

PIANO/CONDUCTOR'S SCORE

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Synopsis of Scenes

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Scene One CORN, in the style of Rodgers and Hammerstein

Scene Two A LITTLE COMPLEX, in the style of Stephen Sondheim

Scene Three DEAR ABBY, in the style of Jerry Herman

ACT TWO

Scene One ASPECTS OF JUNITA, in the style of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Scene Two: SPEAKEASY, in the style of Kander and Ebb

THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS

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THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS

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OH, WHAT BEAUTIFUL CORN No. 1

Music by Eric Rockwell Lyrics by Joanne Bogart

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION:













ABBY: Mornin', Big Willy. Come to call on June?

BIG WILLY: Heck no, Miss Abby. What use have I got for her? I got my life all figgered out. Travelin' with the carnival, seein' the world, (takes 'King and I' pose with hands on hips) et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

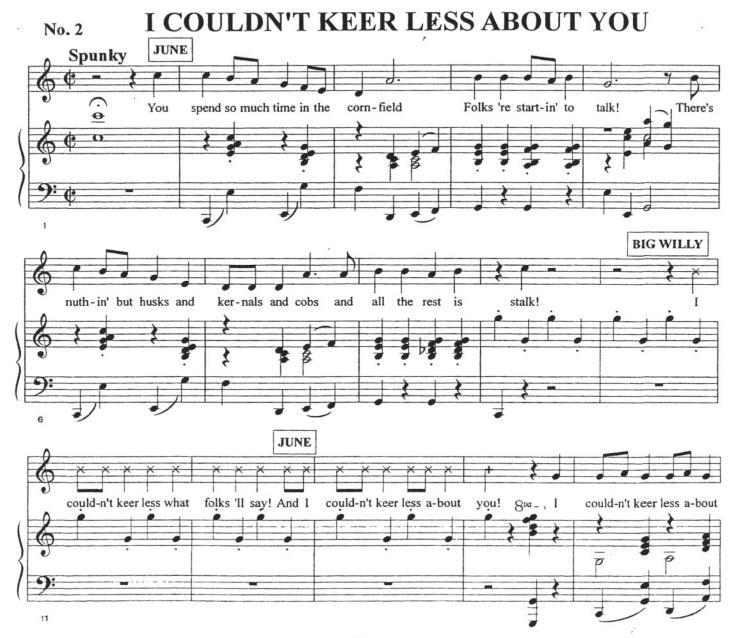
ABBY: Sounds like you're high as an elephant's eye! You young-uns don't fool me none. Never seen two dang fools more in love. (June enters.) June, look who's here!

BIG WILLY: Mornin' June.

JUNE: What're you doin' here?

BIG WILLY: I was just wanderin' around yer cornfield!

JUNE: Oh, what's the use of wanderin'?







JUNE: You gave me such a fright! Big Willy, this is....

JIDDER: They call me Jidder.

JUNE: You come to collect the rent, I s'pose?

JIDDER: That's right, Miss High and Mighty! And if I don't collect it by 5 o'clock today, I'm gonna marry you myself, you understand?

BIG WILLY: Hey, leave the little lady alone!

JIDDER: What's it to you, Mr. High and Mighty?

BIG WILLY: Well, you cain't up and marry her jest 'cause she cain't pay her rent!

JIDDER: Oh, cain't I? It says I can right here in this Lease!

BIG WILLY: That lease'll never hold up in court!

JIDDER: Yes it will. And don't call me Liesl. So either I see the rent, or I'll see ya at the weddin'! And now I'm goin' back to my dark and lonely room...to look at pictures. Pictures of dirty girls! (He exits)

JUNE: That Jidder is up to no good. But I guess I have to marry him, since you don't love me and I don't love you!

BIG WILLY: Okay, Okay, Okay!

JUNE: Don't throw Okays at me!

BIG WILLY: Well, if that's the way you want it, so long!

JUNE: Farewell!

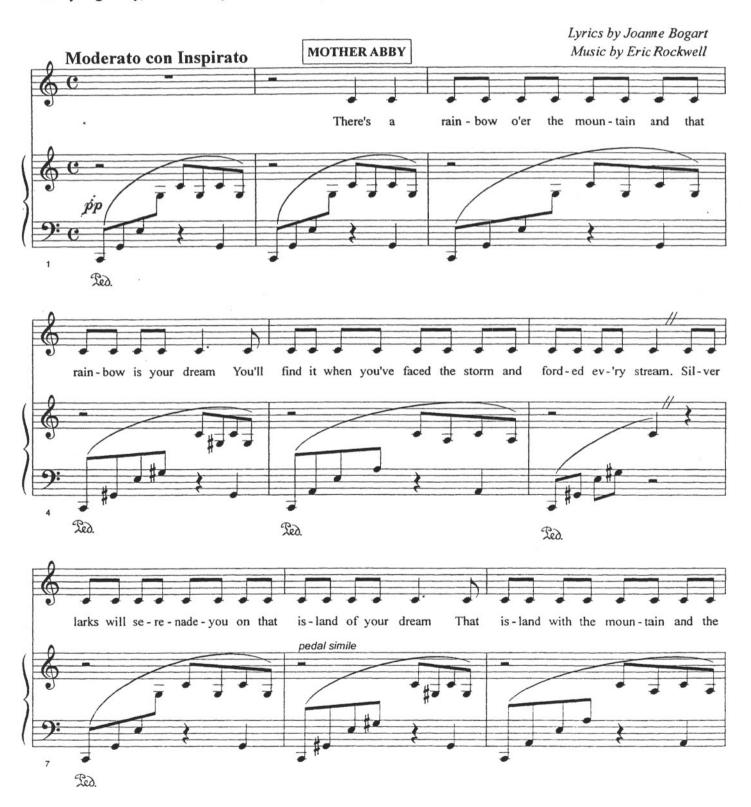
BIG WILLY: Auf Wiedersehen!



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FOLLOW YOUR DREAM

JUNE: Oh, Abby... Mother Abby. I'm so confused. Should I follow my heart (music begins) and marry Big Willy, or follow my head and marry Jidder?







DREAM BALLET

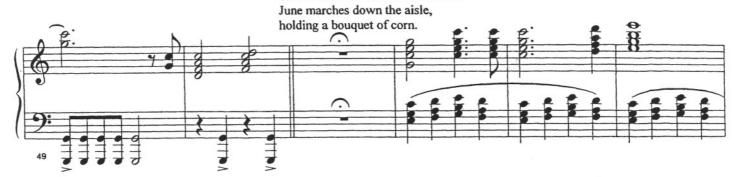
JUNE: Thank you Mother Abby. That was so helpful. Hmmm. follow my dream...dream...dream...

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: As June drifts off to sleep, in her own little corner, in her own little chair, Dream June appears.





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Dream Jitter marries Dream June!



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June awakens to find Jidder standing in front of her.

JIDDER: Time's up, Miss High and Mighty. You got the rent?

JUNE: But Jidder, you tore up the lease, remember?

JIDDER: That wasn't me. That was Dream Jidder. If you ain't got the rent then you're comin' with me. To git married!

JIDDER: Because you're June! June, June! Jest because yer June! (He carries her over his shoulder.)

JUNE: Put me down!

JUNE: Why me, Jidder?

JIDDER: Okay. You're nothin' but a no-good low-down flibberty-jibbert!

JUNE: No, put me down.

JIDDER: Oh. All right, Miss High and Mighty. Now where in tarnation is that Parson? (Big Willy enters as June and Jidder exit.)

SOWILLY QUEY

BIG WILLY: Hey! That's my girl! I'll just go and get her! Or...Is a puzzlement!











DELICIOUS CLAM DIP







BIG WILLY: Wait! Stop the weddin'!

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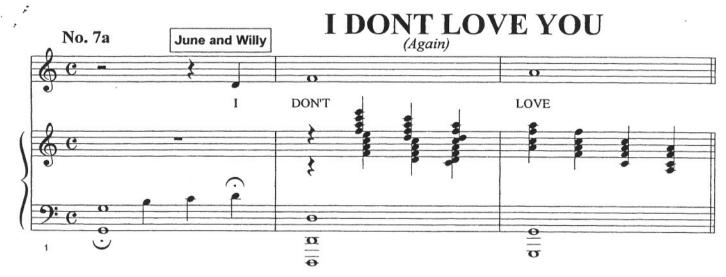
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JUNE: Oh, Big Willy! I knew you'd come. But it's too late - Jidder and me are already married.

JIDDER: That's right, Mr. High and Mighty. She's mine. It says so right here on this marriage certificate. We're legally wed as of 5 o'clock today!

JUNE: I - I gu-guess this is go-good-bye Big Willy.

BIG WILLY: I gu-guess so...



ABBY: Wait! Let me see that certificate. Hah! Why this scrap o' paper don't mean nuthin'. Haven't y'all heard? Kansas has adopted Daylight Savings Time!

CHORUS: Daylight Savings Time?!?

JUNE: Well that means it's only 10 after 4. So we ain't married yet!

JIDDER: But ya still gotta pay the rent!

BIG WILLY: I'll pay the rent! And well before 5'oclock!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME







JIDDER: Now wait just a minute, Mother High and Mighty....Aaaaaagh!

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: Jidder trips and falls on his own knife.

JUNE: Oh. Jidder tripped and fell on his own knife. He's dead. (Quickly recovering). So Big Willy, what were asking me before?

BIG WILLY: Whaddya say? Will you marry me, June? June, June?

JUNE: Yes. Yes, yes, yes!



WELCOME TO THE WOODS

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: The lights come up on a New York City apartment complex, aptly called, "The Woods." The company of actors sets the scene.

Music by Eric Rockwell Lyrics by Joanne Bogart









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THE STORY OF JITTER











JEUNE: Hi, I'm Jeune. I hate to bother you when you're busy brooding, but I need to speak to you. Oh, what a lovely color scheme. Red, red, red, red, red, blue, blue, blue, blue, picks up the orange, picks up the orange...

JITTER: What do you want?

JEUNE: I know I'm behind in my rent, but I'll pay as soon as I can.

JITTER: (Menacingly) Perhaps there's another solution. In lieu of paying your rent, why don't you pose for me?

JEUNE: Why, Jitter. Show a little decorum.

JITTER: A funny thing happened on the way to decorum. Will you pose for me?

I HAVE LITTLE BIRDS

JUNE: Um, I don't know. I want to...no I don't. I thought I did, but now that I think of it, I'm not sure.







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JITTER: I want you to pose for me, so I can sneak up behind you, slit your throat and cover your corpse with papier mâché!

CHORUS INTERRUPTUS



No. 14 GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER



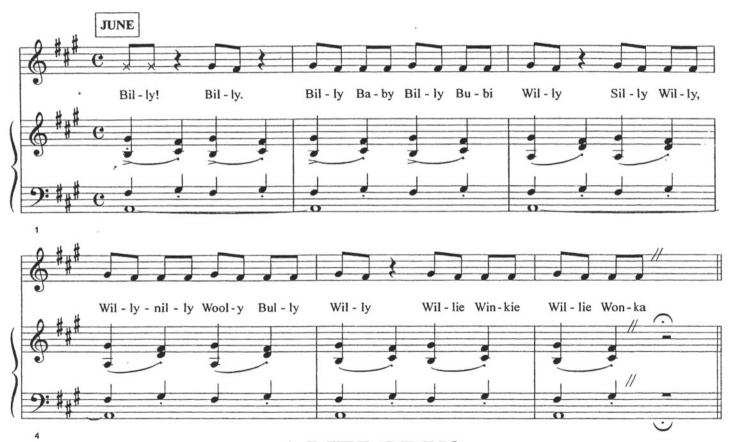




BILLY BABY'S ENTRANCE

JUNE: Oh! Phones ring, doors chime, in comes company. Come on in!

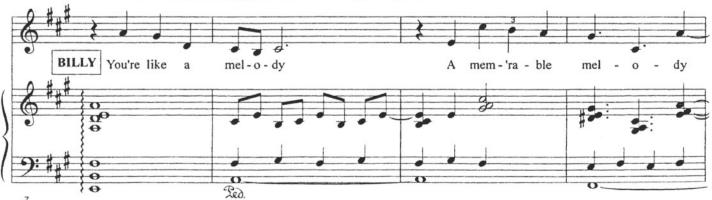
BILLY: Hi!



AMELODY?

JITTER: All right! Well, what do you want, "Billy-Baby?"

BILLY: I came to check up on Jeune. It looks like you were making some pretty specific overtures. Jeune, I've written another song and I'm dedicating it to you, babe.





JITTER: STOP! You'll never win her back with that sentimental tripe. She's mine.

JEUNE: But Jitter, Billy might find me a place where I can pay the rent.

JITTER: Careful...

STAY WITH ME







JEUNE: Oh, I don't know...well, Billy and I are engaged.

JITTER: You're marrying that hack? Out, I say, OUT!!!



BILLY: Listen, babe. You'd better decide. It's either Jitter or me! (He exits.)

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: Later that day, Jeune knocks on her neighbor's door.

ABBY: Yeah, what?

JEUNE'S PATTER





WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE

ABBY: Wait! I'd like to propose a test: Let's see what would happen if you SHUT UP!







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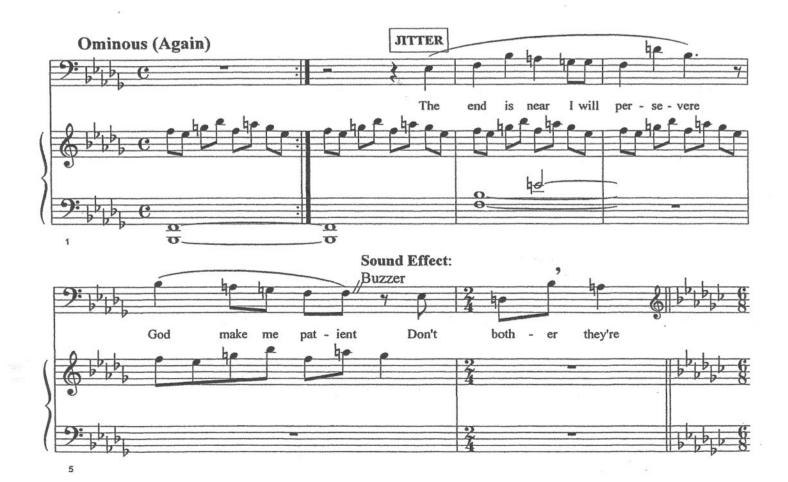
JEUNE: Thank you Abby. That was so helpful.

BILLY: Hi girls. I just sold that hummable melody song. I'll pay the rent.

JEUNE: Oh Billy. Let's all go tell Jitter we're sorry. Uh, grateful.

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: Warily, they stroll along to Jitter's apartment.

JITTER: My hour of revenge has come. They must all die so my art can live. But how much longer can I wait?





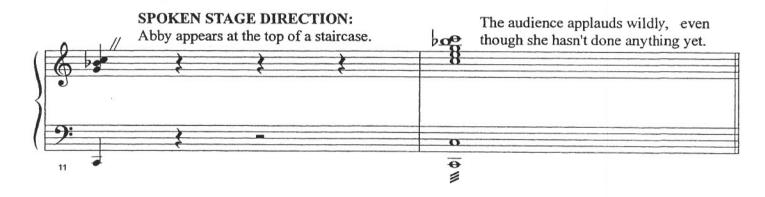


THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION:







TAKE MY ADVICE









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ABBY: Life is a star vehicle, and most poor suckers



JUNIE FAYE: Oh, Abby.

ABBY: Yes, Junie Faye?

JUNIE FAYE: I have a cold in my nose, a crick in my neck, and ribbons down my back. And I can't pay my rent! What do I do now?

ABBY: I want you to meet my nephew, William. Oh, what a lovely couple you make. (To audience) See? It only takes a moment. Now, I'm going to rejoin the human race, if you'll have me!

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: She acknowledges her exit applause.

JUNIE FAYE: My, what lovely knickers you're wearing.

WILLIAM: Aunt Abby says I can have long pants on my fortieth birthday! Oh, Boy! June, you make me wanna...

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A SHOW TUNE!

JUNIE FAYE: Wanna?.....





(Abby enters.)

ABBY: Don't worry. I'm back! And in a stunning new gown.

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: The landlord enters.

ABBY: Why hello there, Mr. Jitters.

MR. JITTERS: You're looking well, Abby. I can tell, Abby.

ABBY: Well, you know what I always say - Life could be so sensational if we'd all just put a little more mascara on.

MR. JITTERS: Mascara? Hrummph!. (Seeing June). Wait a minute! You're that young tenant of mine who's behind on her rent. You must pay the rent!

JUNIE FAYE: Waaaaaaaahhhhh!

MR. JITTERS: (Angrily) Abby! What kind of party is this? Where are the hors d'oeuvres?

ABBY: Where's that boy with the bagel?

SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: Abby steps into her personal haze.







SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: Mr. Jitters enters in full drag, wearing a red gown and a huge feathered headdress.

ABBY: Why jumpin' Jehovah, you're just one of the girls!

MR. JITTERS: I am what I am! I took your advice and put a little mascara on. I feel so good, I want to spread it around. The rent is free!

WILLIAM: In that case, I'll pay the rent!

JUNIE FAYE: Thank you Abby!

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DEAR ABBY





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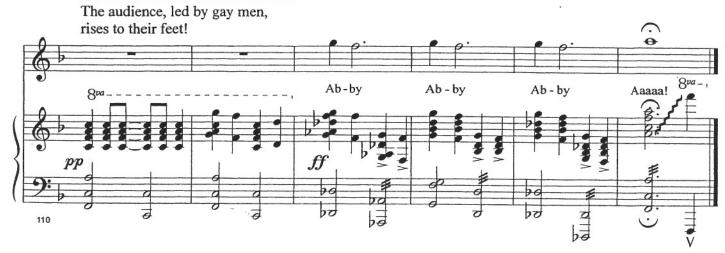




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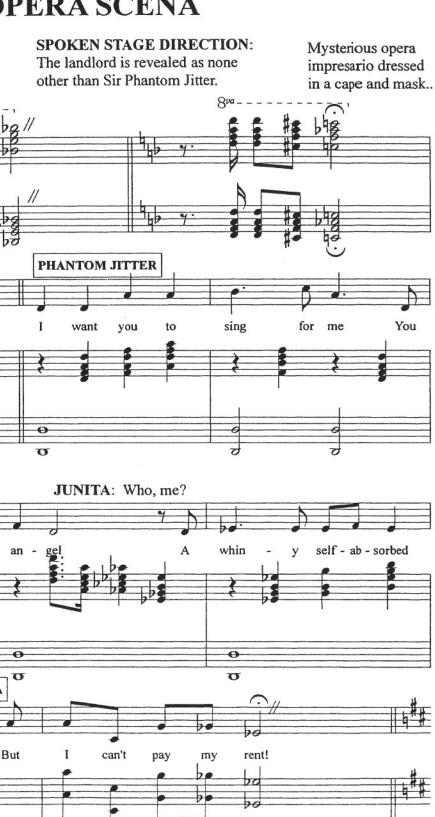




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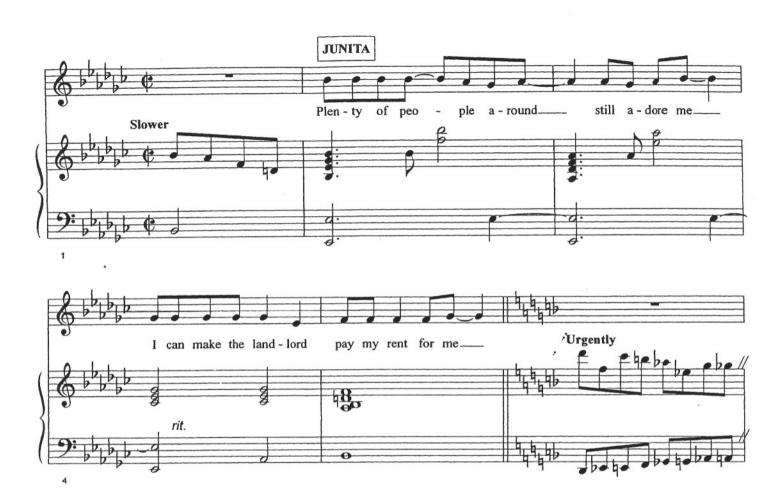






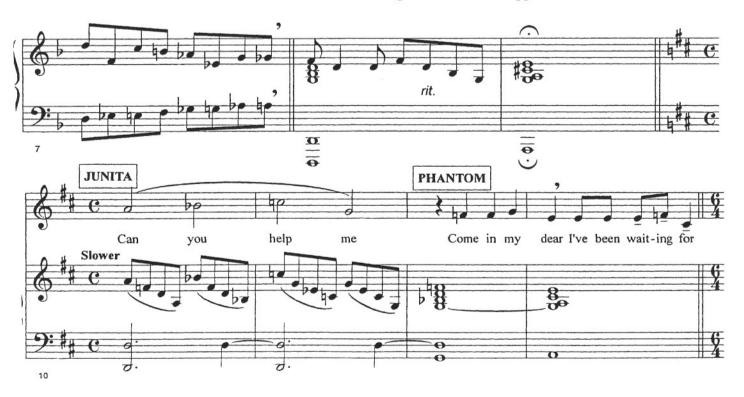
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SPOKEN STAGE DIRECTION: Scene change. The audience applauds out of habit.

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FINALE





HOLA! ALOHA! HELLO!

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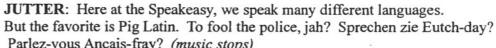
Lights up on a Cabaret in Chicago. It's the thirties. Prohibition. Speakeasy!

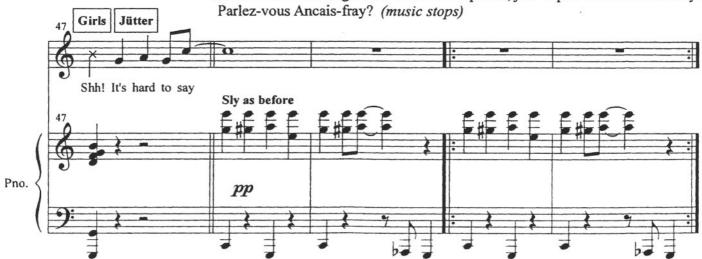












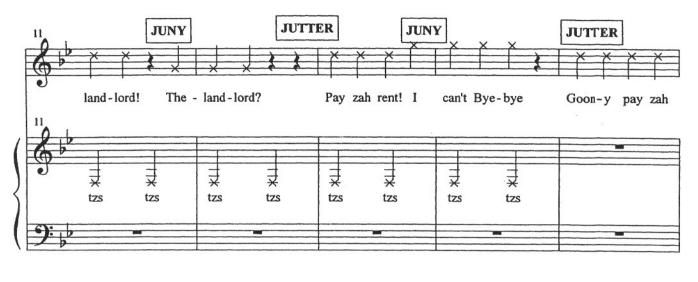




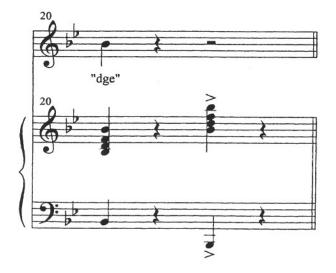
JUNY WITH A "J"

JUTTER: So, life is good? Forget it! In here, life is disappointing. You cannot pay your rent. Like one of our Speakeasy girls, Guny.









CHORUS GIRL: Juny goes to visit her boyfriend Villy in a prison full of singing and dancing inmates.

COLOR ME GAY

JUNY: Oh, Villy. I'm in a real fix. It seems I can't pay my rent. Villy, I need your help.

VILLY: I'm no help to you. I've changed here in jail. (music begins) Leave me in my prison with my fantasies and my coloring books.



JUNY'S REPRISE

VILLY: Yeah, well, things are different nowadays. Go back to the Speakeasy; if you can make it there, you'll make it anywhere. Good-bye, Luny.

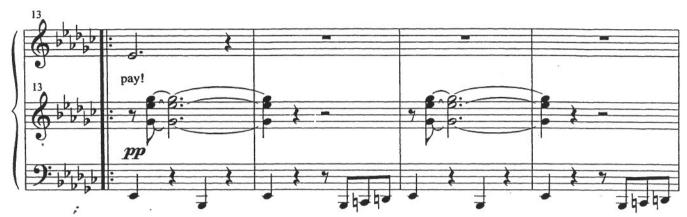


JUST DON'T PAY

JUTTER: Ladies und Gentleman, Guys und Gals, Spidermen und Spiderwomen.



CHORUS PERSON: So, I'm tryin' to sleep in my apartment. And all I can hear is "drip, drip, drip". That faucet's been drippin' since the day I moved in. So, I told the landlord, "Look, I ain't payin' no rent until you fix that DRIP"...



ANOTHER CHORUS PERSON: I used to have this girlfriend known as Elsie. We used to share four sordid rooms in uh, you know, the Flatiron District. Well, there was this one floorboard that used to squeak so loud. And I told that landlord, "If I hear one more SQUEAK...



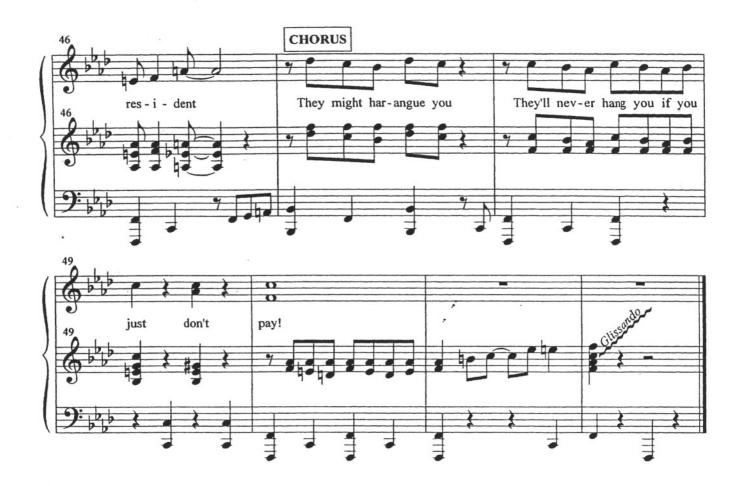
FOREIGN SPEAKING CHORUS PERSON: Kinooschjka mit ooben zee mischka wobblin. Za bolschka wobbling. Iskcha wobble, wobbleshschka! Mit ikshken "Mich enz tee MINELLI!"



(fade out during the pseudo-Hungarian)







JUNY'S SECOND REPRISE

JUTTER: Meine damen und airheads, zah speakeasy iss proud to present.....Schloony!



JUTTER:

Zah rent iss due!

JUNY:

I can't pay!

AN EASY MARK





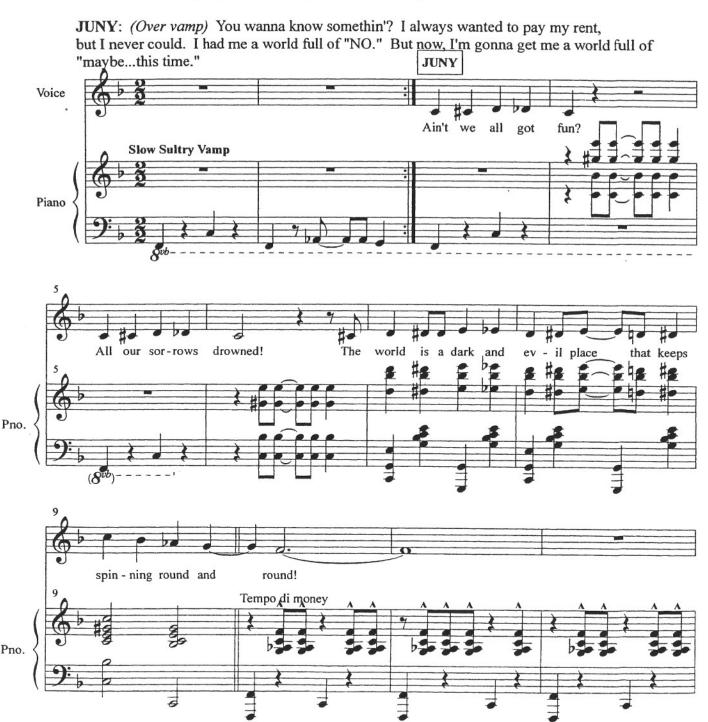




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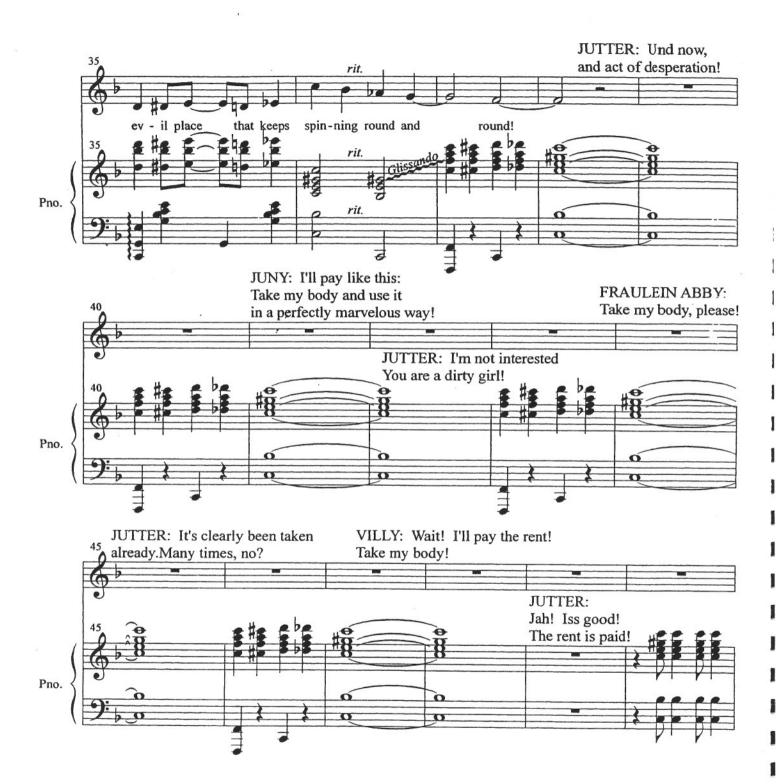
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JÜTTER: Thank you, Fraulein Abby. That was so helpful.











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