a beatbybeat musical



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ACTOR BOOK

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MUSICAL THEATRE is the art of storytelling through



In a musical, strong emotions and ideas are expressed in song and movement.

The next pages will guide you through the magical world of musical theatre.

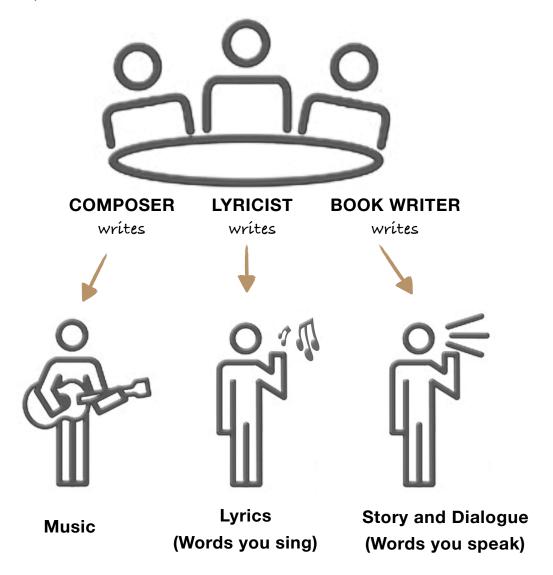
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Music is useful in showing feelings. Can you think of a song and describe
how it makes you feel? Happy? Sad? Excited? Write it down below!
SONG
FEELING

COLLABORATION

Musical theatre is fun because it involves COLLABORATING with many people.

Collaboration means working with others.

First, the AUTHORS collaborate to write the show.



CAST and CREW

Next, the CAST AND CREW collaborate to rehearse and perform the show.

DIRECTOR - The director oversees the whole production and teaches blocking. Blocking is where you stand on the stage.





MUSIC DIRECTOR - The music director teaches the songs.

CHOREOGRAPHER -

The choreographer teaches the dances.



ACTOR - The actor acts, sings and dances to tell the story to an audience. (That's you!)

CAST and CREW

The DESIGN CREW collaborates to create the visual setting for the show.

The SET DESIGNER builds the scenery for the show.





The COSTUME DESIGNER creates the costumes for the show.

The PROP MASTER finds or makes the objects actors hold on stage.



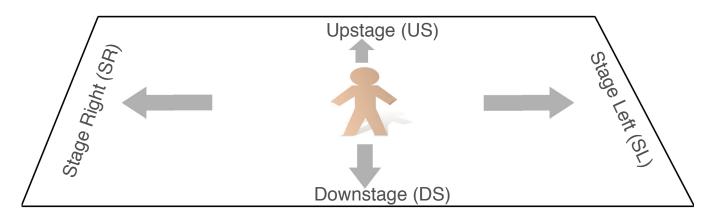


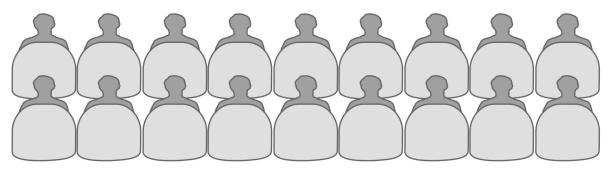
The LIGHTING DESIGNER lights the stage and actors for the show so the audience can see them.

STAGE DIRECTIONS

The director says key words to you during rehearsal so you know where to stand on stage.

"LEFT" and "RIGHT" are always from the actor's point of view facing the audience.





Other Helpful Terms

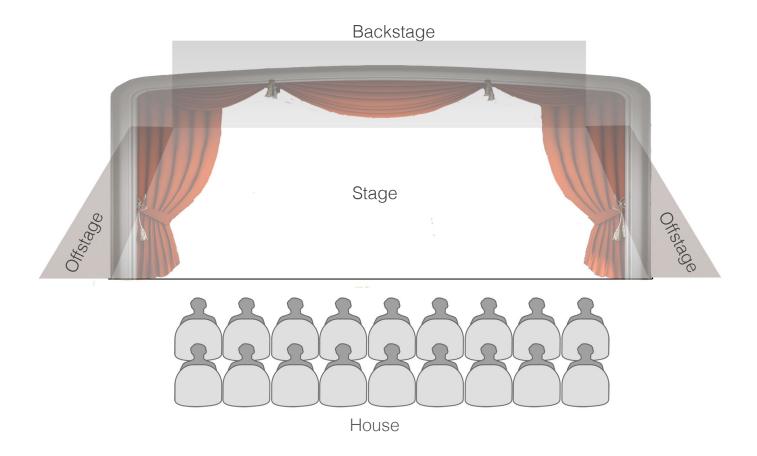
CHEAT OUT - face the audience

OFFSTAGE - off the stage and out of the audiences view

CUE - an action or word or music that signals what happens next

THEATER

A THEATER is where the show is performed. (THEATER is the art of performing on stage.)



The HOUSE is the area where the audience sits and watches the show.

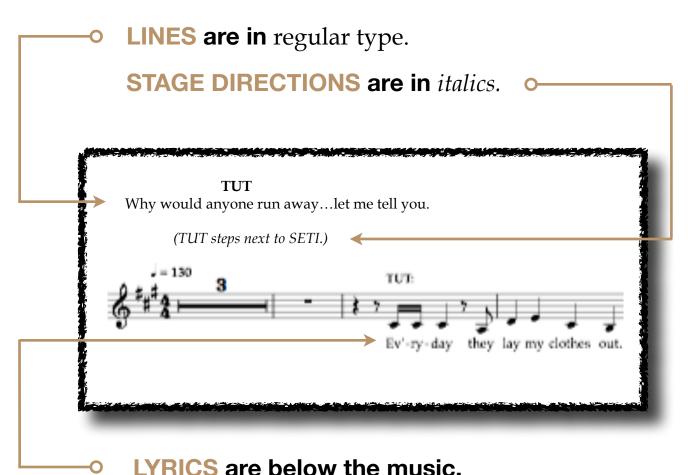
BACKSTAGE and OFFSTAGE are where the actors wait. The audience should only see the actors onstage and not the actors offstage.

SCRIPT

A SCRIPT is the written lyrics, lines and stage directions of the show.

A SCORE is the written music of the show.

CHARACTER names are in ALL CAPS.



Guide to a Fun and Successful Show



Always come to rehearsal on time and be prepared with your script and a pencil.



When you are onstage always stay "in character".



Perform your lines and songs with energy so that people in the back row of the audience can hear you.



When you are backstage and offstage, be quiet and don't let the audience see you.



Practice everything you learn during rehearsal - memorize your lines, songs and dances.



Remember that every part is a BIG part and important in telling the story.



Collaborate with everyone - you're all on the same team.

And most importantly...

Relax, be creative, and have fun!



CHARACTERS

ROYAL PALACE	STREET URCHINS	<u>OTHER</u>
TUT	SETI	HITTITE
MAIA	AZIZA	AMBASSADOR
MISS SEN	BADRU	HITTITE
AAT	CHUMA	ATTENDANT 1
	DAKARI	HITTITE ATTENDANT 2
SERVANTS		ATTENDANT 2
KIT	THE MARKET	
SAMIA	DATE VENDOR	CAMEL VENDOR 1
AHIT	BREAD VENDOR	CAMEL VENDOR 2
	FISH VENDOR	CAMEL VENDOR 3
CRIMINALS		
SENEB		HERALD
HAJI		MESSENGER
HAPU		
		CHORUS

TUT, TUT!

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SCENE 1

The pyramids are in the distance. They are more white than the sandy brown we are used to. Ceremonial music begins.

To The Sun



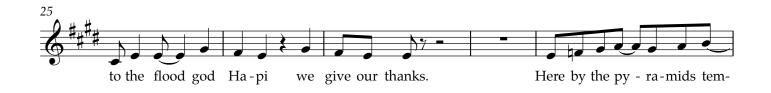
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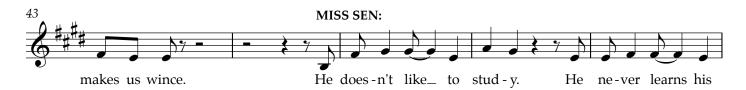
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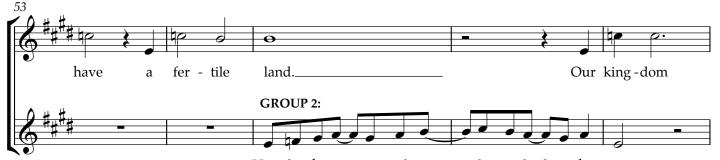




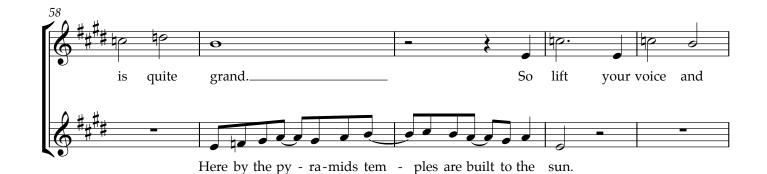




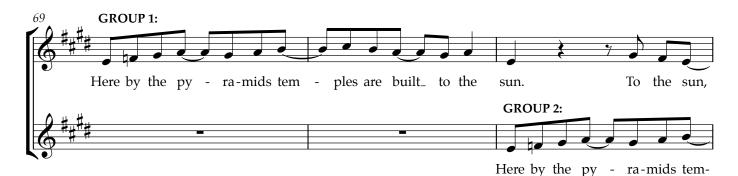


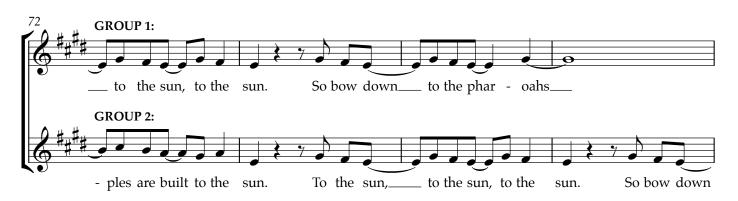


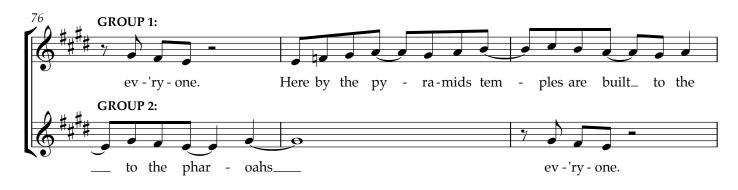
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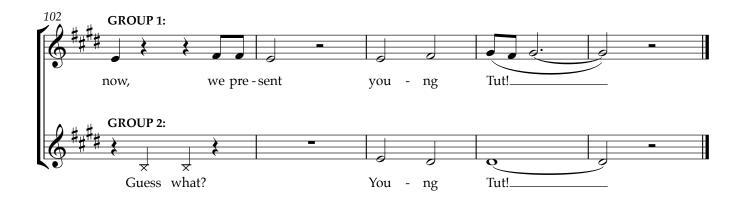












(The number finishes with a flourish. MAIA enters where we were expecting to see the prince. She's shaking her head.)

MAIA

Sorry, he's gone again.

(Everyone throws up their hands in disgust. AAT crosses to MAIA.)

AAT

Well, where is he this time, Maia?

MAIA

How should I know, Aat. It's not my day to watch him.

MISS SEN

But you're his governess.

MAIA

But I'm not a hunting dog, or a spy Miss Sen, and I need to be both to track him down. You're the royal tutor, how about you use your intelligence to track him down.

AAT

Yes, Miss Sen. You should know where he is.

MISS SEN

Well, you're his Aunt and the royal advisor. Why don't you know where he is?

MAIA

Yes. Why don't you?

AAT

Enough of this sniping. Beyond going missing, he has also hidden the royal scepter again.

MISS SEN

Oh dear. Listen up everybody, full alert for our wayward Prince Tut. If you find him, bring him back.

AAT

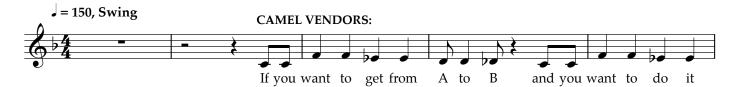
Remember he does *not* have the authority to have anyone banished. So if he threatens you with that, don't believe him.

(*They all exit.*)

SCENE 2

(The CAMEL VENDORS come on pushing or pulling a fake camel on wheels.)

The Camel Song (#1)







CAMEL VENDOR 1

Camels?

CAMEL VENDOR 2

Anyone?

CAMEL VENDOR 3

Well, we'll be around.

(They exit, but leave the camel. SENEB, HAJI AND HAPU enter.)

SENEB

Where is that Seti?

HAJI

We've looked everywhere, Seneb.

HAPU

Well, we didn't look in Sumeria.

HAJI

No, we didn't look there.

SENEB

I'm fairly certain a lowly street urchin wouldn't be able to cross the desert on his own.

HAJI

Good point.

SENEB

All I know is he was supposed to deliver a study scroll to a merchant and it never got there.

HAPU

So, just buy a new scroll.

SENEB

Idiot. Did you not hear, it is a *study* scroll. Scribes use it to study for their examinations. It teaches math, languages, formulas. It can mean the difference between being a ditch digger and a priest and is worth more than you make in a year.

HAPU

I don't make anything in a year. I'm your indentured servant.

SENEB

Yes, you are. And just for being such a buffoon I'm adding another six months onto your contract.

HAPU

Dang it!

SENEB

Now, split up and keep looking. I know that Seti is somewhere in this city. Come on.

(They exit. SETI and TUT sneak on from opposite sides. SETI takes a seat by the camel and unfurls a scroll and examines it intently. TUT approaches SETI.)

Excuse me. **SETI** Go away. TUT Excuse me. **SETI** Can't you see that I'm studying? I don't have much time. **TUT** Studying what? **SETI** Equations. Formulas. Anything I can learn. TUT Boring. **SETI** Not to me. (TUT sees SETI's face.) **TUT** Hey, do I know you? **SETI** I don't think so, but you do look familiar. TUT So do you. **SETI** Why are you hiding? TUT I'm running away. **SETI** So am I. Who are you running away from?

TUT

TUT

Not so much a who, as a where. I'm running away from the palace.

SETI

The palace? Why would anyone run away from the palace?

TUT

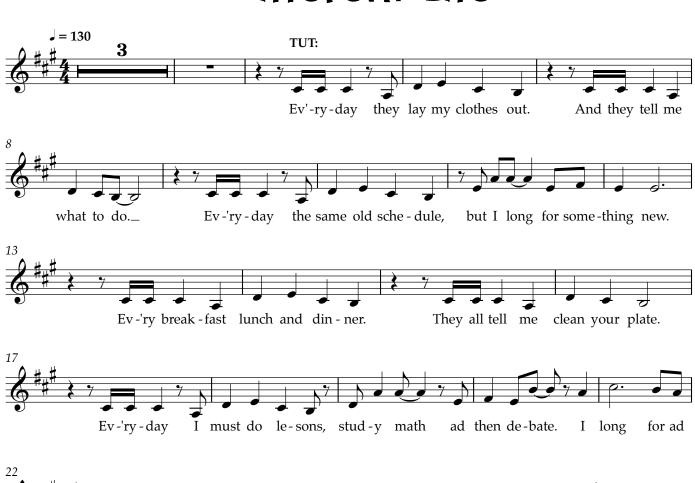
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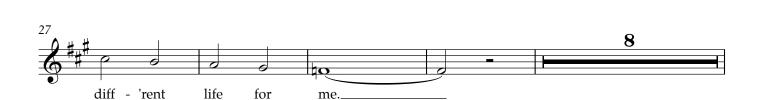
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Why would anyone run away... let me tell you.

Different Life





There must

to be free.

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be some - thing diff'-rent,

SETI

Hold on a minute. You live at the palace, you get three meals a day, and you get to go to school?

TUT

I'm made to go to school. It's not a choice. Oh my dirty peasant friend, how I wish just one day I could do what I chose and gods forbid, skip a meal.

SETI

You don't say. Let me tell you about my life.



TUT

Hang on, then. Here, trade me my hat for your headband.

SETI

Do I get to keep it?

TUT

Possibly.

(They trade out.)

SETI

Would you look at that. You could be me.

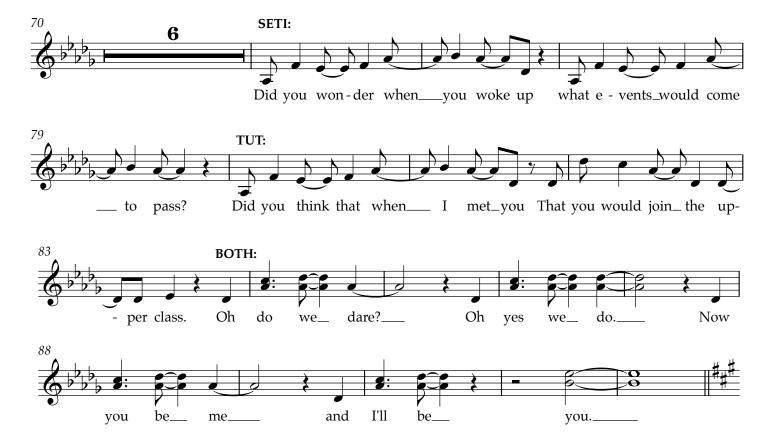
TUT

And you could be me! Here, I have a plan. Let's trade places. You can take my place at the palace, and I'll take your life here. Let's say we meet back here in three days.

SETI

You've got a deal.

(They swap all of their clothes through this next. However, SETI keeps his satchel.)



TUT

So, what's your name? If I'm going to be you, I should probably know.

SETI

My name is Seti. How about yours?

TUT

They call me Tut.

SETI

Huh, nice name. Sounds familiar. Now where have I heard that name before?

TUT

Oh, it's common enough.









TUT

This should be fun.

SETI

I think so. But listen, I need to warn you about someone named Seneb. Keep clear of him.

TUT Why? **SETI** Let's just say, we had a bit of a misunderstanding. **TUT** Keep clear of Seneb. Right. Now, as for me, you should know that I'm... (AAT enters and interrupts him.) **MISS SEN** There you are! **SETI** (whispered to Tut) Who is that? TUT (whispered) That's my Aunt Aat, the Pharaoh's sister. **SETI** Wait, if that's your Aunt, then... **AAT** Come along, my wayward prince. **SETI** Prince? (whispered to TUT) When I said 'different life' I wasn't expecting this. (SETI is dragged off by the ear. TUT wipes the dust off of his hands triumphantly.) **SENEB** There he is! **TUT** There who is? **SENEB** You, Seti!

TUT

Am right in guessing that you are Seneb?

SENEB

Indeed I am, and you are in big trouble. Where is that scroll?

TUT

Scroll? I... let me go get it for you!

(TUT dashes off)

SENEB

Get back here!

(SENEB, HABI and HAJU follow. The camel vendors come on.)

CAMEL VENDOR 1

Camels?

CAMEL VENDOR 2

Anyone?

CAMEL VENDOR 3

(to camel) Come on.

(They pull the camel off as we transform to the palace.)

SCENE 3

(At the palace. MISS SEN and MAIA enter.)

MAIA

Did you hear? Aat found him.

MISS SEN

Yes, a good thing, too. The Hittite Ambassador is waiting.

(AAT enters with SETI. SETI is trailed closely by the three servants.)

AAT

Here he is.

MAIA

Tut, there you are. You naughty, naughty prince. Come here and let me look at you.

SETI

Do you have to?

MAIA

Of course I do, I'm your governess. Ah, look at you. You're filthy. It's straight to the bath with you.

SETI

Bath, but I went swimming in the Nile last week.

MAIA

Swimming in the... what are you talking about?

SETI

I uh... nothing. (to AHIT) Hey, why are you standing so close to me.

AHIT

We're your attendants, your highness. We attend you.

SETI

Attend me for what?

KIT

For whatever.

SAMIA

Your every need.

SETI

Ah.

MISS SEN

Prince Tut, as your royal tutor, I must say that you ran out not only on your courtly duties this morning, but also your lessons.

SETI

Wait, you're the royal tutor?

MISS SEN

Yes, that hasn't changed since I saw you last.

SETI

Do I have some questions for you!

(SETI pulls MISS SEN aside. The servants follow closely.)

SETI

Can I have a little space here?

KIT

Of course, your highness.

(They back off.)

SETI

Miss Sen, being the royal tutor, I was wondering if you could help me with something.

MISS SEN

Of course.

(SETI unfurls the scroll a little.)

SETI

Well, right here it says that the volume of a cylindrical silo ten units high results in a quadruple hekat, but I'm not sure of the equation that gets us there.

MISS SEN

Do my eyes deceive me? Is my young student finally applying himself? And where did you get that scroll, that isn't your usual one.

SETI

Well, I...

(THE HERALD steps forward.)

HERALD

Announcing the Hittite Ambassador.

SETI

We can look at this later.

(The Ambassador enters, accompanied by two attendants.)

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Your highness, Prince Tutankhamen, son of Pharaoh Akhenaten, representing Aten God of the Sun, I bear greetings from King Suppiluliuma of the Hittites.

(The AMBASSADOR bows low, staying bowed. SETI observes this curiously. He crosses over to the ambassador and looks on the ground.)

SETI

What have you lost?

AAT

Your highness.

SETI

Hang on, the ambassador seems to have dropped something.

AAT

Your highness!

SETI

What is it? I can help you look.

AAT

Your highness. He awaits your permission to rise.

SETI

Oh, is that what it is? Get up then.

(The AMBASSADOR stands.)

MISS SEN

(To Seti) In the future, the proper phrase is, 'you may rise'.

SETI

Ah, you may rise.

MISS SEN

He already did.

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

I already did.

SETI

Well good then.

HITTITE ATTENDANT 1

Well, I never.

HITTITE ATTENDANT 2

Have you ever seen such manners?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Young prince. King Suppiluliuma...

SETI

King Sup-ih?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

King Suppiluliuma.

SETI

Now that is a mouthful.

HITTITE ATTENDANT 1

The nerve.

HITTITE ATTENDANT 2

Honestly.

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

As I was saying, King Suppiluliuma sends his greetings.

AAT

Return the greetings.

SETI

Yeah, tell King Superintendent I said 'hi'.

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Yes... I will.

(awkward silence)

MISS SEN

Ask him his business? The purpose of his visit.

SETI

So... what do you want?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Ah, one must appreciate his majesty's directness. My king wishes to discuss the port at Byblos and giving his people preferred trade status there.

SETI

Why?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Why?

SETI

Yes, why?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Because... because it is an important port near our border and it would be advantageous to both of our peoples.

SETI

Huh. I don't see it. Say, are you hungry?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Am I what?

SETI

Are you hungry? Because I'm famished. We could get something to eat. (to MISS SEN) I can do that, right? I mean, being prince and all that, I can get some food whenever I want.

MISS SEN

Of course, your highness.

SETI

Great, let's eat. We can talk over some grapes. Or maybe honey. Or maybe honey AND grapes.

AMBASSADOR

I have already eaten. Perhaps I'll pay another visit tomorrow when his highness is better nourished.

SETI

Okay, sure.

(AAT whispers.)

AAT

You must excuse him.

SETI

What? Oh, sure, sure. Excuuuuse, you.

AMBASSADOR

I'll take my leave.

SETI

Sure, go ahead.

(The Ambassador exits.)

MISS SEN

Well, that was just shy of disastrous.

SETI

It was?

MISS SEN

Oh My, Tut. The Hittites are very touchy. You are lucky it was only the Ambassador and not their king.

AAT

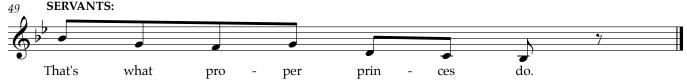
Indeed. It appears our young prince has forgotten his lessons.

Protocol









AAT

So, my nephew, I hope you will do better with the rules of court with our next visitor.

SETI

I'll study. I will. I promise. Miss Sen, let's study right now... over some food, maybe.

MISS SEN

Certainly, your highness.

AAT

By the way, your highness. Might I inquire where you have placed the royal scepter?

SETI

Hmm, the royal scepter. Refresh my memory again about that whole, 'scepter' thing.

AAT

The staff of power? The staff with the priceless amethyst atop it?

SETI

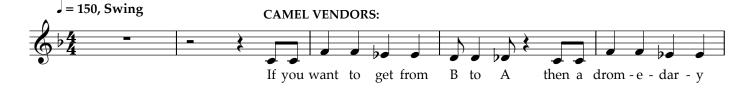
Oh, that royal scepter. It's... safe.

(*They exit.*)

SCENE 4

(The camel vendors enter.)

The Camel Song (#2)







(The stage transforms into the market place. TUT walks around looking at the items hungrily.)

CAMEL VENDOR 1

Excuse me young man.

CAMEL VENDOR 2

Might we interest you in a camel?

TUT

Not unless I can eat it.

CAMEL VENDOR 3

You'd have to be pretty hungry.

BREAD VENDOR

Bread here! Fresh baked flatbread!

TUT

Can I have a piece?

BREAD VENDOR

Do you have any money?

TUT

Ah, how much?

BREAD VENDOR

One deben of copper.

TUT

Could I pay you back later? Maybe in three days or so.

BREAD VENDOR

Get away from me, urchin.

DATE VENDOR

Dates! Dates here. Sweet and sugary dates!

TUT

A date. But we've only just met.

DATE VENDOR

If I had a copper deben for everyone who'd ever said that to me.

TUT

Does lots of charm make up for very little money?

DATE VENDOR

How little?

TUT

Uh. None?

(The date vendor shoos him away. TUT goes to the fish vendor and sniffs deeply.)

FISH VENDOR

Fish from the river! Cooked with onions! Savory, rich and tasty! (beat) You there, I charge for smells, too.

TUT

You're kidding me!

(The market goes on about their business. TUT sits down dejected. A group of kids approaches TUT. AZIZA, BADRU, CHUMA, and DAKARI.)

AZIZA

Hi Seti.

BADRU

Hiya Seti.

(No response.)

CHUMA

Seti, is everything all right?

DAKARI

Hey, snap out of it.

(Nudges him.)

TUT

Oh. Oh, yes, I'm Seti.

AZIZA

Who else would you be?

TUT

You have no idea.

BADRU

What's bothering you?

TUT

I think I'm starving to death.

AZIZA

Tough run of luck huh? How long?

TUT

Four...

BADRU

Four days? That's rough.

TUT

No, four hours.

(The four all crack up.)

TUT

What? What's so funny?

CHUMA

Oh, Seti. You're always such a joker.

TUT

I'm serious. Listen to my stomach.

CHUMA

Well, then I guess we'll just have to steal something.

TUT

Steal? We could get arrested.

AZIZA

Only if we get caught. Why this sudden burst of conscience?

DAKARI

Yeah, come on Seti. Would you rather be honest and hungry or a minor thief with a full stomach?

TUT

Swing

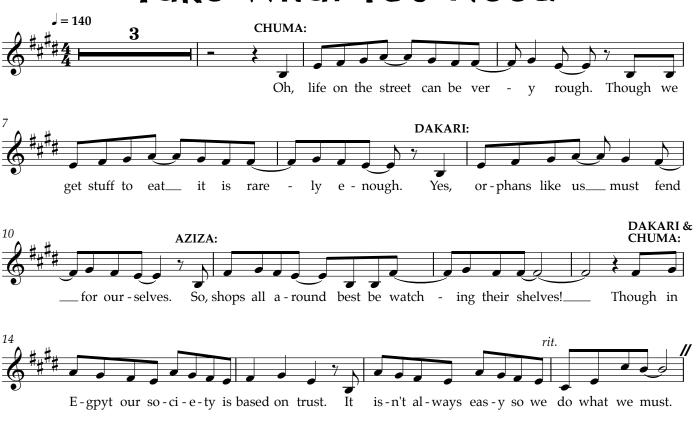
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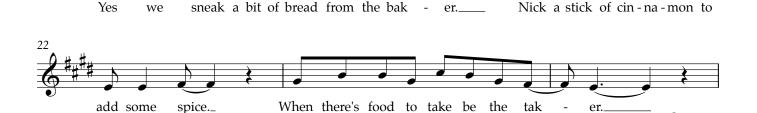
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Well, when you put it like that.

(As they sing they pilfer from folks at the market. They have elaborate routines where they take something and pass it behind their back to the next kid so that if a vendor inspects them, the food is already gone. Lyric assignments are flexible among the street kids in this song.)

Take What You Need

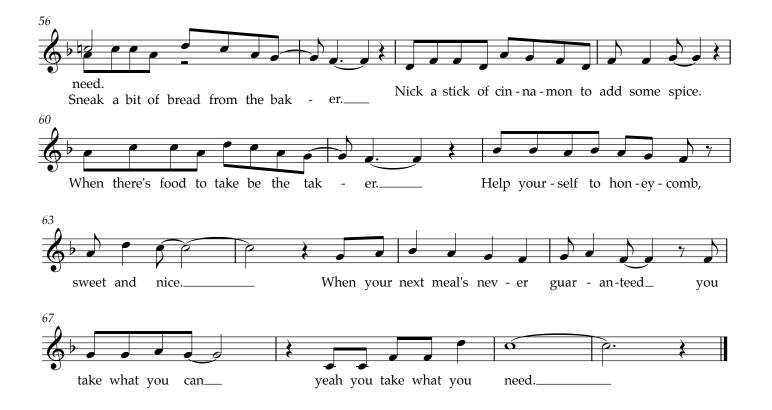




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DATE VENDOR

Hey! What's going on!

FISH VENDOR

You ruffians!

BREAD VENDOR

What did you kids take?

CAMEL VENDOR 1

Was it a camel?

CAMEL VENDOR 2

Take a camel.

CAMEL VENDOR 3

Please take a camel!

ALL VENDORS

Get back here!

CHUMA

Buh Bye!

(The kids run off.)

SCENE 5

(THE PALACE. THREE SERVANTS enter.)

AHIT

Have you noticed anything different about Prince Tut?

SAMIA

I have. He said hello to me.

KIT

Me, too! What's that about?

AHIT

I don't know, and he hasn't threatened to banish me once today.

SAMIA

Me either. I sort of miss it.

KIT

Really?

SAMIA

Well, at least he cares.

AHIT

Speaking of, here he comes.

(SETI enters eating grapes and spitting out the pits into a bowl. MISS SEN follows.)

SETI

Oh, hey. Servants. What's your name again?

AHIT

Why do you want to know my name?

SETI

Seems like the friendly thing to do.

AHIT

That's so... so nice. Nobody at the palace has ever asked my name before. It's Ahit.

SETI

What a nice name?

KIT

I am Kit, your highness.

SAMIA

And I am Samia.

SETI

Very nice. You know, I'm running a little low on grapes, would one of you mind getting us some more?

AHIT

I will, your highness.

SETI

Well, thanks, that would be swell.

AHIT

I'll go right away.

(*She exits.*)

SAMIA

We could fan you, your highness.

SETI

Only if you want to.

KIT

It would be our pleasure.

SETI

Well, thanks.

SAMIA

You are most kind, your highness.

(They start fanning. SETI and MISS SEN sit.)

SETI

Now, would you mind quizzing me again, Miss Sen?

MISS SEN

Of course. The Kindgom to the East is...?

SETI

The Hittites.

Their king is...?

SETI

Hang on. King Supercalifragilistic...

MISS SEN

Suppiluliuma.

SETI

I met his ambassador today.

MISS SEN

Very good. And what is beyond the Hittites?

SETI

The Assyrians. Their king is Ashur-uballit. That's who the pharo... who my father is visiting right now.

MISS SEN

Very good. You've done well learning your manners, and you're making great progress with the names.

SETI

There's a lot to remember.

MISS SEN

There certainly is, but I'm glad to see you applying yourself.

(AHIT comes dashing back on.)

AHIT

Here are the grapes, your highness.

SETI

Thank you, Ahit. Hey, does anybody else want any?

SAMIA

Oh uh... no.

SETI

Why not, they're really good.

AHIT

It generally isn't permitted for servants to eat with those of the royal family.

SETI

Huh. Weird. Well, I won't tell anyone if you don't.

(They look to MISS SEN.)

MISS SEN

It would be permissible. That's... very kind of his highness.

SETI

Ain't no thing. I mean, it's my pleasure.

KIT

Thank you, your highness.

(KIT starts stuffing her face, it becomes sort of a contest to see how many grapes she can fit in.)

KIT

So good. Mmmpph.

(The others watch. Kit talks through the grapes.)

KIT

I figure it's my only chance.

MISS SEN

Well, I suppose that's enough studying for now.

SETI

Oh, please no. Perhaps we could do some math. I still have some things on this scroll I could use your help with.

(Gets out the scroll again. MISS SEN examines it.)

MISS SEN

Yes, about this. This is more of a scroll for scribes and priests. Not for royal equation.

SETI

I know, right? Those guys make a good living.

MISS SEN

I suppose, not quite as good a living as a Pharaoh.

SETI

Oh... right. Of course not. But if a pharaoh has to deal with scribes, he should be able to understand what they're talking about.

Just what I've always said. You're really coming along, young prince.

SETI

I'm trying.

MISS SEN

Come then, let's find some sand where you can practice equations.

SETI

Yes!

(They start to exit, the servants linger, uncertain of what to do.)

SETI (CONT'D)

Well, are you coming? These grapes aren't going to eat themselves.

AHIT

Coming your highness.

KIT

Right away, your highness.

SAMIA

Thank you, Prince Tut.

(They exit.)

SCENE 6

(The gang comes on with TUT, eating the spoils of their thievery.)

TUT

That was truly the best meal I've ever had in my life.

AZIZA

Sometimes you get lucky. You never know what life might bring you.

TUT

It doesn't make sense. You go... we go hungry and we have to steal our food. If some people have too much, why doesn't the Pharaoh say that everyone has to share... at least share enough so everyone has something to eat. The merchants and the nobles, they would still have plenty - but then people wouldn't have to steal just to eat.

CHUMA Stop talking sense.

BADRU

Yeah, everybody takes care of their own. Do you think the Pharaoh would listen to something like that?

TUT

Maybe someday.

AZIZA

Seti, I've been meaning to ask. Where did you put that Scroll that Seneb gave you?

TUT

Yeah... the scroll.

(SENEB appears with henchmen in tow.)

SENEB

Yes, the scroll. Where is it!?

BADRU

Seti, run!

SENEB

Get him.

(The camel vendors step in his way.)

CAMEL VENDOR 1

There you are again, young man.

CAMEL VENDOR 2

Are you still interested in a camel?

TUT

Are you kidding me?

HAJI

Gotcha!

HAPU

That was easy.

HAJI

Here he is, Seneb.

SENEB

Good. Seti, where is that scroll.

TUT

I... I don't know.

SENEB

You don't, huh? Well, we'll just lock you in the granary for the evening with the rats and see if that helps jog your memory.

TUT

I really don't know.

SENEB

Tell it to the rats.

TUT

No. No! This has gone far enough! Unhand me.

SENEB

Unhand you?

TUT

Yes, I am Prince Tutankhamen, son of the Pharaoh Akhenaten. I have been in disguise for the past day, but I demand that you release me so that I can return to the palace.

SENEB

This is a new one. I've heard people so that they have a sick mother, or some other lame excuse. But never that they are royalty.

TUT

But I am!

SENEB

Of course you are. I am so sorry, your highness. Please forgive us. Listen up, listen up, everyone! We have a celebrity among us!

(As the song goes on they adorn him with false, makeshift raiment of an Egyptian Pharaoh.)

All Hail The King









TUT: I'm telling you, you're going to pay for this.

SENEB: Oh, stick a sandal in it. Gag him.



SENEB

Haji, Hapu. Lock our 'little prince' up.

HAJI

Come on.

HAPU

You know, Haji, I'm sad about something.

HAJI

What's that?

HAPU

We'll never be royals.

HAJI

Oh, Lourde.

SENEB

Out! The rest of you, go on. There's nothing left to see here.

(The crowd disperses, leaving only the street kids.)

AZIZA

Soo... do you know how Seti was acting sort of... different?

BADRU

Yeah.

AZIZA

What if...

BADRU

What if he's really telling the truth?

AZIZA

That's just what I was thinking.

BADRU

But, how would we know?

AZIZA

We'd have to go to the palace.

CHUMA

To the palace?

DAKARI

How are we going to get into the palace?

AZIZA

We'll have to figure that out when we get there.

(*They exit.*)

SCENE 7

(SETI enters, pursued by AAT.)

AAT

Your highness, this grows tiring. Where is the royal scepter?

SETI

In a safe place.

AAT

Your highness. I must remind you. That scepter is *very* important.

SETI

I'll... I'll find it.

AAT

You'll find it?

SETI

I mean, I'll get it. I'll get it out of its safe place. I'll have it in the morning.

AAT

You'd better.

(Other side of the stage, the henchmen throw TUT into a dark area. The granary can be represented with rolling wooden door on a frame with a grate in it.)

HAJI

Go on then.

HAPU

Maybe a night in here will help you remember.

(MAIA enters SETI's side.)

MAIA

Come on now, Tut. Time for that bath.

SETI

What?

MAIA

I'll scrub you up.

SETI

No, that's alright. I'll take care of myself.

MAIA

My, aren't you getting all grown up. Very well then. Don't forget behind your ears.

SETI

Very well. Maia. Please leave the lamp. Miss Sen gave me a scroll with the Hittite alphabet on it. I thought I might study it before bed.

(We are left with SETI and TUT on the stage.)

Different Life (Reprise)



(TUT curls up into a fearful ball. SETI stretches out on a sleeping mat as the music plays out. TUT and SETI exit in the darkness.)

[INTERMISSION BREAK HERE, IF NEEDED]

SCENE 8

(The CAMEL VENDORS sneak on, looking around.)

The Camel Song (#3)



(The CAMEL VENDORS play it up for the audience and then maybe a hook comes on from the curtain, they dash off.)

SCENE 9

(MISS SEN is walking across the stage.)

AZIZA

Psst. Psst.

MISS SEN

Hello, is someone there?

(AZIZA steps out.)

AZIZA

Yes. Hello Miss, do you work at the palace?

MISS SEN

Why, yes I do.

AZIZA

Do you know the prince?

MISS SEN

What an odd question. But yes. Yes, I do.

(AZIZA gestures over his shoulder and the other three come scurrying out of the shadows.)

BADRU

You see, Miss. We think there might be some confusion around the prince.

MISS SEN

What sort of confusion?

AZIZA

Did you... did you notice anything different with the prince today?

MISS SEN

Why, actually, I did. He was odd at first, but then he actually applied himself to his lessons.

(This next dialogue goes very quickly, each kid sort of talking on top of the other.)

BADRU

Miss, today we... our friend was acting funny.

AZIZA

But we didn't think anything of it.

BADRU

And we stole some food.

CHUMA

But he did, too!

DAKARI

Yes! Yes he did! He was part of it.

AZIZA

And then he was captured by Seneb because he thinks he's Seti, and Seti didn't deliver a scroll.

BADRU

Apparently it's pretty valuable.

CHUMA

But then Seti said that he was the prince and everyone laughed at him.

DAKARI

And we sang 'All Hail the King', but we didn't want to sing it, it was so *mean*.

BADRU

But afterward, after he was thrown in the granary, we thought that maybe he was telling the truth.

AZIZA

Yes, we did. We thought that.

CHUMA

But I still want to point out that he stole things, too.

MISS SEN

Slow down, slow down! Are you saying that our prince, Prince Tut, has switched places with a child of the streets and has been locked in a granary.

AZIZA

Yes, pretty much.

BADRU

Yep, that's what we're saying.

MISS SEN

And what did you say your friends name was?

BADRU

Seti, ma'am.

MISS SEN

Seti.

AZIZA

Are you going to send for the police?

Goodness, no. Think of the trouble your friend Seti could get into. How fortunate they found me, and not someone else. Come with me, we have much to discuss.

(MUSIC playout.)

SCENE 10

(MAIA enters to find TUT sleeping.)

MAIA

Rise and shine, little prince. Rise and shine.

SETI

What? Oh! I'm here, in the palace.

MAIA

Yes, and let's have a look at you and see if you did as you said. Mmm... behind the ears. Not bad. Not bad at all.

SETI

I tried.

MAIA

Your highness. Are you alright?

SETI

Yes, of course I am.

MAIA

It's just, I've known you since you were a baby and you seem a bit off these days.

SETI

Oh, it's just, all of the duties of the court and all. A lot on my mind.

MAIA

I understand. Just know that old Maia's here for you when you need her.

SETI

Thank you, Maia.

(MISS SEN enters.)

MATA

Oh, good morning, Miss Sen. You're here early.

Yes, I just thought I'd spend a little time with his majesty before his meeting with the Ambassador.

MAIA

A very good plan.

SETI

I think I'm ready. I've practiced my bows and my phrases for etiquette.

MISS SEN

I think you're ready, too. You're a very fast learner.

SETI

Thank you, Miss Sen.

MISS SEN

I only wish all of my students were such quick learners, Seti.

SETI

Well, I try. I... uh... who's Seti?

MAIA

Yes, who is Seti?

MISS SEN

Maia, use your eyes.

MAIA

Oh, my goodness. I *knew* you were too nice to me. Where is Tut? What have you done with the young prince? Is he in danger?

MISS SEN

He's been imprisoned, but he's safe for now.

SETI

Imprisoned, by who?

MISS SEN

Someone named Seneb.

SETI

Oh no! This is my fault. Who else knows that we've switched places?

Nobody. Well, your friends and I think that Aat might suspect, and we'd do well to keep it from her.

SETI

Why?

MISS SEN

The Pharaoh is out of the country, the prince has been replaced by an imposter. This is a perfect opportunity for Aat to take power.

SETI

I'm going to die, aren't I?

MISS SEN

Not if we can help it. Right, Maia.

MAIA

My job is to take care of children. Your secret is safe with me.

(The three servants burst in from where they've been listening.)

KIT

Us, too!

AHIT

Yes.

SAMIA

We won't say a word.

MISS SEN

Well, we'd best get this taken care of very soon. As they say, a secret is best kept if only one person knows.

SETI

This really isn't good. The prince... he's a prisoner because of something I did. The gods must be punishing me.

MAIA

Oh, you mustn't say that. You have a good, true heart. The gods will see you through this.

MISS SEN

Maia is right.

MAIA

Look around us, child. To the west, what do you see?

SETI

Desert.

MISS SEN

To the east, what do you see?

SETI

Desert.

MAIA

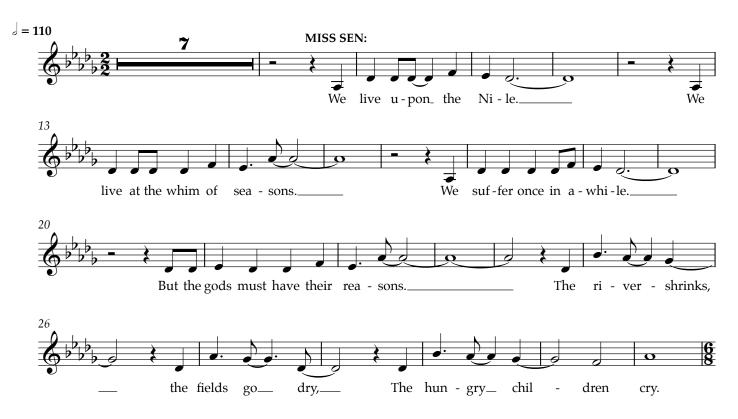
Yes, and in the middle, runs the great river. Each year, during the dry season, we watch the water grow more shallow. But, we don't give up hope.

MISS SEN

No, because we know the water will return. Even though things look bleak right now, good fortune will return.

(The cast will be a background chorus for this number near the end.)

The Flood Will Come











(AAT arrives.)

AAT

Well then, are you ready for the Hittites?

SETI

Of course I am.

AAT

And what about...?

SETI

Yeah, yeah, the royal scepter. I'll have it soon.

(They cross to center stage.)

HERALD

Announcing, the Hittite Ambassador.

(The HITTITE AMBASSADOR enters with his attendants. He bows.)

SETI

Please, rise.

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

I thank you.

SETI

What word do you have from King Suppiluliuma?

(SETI pronounces it correctly and looks to MISS SEN with pride.)

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Your highness. There is still the matter of the port at Byblos to discuss.

SETI

Have you drawn up documents?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

We have, your highness.

SETI

Might I see them?

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Of course, your highness. It is however, in cuneiform in the Hittite language.

SETI

I see. But, isn't it customary to draw up the treaties in both languages.

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

Ah. Yes it is, but we thought to save the expense of having it translated.

SETI

No matter. Let me see.

(He looks it over and studies intently.)

Miss Sen, I'm still working on my cuneiform. Would you mind looking at this section here? It seems like the Hittite King is also asking for the right to station a thousand troops there. Is that correct?

MISS SEN

It does look that way, your highness.

SETI

Royal Counselor Aat. Would you find it advisable to allow a foreign power to have a large armed force two hundred miles within our own borders?

AAT

I would not, your highness.

SETI

Well then. Please advise your king that we would consider preferred status, without the troops, if he would allow us to open a trade route to Aleppo.

HITTITE AMBASSADOR

I will relay the message, your highness.

HITTITE ATTENDANT 1

Oooh.

HITTITE ATTENDANT 2

Did that just happen?

KIT

You know it did.

AHIT

You don't mess with the 18th dynasty.

SAMIA

New kingdom, child! Boom!

(The HITTITES take their leave.)

AAT

Very impressive, your highness.

SETI

Thank you, Aat.

AAT

It would have been even more impressive with a scepter in your hand.

MISS SEN

Well done... your highness.

(The MESSENGER comes dashing in.)

MESSENGER

Your highness! Your highness!

AAT

What is this insolence? Bow before the prince.

MESSENGER

Yes. I'm sorry.

(The messenger bows.)

SETI

You may rise.

MESSENGER

Your highness. I bring grave tidings.

MISS SEN

What is it?

MESSENGER

Your highness, Aat, nobles... the Pharaoh is dead. Akhenaten is dead.

AAT

How? How did he die?

MESSENGER

We do not know, your Grace. He grew sick on the journey home and died this past evening.

AAT

This is... sad news.

SETI

Very.

AAT

But we have a problem.

SETI

Yes, we do. Ah... we do? What do you mean?

AAT

Protocol dictates that whoever sits on the throne tomorrow morning, with the scepter, will be the next pharaoh. Now where is that scepter, you little brat?!

SETI

I...

MISS SEN

Your ladyship, this is very out of character for you.

AAT

But don't you understand? This is a most delicate time for the kingdom.

MISS SEN

But yelling at the prince won't help him remember.

AAT

He needs to find that scepter. Now! Without that scepter, nobody can be pharaoh. I expect it to be found.

(AAT exits, followed by all except SETI and MISS SEN.)

MISS SEN

Seti, your friends told me that a certain Seneb had given you a scroll to deliver. Is that the one you've been using?

SETI

It is. I was... I know it is wrong to steal things, but I really just wanted to borrow it so I could learn. Then we switched places and I was so happy to have you to teach me.

MISS SEN

I still will.

SETI

Really?

MISS SEN

If we get through this. You have no idea what it means to a teacher to have a willing student.

(SETI hands MISS SEN the scroll.)

SETI

Here you are.

MISS SEN

I'll deliver this to this Seneb as soon as I can. I need you to pretend to be the prince for a little while longer.

SETI

I think I can do that.

MISS SEN

Seti, do you realize how easy it would be for you to say nothing and become pharaoh?

SETI

I suppose, but what sort of pharaoh would I be? A kingdom built on lies, knowing I'd left the true king behind.

MISS SEN

You are a rare child. I'll be back, soon.

(*They exit.*)

SCENE 11

(Transition to TUT in the granary. We hear squeaking noises.)

TUT

Go away.

(HAJI and HAPU appear, speaking through a grate.)

HAJI

You in there. Are you still alive?

TUT

Yes, I'm alive.

HAPU

And the rats haven't eaten you?

TUT

No. I've actually made friends with a couple of them.

HAJI

Well isn't that something. Well, little prince. We've got bad news for you.

TUT

What?

HAPU

Daddy's dead.

TUT

What's that supposed to mean?

HAPU

The pharaoh, he's dead. The word just went through the streets. Of course, they say the prince is already getting ready to take the throne. How can that be if you're sitting here?

TUT

Is this true?

HAJI

Seems to be. They're gearing up for a funeral procession and a coronation and everything.

TUT

Let me out! Let me out of here, I tell you! I'm the prince. There's an imposter who's sitting in my place.

HAPU

You just don't give up, do you? Just give us the scroll and you'll be free, prince or urchin, we don't care.

(*They exit.*)

TUT

Come back. Come back! No!

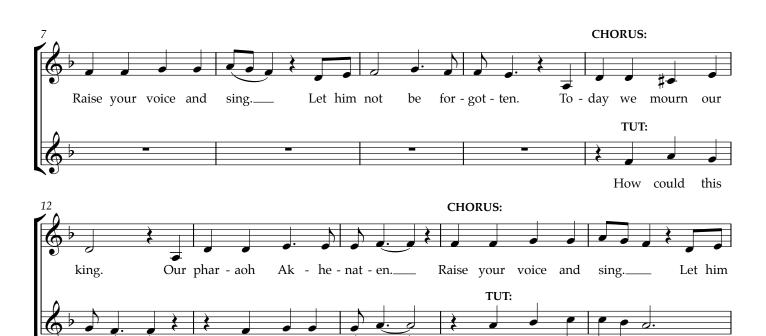
SCENE 12

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(All enter. TUT remains in the granary, SETI enters in a separate area, away from the crowd.)

Dirge





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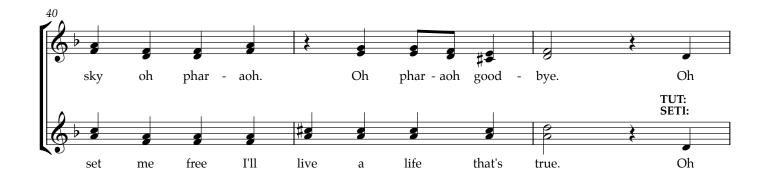
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What have I







(All cast exits except our two 'princes' in their areas. After the applause, SETI paces about and doesn't notice two shadowy figures appear. They leap at him and throw a bag over his head and drag him off.)

SETI

Help! Miss Sen! Servants! Someone!

(After SETI is gone, HAJI and HAPU enter by the granary.)

HAJI

Well then, little prince, are you ready to give us the scroll?

HAPU

Haji, what are you thinking? Address our prisoner correctly. He is pharaoh now. Little pharoah, where's the scroll?

TUT

I don't know.

(SETI's friends enter with MISS SEN.)

AZIZA

That's where they have him. Over there.

BADRU

They've had him there all night.

CHUMA

I can't believe we were hanging out with the prince.

DAKARI

Yeah... now he's the pharaoh.

CHUMA

Yeah... the pharaoh. We were teaching the pharaoh how to steal things.

DAKARI

Oops.

MISS SEN

Well, come on.

(MISS SEN leads the kids to the two guards.)

MISS SEN

Excuse me.

HAJI

Can I assist you, Ma'am?

MISS SEN

I am Miss Sen, Royal Tutor of the Palace.

HAPU

Well ain't that something. We've got a lot of high muckety-mucks around here these days.

MISS SEN

I suppose. I understand you are holding a young man because he owes you something.

HAJI

Yes, a scroll.

MISS SEN

Here it is.

HAPU

Is it now?

MISS SEN

Yes, take it and give me the boy.

HAJI

Hold on. How did we know it is the right scroll? It's a study scroll, very expensive.

MISS SEN

Read it.

HAPU

How do you know we can read.

HAJI

Yeah!

HAPU

Because we can't, you know.

HAJI

Not a single word.

MISS SEN

Are you going to doubt the word of the royal tutor?

HAPU

No, I suppose not. Let him out, Haji.

HAJI

Okay.

(TUT is released and runs to hug MISS SEN. The group crosses away from HAJI and HAPU.)

TUT

Miss Sen, I'm so sorry.

MISS SEN

That's quite alright, I think you've learned some lessons that I never could have taught you.

CHUMA

Your highness. Sorry about the... stealing, and stuff.

DAKARI

Are you going to throw us in prison?

TUT

If I did, I'd have to join you, and I've had enough of being locked up recently. Right now, I think we need to get back to the palace.

We do, indeed.

(They all exit. HAPU and HAJI wait contentedly SENEB enters.)

SENEB

Hapu! Haji! Where is the prisoner?

HAPU

Oh, we let him go.

HAJI

Yes... we got the scroll, so everything is alright.

SENEB

How did you get the scroll?

HAJI

It was hand delivered by Miss Sen, the royal tutor herself.

SENEB

The royal tutor, did you say?

HAPU

Oh yes, she was dressed very fine and seemed very smart.

SENEB

The royal... tutor. Do you know what this means? That boy was actually telling the truth. We *were* holding the prince.

HAJI

What do you know?

HAPU

The prince. The one who's going to be king right after the coronation today. Amazing.

SENEB

Yes, amazing. The one who was worth a king's ransom, but who now could have us thrown in prison for the rest of our lives.

HAJI

Oh.

HAPU

Oops.

SENEB

That's another ten years on your contract.

HAPU

Dang it!

SENEB

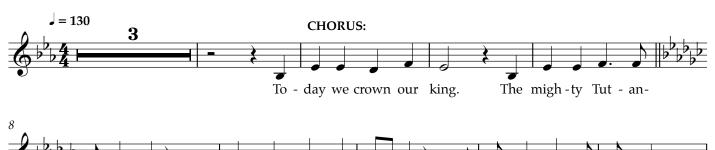
Let's start packing, I'd like to be halfway to Sumeria before our new pharaoh starts looking for the people who locked him away for a night.

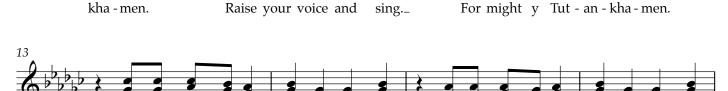
(They exit.)

SCENE 13

(The chorus enters the throne room. The throne is rolled out.)

Coronation





Wear the crown that is blue oh Phar-aoh. We pay hom -age to you oh Phar - aoh.





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(AAT and MISS SEN enter down front.)

AAT

It seems our new 'king' is a bit late.

MISS SEN

It seems so.

AAT

If he doesn't show up soon, he might have to give up his crown.

MISS SEN

And why is that?

AAT

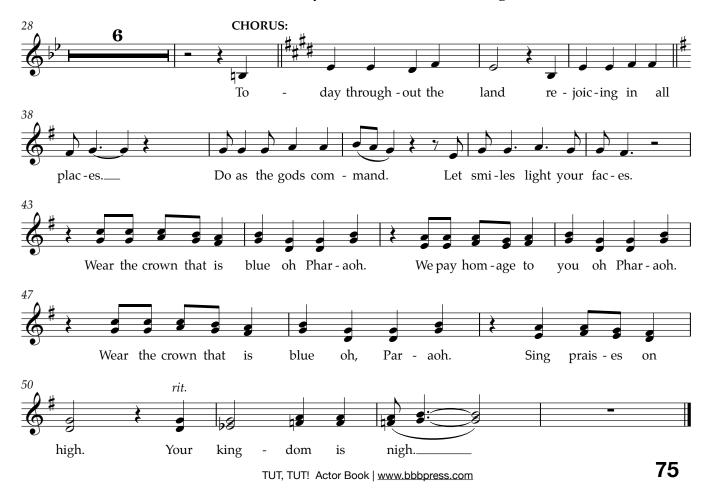
Miss Sen, this is no time for uncertainty. *Someone* must appear to be in power, or we will have civil war on our hands.

MISS SEN

That seems rather convenient for you. The prince missing, you the only member of the royal family left.

AAT

Miss Sen, I'm wounded. How could you ever think such a thing of me?



(AAT gives a gesture and a servant (probably one of the two who kidnapped SETI) delivers a note to AAT. AAT reads the note and plays it up.)

AAT

What is this? Citizens of Egypt, I bring bad news. I have here a note from our prince. He says that he doesn't feel up to the job of being pharaoh and he has fled the country.

(Reactions from the crowd.)

AAT (CONT'D)

As such, it falls on me to take up the crown until a suitable replacement can be found.

MISS SEN

But, don't you need the scepter?

AAT

All in good time. For now, I will be taking the throne.

(TUT enters, radiant in gold attire.)

TUT

Oh, I don't think that will be necessary.

AAT

You! How can you be here? You're locked in the East Dungeon, I mean... you left the country.

TUT

It seems that reports of my departure have been greatly exaggerated.

AAT

I uh... I can explain.

TUT

No need. I've already sent my servants to find my friend. I'd like him here for the coronation.

AAT

I ah... you can't! You can't take the throne without the scepter.

TUT (CONT'D)

Oh, the thing you didn't have? My scepter. Now, let's see then.

(He reaches around to the back of the throne and pulls out a sparkly rod.)

There's a little sleeve for it in the back of the throne. I thought everyone knew that.

AAT

They do now.

TUT

Guards, please hold onto my Aunt for me. She'll be banished soon enough, but I want her to see this.

(GUARDS take hold of AAT. SETI arrives in the company of TUT's three servants. SETI is dressed in nicer clothes, but set off enough not to look so much like Tut.)

TUT

There you are.

MISS SEN

Thank goodness you're safe! Are you alright?

SETI

Yes. Fine.

TUT

Everyone, I would like you to meet Seti, he will be serving as my chief advisor. He comes from the common people, and as such, has a great deal of common sense that I'm going to rely on.

SETI

I am honored, your highness.

TIIT

No, the honor is mine. Thank you, my friend. You showed great loyalty. Now, I think we should get around to the coronation prayer before someone else decides I should leave the country, or worse. Miss Sen, would you be so kind as to take care of the coronation. It should have been my Uncle, but I'd rather have you do it.

MISS SEN

It would be my honor, your highness.

(MISS SEN gathers herself, perhaps pulls out a small scroll to read.)

MISS SEN (CONT'D)

High above us, the great God Amen burns. On the throne today sits Tutankhamen, who we believe to be his worldly son... Join me in welcoming our new king.

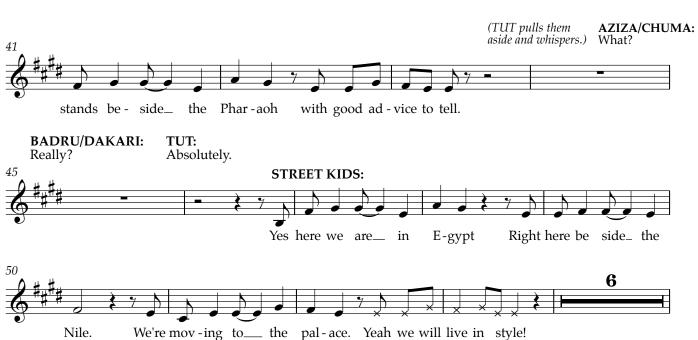
TUT

A five, six, seven, eight!

To The Sun (reprise)







(TUT crosses over to the CAMEL VENDORS who are part of the crowd.)

TUT

Excuse me, do you happen to sell camels?

CAMEL VENDOR 1

Why, yes we do?

TUT

Well, I happen to be in a position to buy some camels.

CAMEL VENDOR 2 & 3

Yes!

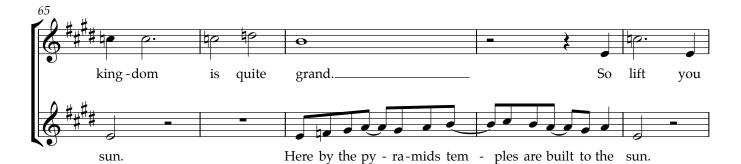
CAMEL VENDOR

What day is it?

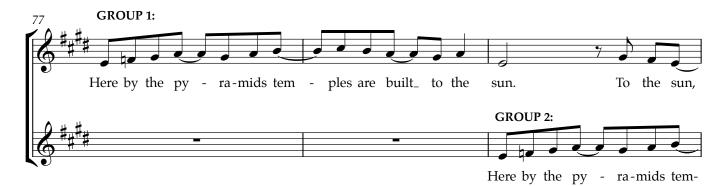
ALL VENDORS

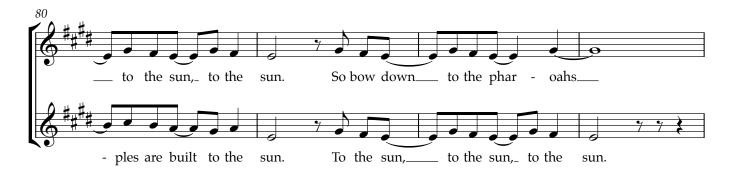
Hump Day!

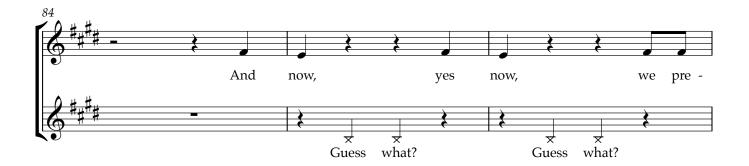


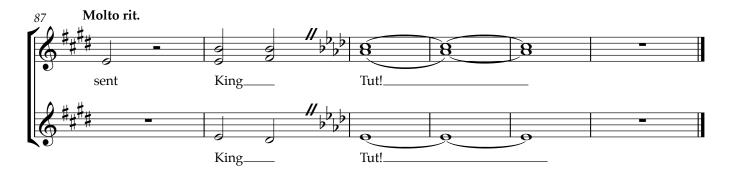












THE END.