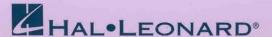
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### **Foreword**

It is apparent to me that the most important and lasting body of performable American music for singers has come from the musical theatre and musical film. The classical tradition as it had been continued in the United States has produced few major composers who have written extensively for the voice, composing a relatively small body of sometimes profound and beautiful literature, but often relevant only to specialized audiences.

In pre-rock era popular traditions, the songs that were not written for the stage or film are largely inferior in quality to those written for Broadway and Hollywood (although there are plenty of exceptions to this general rule). Perhaps the reason is simply that the top talent was attracted and nurtured by those two venues, and inspired by the best performers. But it's also possible that writing for a character playing some sort of scene, no matter how thin the dramatic context (sometimes undetectable), has inherently produced better songs. Compare a Rodgers and Hart ballad from the 1930s (which are all from musicals) to just an average pop ballad from that time not from the stage or screen, if you can dig one up, and you might see what I mean. Popular music of the rock era, primarily performers writing dance music for themselves to record, is almost a completely different aesthetic, and is most often ungratifying for the average singer to present in a typical performance with piano accompaniment.

The five volumes that comprise the original edition of *The Singer's Musical Theatre Anthology*, released in 1986, contain many of the most famous songs for a voice type, as well as being peppered with some more unusual choices. Volume Two of the series allows a deeper investigation into the available literature. This revised edition (2000) adds some significant songs. I have attempted to include a wide range of music, appealing to many different tastes and musical and vocal needs. As in the first volumes, whenever possible the songs are presented in what is their most authentic setting, excerpted from the vocal score or pianorehearsal score, in the key originally performed and with the original piano accompaniment arrangement (which is really a representation of the orchestra, of course, although Kurt Weill was practically the only Broadway composer to orchestrate his own shows). A student of this subject will notice that these accompaniments are quite a bit different from the standard sheet music arrangements that were published of many of these songs, where the melody is put into a simplified piano part and moved into a convenient and easy piano key, without much regard to vocal range.

In the mezzo-soprano/belter volumes, I have restricted the choices to songs for a belting range, although they don't necessarily need to be belted, and put any songs sung in what theatre people call "head voice" or "soprano voice" in the soprano volumes. Classically trained mezzo-sopranos will be comfortable with many of the songs in the soprano books.

The "original" keys are presented here, although that often means only the most comfortable key for the original performer. Transpositions for this music are perfectly acceptable. Some songs in these volumes might be successfully sung by any voice type. Classical singers and teachers using these books should remember that the soprano tessitura of this style of material, which often seems very low, was a deliberate aesthetic choice, aimed at clarity of diction, often done to avoid a cultured sound in a singing voice inappropriate to the desired character of the song and role, keeping what I term a Broadway ingenue range. Barbara Cook and Julie Andrews are famous examples of this kind of soprano, with singing concentrated in an expressive and strong middle voice.

Richard Walters, editor May, 2000

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#### **ALLEGRO**

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers

LYRICS AND BOOK: Oscar Hammerstein II

**DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER:** Agnes de Mille **OPENED:** 10/10/47, New York; a run of 315 performances

The third Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical, *Allegro* was their first with a story that had not been based on a previous source. It was a particularly ambitious undertaking, with a theme dealing with the corrupting effect of big institutions on the young and idealistic. The saga is told through the life of a doctor, Joseph Taylor Jr., from his birth in a small midwestern town to his 35th year. We follow Joe's progress as he grows up, goes to school, marries a local belle, joins the staff of a large Chicago hospital that panders to wealthy hypochondriacs, discovers that his wife is unfaithful, and, in the end, returns to his home town with his adoring nurse, Emily, to rededicate his life to healing the sick and helping the needy. The show's innovations included a Greek chorus to comment on the action both to the actors and the audience, and the use of multi-level performing areas with abstract sets. "So Far" is sung by Beulah, Joe's flirtatious and temporary girl-friend. (It's another example of a Hammerstein love song between two people who haven't begun a relationship.)

#### **ANYTHING GOES**

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Cole Porter

BOOK: Guy Bolton and P.G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse

DIRECTOR: Howard Lindsay CHOREOGRAPHER: Robert Alton

OPENED: 11/21/34, New York; a run of 420 performances

Cole Porter's best score of the 1930s is a fun-filled story taking place on an ocean liner about a group of oddball characters, including a nightclub singer, an enamoured stowaway, a debutante, and an underworld criminal disguised as a clergyman. Featuring a fresh, young Ethel Merman, the show was one of the biggest hits of its time, containing such hits as the title song, "You're the Top," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," and "All Through the Night." Anything Goes played Off Broadway in a 1962 production (239 performances), and enjoyed its biggest success in a 1987 Broadway revival starring Patti LuPone (804 performances). There is a 1936 filmed version, and another movie from 1956 with the title Anything Goes, but which bears little resemblance to the original. An excellent new recording, faithful to the 1934 original production, was released in the 1980s featuring Frederica Von Stade, Cris Groenendaal, and Kim Griswell.

#### **CONVERSATION PIECE**

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Noël Coward

DIRECTOR: Noël Coward

**OPENED:** 1/15/34, London; a run of 177 performances 10/23/34, New York; a run of 55 performances

In Conversation Piece, theatregoers were transported back to the fashionable seaside resort of Brighton during the Regency period in England. The stylish operetta was concerned with an impoverished French duke and his attempts to find a suitably wealthy husband for his ward, though eventually the two follow their secret hearts and confess their love for each other. The musical was written expressly for Yvonne Printemps (she sang "I'll Follow My Secret Heart") by the multi-talented Noël Coward, who also played the part of the duke when Conversation Piece first opened in London. Most of the original cast was recruited for the New York engagement, except for the substitution of Pierre Fresnay for Mr. Coward.

#### THE ENCHANTRESS

MUSIC: Victor Herbert

**LYRICS AND BOOK**; Harry B. Smith **OPENED**: 10/9/11, Washington, D.C.

12/11. New York

The Irish born Victor Herbert (1859-1924) was the most successful American composer of his time. He and his mother moved to Germany in 1866 when she married a German physician, and he received his musical training in that country, becoming an excellent cellist. Herbert's wife, a soprano, was engaged by the Metropolitan Opera, and he came along to New York, soon to be at the center of the city's musical life as a cellist and conductor. He began composing operettas in 1894 and wrote 40 such works in the next 30 years. The plots of these pieces are formulaic and often negligible. The only one performed regularly is *Babes in Toyland* (1903), although *The Red Mill* (1906) was successfully revived on Broadway in 1945 and was Herbert's biggest hit in his time.

#### EVENING PRIMROSE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim

TELEPLAY: James Goldman DIRECTOR: Paul Bogart TELECAST: 11/16/66

The short-lived ABC series Stage 67 presented original teleplays, mostly by theatre writers in New York. Based on a John Collier story, Evening Primrose is about a poet who hides out in a department store to get away from the world. Much to his surprise, he meets hermits who have been hiding in there for years, and among them is a girl—they fall in love. Most of the music from this show was recorded by Bernadette Peters and Mandy Patinkin on his "Dress Casual" album.

#### **EVITA**

MUSIC: Andrew Lloyd Webber

LYRICS: Tim Rice
DIRECTOR: Harold Prince
CHOREOGRAPHER: Larry Fuller

**OPENED:** 6/23/78, London; a run of 2,900 performances 9/25/79, New York; a run of 1,567 performances

Because of its great success in London, Evita was practically a pre-sold hit when it began its run on Broadway. Based on the events in the life of Argentina's strong-willed leader, Eva Peron, the musical—with Patti LuPone in the title role in New York—traced her rise from struggling actress to wife of dictator Juan Peron (Bob Gunton), and virtual co-ruler of the country. Part of the concept of the show is to have a slightly misplaced Che Guevera (played by Mandy Patinkin) as a narrator and conscience to the story of Eva's quick, greedy rise to power and her early death from cancer. "Another Suitcase in Another Hall" is a poignant "bimbo" song, sung by Juan Peron's previous and temporary co-habitant upon being kicked out on the street, replaced by Eva.

#### FIORELLO!

MUSIC: Jerry Bock
LYRICS: Sheldon Harnick

BOOK: Jerome Weidman and George Abbott

**DIRECTOR:** George Abbott

CHOREOGRAPHER: Peter Gennaro

OPENED: 11/23/59, New York; a run of 795 performances

New York's favorite mayor, Fiorello LaGuardia, was a peppery, pugnacious reformer whose larger-than-life personality readily lent itself to depiction on the musical stage. With Tom Bosley making an auspicious Broadway debut in the title role, Fiorello! covered the ten year period in LaGuardia's life before he became mayor. It begins with his surprise election to congress prior to World War I, and "When Did I Fall in Love" is sung by his adoring wife after he strides off to work at Capitol Hill. Fiorello! had the distinction of being the third musical to win the Pulitzer Prize in Drama, joining the ranks of Of Thee I Sing and South Pacific.

#### **GUYS AND DOLLS**

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Frank Loesser BOOK: Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling DIRECTOR: George S. Kaufman CHOREOGRAPHER: Michael Kidd

OPENED: 11/24/50, New York; a run of 1,200 performances

Populated by the hard-shelled but soft-centered characters who inhabit the world of writer Damon Runyon, this "Musical Fable of Broadway" tells the tale of how Miss Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul Mission saves the souls of assorted Times Square riff-raff while losing her heart to the smooth-talking gambler, Sky Masterson. "I'll Know" is sung as a duet by Sarah and Sky early in their acquaintance. "If I Were a Bell" shows Sarah under the unfamiliar and, for the moment, giddy effects of alcohol supplied by Sky. An enormously successful revival opened on Broadway in 1992. The 1955 film version stars Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons and Vivian Blaine.

#### JACQUES BREL IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN PARIS

MUSIC: Jacques Brel

LYRICS: Jacques Brel, others (in French); English lyrics by Eric Blau, Mort Schumann

OPENED: 1968, New York

A long running intimate Off Broadway hit, the revue is a collection of some 25 songs by French songwriter Jacques Brel (he wrote both music and lyrics for some, lyrics only for others). The show is conceived for 4 players (2 men, 2 women), and the songs are full of contrasts in subject matter, from the draft, to old age, to bullfights, to death, to love. A film version was released in 1975. Brel (1929-1978) became a cabaret star in Paris only after no one else would perform his material.

#### THE KING AND I

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers

LYRICS AND BOOK: Oscar Hammerstein II

DIRECTOR: John van Bruten

CHOREOGRAHER: Jerome Robbins

OPENED: 3/29/51, New York; a run of 1,246 performances

The idea of turning Margaret Landon's novel Anna and the King of Siam into a musical first occurred to Gertrude Lawrence, who saw it as a suitable vehicle for her return to the Broadway musical stage. Based on the diaries of an adventurous Englishwoman, the story is set in Bangkok in the early 1860s. Anna Leonowens, who has accepted the post of schoolteacher to the Siamese king's children, has frequent clashes with the monarch but eventually comes to exert great influence on him, particularly in creating a more democratic society for his people. The show marked the fifth collaboration between Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, and their third to run over one thousand performances.

Cast opposite Miss Lawrence (who died in 1952 during the run of the play) was the then little known Yul Brynner. In 1956 he co-starred with Deborah Kerr in the movie version. In 1992 a new recording starring Julie Andrews and Ben Kingsley was released to mixed reviews. "I Whistle a Happy Tune" is sung at the top of the show by Anna and her young son as a bit of reassurance in arriving alone in a strange land.

#### KISMET

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Robert Wright and George Forrest, based on Alexander Borodin

BOOK: Charles Lederer and Luther Davis

**DIRECTOR:** Albert Marre **CHOREOGRAPHER:** Jack Cole

OPENED: 12/3/53, New York; a run of 583 performances

The story of *Kismet* was adapted from Edward Knoblock's play first presented in New York in 1911 as a vehicle for Otis Skinner. The music of *Kismet* was adapted from themes by Alexander Borodin, from such works as the "Polovetzian Dances" and "In the Steppes of Central Asia." The musical's action occurs within a twenty-four hour period from dawn to dawn, in and around ancient Baghdad, where a Public Poet (first played by Alfred Drake), assumes the identity of Jauu the beggar and gets into all sorts of Arabian Nights adventures. At the end of the day, he is elevated to the position of Emir of Baghdad. His daughter, Marsinah, sings "And This Is My Beloved" to the young Prince Caliph, her new husband. The film version was made by MGM in 1955. A new recording of the musical was released in 1992 with opera star Samuel Ramey in the role of the poet and soprano Ruth Ann Swensen as Marsinah.

#### KISS ME, KATE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Cole Porter BOOK: Samuel and Bella Spewack DIRECTOR: John C. Wilson CHOREOGRAPHER: Hanya Holm

OPENED: 12/30/48, New York; a run of 1,077 performances

The genesis of Cole Porter's longest running musical occurred in 1935 when producer Saint Subber, then a stagehand for the Theatre Guild's production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, became aware that its stars, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, quarreled almost as much in private as did the characters in the play. Years later he offered this parallel story as the basis for a musical comedy to the same writing trio, Porter and the Spewacks, who had already worked on the successful show *Leave It to Me!* The entire action of *Kiss Me, Kate* occurs backstage and onstage at Ford's Theatre, Baltimore, during a tryout of a musical version of *The Taming of the Shrew*. The main plot concerns the egotistical actor-producer Fred Graham and his temperamental ex-wife Lili Vanessi who—like Shakespeare's Petruchio and Kate—fight and make up and eventually demonstrate their enduring affection for each other. One of the chief features of the score is the skillful way Cole Porter combined his own musical world (songs like "So in Love," "Too Darn Hot," "Why Can't You Behave?") with a Shakespearean world (songs like "I Hate Men"). Lilli Vanessi sings "I Hate Men" when playing the shrew character, Kate.

#### LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Rick Besoyan DIRECTORS: Ray Harrison and Rick Besoyan

CHOREOGRAPHER: Ray Harrison

OPENED: 11/18/59, New York (Off Broadway); a run of 1,143 performances

Little Mary Sunshine, a witty, melodious takeoff of the Naughty Marietta/Rose-Marie/Jeannette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy school of operetta, was initially presented at a nightclub some three years before the long-running production opened Off Broadway. The story is set in the Colorado Rockies early in the century, and deals with the romance between the mincing heroine and stalwart Captain Big Jim Warrington, who saves his beloved from the clutches of a treacherous Indian just in time for their "Colorado Love Call" duet. "Look for a Sky of Blue" is Mary's entrance number in the show, sung with a pack of admiring but gentlemanly forest rangers.

#### A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Stephen Sondheim

BOOK: Hugh Wheeler DIRECTOR: Harold Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Patricia Birch

OPENED: 2/25/73, New York; a run of 601 performances

Based on Ingmar Bergman's 1955 film, Smiles of a Summer Night, the score for A Little Night Music is composed in 3 (34, 38, 98, etc.), and contains Sondheim's biggest hit song, "Send in the Clowns." The show is a sophisticated, somewhat jaded look at a group of well-to-do Swedes at the turn of the century, among them a lawyer, Fredrik Egerman, his virginal child-bride, Anne, his former mistress, the actress Desirée Armfeldt, Desirée's current lover, the aristocratic Count Carl-Magnus Malcolm, the count's suicidal wife, other guests, and some witty servants. Eventually, the proper partners are sorted out during a weekend party at the country house of Desirée's mother, a former concubine of European nobility. A film version, with a change of locale to Vienna, was released in 1978. "The Glamorous Life," sung by Desirée's daughter, is an ensemble in the show; Sondheim adapted a solo version for the movie that appears in this volume.

#### **MAME**

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Jerry Herman BOOK: Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee

**DIRECTOR:** Gene Sachs

CHOREOGRAPHER: Onna White

OPENED: 5/24/66, New York; a run of 1,508 performances

Ten years after premiering the comedy based on Patrick Dennis' fictional account of his free-wheeling Auntie Mame, playwrights Lawrence and Lee joined forces with Jerry Herman to transform their play into a musical. Angela Lansbury, after years of stage and screen performances, finally achieved her stardom in the title role. In the story, Agnes Gooch, who is part of Mame's domestic staff, has been encouraged by the eccentric lady of the house to go out and live. In the late stages of pregnancy she returns to confront her mentor in "Gooch's Song." A 1983 revival, also starring Miss Lansbury, had a brief run on Broadway. A film version, virtually the last old-fashioned musical movie made, was released in 1974, starring Lucille Ball and Robert Preston, and from the original cast, Bea Arthur. The non-musical film of the story, Auntie Mame, was released in 1957 and starred Rosalind Russell.

#### ME AND JULIET

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers

LYRICS AND BOOK: Oscar Hammerstein II

**DIRECTOR:** George Abbott **CHOREOGRAPHER:** Robert Alton

OPENED: 5/28/53, New York, a run of 358 performances

Me and Juliet was Rodgers and Hammerstein's valentine to show business, with its action—in Kiss Me, Kate fashion—taking place both backstage in a theatre and onstage during the performance of a play. Here the tale concerns a romance between a singer in the chorus and the assistant stage manager, whose newfound bliss is seriously threatened by the jealous electrician. A comic romantic subplot involves the stage manager and the principal dancer. Jeanie, the chorus girl ingenue in the musical, sings "A Very Special Day" backstage as the first number in the show, establishing her dreamy, romantic character.

#### THE MERRY WIDOW

MUSIC: Franz Lehár

BOOK AND LYRICS: Victor Léon and Leo Stein (the original in German)

OPENED: 1905. Vienna

1906, London (English lyrics by Adrian Ross); 778 performances

1907. New York; 416 performances

The epitome of the swirling, melodious, romantic post-Straussian Viennese operetta, *The Merry Widow* was first performed in Vienna as *Die lustige Witwe*. Its initial English-language version ran in London for 778 performances. This was the text that was used for the New York production, which was so acclaimed (a run of a year was an enormous hit in those days) that it even prompted the introduction of Merry Widow hats, gowns, corsets, and cigarettes. The story, based on a French play, *L'Attaché d'Ambassade*, is set in Paris and tells of the efforts of the ambassador of the imaginary kingdom of Marsovia to get his attaché, Prince Danilo, to marry the wealthy widow (named either Hanna or Sonya, depending on the version) so that she might contribute to the tiny country's dwindling finances. Though he balks at being a fortune hunter, Danilo finds himself falling in love and eventually proposes marriage—but only after the young widow has led him to believe that she is penniless. The operetta has had five Broadway revivals, the last and most successful in 1943 for a run of 322 performances, returning to New York after a tour to add another 32 performances. The piece has entered the regular repertories of many opera companies. There have been at least twelve different English versions of the show over the years, including a version by Broadway lyricist Sheldon Harnick.

## THE MIKADO or The Town of Titipu

MUSIC: Arthur Sullivan LIBRETTO: W.S. Gilbert OPENED: 3/14/1885, London

In the town of Titipu, the Lord High Executioner Ko-Ko prepares for his wedding. When his bride-to-be, Yum-Yum, arrives with her two sisters, she is met by Nanki-Poo, who also is in love with her. Word comes to Ko-Ko from the Mikado, the emperor of Japan, that it's been too long since anyone in Titipu has been executed; this must change! In truth, Ko-Ko is next in line for beheading, but he'd much rather find an alternate. Nanki-Poo, contemplating suicide rather than life without Yum-Yum, agrees to be executed instead, under the condition that he first be allowed a month as Yum-Yum's husband. As Yum-Yum prepares for the wedding, she marvels at her own beauty—not out of vanity, she says, but out of the frankness of nature ("The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze"). There are complications, of course: Nanki-Poo, who is not the wandering min-strel he pretends to be, but the Mikado's son, is pursued by the spinster Katisha, who would have him for her own. But in this lampoon of corruption in government, even underhanded officials can eventually bring about a happy ending.

#### THE MOST HAPPY FELLA

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Frank Loesser

**DIRECTOR:** Joseph Anthony

CHOREOGRAPHER: Dania Krupska

OPENED: 5/3/56, New York; a run of 676 performances

Adapted from Sidney Howard's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *They Knew What They Wanted*, Loesser's musical was a particularly ambitious work for the Broadway theatre, with more than thirty separate musical numbers, including arias, duets, trios, quartets, choral pieces, and recitatives. Robust, emotional expressions ("Joey, Joey, Joey, and "My Heart Is So Full of You") were interspersed with more traditional specialty numbers ("Big D" and "Standing on the Corner"), though in the manner of an opera; the program credits did not list individual selections. In the story, set in California's Napa Valley, an aging vineyard owner (originally played by opera singer Robert Weede) proposes by mail to a waitress he calls Rosabella. She accepts, but is so upset to find Tony old and fat that on their wedding night she allows herself to be seduced by Joe, the handsome ranch foreman. After some time, Rosabella learns to love Tony, to the point where he makes her feel "Warm All Over." However, she soon realizes Tony treats her not as an equal, but as a child. Her rhapsodic plea, "Like a Woman Loves a Man," changes his feelings toward his wife. Once Tony discovers that Rosabella is to have another man's child, he threatens to kill Joe, but there is a reconciliation and the vintner offers to raise the child as his own. A 1979 Broadway revival, starring Giorgio Tozzi, ran for 52 performances. A more successful revival ran in New York in 1991-2, resulting in a new recording of the score.

#### MY FAIR LADY

MUSIC: Frederick Loewe

LYRICS AND BOOK: Alan Jay Lerner

**DIRECTOR:** Moss Hart

CHOREOGRAPHER: Hanya Holm

**OPENED:** 3/15/56, New York; a run of 2,717 performances

The most celebrated musical of the 1950s began as an idea of Hungarian film producer Gabriel Pascal, who devoted the last two years of his life trying to find writers to adapt George Bernard Shaw's play, Pygmalion, into a stage musical. The team of Lerner and Loewe also saw the possibilities, particularly when they realized that they could use most of the original dialogue and simply expand the action. They were also scrupulous in maintaining the Shavian flavor in their songs. Shaw's concern with class distinction and his belief that barriers would fall if all Englishmen would learn to speak properly was conveyed through a story about Eliza Doolittle (a star-making role for Julie Andrews), a scruffy flower seller in London's Covent Garden, taken on as a speech student of linguistics Professor Henry Higgins (played by Rex Harrison) to increase her social and economic potential. Eliza succeeds so well that she outgrows her social station and even makes Higgins fall in love with her. Though the record was subsequently broken, My Fair Lady became the longest running production in Broadway history, remaining for over six and a half years. The show was also a solid success in London. For the 1964 movie version, Julie Andrews was passed over for Audrey Hepburn as Eliza (whose singing was dubbed by Marni Nixon), along with Harrison. Two major revivals have been mounted in New York as of this writing. In 1976 the musical ran for 377 performances with Ian Richardson and Christine Andreas. In 1981 New York again saw Rex Harrison in 119 performances with Nancy Ringham's Eliza. In the late 1980s a new recording of the musical was released with Kiri Te Kanawa and Jeremy Irons in the leading roles. "Without You" is Eliza's declaration of independence from her Svengali, Professor Higgins.

#### THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD

MUSIC, LYRICS AND BOOK: Rupert Holmes

DIRECTOR: Wilford Leach

CHOREOGRAPHER: Graciela Daniele

OPENED: 12/2/85, New York; a run of 608 performances

The Mystery of Edwin Drood came to Broadway after being intially presented the previous summer in a series of free performances sponsored by the New York Shakespeare Festival at the Delacorte Theatre in Central Park. The impressive score was the first stage work of composer-lyricist-librettist Rupert Holmes, who had previously revealed a talent limited to commercial pop. Holmes' lifelong fascination with Charles Dickens' unfinished novel had been the catalyst for the project. Since there were no clues as to Drood's murderer or even if a murder had been committed, Holmes decided to let the audience provide the show's ending by voting how it turns out. The writer's second major decision was to offer the musical as if it were being performed by an acting company at London's Music Hall Royale in 1873. On November 13, 1986, in an attempt to attract more theatre-goers, the musical's title was changed to Drood. "Moonfall" is Rosa's strange romantic song of longing, and "Rosa's Confession" is the song she sings if the audience votes for her as the killer.

#### NINE

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Maury Yeston BOOK: Arthur Kopit, Mario Fratti

**DIRECTOR:** Tommy Tune

**CHOREOGRAPHERS:** Tommy Tune and Thommie Walsh **OPENED:** 5/9/82, New York; a run of 732 performances

The influence of the director-choreographer was emphasized again with Tommy Tune's highly stylized, visually striking production of *Nine*, which, besides being a feast for the eyes is also one of the very few non-Sondheim Broadway scores to have true musical substance and merit from the 1970s and 1980s. The musical evolved from Yeston's fascination with Federico Fellini's semi-autobiographical 1963 film 8 *1/2*. The story spotlights Guido Contini (played originally by Raul Julia), a celebrated but tormented director who has come to a Venetian spa for a rest, and his relationships with his wife, his mistress, his protégée, his producer and his mother. The production, which flashes back to Guido's youth and also takes place in his imagination, offers such inventive touches as an overture in which Guido conducts his women as if they were instruments, and an impressionistic version of the Folies Bergères. "A Call from the Vatican" refers to what Guido has told his secretary about a sexy phone call that comes from his mistress. "Unusual Way" is sung to Guido by his young actress protégée. "Simple" is sung by the mistress as Guido's midlife crisis accelerates, and he is temporarily left alone.

#### 110 IN THE SHADE

MUSIC: Harvey Schmidt LYRICS: Tom Jones BOOK: N. Richard Nash DIRECTOR: Joseph Anthony

CHOREOGRAPHER: Agnes de Mille

OPENED: 10/24/63, New York; 330 performances

N. Richard Nash adapted his own play, *The Rainmaker*, for Schmidt and Jones' first Broadway musical, following their wildly successful *The Fantasticks* Off Broadway. Nash's play is probably best remembered for the film version which starred Burt Lancaster and Katharine Hepburn. It is a simple tale of Lizzie, an aging, unmarried woman who lives with her father and brothers on a drought-stricken ranch in the American west. Starbuck, a transient "rainmaker," comes on the scene and is soon seen to be the con man that he is, despite his dazzling charisma. He does, however, pay somewhat sincere attention to Lizzie, and awakens love and life in her. Nevertheless, she sees no future with Starbuck, and winds up with a reliable local suitor instead. Inga Swenson was the musical's original Lizzie, with Robert Horton as Starbuck. The show was featured in a prominent production by New York City Opera in 1992. All Lizzie's songs show her conflicted character. In "Raunchy" she flirts with the idea, briefly, of becoming a brazen man-magnet. "Is It Really Me?" is sung to Starbuck after he has told her how beautiful she is. "Simple Little Things" reveals her true values, reflecting her no-non-sense rural American upbringing.

#### **PHANTOM**

MUSIC AND LYRICS: Maury Yeston

BOOK: Arthur Kopit

Though at this writing Yeston's *Phantom* has not had a Broadway run, it has played widely in the United States, receiving raves from critics in Chicago, Boston, New York, Dallas and other places. Based on the 1911 French novel, the show's principal characters are Christine and Phantom, and his protective love for her. Yeston and Kopit actually wrote their show before Lloyd Webber wrote his, but were unable to get any financing for a Broadway production after the new British musical was announced. *Phantom* was first seen in Houston in 1991. Among the show's strong score, "This Place Is Mine" is Carlotta's comic song about the opera house where she reigns. Yeston, composer of *Nine* and *Grand Hotel*, is certainly one of the most interesting composers to hit Broadway, with his background as a music textbook author and professor at Yale, and his compositional abilities, further represented by a cello concerto written for Yo-Yo Ma. He wrote the words and music for a song cycle called *December Songs*, commissioned for the Carnegie Hall centennial celebration. "My True Love" is Christine's song to the Phantom, asking to see his hidden face.

#### **PHILEMON**

MUSIC: Harvey Schmidt WORDS: Tom Jones OPENED: 1970, New York

The 60s had *The Fantasticks*, 110 in the Shade, I Do! I Do!, and Celebration from Schmidt and Jones. Following those shows, the pair developed their own theatre workshop in New York called Portfolio, and in the spirit of that time concentrated on small scale, experimental musicals. *Philemon* was the most notable show to come out of the workshop, and won the Outer Critics Circle Award. "The Greatest of These" is based on the biblical text from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13.

#### THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

MUSIC: Arthur Sullivan LIBRETTO: W.S. Gilbert OPENED: 12/31/1879, New York

Twenty-one-year-old Frederic, bound by his sense of duty to serve out his apprenticeship to a band of pirates, has reached the end of his indentures and decides henceforth to oppose the cutthroat crew rather than join them. His nursemaid, Ruth who has served with him aboard ship as a maid-of-all-work, confesses that the whole thing had been a mistake from the beginning. After leaving the pirates, Frederic happens upon a party of young women—the daughters of the Major-General Stanley—one of whom, Mabel, takes pity on him ("Poor Wand'ring One"). The pirates then arrive on the scene, determined to marry the young ladies, but the Major-General wins clemency by claiming to be an orphan. Frederic, at first duty-bound to destroy his former comrades, rejoins them when he finds that his apprenticeship extends to his twenty-first birthday, and having been born on February 29, he has so far had only five birthdays. But in the end, the pirates yield to the police at the invocation of Queen Victoria's name, and when Ruth reveals that they are actually wayward noblemen, they earn their pardon and permission to marry the Major-General's daughters.

#### PLAIN AND FANCY

MUSIC: Albert Hague LYRICS: Arnold B. Horwitt

BOOK: Joseph Stein and Will Glickman DIRECTOR: Morton Da Costa CHOREOGRAPHER: Helen Tamiris

OPENED: 1/27/55, New York; a run of 461 performances

The setting of *Plain and Fancy* was Amish country in Pennsylvania, where two worldly New Yorkers (Richard Derr and Shirl Conway) have gone to sell a farm they inherited—but not before they had a chance to meet the God-fearing people and appreciate their simple but unyielding way of living. The warm and atmospheric score, with its hit song "Young and Foolish" was composed by Albert Hague, familiar to television viewers as the bearded music teacher in the series "Fame." *Plain and Fancy* was another Barbara Cook show that helped to establish her as Broadway's favorite golden-throated ingenue.

#### REGINA

WORDS AND MUSIC: Marc Blitzstein

**DIRECTOR:** Robert Lewis

OPENED: 10/31/49, New York; a run of 56 performances

Regina is among the most distinguished and thrilling American scores for the stage, and in a style that combines a theatrical popularity and serious composition. Gershwin had tried opera on Broadway in 1935 with Porgy and Bess—the idea was ahead of its time, but had a great effect on composers to come. By the late 1940s to the early 1950s, there was a small but important trend toward a more grown-up, musically ambitious, serious lyric theatre for Broadway, with Gian Carlo Menotti, Kurt Weill, Marc Blitzstein the prime contributors. Regina is based on the Lillian Hellman 1939 play The Little Foxes (released as a film with Bette Davis in the title role). "What Will It Be for Me?" is the song of Regina's seventeen-year-old daughter, Alexandra, a good natured, innocent girl whose character is in sharp contrast to her mother.

#### THE SECRET GARDEN

MUSIC: Lucy Simon

LYRICS AND BOOK: Marsha Norman DIRECTOR: Susan H. Schulman

**CHOREOGRAPHER:** Michael Lichtefeld **OPENED:** 4/25/91, New York; 706 performances

Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the story is of an orphaned Mary Lennox, who is sent to live with her uncle Archibald in Yorkshire. He is absorbed in grief over the death of his young wife ten years earlier, and the house is gloomy and mysterious. Mary finds her dead aunt's "secret garden," passionately nurtures it to life, and Archie also comes back to life once he can let go of his grief. "How Could I Ever Know?" is sung by the ghost of his dead wife, Lilly.

#### SHE LOVES ME

MUSIC: Jerry Bock
LYRICS: Sheldon Harnick
BOOK: Joe Masteroff
DIRECTOR: Harold Prince

CHOREOGRAPHER: Carol Haney

OPENED: 4/23/63, New York; a run of 301 performances

The closely integrated, melody drenched score of *She Loves Me* is certainly one of the best ever written for a musical comedy. It was based on a Hungarian play, *Parfumerie*, by Miklos Laszlo, that had already been used as the basis for two films, *The Shop Around the Corner* and *In the Good Old Summertime* (with the setting changed to America). Set in the 1930s in Budapest, the tale is of the people who work in Maraczek's Parfumerie, principally the constantly squabbling sales clerk Amalia Balash (Barbara Cook) and the manager Georg Nowack (Daniel Massey). It is soon revealed that they are anonymous pen pals who agree to meet one night at the Café Imperiale, though neither knows the other's identity. Georg realizes that it is Amalia who is waiting for him in the restaurant, but doesn't let on, leaving her to sit there for hours, culminating in the pleaful "Dear Friend." After she calls in sick their relationship blossoms into love when Georg brings her ice cream; eventually, he is emboldened to reveal his identity by quoting from one of Amalia's letters. *She Loves Me*, which would have starred Julie Andrews had she not been filming *Mary Poppins*, was one of Barbara Cook's most magical portrayals. The show is well represented on the original cast album, which on two disks preserves practically every note of the show's music.

#### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers
LYRICS: Oscar Hammerstein II

BOOK: Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse

**DIRECTOR:** Vincent J. Donehue **CHOREOGRAPHER:** Joe Layton

**OPENED:** 11/16/59

Rodgers and Hammerstein's final collaboration became their third longest running Broadway production. The story of *The Sound of Music* was adapted from Maria Von Trapp's autobiographical *The Trapp Family Singers* and the German film version, which Mary Martin was convinced would provide her with an ideal stage vehicle. Her husband, Richard Halliday, and producer Leland Hayward secured the rights and, initially, they planned to use only the music associated with the famed singing family plus one additional song by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Eventually, the songwriters were asked to contribute the entire score, and they also joined Halliday and Hayward as producers.

The play is set in Austria in 1938. Maria Rainier (Miss Martin), a free-spirited postulant at Nonnburg Abbey, takes a position as governess to the seven children of the widowed and autocratic Capt. Georg Von Trapp (Theodore Bikel). After Maria and the captain fall in love and marry, their happiness is quickly shattered by the Nazi invasion which forces the family to flee over the Alps to Switzerland.

The 1965 film version, presented by 20th Century-Fox and directed by Robert Wise, starred Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer. According to *Variety*, from 1966 through 1969 *The Sound of Music* was the All-Time Box-Office Champion in rentals received in the U.S.-Canadian market.

#### TWO BY TWO

MUSIC: Richard Rodgers LYRICS: Martin Charnin BOOK: Peter Stone DIRECTOR: Joe Layton OPENED: 1/10/70

After an absence of almost thirty years, Danny Kaye returned to Broadway in a musical based on the legend of Noah and the ark. Adapted from Clifford Odets' play, *The Flowering Peach*, *Two By Two* dealt primarily with Noah's rejuvenation and his relationship with his wife and family as he undertakes the formidable task that God has commanded. During the run, Kaye suffered a torn ligament in his left leg and was briefly hospitalized. He returned hobbling on a crutch with his leg in a cast, a situation he used as an excuse to depart from the script by cutting up and clowning around. For his third musical following Oscar Hammerstein's death, composer Richard Rodgers joined lyricist Martin Charnin (later to be responsible for *Annie*) to create a melodious score that included "I Do Not Know a Day I Did Not Love You."

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## SO FAR from Allegro

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II Music by RICHARD RODGERS













## **ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT**

### from Anything Goes







## THE GYPSY IN ME

## from Anything Goes

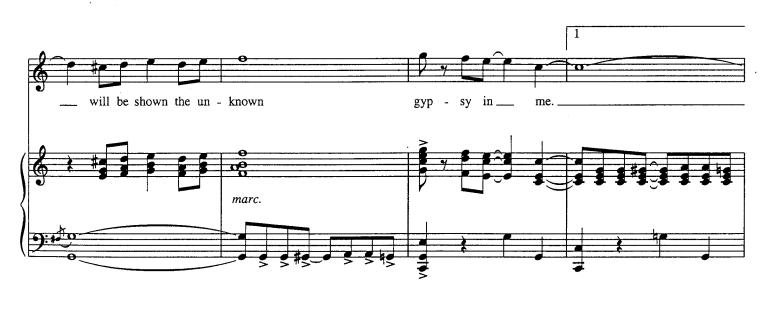














## I'LL FOLLOW MY SECRET HEART

## from Conversation Piece











## TAKE ME TO THE WORLD

## from Evening Primrose















## ART IS CALLING FOR ME

(The Prima Donna Song) from The Enchantress













# ANOTHER SUITCASE IN ANOTHER HALL

from Evita

Lyrics by TIM RICE Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER



\*It would be stylistically appropriate for the pianist to improvise an accompaniment.













### I'LL KNOW

#### from Guys and Dolls

Lyrics and Music by FRANK LOESSER



Adapted as a solo here, the song is a duet scene for Sarah and Sky in the show.

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### IF I WERE A BELL

#### from Guys and Dolls

Words and Music by FRANK LOESSER







### AND THIS IS MY BELOVED

#### from Kismet





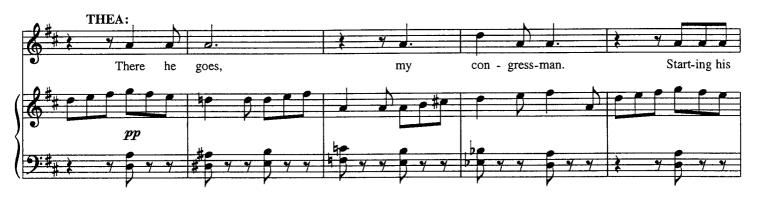


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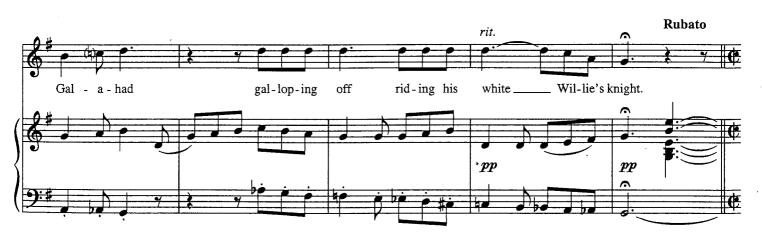
#### from Fiorello!

Lyrics by SHELDON HARNICK Music by JERRY BOCK



















### I LOVED

# from Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris

Original French Words by JACQUES BREL English Words by MORT SCHUMAN and ERIC BLAU Music by GÉRARD JOUANNEST and FRANÇOIS RAUBER









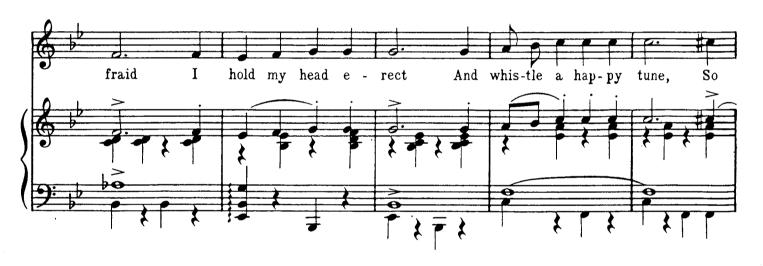




### I WHISTLE A HAPPY TUNE

#### from The King and I





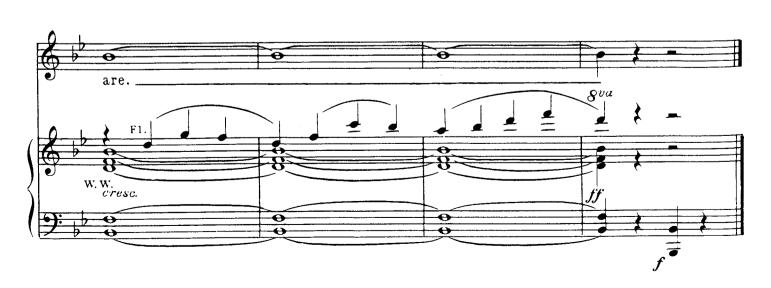










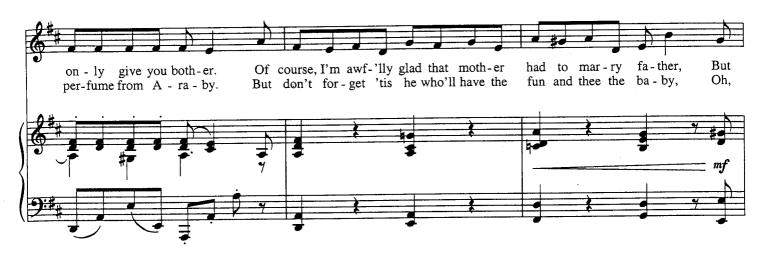


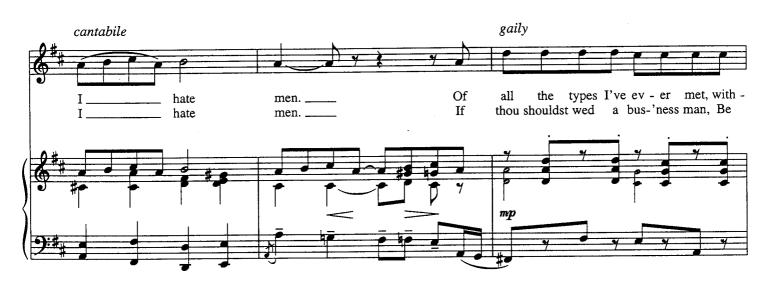
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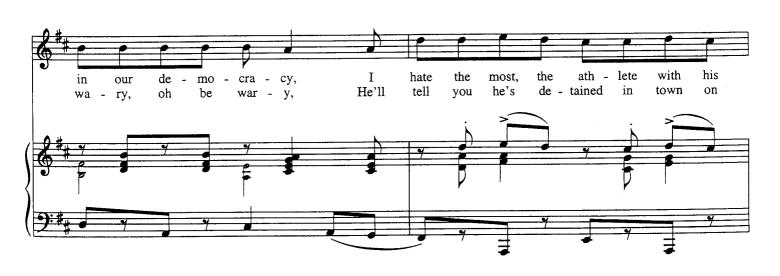
from Kiss Me, Kate

Words and Music by COLE PORTER











## THE GLAMOROUS LIFE

#### from A Little Night Music



































## LOOK FOR A SKY OF BLUE

#### from Little Mary Sunshine









## **GOOCH'S SONG**

#### from Mame















# THE SUN, WHOSE RAYS ARE ALL ABLAZE

from The Mikado

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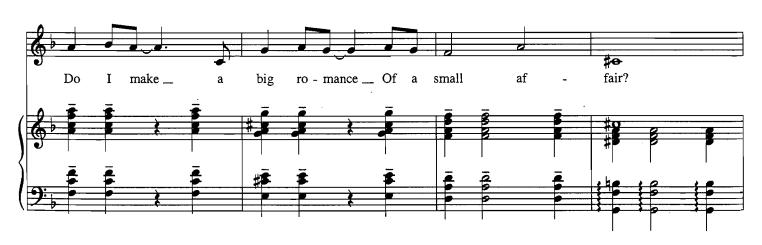
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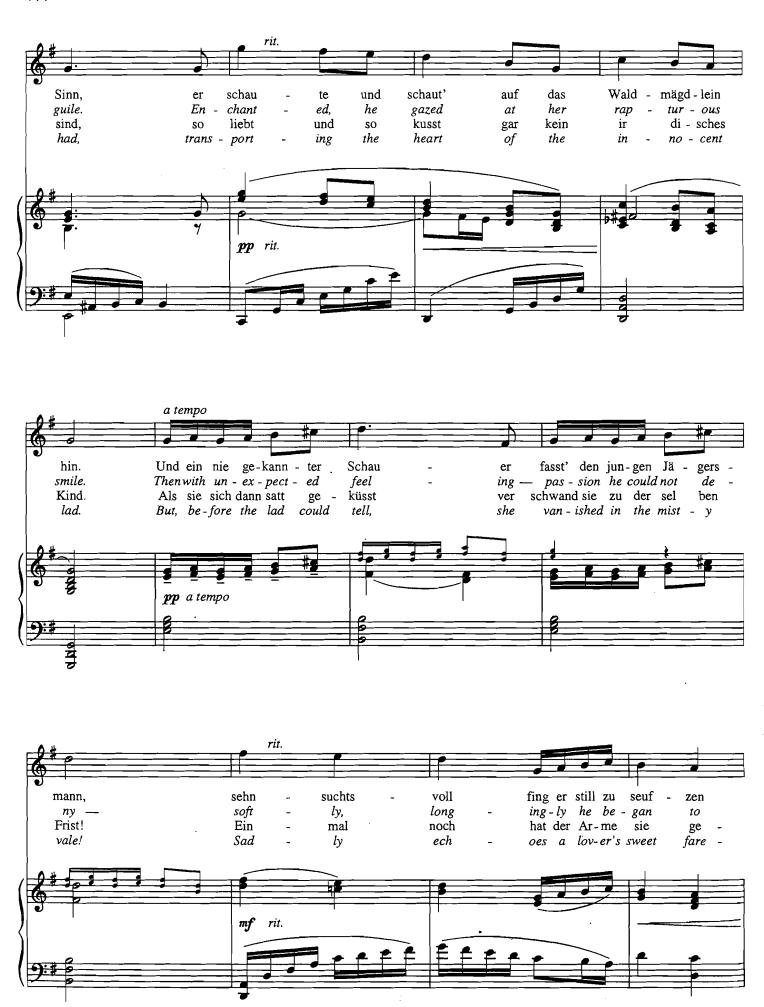
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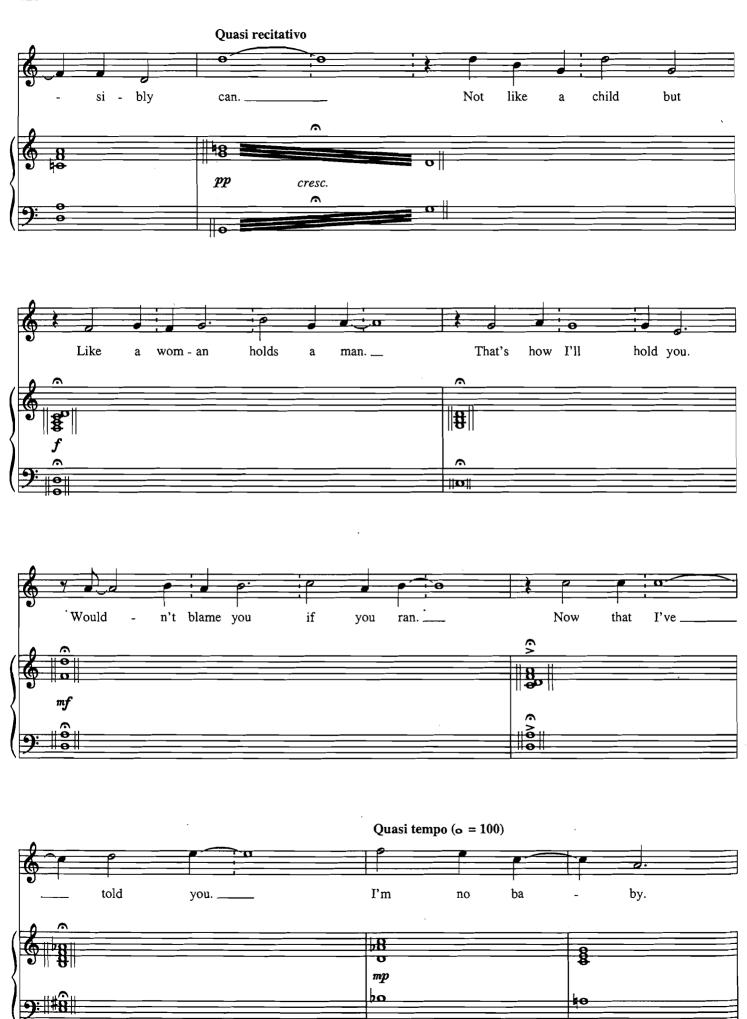
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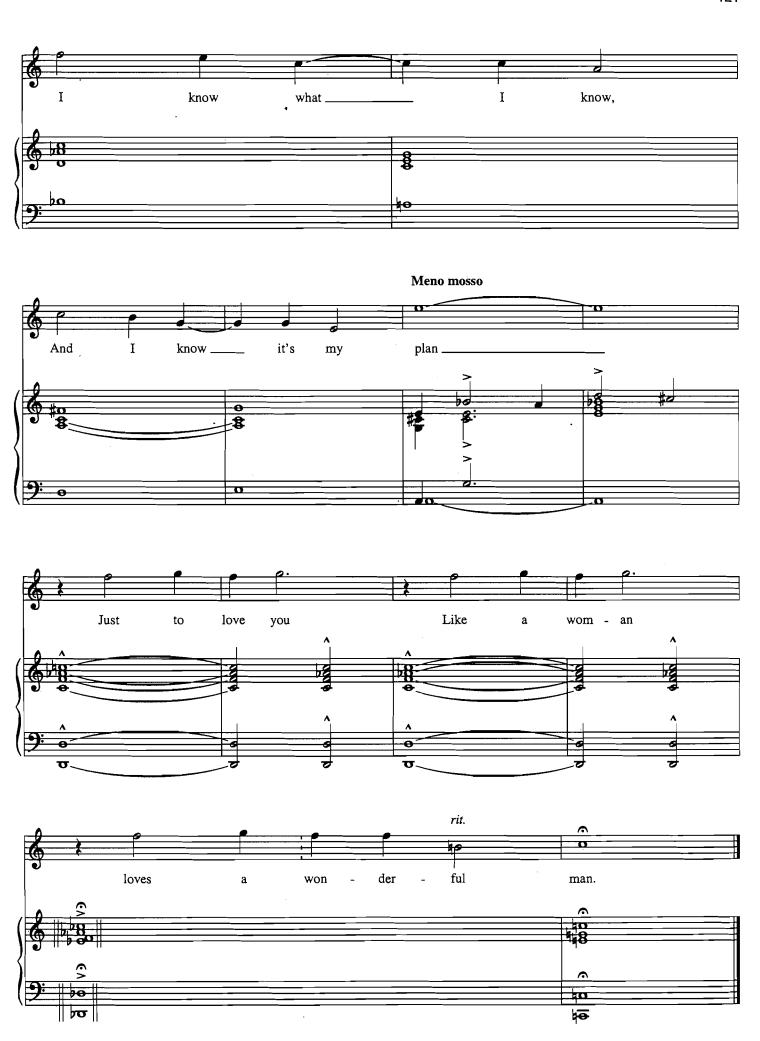
### from The Most Happy Fella

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## WARM ALL OVER

from The Most Happy Fella







## WITHOUT YOU

#### from My Fair Lady











# **MOONFALL**

### from The Mystery of Edwin Drood







## **ROSA'S CONFESSION**

### from The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Words and Music by RUPERT HOLMES











## A CALL FROM THE VATICAN

#### from Nine









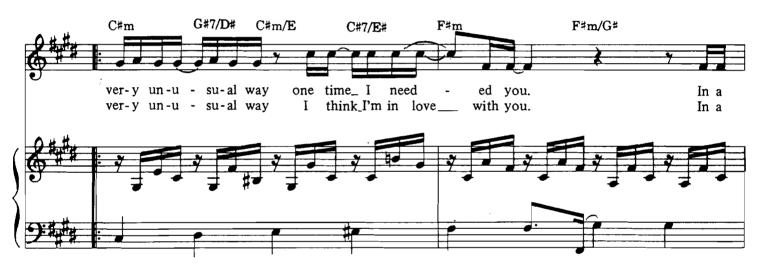
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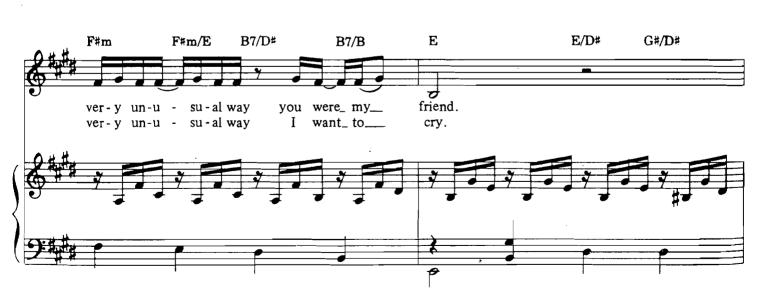
### (IN A VERY UNUSUAL WAY)



Lyrics and Music by MAURY YESTON















### **SIMPLE**

### from Nine

Lyrics and Music by







## **RAUNCHY**

#### from 110 in the Shade













## IS IT REALLY ME?

#### from 110 in the Shade

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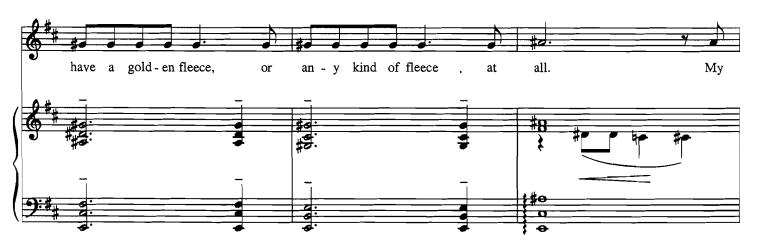
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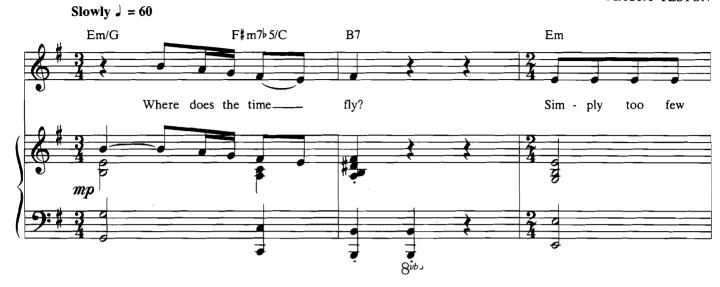


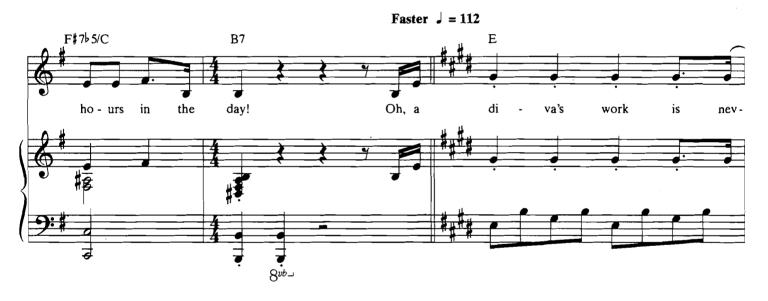


# THIS PLACE IS MINE

#### from Phantom

Words and Music by MAURY YESTON





















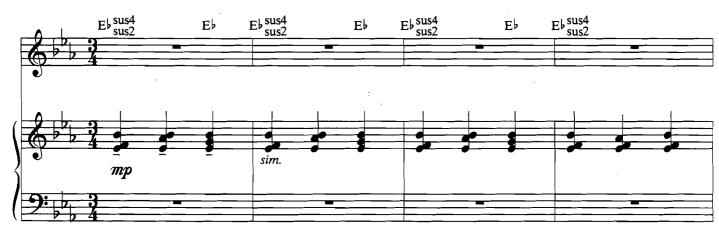


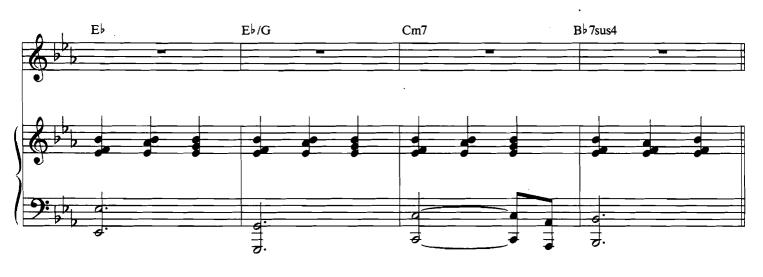
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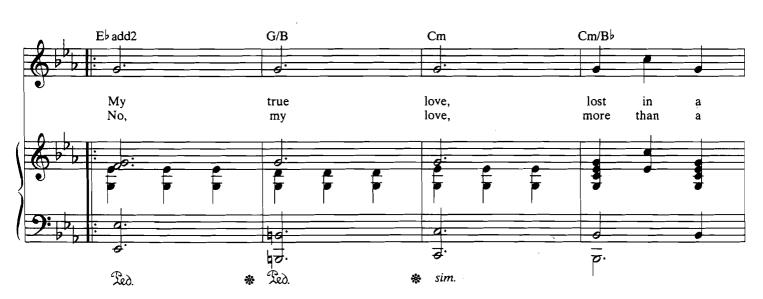
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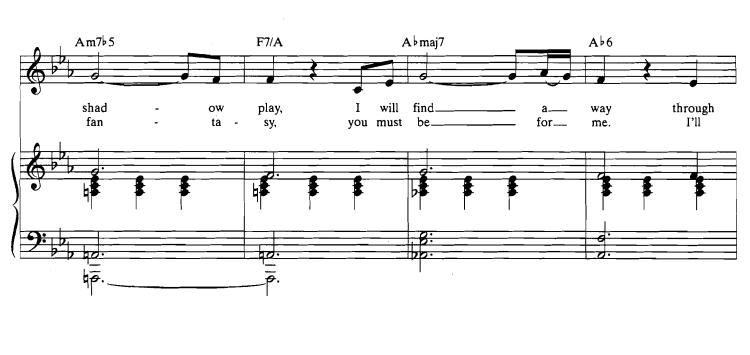
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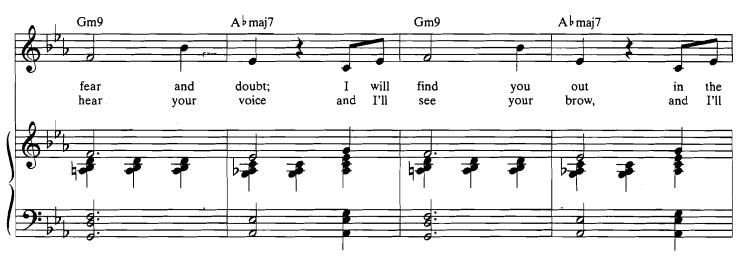
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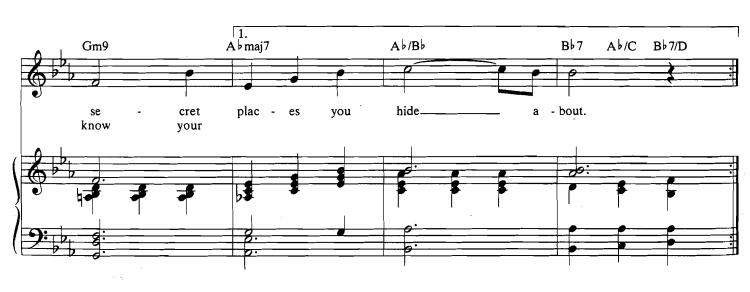


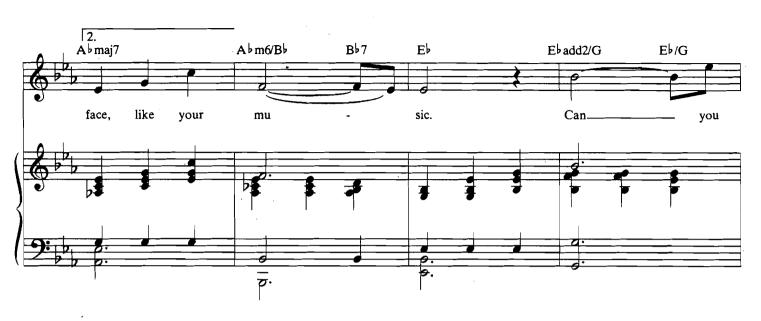


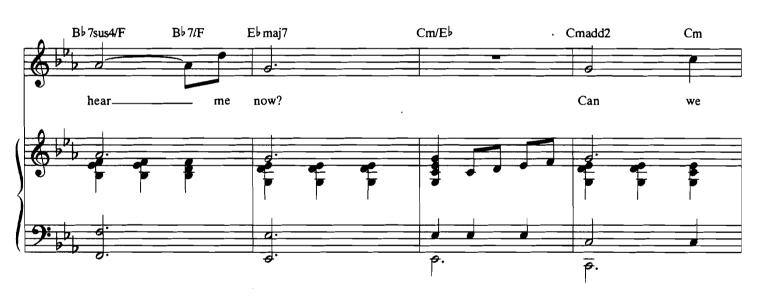


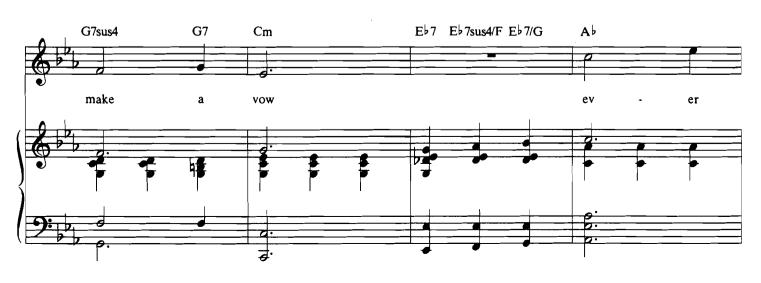




















# THE GREATEST OF THESE

#### from Philemon









# **POOR WAND'RING ONE**

### from The Pirates of Penzance

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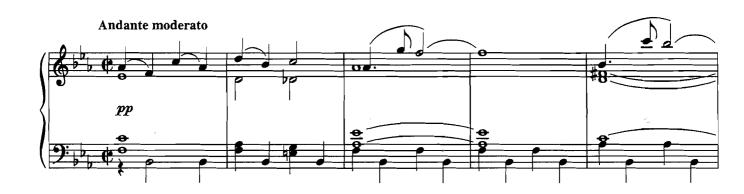




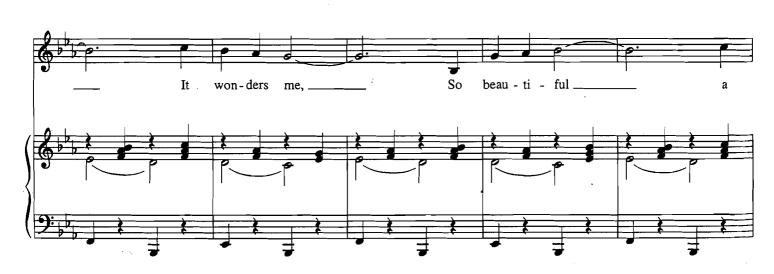
# IT WONDERS ME

### from Plain and Fancy

Lyrics by ARNOLD B. HORWITT Music by ALBERT HAGUE















## WHAT WILL IT BE FOR ME?







### HOW COULD I EVER KNOW?

#### from The Secret Garden

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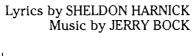






# I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME

#### from She Loves Me









## WILL HE LIKE ME?

### from She Loves Me











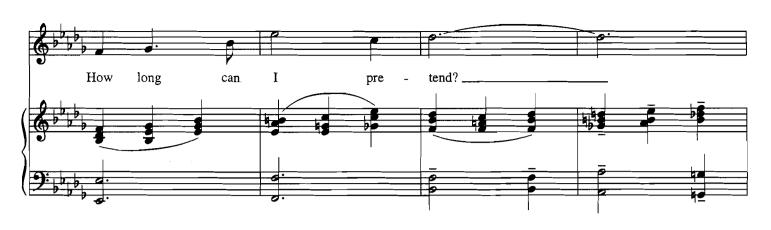


## **DEAR FRIEND**

#### from She Loves Me















### I DO NOT KNOW A DAY I DID NOT LOVE YOU

from Two by Two

Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN Music by RICHARD RODGERS



Japheth sings the song in Act I; Rachel sings a reprise in Act II.

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## THE SOUND OF MUSIC

## from The Sound of Music

Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II Music by RICHARD RODGERS











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