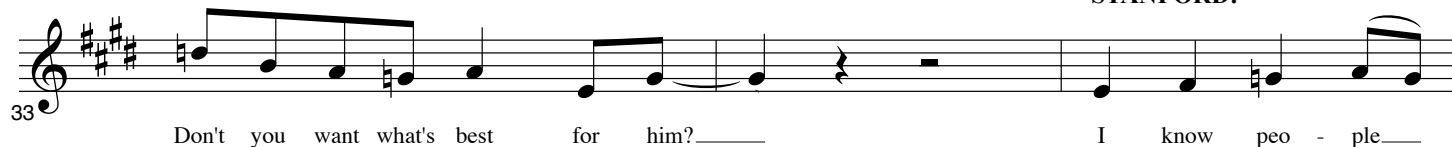
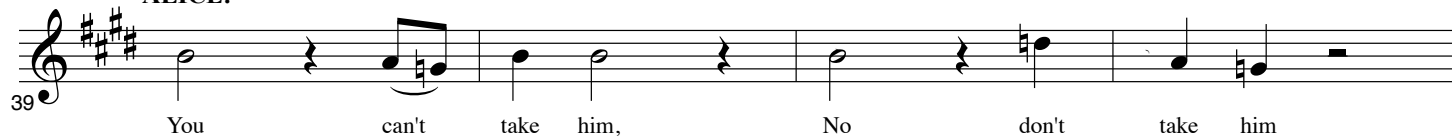
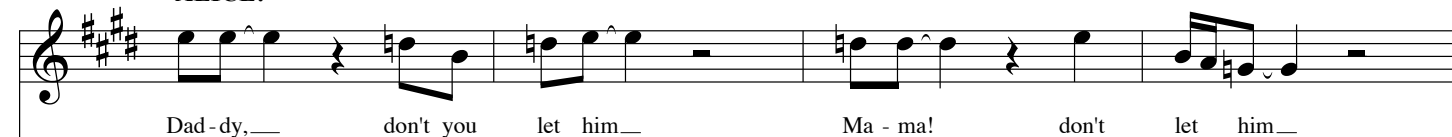
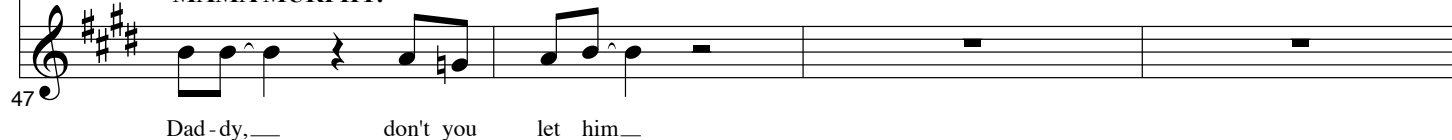
He's my ba - by. You can't take my ba - by boy

21

Dad - dy! _____ Don't you let him!

25

Ma - ma! _____ Don't let him! _____ You can't take my ba - by boy

MAYOR:**STANFORD:****ALICE:****ALICE:****ALICE:****MAMA MURPHY:**

You can't take my ba - by boy

51 Please, no

MAYOR: "I will take the baby myself to the state agency in Raleigh."
STANFORD: "They've already been contacted."
MAMA MURPHY: "You can't!"

DADDY MURPHY: "I will sign it."
MAMA: "No, you're not!"

DADDY MURPHY: "I have to do what I think is right for our daughter!"
ALICE: "No, Daddy! No!" *[GO ON]*

4 Vamp

55-58

DADDY MURPHY:

61 Don't be self-ish Let him go and help him Leave be-hind a world of shame

64 If he's rid-i-culed and they make fun of him at school You'd

ALICE:

67 on-ly have your-self to blame Please, don't

take him No, don't take him You can't

MAMA MURPHY:

70 He's our grand-son. He's our on-ly one.

74

take my ba - by boy →

ENSEMBLE:

No. No

78

No No No No

(MEN)
(WOMEN)

82

No No Ooh

ENSEMBLE:

Rit. MAYOR: Meno Mosso Rit. al fine

87

I'm do-ing you a fav - or You can thank me lat - er for

91

mak - ing your life ea - si - er

Segue as 1

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[Segue from #12]

Slow 12 Accel. 8

1-12

Accel. 7 MAYOR: Tempo di A Man's Gotta Do

21-27

Well a man's got - ta do what a

31 8

man's got - ta do when a man's got - ta do what he's

35 8

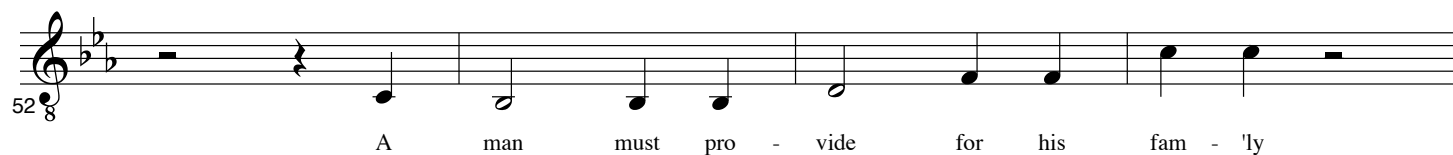
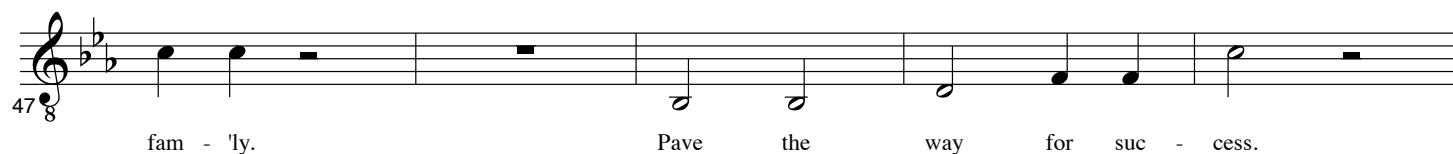
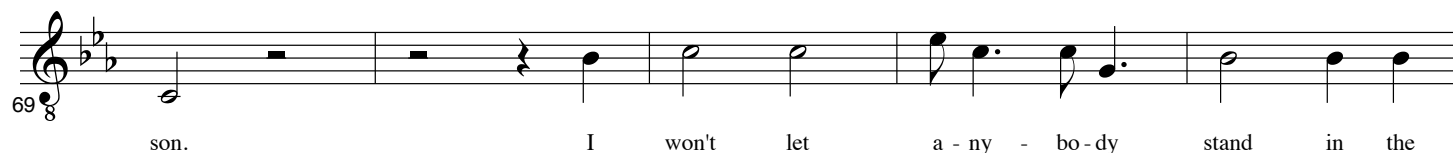
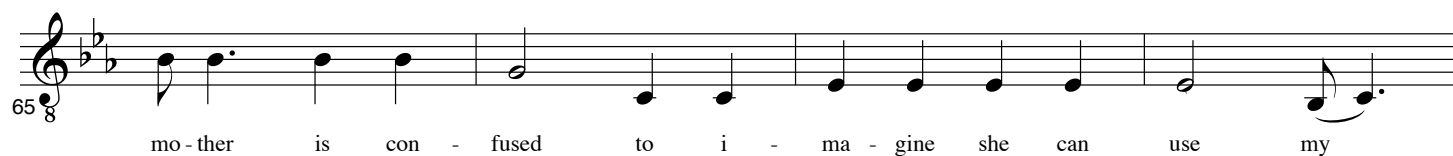
got to. A man can't be fooled, can't be

39 8

played, and can't be schooled. Can't be made to fol - low rules they say he

43 8

ought to. A man must pro - vide for his

**Accel.****MAYOR: Faster****Accel.**

A Little Faster

8
A man must en - gage his back - bone.

Ooh -

78 8
Ooh -

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the musical score for measures 78-82. It features three staves in G major (one sharp). The vocal line (top staff) begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) consists of sustained chords: G major (G2, B1, D2) for measures 78-79, and D major (D2, F#2, A2) for measures 80-82. The lyrics 'A man must en - gage his back - bone.' are aligned with the vocal line. The word 'Ooh' is written below the piano staves for measures 79 and 80.

8
Stand up straight and strong. A man must en -

Ooh strong. Ooh

83 8
Ooh strong. Ooh

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the musical score for measures 83-87. The vocal line (top staff) continues with a half note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a whole note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a melodic line in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand. The lyrics 'Stand up straight and strong. A man must en -' are aligned with the vocal line. The word 'Ooh' is written below the piano staves for measures 83, 85, and 87.

Accel.

8
gage his back - bone and right what has gone

Ooh -

88 8
Ooh -

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the musical score for measures 88-92. The vocal line (top staff) continues with a half note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a whole note C5, a half note D5, and a whole note E5. The piano accompaniment (middle and bottom staves) features a melodic line in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand. The lyrics 'gage his back - bone and right what has gone' are aligned with the vocal line. The word 'Ooh' is written below the piano staves for measures 88 and 90.

93  wrong. —

3  Faster still 7 

MAYOR: **MAYOR:**

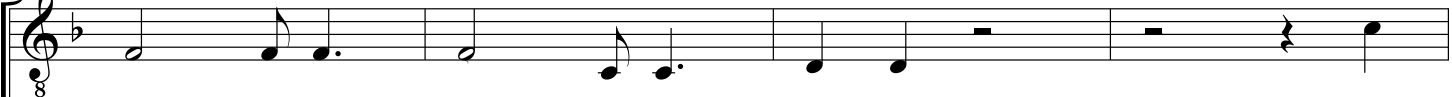
8  A man's got - ta do what a man's got - ta do When a

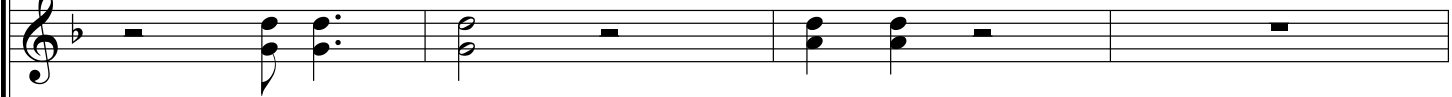
WOMEN:

 Got - ta do Got - ta do

MEN:

10  Got - ta do Got - ta do

8  man's got - ta do what he's got to I

 Got - ta do Got to!

10  Got - ta do Got to!

8
won't let an - y - bod - y stand in the way Of the
Got - ta do Got - ta do
11 8
Got - ta do Got - ta do

This system contains three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 8/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "won't let an - y - bod - y stand in the way Of the". The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, both starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics "Got - ta do" are written below the middle staff, and "Got - ta do" is written below the bottom staff. The bottom staff has a measure number of 11 and a time signature of 8.

(to the baby)
8
plans that I made Not e - ven you! A man must pro -
Got - ta do Ooh_____
11 8
Got - ta do Ooh_____

This system contains three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 8/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "plans that I made Not e - ven you! A man must pro -". Above the staff, there is a measure of a triplet of eighth notes, marked with a "3". The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, both starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics "Got - ta do" are written below the middle staff, and "Ooh_____" is written below the middle staff. The bottom staff has a measure number of 11 and a time signature of 8, with "Ooh_____" written below it.

8
tect his fam - ily Shield them from all
Ooh_____
12 8
Ooh_____

This system contains three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 8/8 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are "tect his fam - ily Shield them from all". The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, both starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics "Ooh_____" are written below the middle staff, and "Ooh_____" is written below the bottom staff. The bottom staff has a measure number of 12 and a time signature of 8.

8

pain A man must pro - tect his fam - ily

Ooh

12/8

Ooh

8

And pre - serve his good name!

Ooh

Name

13/8

Ooh

Name

8

13/8

Slow in 4 - celestial

(♩=♩)

Fast in 2 - driving

13

WOMEN:

Ahh

MEN:

Ahh

13

13

13

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8

ALICE:

1-8

Lone - ly, brok - en

12

feel - ing Lone - ly, to my soul

17

I had it all here in my arms. I knew the joy of true love.

21

I had it all, then it was gone. Now I am all a - lone.

25

So long, sweet em - bra - ces So

MAMA:

30

long, sum - mer time You got to fight! You got to say

I'm ne - ver gon - na stay down. You got the night. You got the day.

THREE WOMEN:

35 I'm ne - ver gon - na stay down.

ALICE: I got the old dark cloud. **MAMA:** The sun is gon - na shine a - gain The

THREE WOMEN:

39 The

sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na shine a - gain The

43 sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The

ALICE: sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ Long time, I've been

47 sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____

wait - ing A long time, long e - nough

52

MAMA:

You got the power, you got the faith. You got the strength to go on.

THREE WOMEN:

Ooh _____ You got the strength to go on.

57

You got the light. You got the way. We're nev - er all a - lone. The

Ooh light Ooh way We're nev - er all a - lone. The

61

sun is gon - na shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain ____ The

sun is gon - na shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain ____ The

65

sun is gon-na shine a - gain The sun is gon-na shine a - gain

69 sun is gon-na shine a - gain sun is gon-na shine a - gain

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music for measures 69 through 72. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "sun is gon-na shine a - gain The sun is gon-na shine a - gain". The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "sun is gon-na shine a - gain sun is gon-na shine a - gain". Both staves end with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

MAMA:
Some thing tells me it - 'll be all right! Some - thing

THREE WOMEN:
Some - thing

73

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music for measures 73 through 76. The top staff is labeled "MAMA:" and has lyrics: "Some thing tells me it - 'll be all right! Some - thing". The bottom staff is labeled "THREE WOMEN:" and has lyrics: "Some - thing". The bottom staff begins with a long horizontal line for measures 73-75, followed by a note in measure 76.

MAMA/ALICE:
tells me it's gon-na be o - kay Some thing tells me

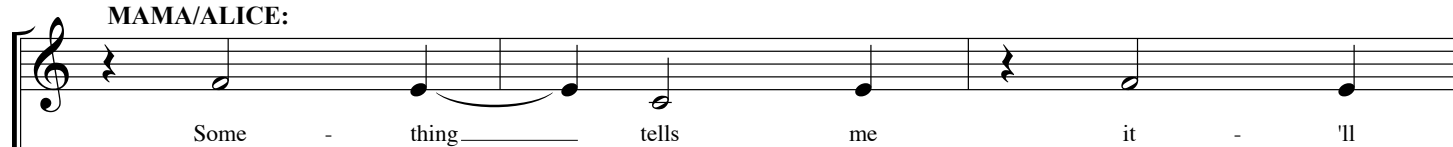
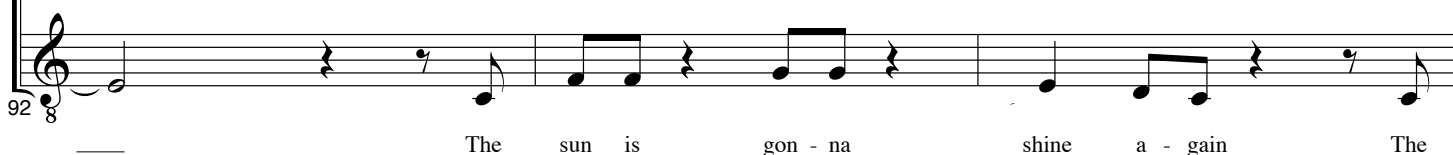
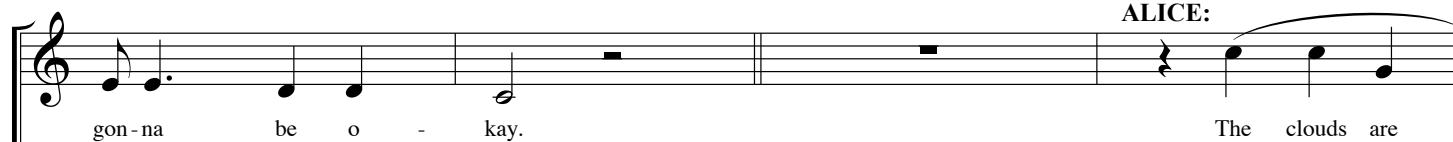
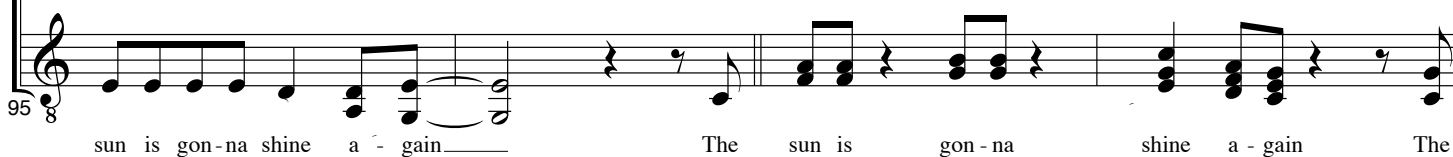
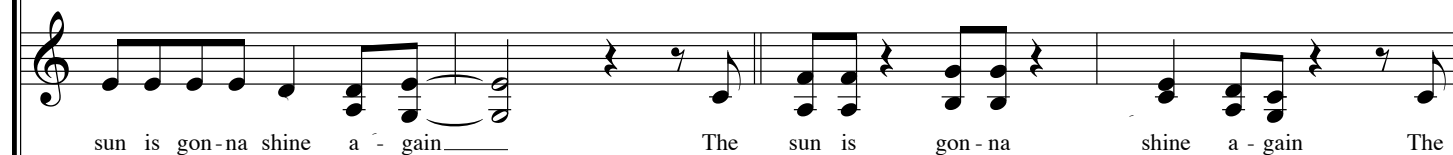
78 tells me it's gon-na be o - kay Ooh

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music for measures 78 through 82. The top staff is labeled "MAMA/ALICE:" and has lyrics: "tells me it's gon-na be o - kay Some thing tells me". The bottom staff has lyrics: "tells me it's gon-na be o - kay Ooh". The bottom staff ends with a long horizontal line.

it - 'll be all right! Some - thing tells me it's gon-na be o - kay

83 Ooh Oh Time to go

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music for measures 83 through 86. The top staff has lyrics: "it - 'll be all right! Some - thing tells me it's gon-na be o - kay". The bottom staff has lyrics: "Ooh Oh Time to go". The bottom staff ends with a long horizontal line.

MAMA/ALICE:**WOMEN:****MEN:****ALICE:****+MAMA:**

roll - in, roll - in on by. The clouds are

sun is gon-na shine a - gain_____ The sun is gon - na shine a - gain The

99 8 sun is gon-na shine a - gain_____ The sun is gon - na shine a - gain The

ALICE & MARGO:

roll - in on by. The clouds are

sun is gon-na shine a - gain_____ The sun is gon - na shine a - gain The

103 8 sun is gon-na shine a - gain_____ The sun is gon - na shine a - gain The

roll - in, roll - in on by.

sun is gon - na shine a - gain_____ The sun is gon - na

107 8 sun is gon - na shine a - gain_____ The sun is gon - na

The clouds are roll - in on by. The

ALL WOMEN:

shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na

ALL MEN:

shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na

110 8

shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na

114 8

shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na

118 8

shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na

122 8

shine a - gain The sun is gon - na shine a - gain _____ The sun is gon - na

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Rit.**ALICE:**

The sun is gon-na shine a - gain.

shine a - gain The sun is gon-na shine a - gain_____ Ooh ooh ooh

shine a - gain The sun is gon-na shine a - gain_____ Ooh ooh ooh

MAYOR: "...and the clatter of the tracks. I stepped out between the cars..."

JIMMY RAY: "No." [MUSIC]

MAYOR: "... and as we passed over the river I flung it high into the air."

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Lyrics by Edie Brickell

Orchestration by August Eriksmoen

Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

With intensity

JIMMY RAY:

JIMMY RAY:

2
1-2

I've heard of evil in the world

5 8

But you and I are flesh and blood He was just a ba - by — He was my son.

MAYOR: "I did it for you." (*JIMMY RAY points for the MAYOR to leave. The Mayor slowly exits.*)

for the MAYOR to leave. The Mayor slowly exits.)

8

10-17

JIMMY RAY:

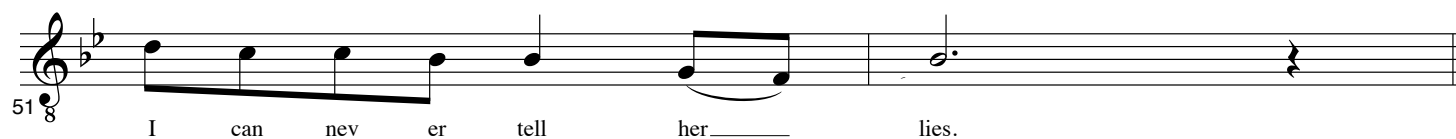
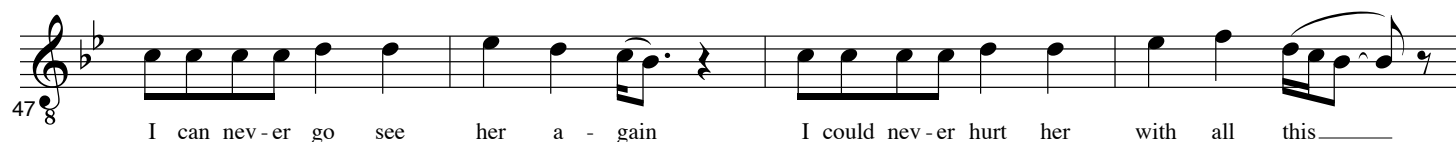
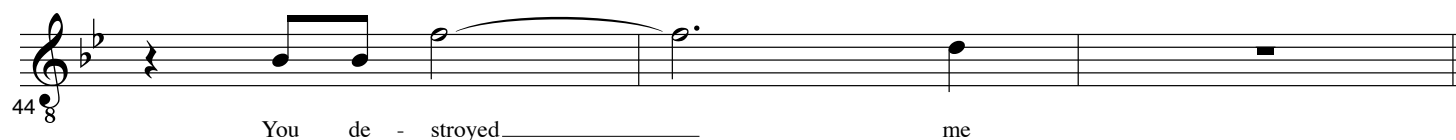
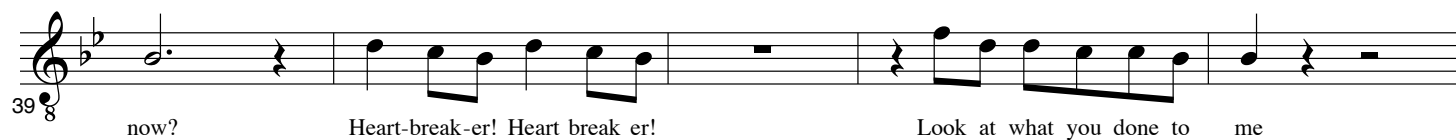
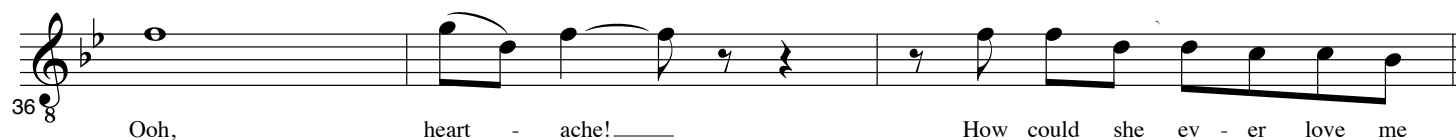
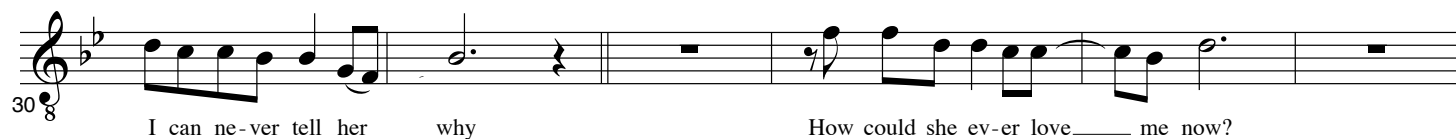
18
8

There goes our chance for hap - pi - ness. And all our hopes and

22 

26
8

I can ne-ver go see her a gain. Ne-ver look in - to her eyes a - gain._____



57 $\frac{8}{8}$ night. All I have to live _____ for _____

60 $\frac{8}{8}$ _____ has died _____ **Slower** I can nev-er go see her a - gain

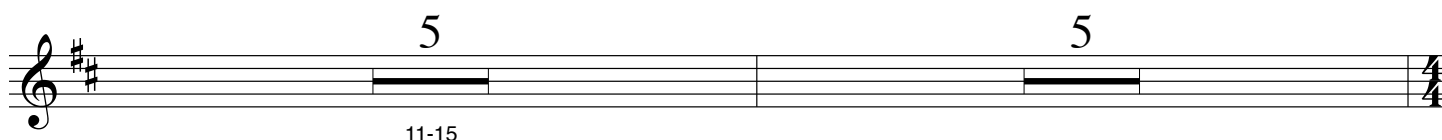
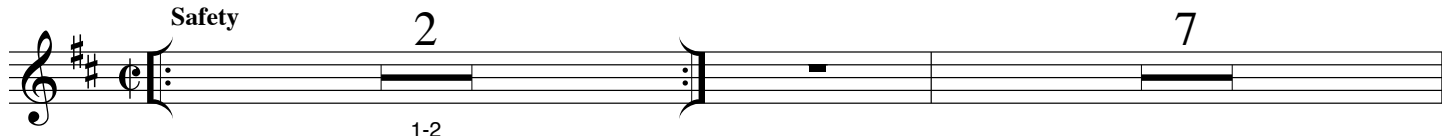
65 $\frac{8}{8}$ Nev-er hold her in my arms a - gain _____ **Molto rall.** I could nev-er break her heart. **Applause Segue**

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Orchestration by August Eriksmoen

[Segue from #16]

$\text{♩}=105$ (Swing 8ths)

Safety



DARYL: "I gave Miss Murphy one of my humor pieces."

LUCY: "Oh, great, Daryl! What did she say?"

DARYL: "She said she really liked it, and could I turn it into a humor piece. Well, look who walked in. Does he know this place sells intoxicating beverages?"

LUCY: "I say he's lonely. Let's find out. Well, boy meets girl. This calls for a sloe gin fizz."

BILLY CANE: "It does?"

LUCY: "It does."

BILLY: "I'll have one."

LUCY: "Have you had one before?"

BILLY: "I've seen photos."

LUCY: "So, you lonely since you've been here?"

BILLY: "Every evening I have a date... with my typewriter."

LUCY: "That's not company. This is what a real person feels like, in case you forgot."

BILLY: "That does feel real."

LUCY: "There's more where that came from."

DARYL: "Don't drink them both, Lucy."

LUCY: "Here you are. What do you think?"

BILLY: "It's sweet and tart at the same time."

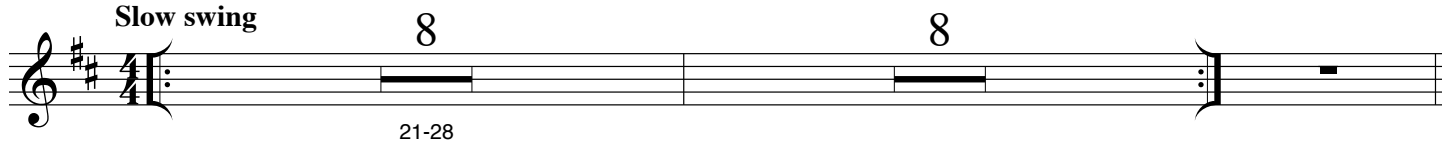
DARYL: "Just like Lucy."

LUCY: "It's called a sloe gin fizz, but you don't have to drink it slow."

BILLY: "You are a modern woman, Lucy."

LUCY: "A bit." [CUT TO FINAL BAR]

Slow swing



LUCY: "Because country girls flatten
out under the city lights. Another round!" [MUSIC]

BILLY: "Really?"

DARYL: "You heard the lady."

LUCY: "Lady? Please! Not on a Friday night." [GO ON]

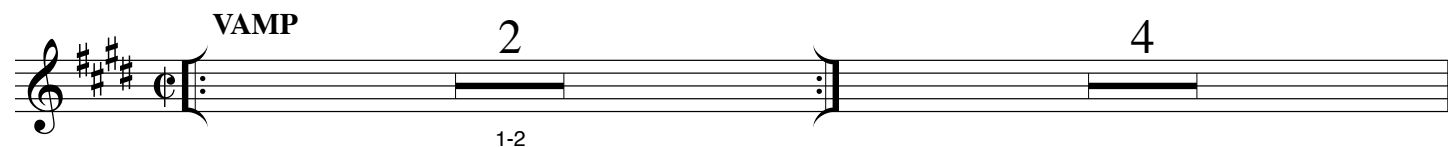
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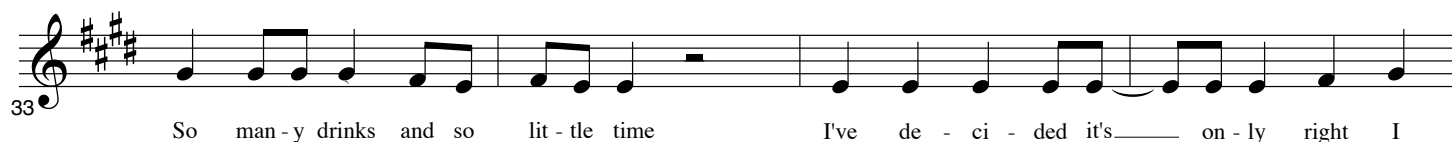
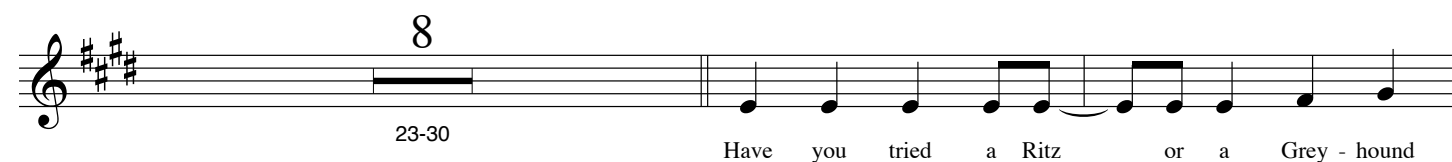
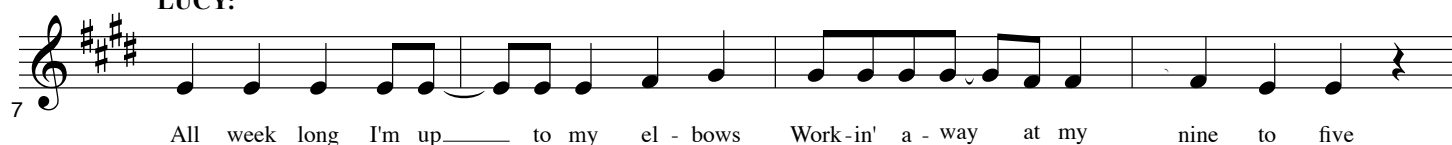
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Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

$\text{♩} = 105$ (Swing 8ths)



LUCY:



37 **LUCY:**

try them all and see what I like. Pour me an - oth - er round

41

Pour me an - oth - er round. Pour me an - oth - er round

46 **LUCY + ALL:**

Pour me an - oth - er round Pour

50

me an - oth - er round. Pour me an - oth - er round

54 **LUCY:**

Be - sides all that I like a lit - tle buzz in ad -

57

di - tion to that. I like a lit - tle high. I don't know a - ny - bo - dy who does - n't

61

like to feel good all of the time.

LUCY:

65

Pour me Pour me _____

ENSEMBLE:

Pour me an - oth - er round Pour me an - oth - er round

69

Pour me Pour me an - oth - er round _____ Pour

_____ Pour me an - oth - er round _____ Pour

74

me Pour me _____ Pour

me an - oth - er round Pour me an - oth - er round _____

(They drink.)

78

me

2 3

DARYL:

84

Musc - a - dine wine _____ make me feel so fine,

LUCY:

88

I like hard li - quor _____ it hits me quick - er _____

LUCY:

Musc - a - dine wine _____ make me feel so fine,

DARYL:

Musc - a - dine wine _____ make me feel so fine,

92

I like hard li - quor _____ it hits me quick - er _____

I like hard li - quor _____ it hits me quick - er _____

96

LUCY: "Come on, Hayes Creek!"

2 8

100-101

8 8

110-117

LUCY:

Musc - a - dine wine _____ make me feel so

DARYL:

Musc - a - dine wine _____ make me feel so

BILLY:

Musc - a - dine wine _____ make me feel so

126-132

fine, I like hard li - quor _____ it hits me quick - er _____

fine, I like hard li - quor _____ it hits me quick - er _____

136 fine, I like hard li - quor _____ it hits me quick - er _____

BILLY:

141 Shot of whis - key _____ got me fee - ling fris - ky.

DARYL:

145 How 'bout a rum and Co - ca Co - la® with the ex - tra ad - ded bo - nus of a

LUCY:

so - da with a lit - tle kick? How 'bout a rum and Co - ca Co - la® with the

DARYL:

How 'bout a rum and Co - ca Co - la® with the

BILLY:

148 How 'bout a rum and Co - ca Co - la® with the

ex - tra ad - ded bo - nus of a so - da with a lit - tle kick?

ex - tra ad - ded bo - nus of a so - da with a lit - tle kick?

151 ex - tra ad - ded bo - nus of a so - da with a lit - tle kick?

Four bar interlude

4

BILLY:

154-157 I was feel - ing lone - some and home - sick,

160 down, de - jec - ted and du - bi - ous. I've dis - co - vered what ____ does the trick. Bar -

GROUP 1:

ten - der, give me some more of this. Pour me an - oth - er round ____

GROUP 2:

Pour me ____ an - oth - er round

GROUP 3:

164 Pour me ____ an - oth - er round

Pour me an - oth - er round _____

Pour me an - oth - er _____

Pour me _____ an - oth - er round _____ An - oth - er round _____

Pour me _____ an - oth - er round An - oth - er round _____

_____ Pour me an - oth - er round _____

ALL: 8

_____ Pour me an - oth - er round _____ Pour

_____ Pour me an - oth - er round _____

me an - oth - er round Pour

me an - oth - er round _____

ALL: (shouted) 2

Pour me an - oth - er round! _____

Applause Segue

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-TACET-

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JIMMY RAY: "Alice, on the train to Raleigh, somewhere in the night, my father took our son and threw him off the train and into the river below." [GO]

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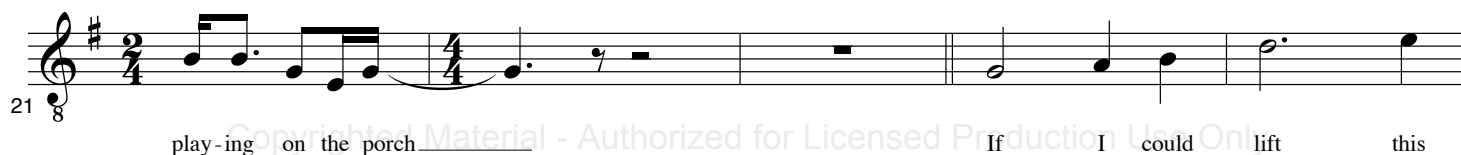
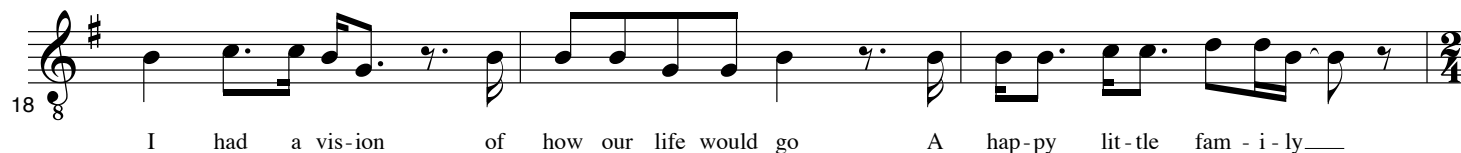
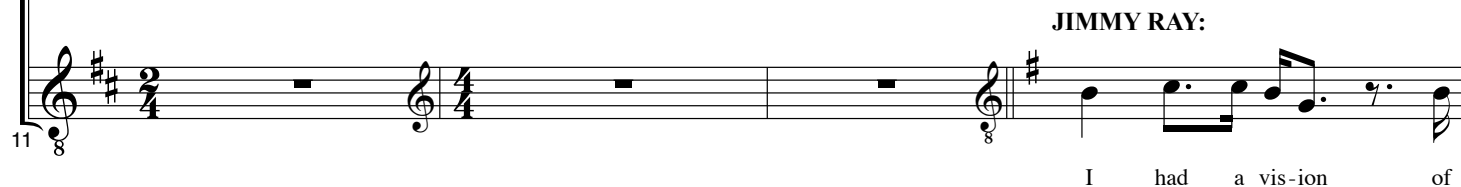
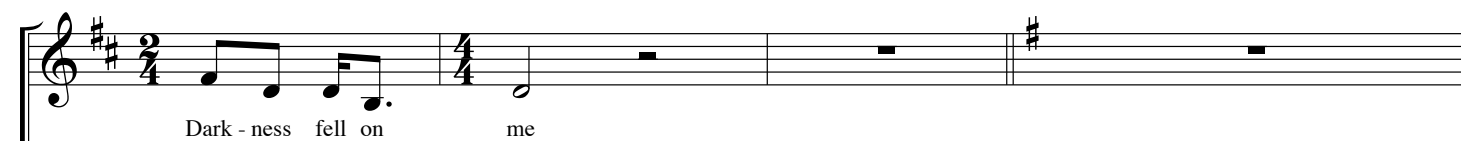
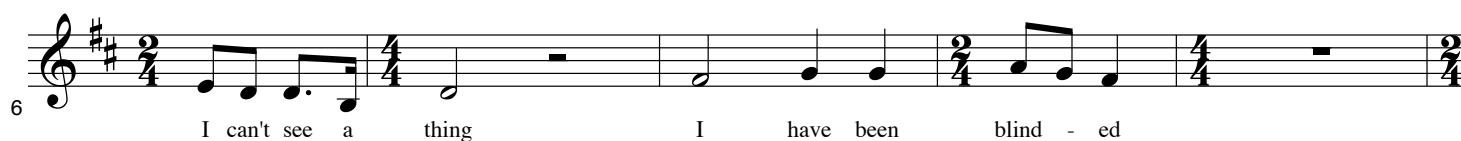
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Slow

ALICE:



26 8 veil of dark - ness If I could see my ____

ALICE:

30 8 way back to you ____ I have been blind - ed

JIMMY RAY:

35 8 All the lights went dim Blind - ed by some-one

ALICE:

40 8 I can't speak of him ____ I had a vis-ion of

JIMMY RAY:

JIMMY RAY:

44 8 how our life would be Full of love and laugh - ter and sweet har - mon-y ____

47 8

I had a vis-ion of how our life would go All of our kids sing-ing

I had a vis-ion of how our life would go All of our kids sing-ing while

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the vocal score, measures 47 through 49. It features two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is written on the top staff, and the piano accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: 'I had a vis-ion of how our life would go All of our kids sing-ing' for measure 47, and 'I had a vis-ion of how our life would go All of our kids sing-ing while' for measure 48. Measure 49 is a continuation of the piano part.

50 8

you played pian - o

If I could lift this

you played pian - o If I could lift this

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the vocal score, measures 50 through 53. The melody is on the top staff, and the piano accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: 'you played pian - o' for measure 50, and 'If I could lift this' for measure 51. Measure 52 is a continuation of the piano part, and measure 53 is a continuation of the melody.

54 8

veil of dark - ness If I could see my

veil of dark - ness If I could see my

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of the vocal score, measures 54 through 57. The melody is on the top staff, and the piano accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: 'veil of dark - ness If I could see my' for measure 54, and 'veil of dark - ness If I could see my' for measure 55. Measure 56 is a continuation of the piano part, and measure 57 is a continuation of the melody.

58 8

way back to you I had a vis-ion of how our life would be

way back to you I had a vis-ion of how our life would be

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth system of the vocal score, measures 58 through 61. The melody is on the top staff, and the piano accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are: 'way back to you I had a vis-ion of how our life would be' for measure 58, and 'way back to you I had a vis-ion of how our life would be' for measure 59. Measure 60 is a continuation of the piano part, and measure 61 is a continuation of the melody.

62 8

Ever - y - thing was beau - ti - ful,___ you were next to me___ I had a vis - ion of

Ever - y - thing was beau - ti - ful,___ you were next to me___ I had a vis - ion of

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 62 through 65. It features two staves, a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line, both in G major (one sharp). The vocal line has lyrics: "Ever - y - thing was beau - ti - ful,___ you were next to me___ I had a vis - ion of". The piano line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. Measure 62 starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The tempo is marked as 8. The lyrics are split across the measures, with some words spanning bar lines.

Rit. **Molto Rall.**

65 8

how our life would go Ever - y thing was won - der - ful___ and I loved you so

how our life would go Ever - y thing was won - der - ful___ and I loved you so

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 65 through 68. It features two staves, a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line, both in G major. The tempo markings "Rit." and "Molto Rall." are placed above the staves. The vocal line has lyrics: "how our life would go Ever - y thing was won - der - ful___ and I loved you so". The piano line provides harmonic support. Measure 65 starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are split across the measures, with some words spanning bar lines.

Applause Segue

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-TACET-

MARGO: "There's an us?"**BILLY:** "There is if you want there to be."**MARGO:** "I don't know. I've just never thought of you that way." [MUSIC]

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Lyrics by Edie Brickell

Orchestration by August Eriksmoen

Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

$\text{♩} = 185$

9

BILLY:

8 1-9

We're s'posed to be to - geth - er I

13 8

know I feel it way down deep in my soul

19 8

We're nev - er meant to be a - part I keep you here

24 8

— in - side of my — heart I al - ways have

30 8

al - ways will Al - ways al - ways al - ways will

MARGO:

I al - ways have al - ways will Al - ways

BILLY:

36 8

I al - ways have al - ways will Al - ways

have always will Always always always

have always will Always always always

will I al - ways have al - ways will

Al - ways al - ways al - ways will

BILLY: "Margo, I have a confession to make.

While I was in Asheville I kissed a girl."

MARGO: "Oh? What was it like?"

BILLY CANE: "Have you ever kissed a chicken?"

MARGO: (*embarrassed, giggles*) "Yes!"

(*BILLY walks over and kisses her.*)

BILLY CANE: How long's it been since I kissed you?

MARGO: "Twelve years. And that was on a dare. You ran like a rabbit."

BILLY CANE: "Believe it or not, I'm shakin' now like I was that day."

18 8

83-100

8 VAMP

109-116

MARGO:

We're nev - er meant to be a - part I love you now I

BILLY:

We're nev - er meant to be a - part I love you now I

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Poco Rall.**A Little Slower**

have from the start I al - ways

12 8

have from the start I al - ways

Rit.

have al - ways will Al - ways al - ways al - ways

13 8

have al - ways will Al - ways al - ways al - ways

ENSEMBLE WOMEN:

will They al - ways have al - ways will

ENSEMBLE MEN:

will They al - ways have al - ways will

13 8

Rit.

Al - ways al - ways al - ways will

14 8

Al - ways al - ways al - ways will

Applause Segue

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-TACET-

*Music by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell**Lyrics by Edie Brickell**Orchestration by August Eriksmoen**Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman***DADDY:** "That's what I wished for him all along."**ALICE:** "Maybe your wishes made it so." **[GO]****Somewhat free**

3

MAMA MURPHY:**Tempo**

1-3

The sun is gon - na

Rit.

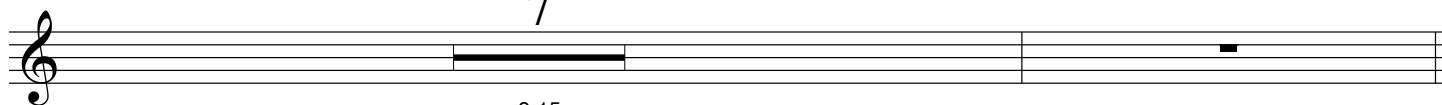
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shine a - gain

The sun is gon - na shine a - gain

A Tempo

7

Rit.

9-15

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DADDY CANE: "Bangs and bruises. You're
in a heap o' trouble little... fella..." **[GO]**

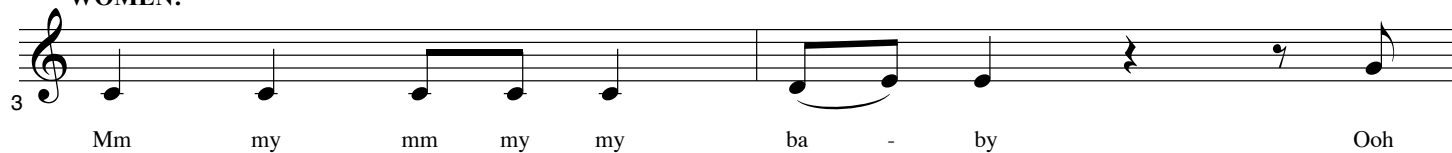
Gently - slower than in Act One

2

1-2

"...Come on. We got to get you fixed up. If you came from the sky, it's the Lord's will that we raise you..."

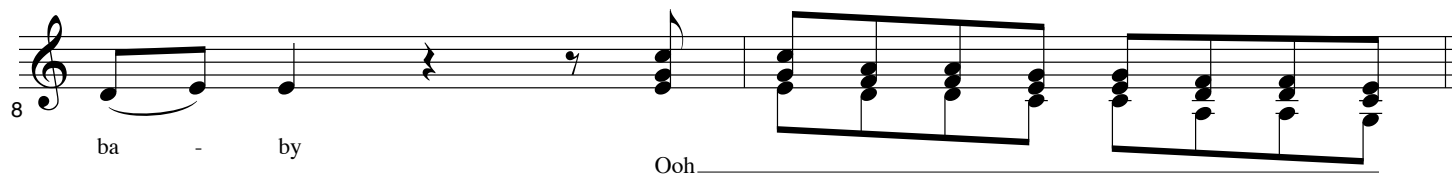
WOMEN:



"...if you came from that train, then somebody didn't want you."



Rit.



ATTACCA

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Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

[Attacca from #21]

♩=109

WOMEN:

ALICE:

1 Ooh. So fam-il - iar I could feel ya When you

5 came through the door So pe-cu - liar Like I knew ya

9 Some - where be - fore You're my — ba - by

13 How — can this be? — You're my sweet ba - by —

Come back to me — So fa - mil - iar I could

17 So fam-il - iar

feel ya Here in my heart So pe-cul -

20 I could feel — ya

- iar Like I knew ya Right from the start

23 So pe-cul - iar Like I knew ya

BILLY CANE: "I'm sorry Miss Murphy...
but my mother is buried just beyond this cabin."
(*BILLY exits.*)

DADDY CANE: "Billy! Billy!"
(*DADDY CANE chases after him.*)

3

27-29

With movement ♩=68

WOMEN:

Ooh Love is

30 8 Ooh Love is

Rit.

Slower

com - ing home

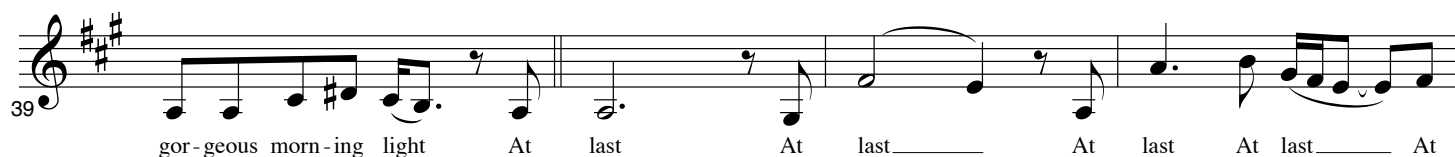
33 8 com - ing home

ALICE:



poco rall.

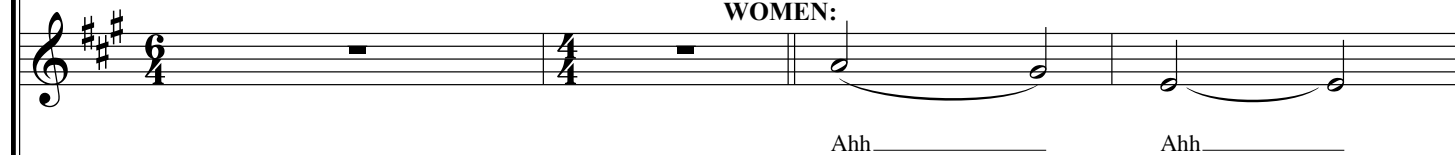
a tempo



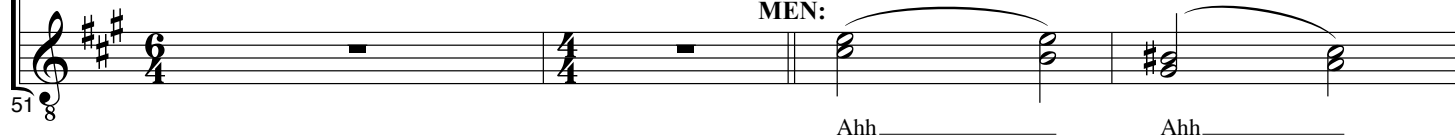
ALICE:



WOMEN:



MEN:



Some-thing al-ways told me — To hold on for this — Hold — on.

Ahh — Hold — on —

Ahh — Hold — on —

55 8

poco rit. a tempo

Love — is — com-ing home — At last At last — At

Love — Ooh — Ahh — Ahh —

Love — Ooh — Ahh — Ahh —

59 8

last At last — At long last A bless-ing un - e-quiv-o - cal Tru-ly it's a mir-a-cle —

At last at long last Ooh — Ooh — mir-a-cle —

At last at long last Ooh — Ooh — mir-a-cle —

63 8

67 8

Faith re-stored and hope se-cured at last. Hal - le lu - jah

Ooh Ah Hal - le - lu Hal - le -

Ooh Ah Hal - le - lu Hal - le -

Detailed description: This system contains measures 67, 68, and 69. The music is in 6/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). Measure 67 features a vocal line with the lyrics 'Faith re-stored and hope se-cured' and a piano accompaniment. Measures 68 and 69 continue the vocal line with 'at last. Hal - le lu - jah' and include 'Ooh' and 'Ah' vocalizations. The piano accompaniment features sustained chords and moving lines.

70 8

Hal - le - lu - jah! It's the day I've wait-ed for It's the day I've wait-ed for

lu - jah Ooh Ooh

lu - jah Ooh Ooh

Detailed description: This system contains measures 70, 71, and 72. The vocal line in measure 70 has the lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah! It's the day I've wait-ed for'. Measures 71 and 72 repeat the phrase 'It's the day I've wait-ed for'. The piano accompaniment includes sustained chords and moving lines. 'Ooh' vocalizations are present in measures 71 and 72.

73 8

It's the day I've wait-ed for At last

Ooh Ahh Ah Ah Ah

Ooh Ahh Ah Ah Ah

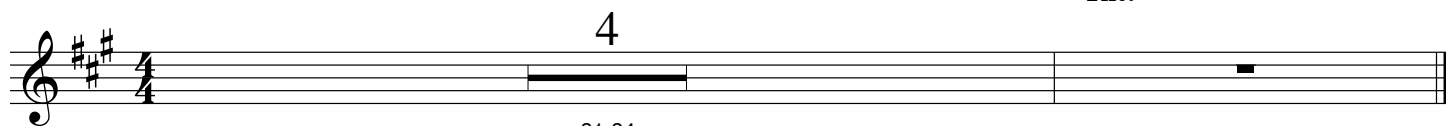
Detailed description: This system contains measures 73, 74, and 75. The vocal line in measure 73 has the lyrics 'It's the day I've wait-ed for'. Measure 74 has the lyrics 'At last'. Measure 75 is a final measure with a key signature change to two sharps (F#, C#). The piano accompaniment includes sustained chords and moving lines. 'Ooh' and 'Ahh' vocalizations are present in measures 74 and 75.

ENSEMBLE WOMEN:

Love_____ is___ com - ing home___

ENSEMBLE MEN:

Love_____ is___ com - ing home___

Rit.

81-84

DARYL: "Now that's the Miss
Murphy we know and love." [GO]

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Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

$\text{♩} = 92$

JIMMY RAY:

JIMMY RAY/ALICE:

1 I have a vis-ion of how our life will be Roll-ing like a riv-er,

BILLY/MARGO:

5 peace-ful, wild and free I have a vis-ion of how our life will go

8 all of our kids sing-ing while you play pian-o

DARYL: "And Lucy and I are getting married. ... We're not, but wouldn't that have been great?"

2

ALL:

11-12 Love let me lift this

15 veil of dark-ness Love let me see my way back to you

WOMEN:

MEN:

20 I have a vi-sion of how our life will be

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23

Ev - 'ry - thing is beau - ti - ful ___ You are next to me I have a vi - sion Of

Ev - 'ry - thing is beau - ti - ful ___ You are next to me I have a vi - sion of

26

how are life will go Ev - 'ry - thing is won - der - ful ___ And I love you so

how our life will go Ev - 'ry - thing is won - der - ful ___ And I love you so

PRINCIPALS:

Love let me lift this veil ___ of dark ___ ness

ENSEMBLE WOMEN:

Love let me lift this veil ___ of dark ___ ness

ENSEMBLE MEN:

30 Love let me lift ___ this veil ___ of dark - ness ___

Love let me see my way back to you my

Love let me see my way back to you my

Love let me see my way back to you my

way

ALL WOMEN:

way back to you.

ALL MEN:

way back to you.

Applause Segue

Music by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell

Lyrics by Edie Brickell

Orchestration by August Eriksmoen

Vocal Arrangement by Rob Berman

[Segue from #23]

"If You Knew My Story"

4 16 16

1-4

8 14 2

37-44

Rall.

5 2

61-65

8 3

68-75

COMPANY:

You

"Bright Star"

80

nev - er know what life will bring. on - ly what you

85

bring to _____ life. Hopes and dreams and

90

fine i - mag - i - nings They hap - pen in ththeir own good

GROUP 1:

94

time. Bright____ Star Bright____ day Bright____

GROUP 2:

Bright Star Keep shin - ing

98

lights Bright____ way Bright____ heart bright things That____

for me Shine on_____ and see me

102

I will say Bright____ Star bright____ day Carr - y

through Bright Star keep shin - ing

me far a - way I'm _____ gone I'm on my _____ way.

106 for me And one day _____ I'll shine for you

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'me far a - way I'm _____ gone I'm on my _____ way.' The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics 'for me And one day _____ I'll shine for you'. Measure 106 is marked at the beginning of the bottom staff.

And one day _____ I'll shine _____ for

111 And one day _____ I'll shine _____ for

WOMEN:

MEN:

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'And one day _____ I'll shine _____ for'. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics 'And one day _____ I'll shine _____ for'. Measure 111 is marked at the beginning of the bottom staff. The section is labeled 'WOMEN:' and 'MEN:' on the right side.

you

116 you

Applause Segue

Detailed description: This block contains two staves of music. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'you'. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics 'you'. Measure 116 is marked at the beginning of the bottom staff. The section ends with 'Applause Segue'.

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