

Characters

Lydia Deetz

Whip-smart, grieving fifteen- year-old whose dark sense of humor helps her cope with the loss of her mother, Emily. Lydia is unfazed by Beetlejuice's antics and easily holds her own against both him and all things Netherworld.

Charles Deetz

Lydia's father. He wants to help her get over the loss of her mother, although the ways he tries to "help" aren't really what Lydia needs. Charles is under a lot of pressure between his concerns over Lydia, his secret relationship with Delia, his professional life, and his own grief (which he tries to ignore).

Beetlejuice

The dead guy of the hour! This titular character is zany, spooky, and absolutely hilarious. Though Beetlejuice exists in a morally gray area, he's more of a trickster than a malevolent threat. He's happy to align his interests with others, but ultimately, he's looking out for himself.

Adam Maitland

Devoted husband of Barbara, just can't catch a break. While life's stresses were getting to him – renovation of the house, financial difficulties, and the decision about having a child – he certainly wasn't ready for death.

Barbara Maitland

Barbara's stresses align with her husband's, in life and death, although Barbara is a bit more adventurous than Adam. She is very kind but also strong-willed and a quick thinker. Barbara immediately bonds with Lydia.

Delia Schlimmer

Hopelessly (sometimes maniacally) optimistic. She believes fully in her guru, Otho, and considers herself a life coach, though underneath her façade she's quite fragile and desperately wants to fit in with the Deetzes. Delia loves Charles and genuinely cares about Lydia's well-being, even if her attempts to connect are somewhat misguided.

Maxie Dean The business tycoon whom Charles hopes to impress.

Sky a young girl scout selling cookies.

Miss Argentina Former beauty queen, greets the recently dead in the Netherworld. She leads "What I Know Now".

Maxine Dean Maxie's fourth (or fifth) wife.

Otho Delia's guru and occasional exorsist.

Juno Beetlejuice's mother, runs the recently dead intake with an iron fist. She has "a voice like road tar" and no sympathy for anyone.

Ensemble Roles:

Includes the Priest, The Recently Deceased (Parachute Jumper, Death by Toaster, Dead Cheerleader, Death by Fireworks, Cigar Mobster, Dead Jockey, Machete Groom, Dead Drill Team, and Hunter with a Shrunken Head), Mourners, Movers (Mover #1, Mover #2), Lawyers, Girl Scouts, Caiter-Waiter, Beetlejuice Clones (Clone #1, Clone #2), Cheerleaders, Studio Audience, Sandworm

Audition Monologues

Pick one of these monologues for your audition. If there is not a monologue for your top character, pick your favorite one to perform.

LYDIA:

People tell me that grief fades, that one day I'll wake up and feel... normal. But what if I don't want normal? What if normal means forgetting? (Pauses, holding up the photo.) She was my mother. She was my best friend. And now—she's just gone. And Dad... Dad acts like if we just change everything, paint over the past, pretend we're a happy little family again, it'll all be fine. But I don't want fine. I want her. (Beat.) No one gets it. No one even tries. But maybe... maybe the dead do. Maybe they know what it's like to be stuck in between, lost in the silence. (Looks up, determined.) If they can hear me, I want to listen.

CHARLES:

Lydia, I know you think I don't understand. That I don't miss her, that I'm just trying to move on. But that's not true. (Sighs, shaking his head.) Losing your mom... it broke me too. I just—I don't know how to fix things. You think I have all the answers, but I don't. So, I try to keep things together, keep the business running, keep you from drowning in all this sadness. I thought maybe if we had a fresh start, a new home, a new... everything, you'd start to heal. But I can see now—you don't need a fresh start. You just need to feel like she's still with you. And maybe I do too.

BEETLEJUICE:

Well, well, well! If it isn't my new favorite sad little human! (Mock sympathy.) Boo-hoo, life's unfair, people don't understand you, blah blah blah! Kid, let me tell ya, the living have no idea how good they have it! You think your life is bad? Try being stuck in the Netherworld for centuries with nothing but screaming souls for company! (Shudders.) But hey, I get it. You don't belong with them. You belong with me. And lucky for you, I've got a killer idea. Just say my name three times, and boom! We scare your problems away, have a little fun, maybe unleash some chaos... What do ya say, partner? Life's overrated anyway!

ADAM:

Okay, okay, so we're dead. I'm still processing that. But get this—there's a handbook! A handbook for being dead! Why didn't they just give us a pamphlet at the pearly gates? "Welcome to the afterlife, here's your rulebook, good luck!" (Flips pages.) I mean, listen to this: "Haunting Basics, Chapter Three: How to Properly Rattle Chains." We don't even have chains, Barbara! What are we supposed to do? Ooooh, float menacingly? Yeah, that'll keep the new owners out. (Slams the book shut, sighs.) I just wanted to fix up the house, maybe start a family... and now we can't even leave it? This is the worst DIY project ever.

BARBARA:

Okay, okay, let's not panic. I mean, sure, we're dead. And yes, we might be stuck here forever. But... silver lining? We don't have to do taxes anymore. (Weak laugh, then groans.) Oh, Adam, this is bad. I mean, what if someone else moves in? I love this house. I picked the wallpaper! (Beat, then suddenly determined.) No. No way. If we're ghosts now, we have ghostly responsibilities. This is our home, and we are not letting some strangers waltz in and redecorate! (Pauses, then softer.) But... what if we're bad at haunting? What if we just end up being polite, quiet ghosts who just... stand awkwardly in the corner? I don't think I was cut out for the afterlife.

DELIA:

Lydia, darling, energy is everything. If you just open your chakras, cleanse your aura, and let the universe flow through you, you'll see what I mean! (Beat.) Okay, okay, you're giving me that look. Fine. You win, I'll drop the spiritual babble. (Sits, suddenly more vulnerable.) Look, I know I'm not your mother. And I know I'm not who you want me to be. But I'm trying, Lydia. I really am. Do you think it's easy, falling in love with someone who's lost so much? I see how much Charles worries about you. And I worry too. Not because I have to, but because... I care. I really do. You don't have to like me, but at least believe that.

Song Lyrics

Pick one of these two songs for your audition.

Practice tracks are available on our website:

brightstarsimi.com. You will not sing the entire song,

just a small section as outlined below. If there is not a

song for your top choice, pick your favorite song.

Important! You will sing all parts of the song for your

audition.

Audition Central: Beetlejuice JR.

Score: Lydia Deetz

(<u>#13 – DEAD MOM</u> *begins*.)

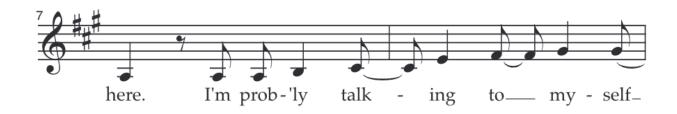
DEAD MOM

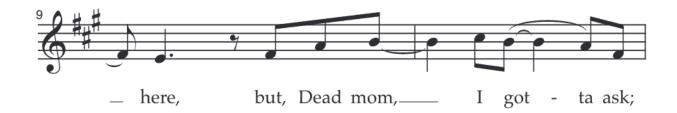
(LYDIA:) (*looking around at the new house*) I'm alone. I am... utterly alone. Except for you, Dead Mom.



(As she sings, LYDIA unpacks an old Victrola from a box.)













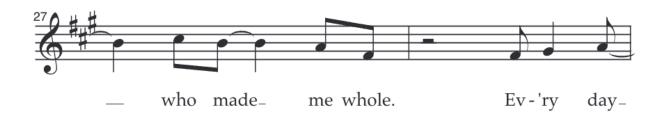
(She pulls a camera out of the box and crosses over to the weird sculpture.)
(LYDIA:) This is the oldest house I've ever seen. (snaps a photo – Flash!) You would have loved it... Dead Mom.

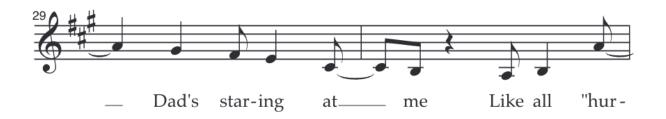










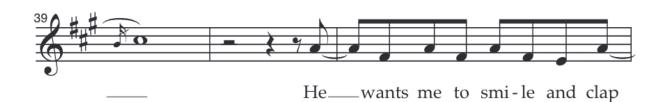


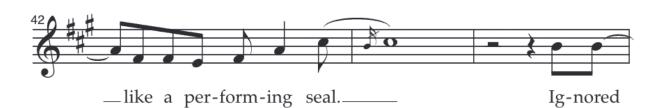






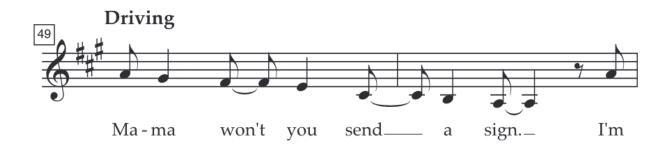
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Audition Central: Beetlejuice JR.

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Score: Charles Deetz

(#26 – DAY-O (THE BANANA BOAT SONG) begins.)

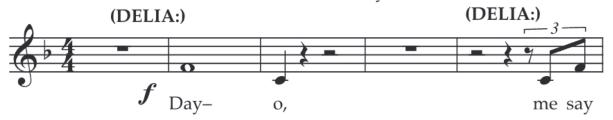
DAY-O (THE BANANA BOAT SONG)

(Everyone gasps. DELIA looks scared.) **LYDIA:** (giggling) What's wrong,

Delia? Are you alright? **DELIA:** I'm... SO sorry.

I don't know what just happened...

I meant to say—





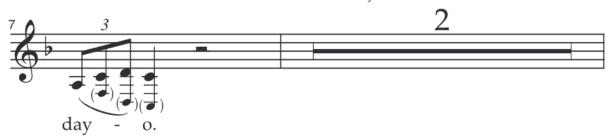
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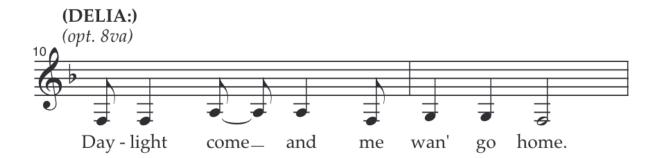
(DELIA slaps her hands over her mouth, shocked.)

CHARLES: (hushed) Delia, do you need to

lie down?

DELIA: No! No! I just need to—





(**DELIA:**) What's happening to me!?

(CHARLES stands, apologizing.)

CHARLES: Maxie. On behalf of Delia and myself, I'd just like to say...









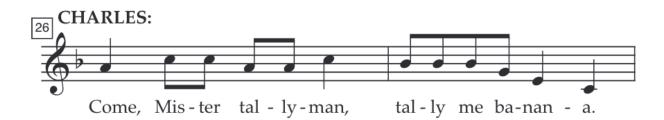




(DELIA begins a merengue. Now the OTHERS join in – not in control of their own bodies.)







(CHARLES shimmies involuntarily towards DELIA. Grabbing a salad bowl, he turns it into a makeshift djembe, beating out a rhythm.)



MAXIE:



Come, Mis - ter tal - ly - man,

tal-ly me ba-nan - a.

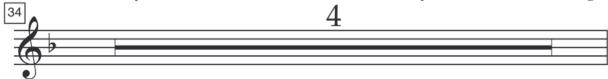
(Everyone grabs salad tongs, flatware, chafing dishes, and furnishings, creating a loony percussion ensemble.)

LAWYERS:

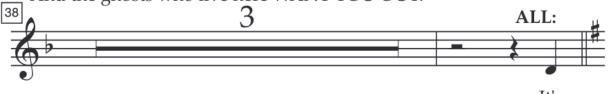


(LYDIA jumps up on the table as the MAITLANDS appear on the landing—unseen by everyone but LYDIA. They parallel the guests' dancing.)

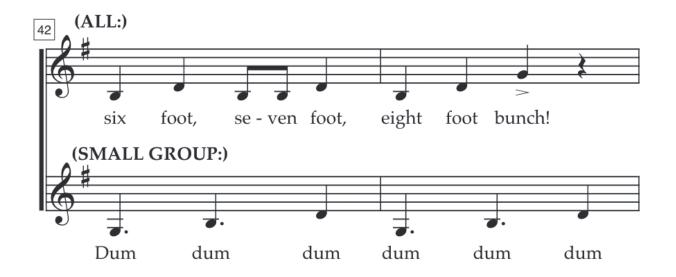
CHARLES: Lydia! Call nine-one-one! Wait— why aren't YOU dancing?

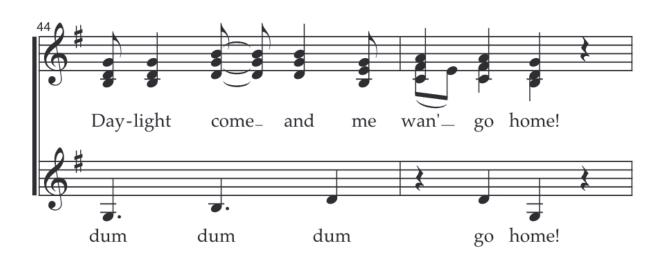


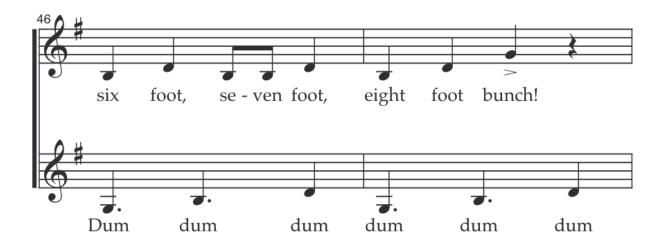
LYDIA: It's like I told you, Dad. This house is HAUNTED. And the ghosts who live here WANT YOU OUT.

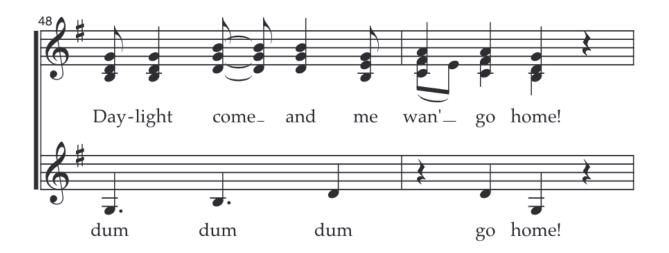


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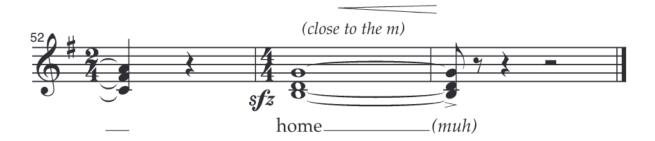












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Score: Sky

(#28 – GIRL SCOUT begins.)

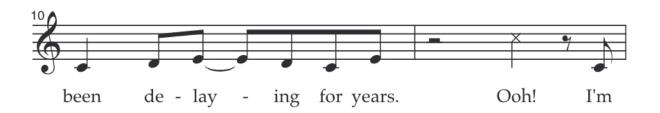
GIRL SCOUT

(An adorable Girl Scout, SKY, enters.)











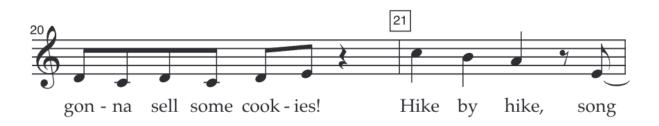
gon-na sell some cook-ies! It's not their fault that they're



o-ver-pro-tec - tive. I was born with ar-rhyth-mi-a, my











heart grow strong.

They had my back_ if a - ny -

(A troupe of GIRL SCOUTS enters.)



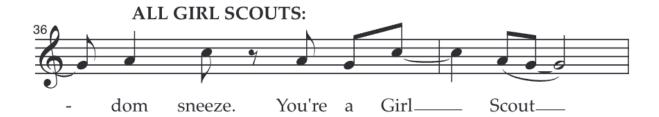






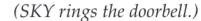
Ev - en if you're born with con-ge-ni-tal heart_

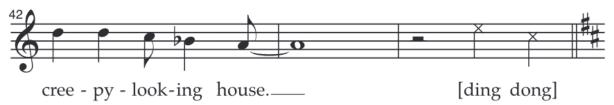








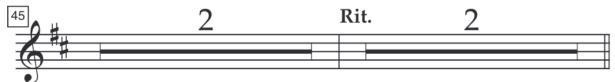




(LYDIA answers the door.)

LYDIA: Hello little girls. Won't you come inside? SKY: Um. Okay. It's so dark in here.

LYDIA: Is it? I hadn't noticed.



SKY: Maybe we should come back another time when your parents are home-



NO REASON

(**DELIA:**) right now you are "redirecting anger" and "deflecting pain" and "other terms I learned in my training." What you need... is a new perspective!

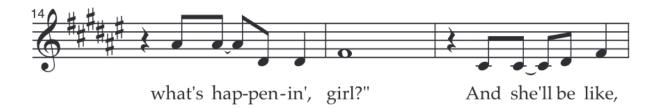






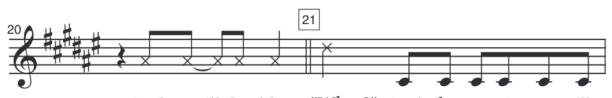






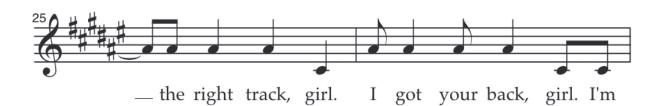


"Oh no-thin'! Just run-nin' the world!"____



And you'll be like, "What?" And the u-ni-verse-'ll









po - si-tive. You ____ are a child ___ of the earth!"_

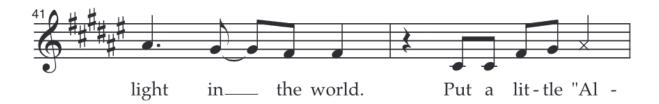
(DELIA:) Life coaching! NAILING it.





Ev-'ry-thing, ev - 'ry-thing hap - pens for_ a

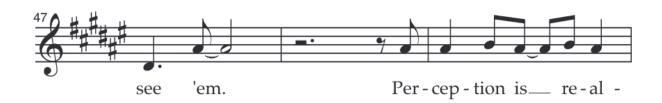






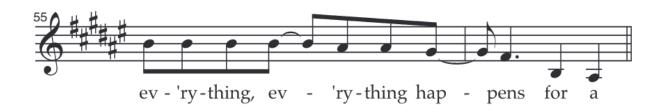


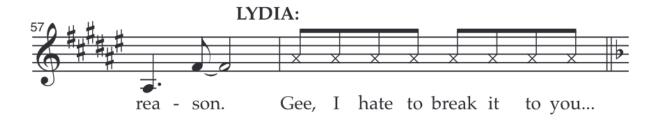
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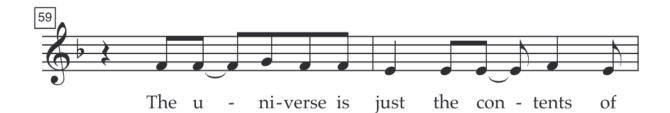


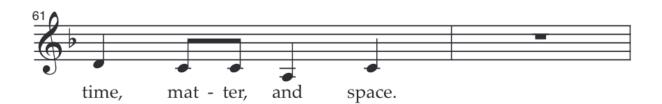








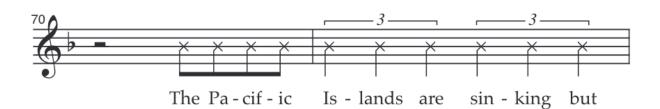


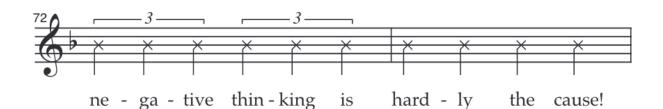














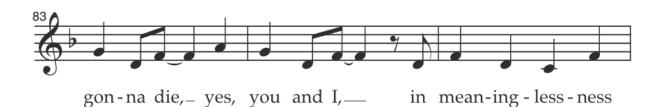
You think life is all u - ni-corns_ and rain-

(LYDIA points her camera at DELIA.)

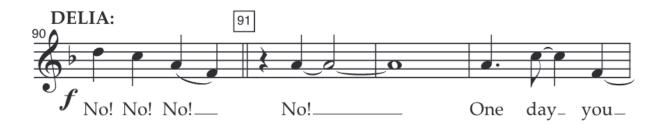


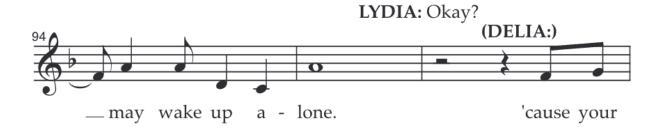


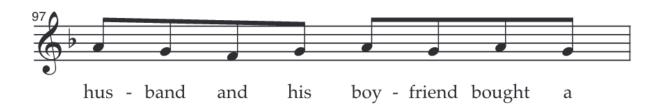


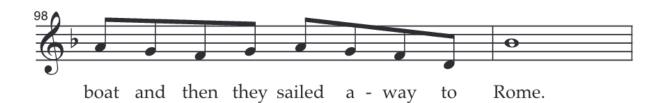












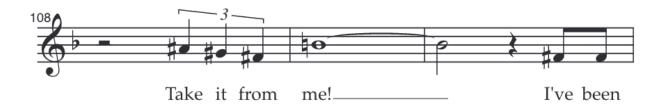


That's spe-ci-fic. So you cry your-self to sleep in





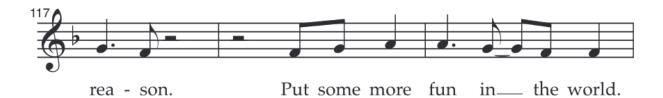






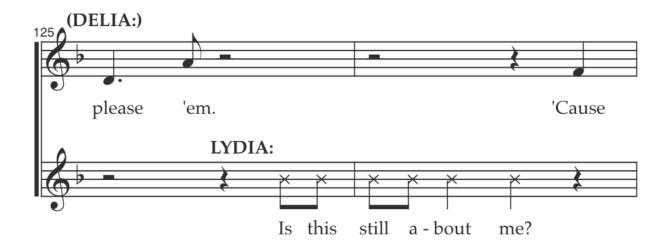


Ev-'ry-thing, ev-'ry-thing hap-pens for ___ a



















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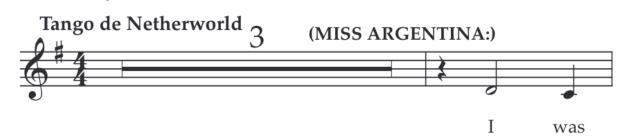


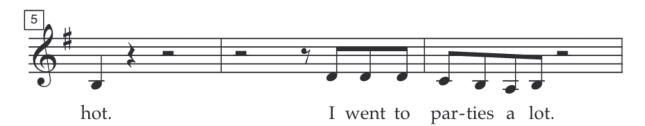
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Score: Miss Argentina

WHAT I KNOW NOW

MISS ARGENTINA: Everyone here would go back if they could. Uch! I wish I was still alive!

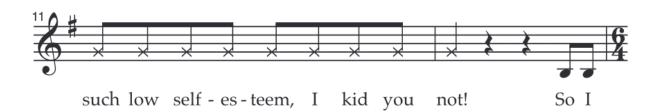






An un-hap-py beau-ty queen who dreamed to





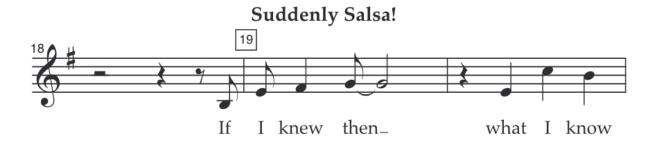


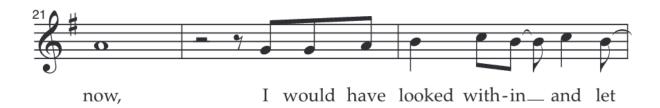


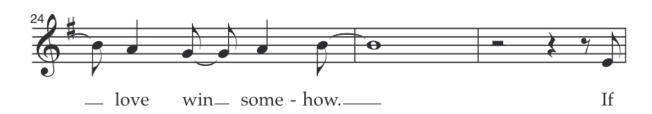
I've been here for-e-ver, girl. If I was more cle-ver, girl.

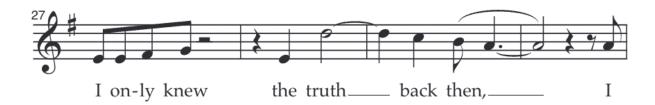


I would have stuck it out know-ing what life's a-bout.







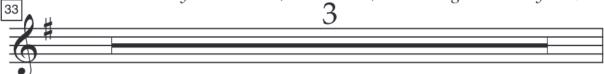


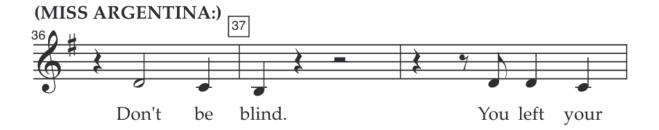


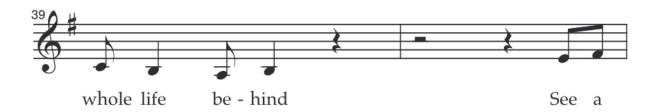
(Ding dong! A loud doorbell chimes.)

(MISS ARGENTINA:) Ooh! More new arrivals!

(A group of the recently deceased enter: PARACHUTE JUMPER, DEATH BY TOASTER, DEAD CHEERLEADER, DEATH BY FIREWORKS, CIGAR MOBSTER, a DEAD JOCKEY, MACHETE GROOM, DEAD DRILL TEAM. They look around, disoriented, wondering where they are.)





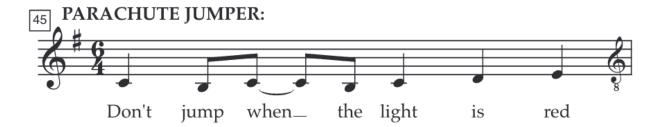




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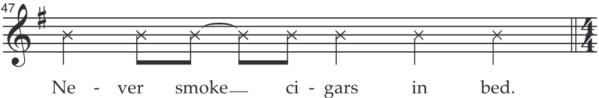
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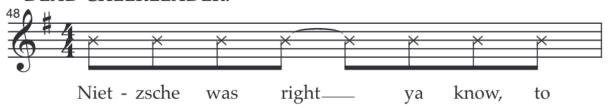
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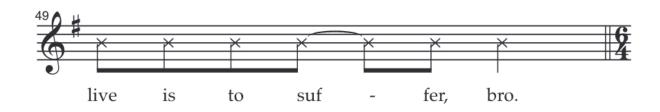


CIGAR MOBSTER:



DEAD CHEERLEADER:







DEAD JOCKEY:



(A HUNTER WITH A SHRUNKEN HEAD enters.)

ALL: (except SHRUNKEN HEAD GUY)



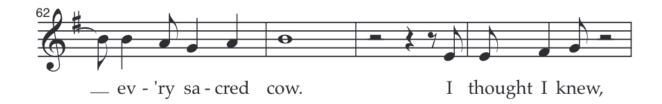






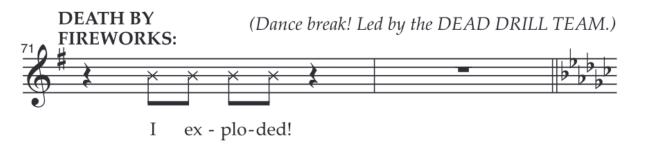


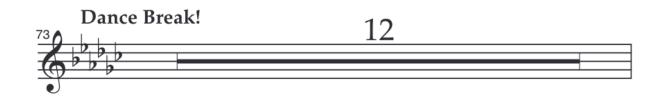
I would have laughed and danced and lanced_



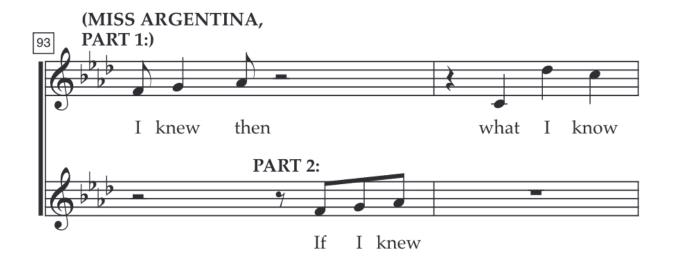






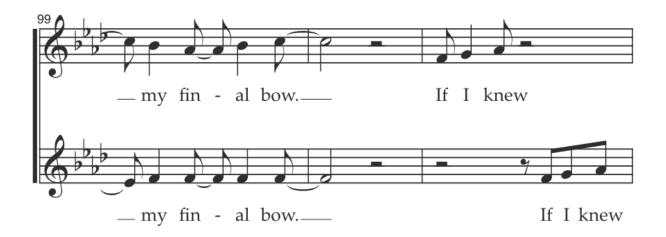


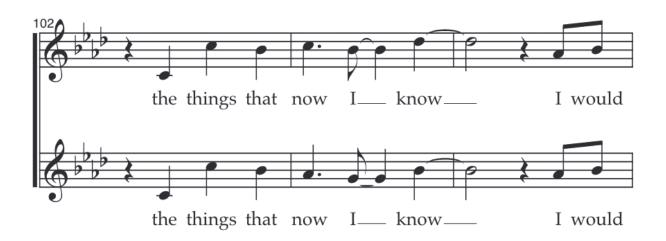


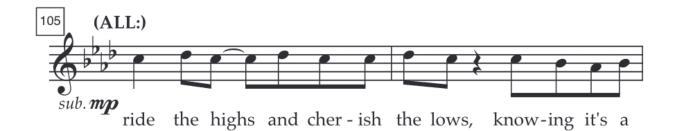








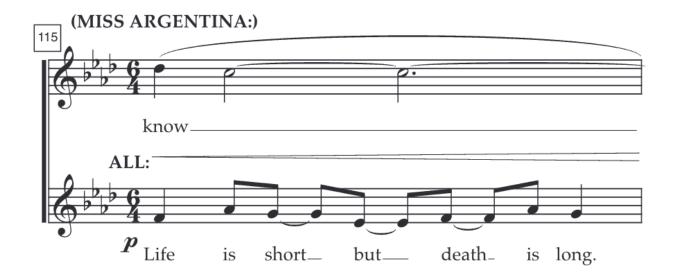


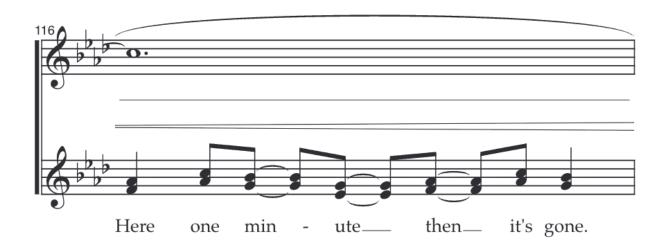


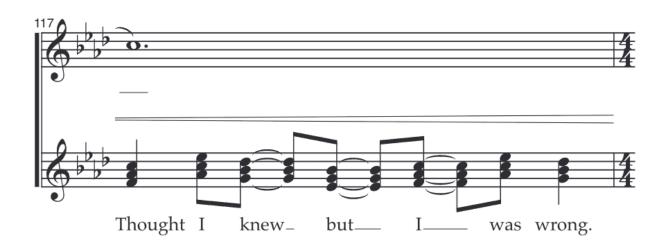


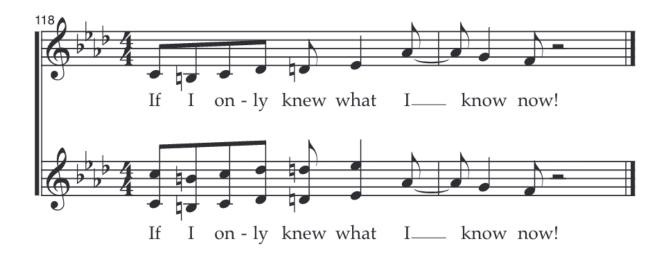












(After applause – #41 – KLAXON begins. BRRROOOONK! A klaxon alarm.)

(Then an offstage voice booms—)

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