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Actor's Script



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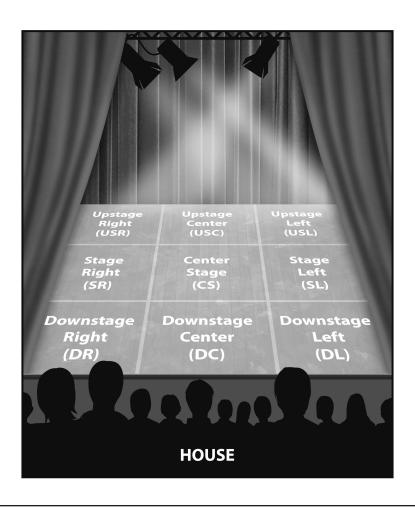
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Welcome to the Theater

Congratulations! You'll be working with your **creative team** and fellow **cast** members to put on a **musical**. Before you begin **rehearsals**, there are some important things you should know. This book is your **script**. Whether putting on a school production or rehearsing a professional show, every **actor**, **director**, and **stage manager** works from a script. Your Actor's Script contains additional information for this musical, like this introduction and two glossaries. You can look up any bold words in the Actor's Glossary at the back of this book. Be sure to take good care of your script and take notes with a pencil since what you'll be doing onstage can change during rehearsals.

One of the first things you'll need to learn is what to call the various areas of the stage. Since most stages used to be **raked**, or tilted down toward the **house** where the audience sits, the term **downstage** is still used to refer to the area closest to the audience, and **upstage** is used to refer to the area farthest from the audience. **Stage left** and **stage right** are from the actor's perspective when facing the audience. This diagram shows how to use these terms to label nine different parts of the stage.



What to Expect During Rehearsals

You will be performing a musical, a type of **play** that tells a story through music, **choreography**, and **dialogue**. Because there are so many parts of a musical, most shows have more than one **author**. The **composer** writes the music and usually works with a **lyricist**, who writes the **lyrics**, or words, for the songs. The **book writer** writes the dialogue (spoken words, or **lines**) and the **stage directions**, which tell the actors what to do onstage and which music cues to listen for. If the book writer and lyricist are the same person, they are often referred to as the **librettist**, since the book and lyrics together are referred to as the **libretto**.

Your director will plan rehearsals so that the cast is ready to give its best performance on **opening night**! Remember to warm up before each rehearsal so that your mind, body, and voice are ready to go. Every rehearsal process is a little bit different, but here is an idea of what you can expect as you begin to work on your show:

Music

Since you're performing a musical, it is important to learn the music during the rehearsal process. Your **music director** will teach the cast all the songs in the show and tell you what to practice at home.

Choreography

Since most musicals include some movement or dance, you'll also be rehearsing choreography. Your **choreographer** will create the dances and teach them to the cast. The music and the choreography help tell the story.

Blocking & Scene Work

Your director will determine where everyone in the cast stands and how they move around the stage. You'll use theater **blocking** terms (downstage left, upstage right, etc.) a lot during this portion of the rehearsal process. You will also practice speaking your lines and work on memorizing them. Rehearsing your part from memory is called being **off-book**. Your director will help you understand the important action in each scene so you can make the best choices for your character's **objective**, or what your character wants.

Marking Your Script

Notating your script can help you to remember important blocking and direction. Below are some tips to keep you on track.



Always write your name legibly on your script. Scripts have a way of getting lost or changing hands during rehearsals.



Mark your lines and lyrics with a bright-colored highlighter to make your part stand out on the page. This will allow you to look up from your script during rehearsals, since it will be easier to find your place when you look back down.



Underline important stage directions, lines, lyrics, and individual words. For example, if your director wants you to stress a word, underline it in your script.



Save time and space by using the following standard abbreviations:

ON: onstage

OFF: offstage

US: upstage

DS: downstage

SL: stage left

SR: stage right

CS: center stage

X: cross

You may use these abbreviations to modify other instructions (you could write "R hand up" to remind yourself to raise your right hand). You may also combine them in various ways (you could write "XDSR" to remind yourself to cross downstage right).



Draw diagrams to help clarify your blocking. For example, if you are instructed to walk in a circle around a bench, you might draw a box to represent the bench, then draw a circle around it with an arrow indicating the direction in which you are supposed to walk.



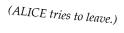
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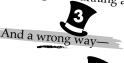
Mark your music with large commas to remind yourself where to take breaths while singing.



Although you should feel free to mark up your script, be careful it doesn't become so cluttered with notes that you have a hard time finding your lines on the page!



Meeting and running ain't very polite. There's a right way—



TWEEDLE DEE

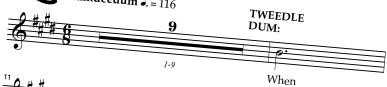


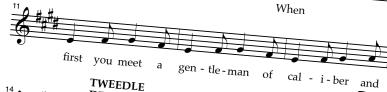
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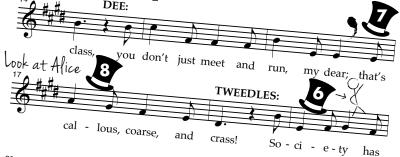
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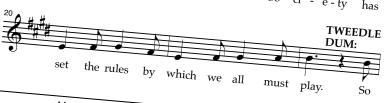
(#13 – HOW D'YE DO AND SHAKE HANDS.)

How D'ye Do and Shake Hands









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The **WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE** appears, bringing a whimsical world to life around the curious, imaginative **ALICE** (*Opening: Alice's Theme*). Alice's older sister **MATHILDA** and her **FRIENDS** barge in, shattering the world of Wonderland and mocking Alice for living in a childish, make-believe world. After they go, Alice dreams of a place of wonder and adventure where she can be her truest self (*In a World of My Own*). As Alice falls asleep, the world of Wonderland comes to life around her and **CHESHIRE CATS 1-3** appear to guide Alice on her journey.

At the beckoning of the Cheshire Cat, the **WHITE RABBIT** rushes by, lamenting that he is behind schedule (*I'm Late*). Alice follows him to the edge of his rabbit hole and jumps in as the inhabitants of Wonderland fall past her, offering advice (*Very Good Advice*).

Alice lands in front of a very small door. The **DOORKNOB** suggests that Alice eat and drink magical items to change her size. During her growing and shrinking, she cries an ocean of tears and is able to swim through the door's keyhole into Wonderland. A boat rows past carrying a **DODO BIRD** and a bunch of Wonderland creatures (*Ocean of Tears / Smallification 2*). Once they all wash ashore, the Dodo Bird initiates a race so that everyone can dry off (*The Caucus Race*).

The White Rabbit runs by again (*I'm Late – Reprise*), and Alice tries to follow him but runs into **TWEEDLE DEE** and **TWEEDLE DUM**. The Tweedles explain how to properly greet someone (*How D'Ye Do and Shake Hands*) but end up confusing everyone in the process. Alice sneaks away to find the White Rabbit at his home, and, after eating a magical cookie, she grows so large she ends up wearing his house as a dress.

After shrinking in size once more, Alice comes upon ROSE, LILY, PETUNIA, DAISY, and VIOLET, the Flowers of the Golden Afternoon. Alice longs to join their club, but the Flowers cruelly turn her away (*The Golden Afternoon*). An energetic CATERPILLAR comes upon a very sad Alice and encourages her to continue her quest despite all the unknowns ahead (*Adventure Is a Wonderful Thing*). Afterwards, Alice finally comes face to face with the magical Cheshire Cat, who sends her off to a tea party.

When Alice arrives, the **MAD HATTER**, **MARCH HARE**, and **PARTY GUESTS** are celebrating their unbirthdays (*The Unbirthday Song*). The White Rabbit runs by, still late (*I'm Late – Reprise 2*), and the Mad Hatter and March Hare try to fix his watch with disastrous results.

Alice follows the White Rabbit into the Royal Rose Garden and runs into a strange sight: the **ROYAL CARDS** are painting the roses red (*Painting the Roses Red*). The **QUEEN OF HEARTS** and **KING OF HEARTS** appear, and the Queen chastises the Royal Cards (*Painting the Roses Red – Reprise*). When the Queen of Hearts notices Alice, she challenges her to a game of Simon Says (*Simon Says – Parts 1 & 2*). Alice, much to everyone's surprise, beats the Queen at her own game. The King proposes a trial for Alice as an alternative to an immediate beheading. Witnesses

condemn Alice, including the Mad Hatter and March Hare, who make sure to wish the Queen a happy unbirthday (*The Unbirthday Song – Reprise*).

At the last minute, the Caterpillar appears, asking Alice to dig deep and think hard about who she really is. Alice, pondering the question, finally realizes that just being herself is more than enough. Suddenly, Wonderland disappears and Alice is back at home, waking from a nap. As Alice excitedly relays her moment of self-discovery to Mathilda, she discovers the White Rabbit's watch in her pocket. Alice, Mathilda, and the Wonderland Ensemble rejoice in the freedom to be their true selves, in a fantastical Wonderland of their own making (*Finale*).

Theater Tips

- It takes an ensemble to make a show; everyone's part is important.
- Be respectful of others at all times.
- Bring your script and a pencil to every rehearsal.
- Arrive at rehearsal on time and ready to begin.
- Be specific! Make clear choices about your character's background and motivation for each line and action.
- To help memorize your lines, write them down or speak them aloud to yourself in a mirror.
- Don't upstage yourself. **Cheat out** so the audience can always see your face and hear your voice.
- Before each performance, tell everyone to "break a leg" which is theater talk for "good luck"!
- Be quiet backstage and remember: if you can see the audience, they can see you so stay out of sight.
- If you forget a line or something unexpected happens onstage, keep going! When you remain confident and in character, it's unlikely that the audience will notice anything is wrong.
- Remember to thank your director and fellow cast and crew.
- HAVE FUN!



















Characters

(in order of appearance)

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE – The zany, magical, and unique characters that Alice meets along her journey, from cats and rabbits to flowers and doorknobs. This group includes participants in the caucus race who are swept up by the ocean of tears; **PARTY GUESTS** at the March Hare and Mad Hatter's tea party; and **ROYAL CARDS**, servants of the Queen and King of Hearts, including ACE OF SPADES, TWO OF CLUBS, THREE OF DIAMONDS, and FOUR OF **HEARTS**

ALICE, **TALL ALICE**, **SMALL ALICE** – a curious and adventurous girl of different sizes

MATHILDA – Alice's older sister, who is more logical and grounded than her sibling

FRIENDS 1 & 2 – Mathilda's snooty friends who find Alice odd

CHESHIRE CATS 1-3 – magical felines in three parts who don't always agree; friendly guides for both Alice and the audience

WHITE RABBIT – the perennially tardy royal trumpeter

DOORKNOB – gatekeeper of Wonderland

DODO BIRD – captain of the Queen's Navy and referee of the caucus race

TWEEDLE DUM & TWEEDLE DEE – goofy twins with impeccable manners who are easily confused

ROSE, LILY, PETUNIA, DAISY, VIOLET – the rudely exclusive Flowers of the Golden Afternoon

CATERPILLAR – a charming, theatrical, and encouraging soon-to-be-butterfly

MAD HATTER – a tea party host with a penchant for hats and making up rules

MARCH HARE – the ever-celebrating and game-loving tea party host

KING OF HEARTS – the Queen's placid partner

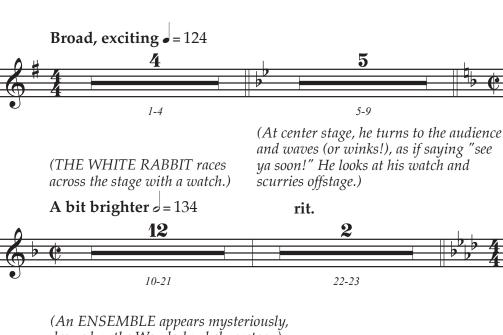
QUEEN OF HEARTS – the highly feared, hot-tempered monarch of Wonderland

Alice in Wonderland

PROLOGUE

(#1 - OPENING: ALICE'S THEME.)

Opening: Alice's Theme



dressed as the Wonderland characters.)

Ominous, grand = 118

Solution

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE:

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Oh,

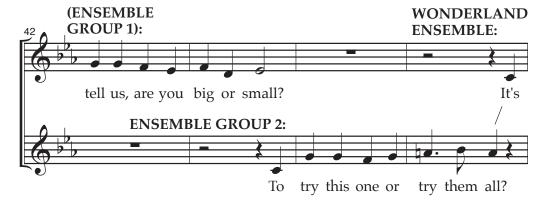




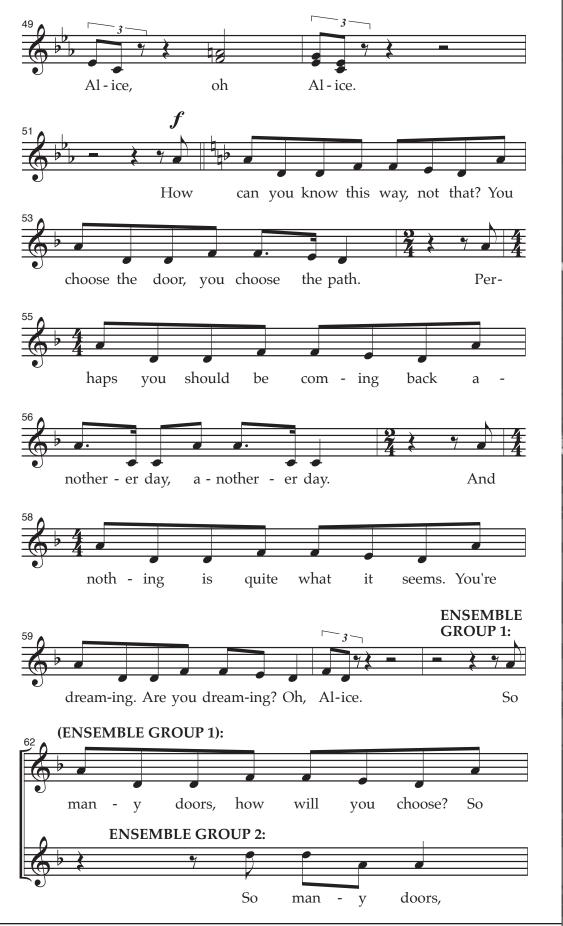
have you heard, what have you seen? Al-ice,

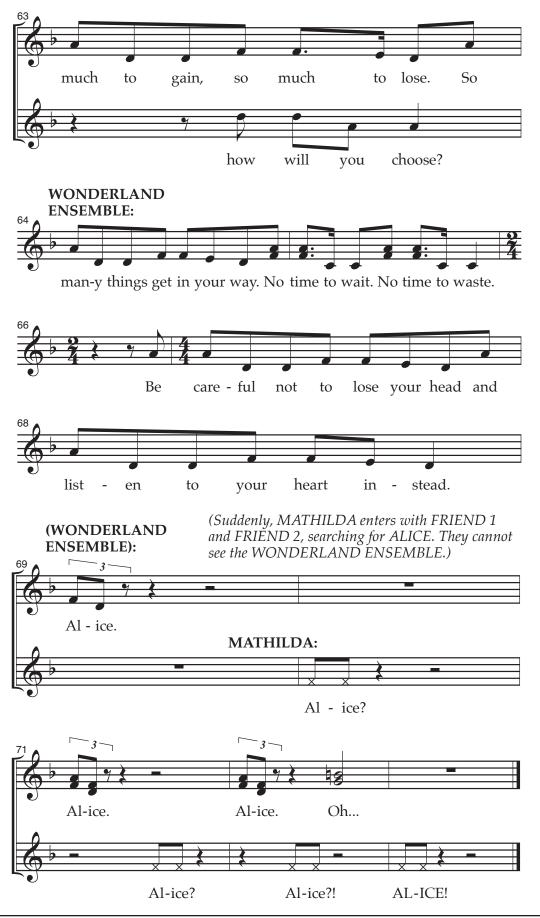
(ALICE enters with a magnifying glass in front of her face, possibly emerging from behind the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE. ALICE is looking for something, analyzing the ground, the sky. The ENSEMBLE stands around her, but ALICE doesn't hear them.)











(The song ends abruptly. The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE disappears, exiting swiftly, unseen by MATHILDA.)

ALICE

(barely looking up from her investigation)

What?

MATHILDA

(a bit embarrassed by her sister's odd ways) Alice...What are you doing...?

ALICE

(focused, professorial)

I'm not Alice! I'm Professor Alabaster, on a search for a rare rainbow caterpillar.

FRIEND 1

Is there even such a thing?

(FRIEND 1 and FRIEND 2 giggle. MATHILDA steps in.)

MATHILDA

Forget my sister. She's always got her head in the clouds.

ALICE

No, I don't.

FRIEND 2

(to MATHILDA)

Didn't you say that last week she had a tea party... by herself??

ALICE

(looking up for the first time from her caterpillar quest)

Not true!

(to the FRIENDS, now with a royal posture and tone, maybe even an accent)

You see, I had to throw a party to welcome my constituents. They traveled by boat to see me crowned "Princess Alissa, Ruler of the Land"!

FRIEND 1

...What?

FRIEND 2

You have imaginary friends, Alice?

ALICE

(hurt; to herself)

That's Princess Alissa to you.

FRIEND 1

(patronizing)

Oh, Alice. You spend way too much time playing make-believe.

FRIEND 2

You'll see when you're older. That's just kid stuff.

FRIEND 1

Come on, Mathilda. Let's go.

(The two FRIENDS exit. ALICE sits, defeated. MATHILDA lingers behind to comfort her sister.)

MATHILDA

(trying to soften the blow)

Alice. Look. They're not trying to be mean. But you're always making up stories. Always pretending to be someone you're not. A Professor... a Princess... just be yourself.

ALICE

But... who am I?

MATHILDA

I don't know who you are, Alice. That's something no one can answer but you.

(#2 - IN A WORLD OF MY OWN.)

In a World of My Own

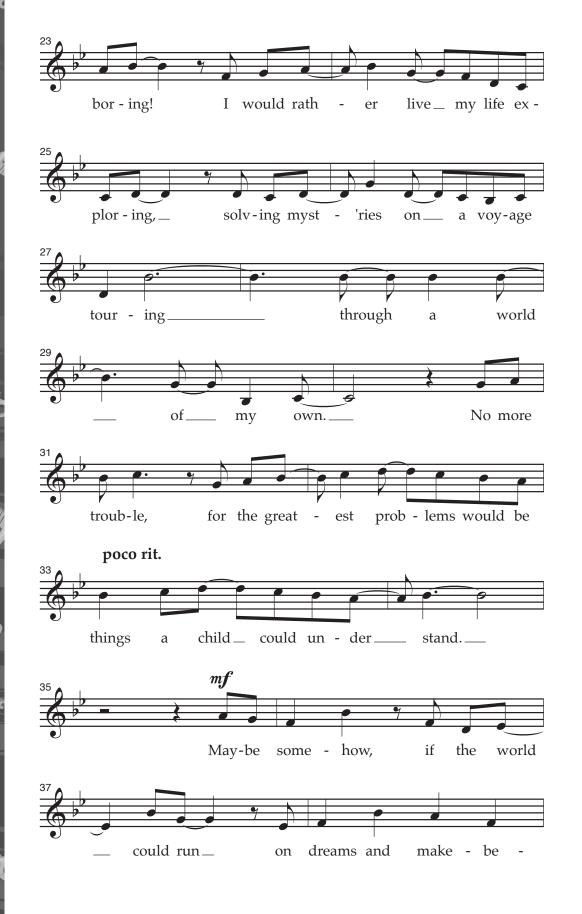
(MATHILDA exits. ALICE stands center stage, thinking.)

Wistful = 138



Cats and





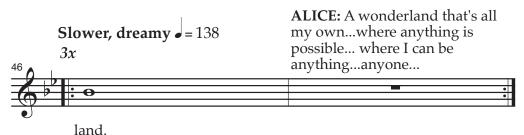








(Throughout the previous verse, the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE has entered, a few at a time, as if conjured by ALICE. They look at her supportively, lovingly. ALICE cannot see them.)

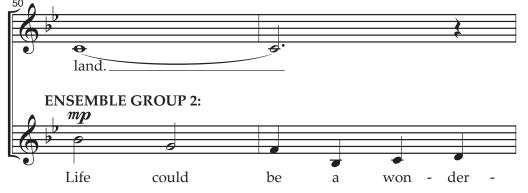


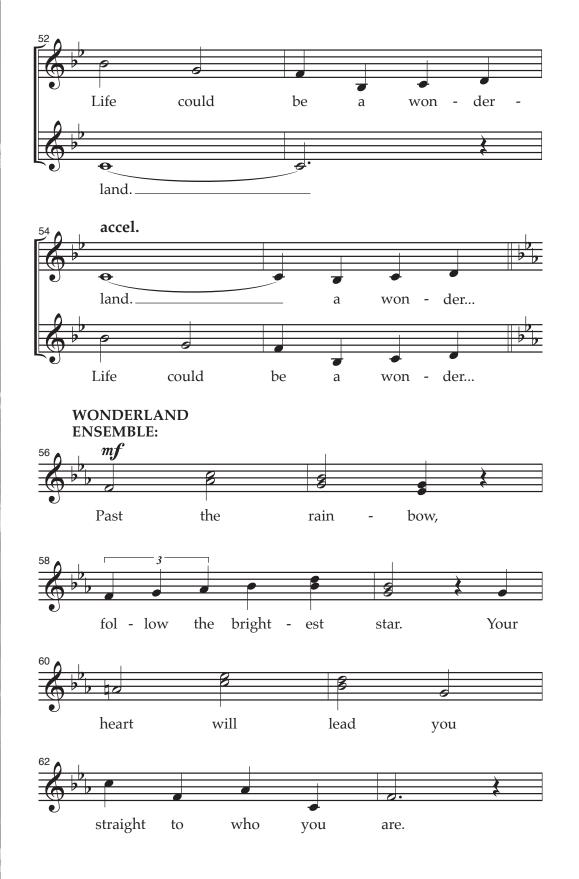
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ENSEMBLE GROUP 1:



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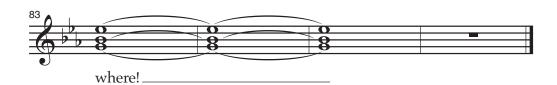




(Now that ALICE is fully asleep, the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE lights up, as if ready to tell their tale. Showtime!)







(Applause! The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE exits excitedly. Three parts of the CHESHIRE CAT remain onstage with a gigantic smile and address the audience.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice is about to discover that Wonderland is far more than she expected.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

It's a land of racing lobsters, singing flowers, painting cards, and even a talking Cheshire Cat... That's me!

CHESHIRE CAT 3

You mean us. But I—

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Meaning me—

CHESHIRE CAT 3

That is, we—

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Come into the story later.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Alice's journey to Wonderland begins with a pallid, long-eared, carrot-munching quadruped known only as...

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

The White Rabbit!

(#3 - THE WHITE RABBIT - PART 1. The CHESHIRE

CAT gestures offstage, setting up a big entrance. Nothing. They look at each other awkwardly, then smile at the audience and try again.)

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Ahem, I saiiid... Alice's journey begins with...

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

The White Rabbit!

(#4 – THE WHITE RABBIT – PART 2. Nothing.)

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Oh, he's always late.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

(shouting offstage)
Yo, White Rabbit, you're on!

(#5 - I'M LATE.)

I'm Late

Hectic = 138

(The WHITE RABBIT runs on, staring at his pocket watch, very upset. ALICE wakes up.)

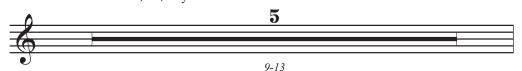


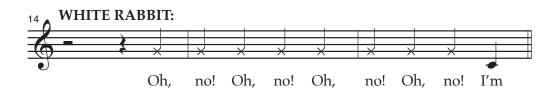
WHITE RABBIT: Not again!!!

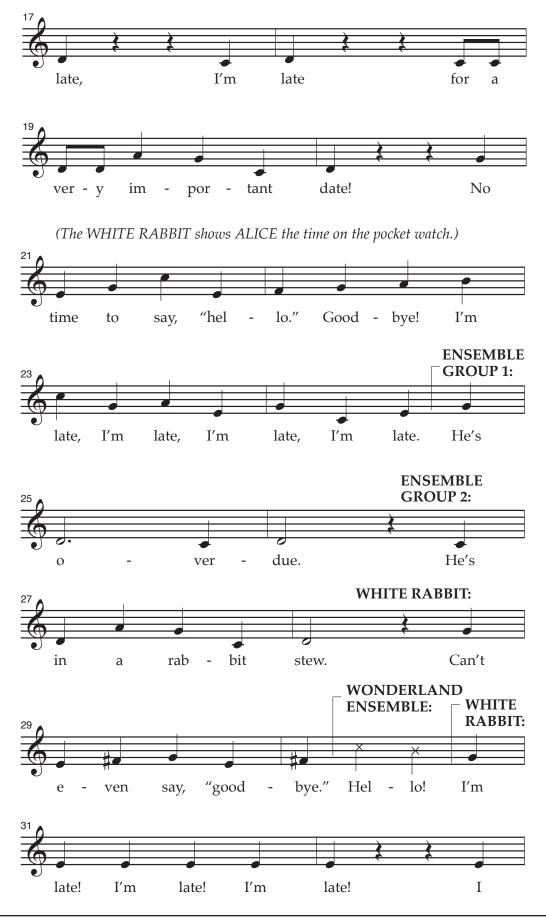
ALICE: (*seeing the WHITE RABBIT*) Whoa! How cool is that! (*beat*) What's the right thing to say to a talking rabbit...?

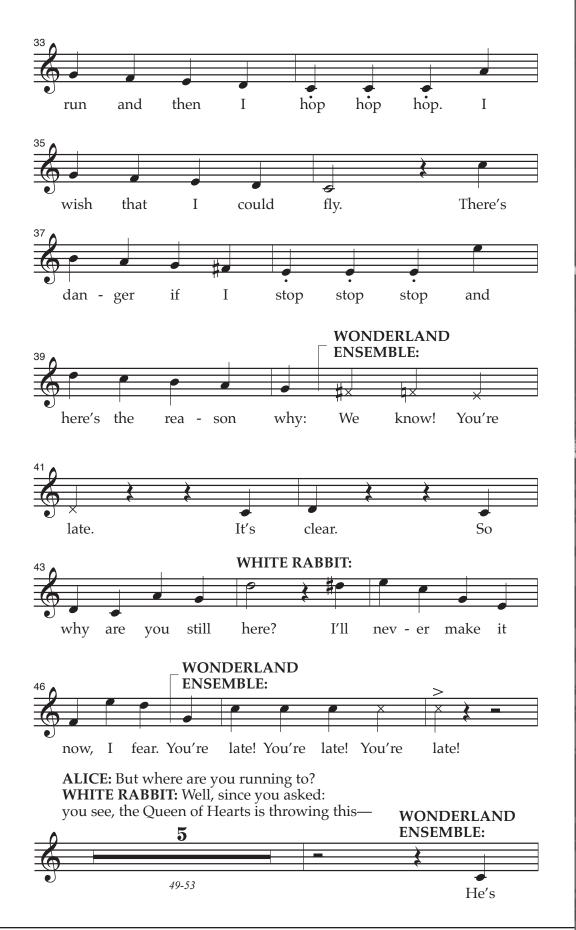


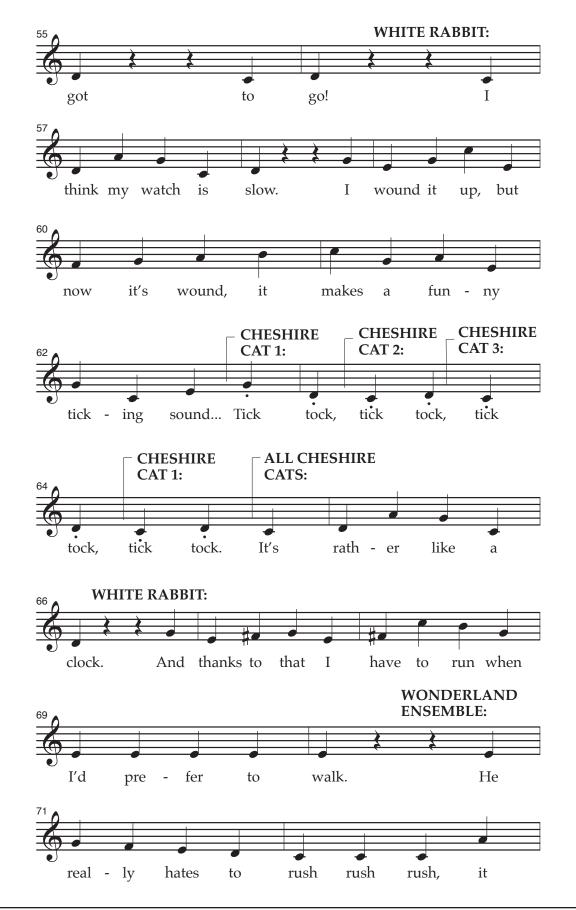
WHITE RABBIT: Oh dear, dear, dear! ALICE: Um, hi, my name is—



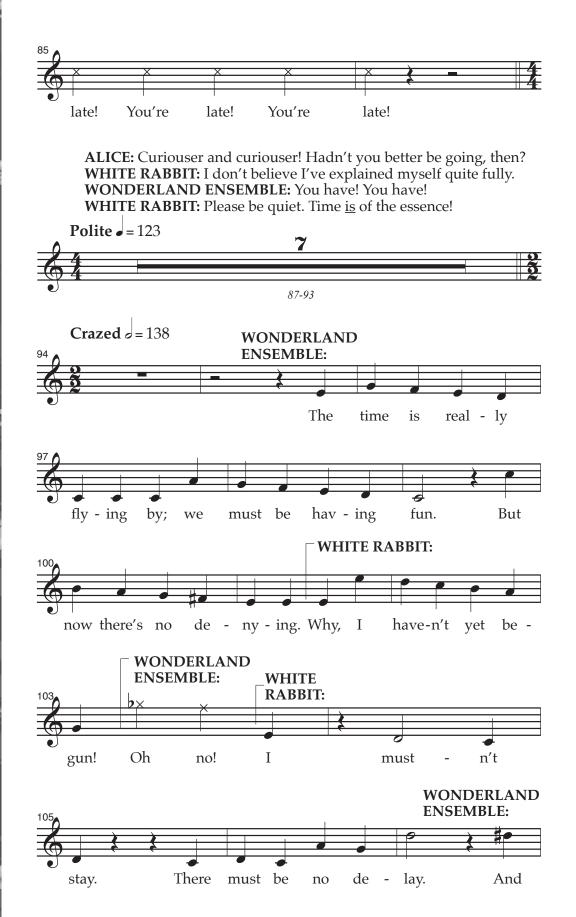


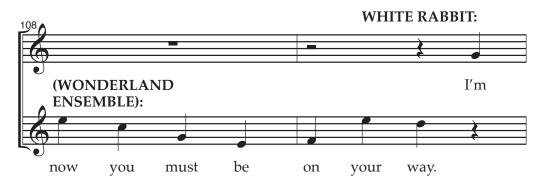


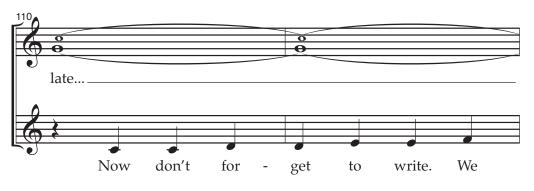


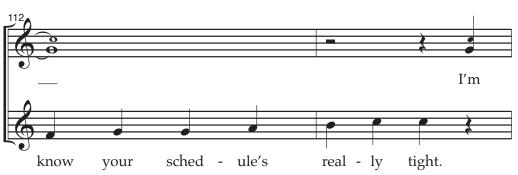


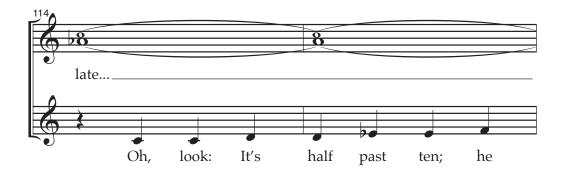






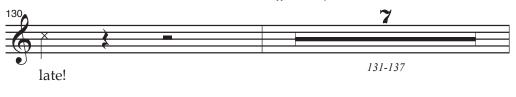


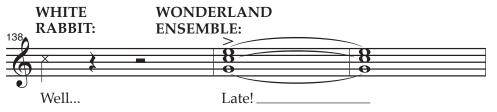






(The WHITE RABBIT scurries off, then pokes his head back on.)







(The WHITE RABBIT jumps into a rabbit hole.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

(to audience)

Alice followed the White Rabbit to the edge of the rabbit hole.

(The CHESHIRE CAT turns and stares at ALICE, who obediently walks to the rabbit hole and looks inside.)

ALICE

Well...this rabbit hole looks pretty deep and dark, and I can't see the bottom, and maybe it goes all the way to the center of the earth, and I'll be burnt to a crisp in the molten core.

(pause, then: with a hint of mischief)

Or... maybe it's the start of my great adventure!!

SCENE ONE: DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

(#6 - VERY GOOD ADVICE.)

Very Good Advice

(ALICE jumps down the rabbit hole and falls a long way.)

Curiouser and curiouser = 135

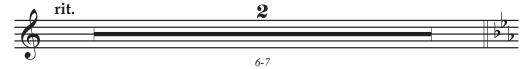
CHESHIRE CAT 1: Alice jumped into the dark rabbit hole...



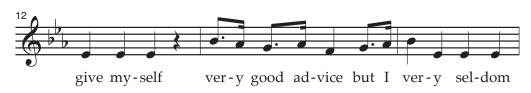
CHESHIRE CAT 2: And fell for what seemed like three and a half weeks... **CHESHIRE CAT 3:** More like four and a quarter.

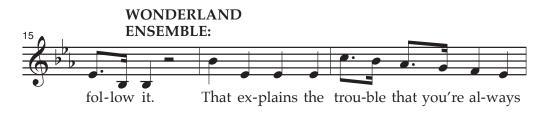


CHESHIRE CAT 2: She fell and fell and fell. CHESHIRE CAT 1: But she wasn't alone!



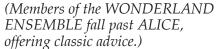














MAD HATTER: The price of your hat is not always the measure of your brain.

QUEEN OF HEARTS: Be careful what you wish for — you might just get it.



DODO BIRD: Necessity is the mother of invention.

ROSE: Beauty without virtue is a flower without perfume.



WHITE RABBIT: Tempus fugit!

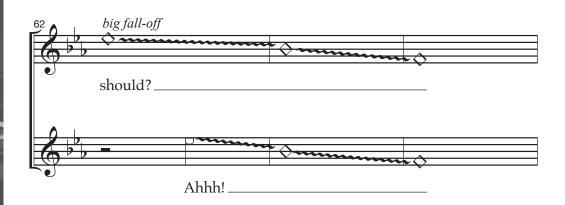
CATERPILLAR: Adventure is a wonderful thing!











(ALICE lands at the bottom of the rabbit hole, at first daintily... ... then with a thud.)



SCENE 2: KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

(The CHESIRE CAT steps forward.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Finally—

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Alice landed—

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Right in front of a little door.

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

A very little door.

ALICE

This must be where the White Rabbit went. I have to get in.

(ALICE tugs on the DOORKNOB, which yelps in pain.)

DOORKNOB

Yeow! Leggo my schnozzola already!

ALICE

Oh, I'm sorry. I have to find the White Rabbit.

DOORKNOB

The White Rabbit, eh? Well, who taught you to go around pulling on people's proboscises?

ALICE

You're not a person – you're a doorknob.

DOORKNOB

Well, doorknobs have feelings too.

ALICE

I'm very sorry I pulled on your proboscis, but I have to find the White Rabbit.

DOORKNOB

(eyeing ALICE closely)

You are <u>far</u> too big to enter Wonderland.

ALICE

Oh no! But I just have to get in! I just have to!

DOORKNOB

Now, don't have a tantrum. You just arrived. There's far too much adventure ahead to lose patience already. Maybe if you drank some of the magic potion in that convenient bottle floating nearby, you might... just... fit in.

(The CHESHIRE CAT reveals a bottle with a "DRINK ME" label and floats it in front of ALICE.)

ALICE

Hmm... I really don't know what's in this bottle, but it looks so pretty. It could be poison, or mayonnaise, or hand sanitizer, or a frothy combination of all three! But I have to find the White Rabbit. I must continue with my adventure!

(ALICE gulps from the bottle. **#7 – SMALLIFICATION**. She shrinks; SMALL ALICE replaces ALICE.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

With one gulp of that potion, Alice shrank to three inches tall—

CHESHIRE CAT 2

You mean three inches short—

CHESHIRE CAT 3

It was a very tall three inches.

SMALL ALICE

Oh, look at me. I'm the right size for that door!

DOORKNOB

I believe someone forgot about the key waaaaaay up there on that shelf.

(The CHESHIRE CAT holds a key way up high.)

SMALL ALICE

Now I'm too small to reach the key! Oh no, no, no.

DOORKNOB

Oh, please don't fret. Here, try a cookie.

(The CHESHIRE CAT reveals a cookie jar labeled "EAT ME." Inside is an irresistible large cookie.)

SMALL ALICE

Well, it looks delicious. I just love cookies! But how do I know what's in it? Don't be silly, Alice – what harm can <u>one</u> cookie do?

(SMALL ALICE takes a bite. #8 – TALLIFICATION. She grows; TALL ALICE replaces SMALL ALICE.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice grew so big with just one tiny bite of that cookie...

CHESHIRE CAT 2

... that she filled the entire room at the bottom of the rabbit hole.

TALL ALICE

Now I'm too big!

DOORKNOB

Sorry, kid, you'll never fit in Wonderland now. Try Pittsburgh.

TALL ALICE

But I need to see the White Rabbit!

SCENE THREE: SWIMMING INTO WONDERLAND

(#9 – OCEAN OF TEARS / SMALLIFICATION 2.)

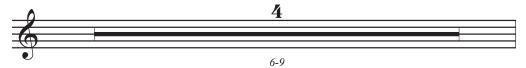
OCEAN OF TEARS / SMALLIFICATION 2

(TALL ALICE begins to cry.)

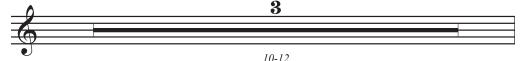
CHESHIRE CAT 1: Alice cried and cried and cried and cried... CHESHIRE CAT 2: And cried and cried and cried and cried...



CHESHIRE CAT 3: And cried and cried and cried and cried.



CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3: Until the entire room was filled with an ocean of tears!



TALL ALICE: What should I do?

DOORKNOB: Hurry, take another drink from the bottle. It's our

only hope!



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(The CHESHIRE CAT runs the bottle over to TALL ALICE. She drinks it down. She is replaced by SMALL ALICE, who starts swimming.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1: Alice shrank back down and swam into the ocean of tears...

Jaunty $\delta = 110$



CHESHIRE CAT 2: Doing the backstroke through the keyhole... **CHESHIRE CAT 3:** And swam all the way to Wonderland!



DODO BIRD

(to the ENSEMBLE)

Stroke, you hard-shelled crustaceans! Stroke, or I'll boil some butter and eat you for brunch!

SCENE FOUR: JOLLY CAUCUS RACE

(SMALL ALICE lands on the shore and joins the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE as they gather in a circle.)

SMALL ALICE

Yech, I'm all wet! Anybody got a towel?

DODO BIRD

(looking around)

Nope.

SMALL ALICE

A blow dryer?

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Huh?

DODO BIRD

My dear young damsel, the only way to get yourself dry in Wonderland is to initiate an officially sanctioned Caucus Race!

SMALL ALICE

What is a Caucus Race?

DODO BIRD

It involves a lot of running.

SMALL ALICE

Which way do we run?

DODO BIRD

No particular direction.

SMALL ALICE

And how exactly will all this running in a Caucus Race help me get dried off?

DODO BIRD

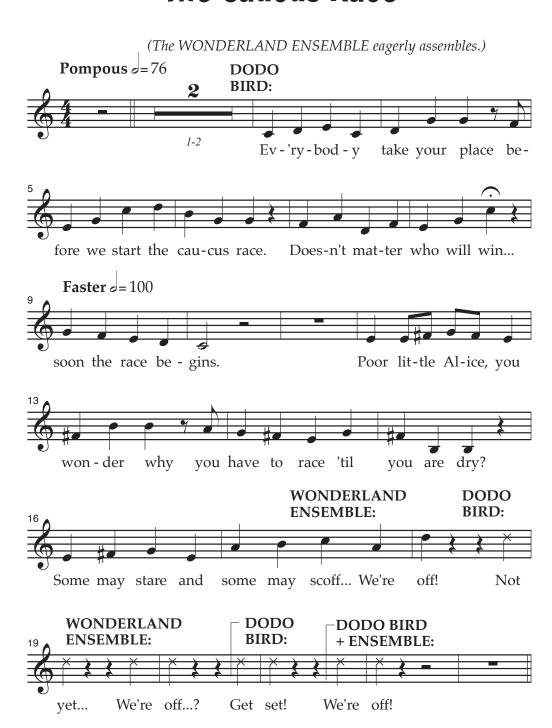
The best way to explain it is to do it!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

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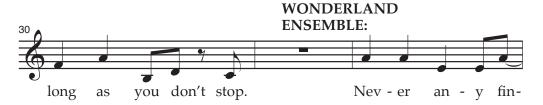
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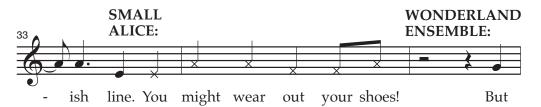
The Caucus Race





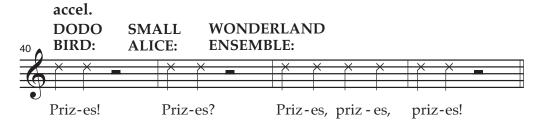






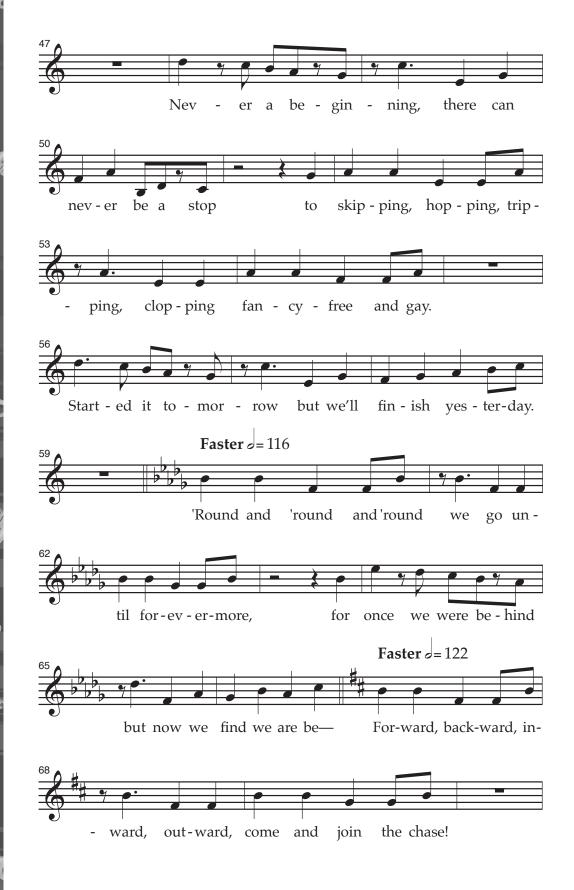


when the race is o - ver, no one ev-er seems to lose.

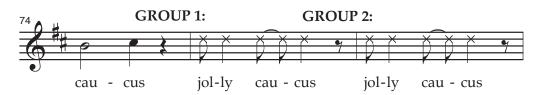




For-ward, back-ward, in - ward, out-ward, bot-tom to the top.



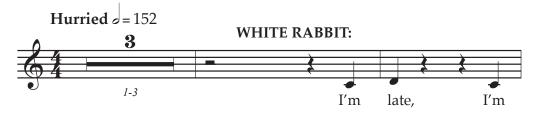






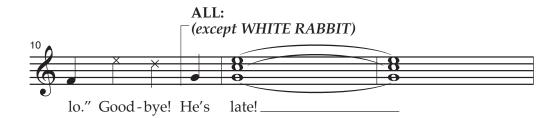
(The WHITE RABBIT runs on. #11 – I'M LATE – REPRISE.)

I'm Late (Reprise)











(The WHITE RABBIT runs off, and the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE exits. SMALL ALICE snaps to excited attention.)

SMALL ALICE

Oh, Mr. Rabbit, wait up! Wait for me!

(SMALL ALICE pulls herself up and starts to chase after the WHITE RABBIT.)

DODO BIRD

But my dear, come back – you're a natural! And you forgot your winner's cookie!

(SMALL ALICE runs back. The DODO BIRD hands her a cookie.)

SMALL ALICE

Thanks! After all that swimming and racing, I could use a pick-me-up!

(SMALL ALICE nibbles the cookie. <u>#12 – TALLIFICATION 2</u>. ALICE replaces SMALL ALICE.)

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Alice took a bite of that cookie—

CHESHIRE CAT 2

And grew back to her regular size!

ALICE

Curiouser and curiouser...

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice decided to go with the flow.

ALICE

Totally cool!

CHESHIRE CAT 2

And chased after the White Rabbit—

CHESHIRE CAT 3

But ran into Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum—

CHESHIRE CAT

Literally!

(ALICE bowls into identical oddballs TWEEDLE DEE and TWEEDLE DUM. All three fall down.)

ALICE

Oh, I'm sorry!

TWEEDLE DUM

Oh, how do you do, Sorry! I'm Tweedle Dum.

TWEEDLE DEE

And I'm Tweedle Dee. I've never met anyone named Sorry before.

(The TWEEDLES shake hands with ALICE in an elaborate, confusing manner.)

ALICE

Oh, I'm sorry, but I'm not Sorry. I'm sorry.

TWEEDLE DEE

Oh, how do you do! I'm Tweedle Dee.

TWEEDLE DUM

No, I'm Tweedle Dee.

(The TWEEDLES shake hands with ALICE again.)

TWEEDLE DEE

No, I'm Tweedle Dee. You're Tweedle Dum.

TWEEDLE DUM

Oh, am I? I'm sorry.

TWEEDLE DEE

What a coincidence! So is she!

TWEEDLE DUM

(to ALICE)
Are we related?!

ALICE

I'm sorry?

TWEEDLE DUM

Oh, how do you do! I'm Tweedle Dum.

TWEEDLE DEE

Then I must be Tweedle Dee.

(The TWEEDLES shake hands with ALICE. This is getting tiresome.)

ALICE

Don't you know who you are?

TWEEDLE DUM

(overreacting)

Well, there's no need to attack us!

TWEEDLE DEE

Yes, we've only just met!

ALICE

I thought you knew each other. I'm sor—

TWEEDLE DUM

(cutting her off)

Oh, how do you do? I'm Tweedle Dum.

ALICE

(overlapping, trying to correct the confusion) I apologize.

TWEEDLE DEE

And I'm Tweedle Dee.

(The TWEEDLES shake hands with ALICE, who is now over it.)

ALICE

And I'm out of here! It's been fun, but I have to find the White Rabbit.

(ALICE tries to leave.)

TWEEDLE DUM

Meeting and running ain't very polite. There's a right way—

TWEEDLE DEE

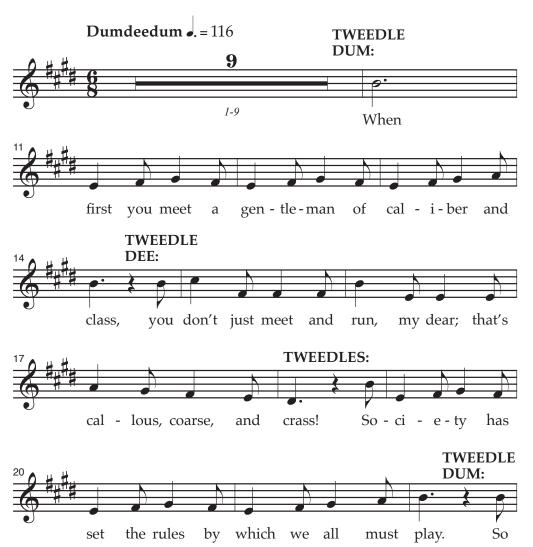
And a wrong way—

TWEEDLES

To do things!

(#13 – HOW D'YE DO AND SHAKE HANDS.)

How D'ye Do and Shake Hands











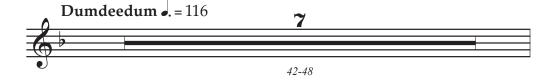
"How do you do?" and shake hands, shake hands, shake hands.



"How do you do?" and shake hands. State your name and

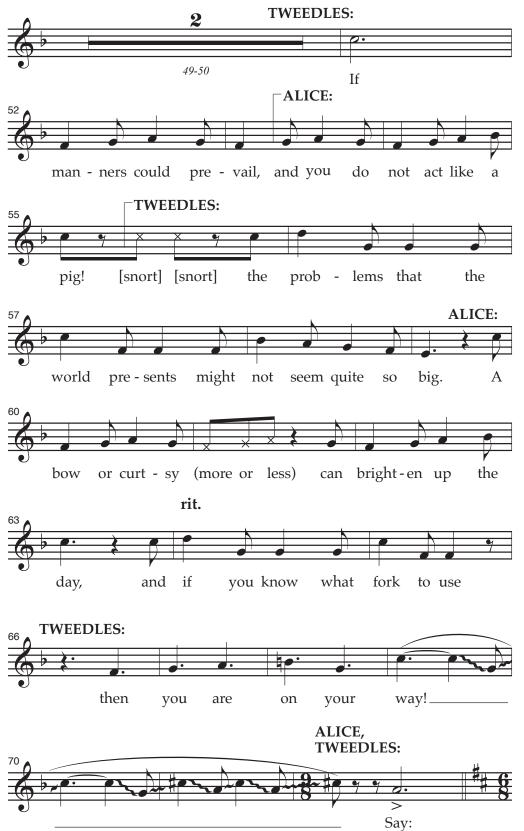


ALICE: Well, that's just... **TWEEDLE DUM:** Ah, ah, ah... ALICE: (resigned) How do you do?



TWEEDLE DEE: Excellent, excellent. And...

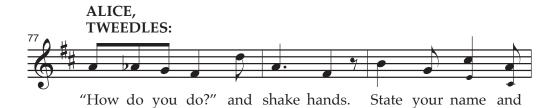
(ALICE offers her hand.) TWEEDLES: Perfect!



(ALICE manuevers so that the TWEEDLES shake each other's hands.)



"How do you do?" and shake hands, shake hands.



(The TWEEDLES end the song tied up in an elaborate handshake knot.)



TWEEDLE DUM

Uh-oh. I think we're stuck.

TWEEDLE DEE

How déclassé. Now what do we do?

ALICE

I believe it's proper to start with an introduction. Tweedle Dum, meet Tweedle Dee. Tweedle Dee, meet Tweedle Dum.

TWEEDLE DUM

Oh, how do you do, Tweedle Dum? I'm Tweedle Dee.

TWEEDLE DEE

I beg to differ. I believe I'm Tweedle Dee.

TWEEDLE DUM

But if you're Tweedle Dee, then I'm Tweedle Dum, and that would mean I'm shaking my own hand.

TWEEDLE DEE

But you're shaking my hand. So you must be Tweedle Dee.

(#14 – HOW D'YE DO AND SHAKE HANDS – REPRISE.)

How D'ye Do and Shake Hands (Reprise)

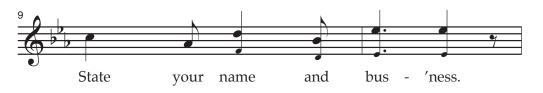
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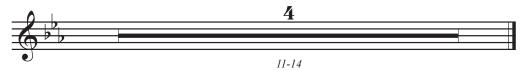








(ALICE tiptoes away as the TWEEDLES exit in their continuous greeting.)



SCENE FIVE: MONSTER IN MY HOUSE

(The CHESHIRE CAT steps forward and addresses the audience.)

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Alice left the Tweedles to sort out their late-onset identity crisis and acute co-dependency—

CHESHIRE CAT 1

And chased after the White Rabbit.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Whom she trailed through the woods to a house—

(ALICE appears and finds the WHITE RABBIT, finally!)

ALICE

Oh, there you are. My name is—oh, wait.

(extending her hand in greeting)

I mean, how do you do, my name is—

WHITE RABBIT

Samantha, Samantha, hurry, I can't find my gloves—

ALICE

But my name isn't Samantha!

WHITE RABBIT

Oh, right.

(laughs)

I don't even know a Samantha!!

(beat)

Well, I don't care what your name is. You're making me later than I already am.

(points frantically offstage to his house)

Hurry, hurry, my gloves, somewhere in my house. <u>I'm late!!</u>

ALICE

You "don't care" what my name is?! Boy, I never knew rabbits could be so rude!

(The CHESHIRE CAT reveals the cookie jar.)

Oh, look – another cookie! What harm could one more do...

(ALICE eats a cookie. <u>#15 – TALLIFICATION 3</u>. ALICE spins offstage.)

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Famous last words.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Alice took one bite and grew as big as a house.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

The White Rabbit's house, to be exact.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Her arms and legs stuck out the windows and doors—

CHESHIRE CAT 1

And the roof sat on the top of her head!

(TALL ALICE enters wearing the house like a dress and the roof as a hat.)

TALL ALICE

Oh, no. I can't go out in public in this house dress. I've got to do something.

WHITE RABBIT

Help, help! There's a monster in my house! And I'm late!

TALL ALICE

I'm not a monster, I'm a little girl. Okay, a very big little girl.

WHITE RABBIT

Help, help! There's a very big little girl in my house. And I'm still late!

(DODO BIRD and the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE run on, stand back, and look up in awe at TALL ALICE wearing the house.)

DODO BIRD

Whoa! Love the hat.

WHITE RABBIT

I'm late! Help me! Help me!

DODO BIRD

I have the answer!

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

(to the audience)

And there was much rejoicing!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Yay!

DODO BIRD

We'll burn the house down!

WHITE RABBIT, TALL ALICE

Nooooo!

DODO BIRD

Hurry up now, gather the wood. Anybody got a match? I'm all out.

TALL ALICE

Didn't your mother ever tell you not to play with matches?

WHITE RABBIT

Just hurry! Pleeeease!! I'm—

ALL

Late. We know.

TALL ALICE

Oh dear! I'd better do something, fast. Maybe if I eat one of those carrots growing in the rabbit's garden!

(#16 – SMALLIFICATION 3. The CHESHIRE CAT holds up a bunch of carrots. TALL ALICE grabs one and eats it quickly.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

When Alice ate that carrot, can you guess what happened?

CHESHIRE CAT 2

That's right!

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Cue Small Alice!

(SMALL ALICE replaces TALL ALICE and runs away from the house. The WHITE RABBIT, DODO BIRD, and WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE exit.)

SCENE SIX: BRAVING THE GARDEN

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice ran away through the blades of grass and explored the jungles of...

(<u>#17 – THE GARDEN</u>.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

(like a scary movie)

The Garden! Mwa-ha-ha-ha!

(Beautiful FLOWERS – ROSE, LILY, PETUNIA, DAISY, and VIOLET – enter and pose with a sweet yet dangerous edge. SMALL ALICE enters.)

SMALL ALICE

Up, down, big, small – no matter how hard I try, I never seem to fit in!

(The FLOWERS mock SMALL ALICE.)

ROSE

Up, down-

LILY

Big, small—

PETUNIA, DAISY, VIOLET

I never seem to fit iiiiiiiin.

(The FLOWERS laugh with major attitude.)

SMALL ALICE

Wow. You are all so... beautiful!

ROSE

(snottily)

We know! Right, Daisy?

DAISY

That's right, Rosie.

VIOLET

Everybody loves us because we're...

FLOWERS

The Flowers of the Golden Afternoon!

SMALL ALICE

The Golden Afternoon? What's that?

LIIY

It's the name of our very exclusive garden club, right Petunia?

PETUNIA

Totally affirmative, Lily. If you want to be cool, you have to be a flower like us!

ROSE

No one gets in unless we say.

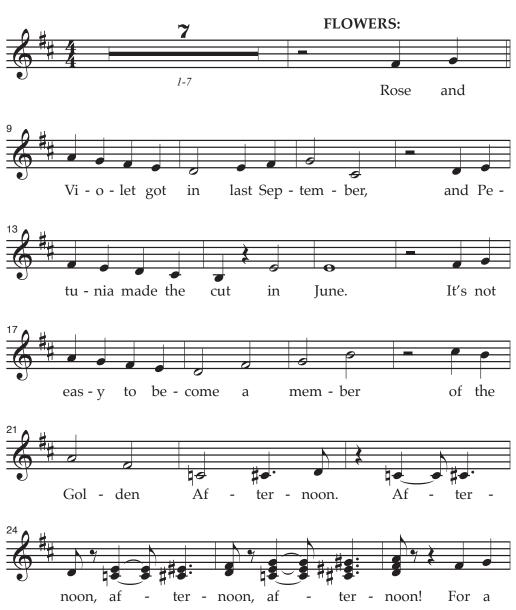
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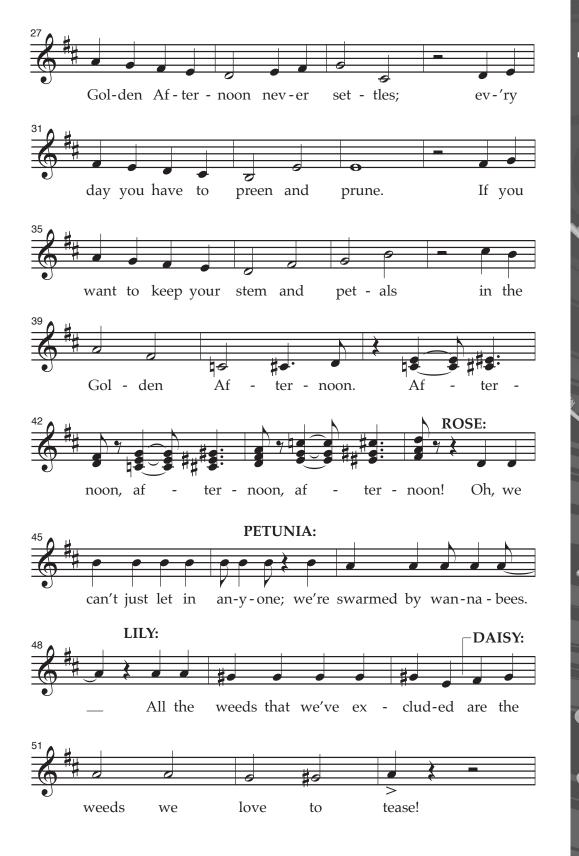
And we don't let in just anyone.

(#18 – THE GOLDEN AFTERNOON.)

The Golden Afternoon

Spectral girl-group = 110







SMALL ALICE I wish I could be a Flower of the Golden Afternoon!

LILY

Keep dreaming, crabgrass!

PETUNIA

You're just a little weed.

SMALL ALICE

I'm not a weed. I'm a girl.

ROSE

Violet, she says she's a girl!

FLOWERS

Ewwwwww!!

VIOLET

Whatever!

PETUNIA

You're way too uncool to become a Flower of the Golden Afternoon.

SMALL ALICE

You wouldn't talk to me like that if I weren't three inches tall.

ROSE

(cackling)

But you are, Alice – you are three inches tall!

LILY

Beat it, slug, before you wind up on the bottom of somebody's shoe.

FLOWERS

Ewwwwww!!

(The FLOWERS laugh at SMALL ALICE as they exit. Dejected, SMALL ALICE sits, buries her face in her hands, and starts to cry. #19 - ENTER THE CATERPILLAR. The CATERPILLAR enters.)

CATERPILLAR

Oh, don't let those babbling blooms get you down, kid.

SMALL ALICE

But if I could look like them, I'd fit in, and life would be so easy!

CATERPILLAR

Don't you know beauty is just a surface thing? Who you really are — what you're worth — resides much, much deeper. Now, enough about them. Whooo are youuu?

SMALL ALICE

Umm...Well, my name is Alice. (beat)

(veni)

Who are you?

CATERPILLAR

Who am I? Well, I am always me, but who knows what I will be tomorrow or the next day. You dig?

SMALL ALICE

Um. No.

CATERPILLAR

I'm a Caterpillar, kiddo. At least for now!

SMALL ALICE

I'm so confused. I wanted adventure, but nothing makes any sense here.

CATERPILLAR

Alice, things don't always make sense. But that doesn't mean you give up!

(#20 – ADVENTURE IS A WONDERFUL THING.)

Adventure Is a Wonderful Thing

Beach Boys-esque = 138











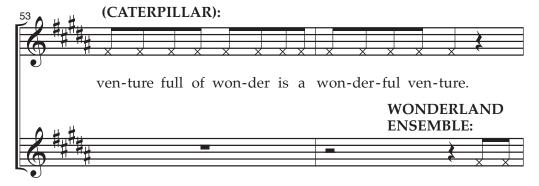


I was com-ing too! Ad-ven-ture is a won-der-ful thing!

CATERPILLAR: Let's break it down.



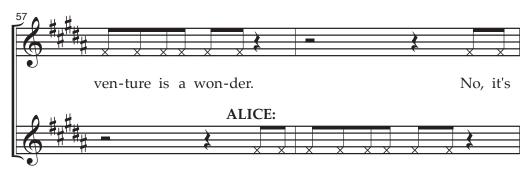
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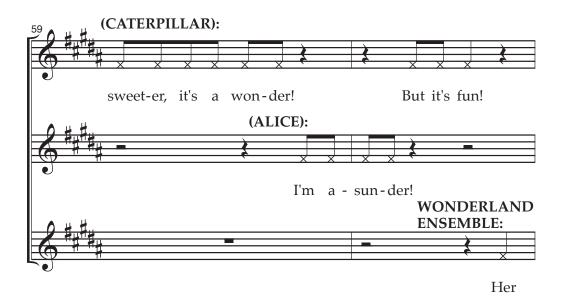
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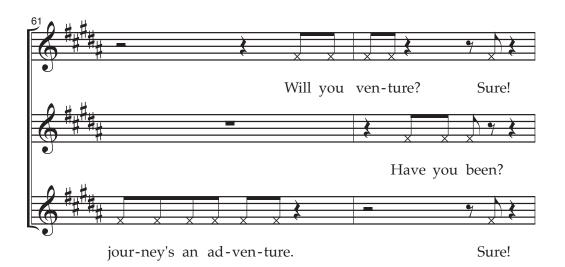


ven-ture full of won-der is a won-der-ful ven-ture.



Not a two-der or a three-der?









(Suddenly, with the help of the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE, the CATERPILLAR transforms into a colorful butterfly! ALICE is stunned!)





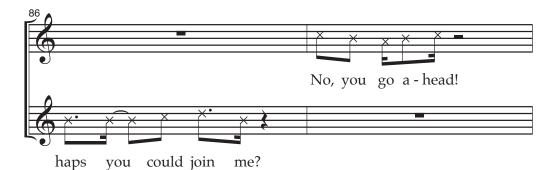


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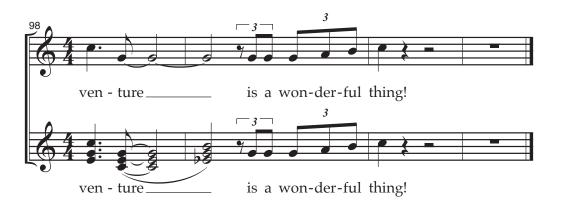
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Wa - hoo! Luck - y you! Tal - ly ho_





SMALL ALICE

(amazed)

Oh my goodness! Out of nowhere... you're a butterfly!!

CATERPILLAR

See! It's all about the adventure, kid! You never know who you'll become along the way.

SMALL ALICE

Okay!

(beat)

But...what should I do...?

CATERPILLAR

Keep going!!

SMALL ALICE

No, I mean about being three inches tall!

CATERPILLAR

Hmm. Right. You wanna grow big and strong, you gotta eat the right foods. Try this magic cookie.

SMALL ALICE

Another cookie! You all eat a lot of sweets around here.

CATERPILLAR

This one is high in fiber... and inspiration. Simply deee-lectable! Good luck on your adventure!

(#21 – FLY AWAY / TALLIFICATION 4. The CATERPILLAR flies away. The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE exits as the CHESHIRE CAT reveals the cookie jar.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

As the Caterpillar-slash-Butterfly flapped away, Alice ate the magic cookie.

(SMALL ALICE takes a bite.)

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Uh-oh.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Cue medium Alice!

(ALICE replaces SMALL ALICE.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice grew back to a more medium size and set off with new resolve.

(CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, and 3 sneakily approach ALICE.)

ALICE

(with new confidence)

A-D-V-E-N-T-U-R-

CHESHIRE CAT 2

E!

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Me.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

We!

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Hello, Alice. We are the Cheshire Cat.

ALICE

Oh, how do you do? I have a cat just like you. Her name is Dinah.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Oh, really?

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Just like us, huh?

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Can Dinah stand on her head like this?

(The CHESHIRE CAT rearranges body parts and stands on its head.)

ALICE

No, I'm sure she can't. Though I'm not sure of anything anymore. I thought Wonderland would be everything I always dreamed about... but everything here is upside down.

(referencing the cat)

Literally.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Somebody having a bad day?

ALICE

Maybe the White Rabbit can help me, but I can't find him anywhere.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

You might ask the Mad Hatter.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

He knows where everything is.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Trouble is, he keeps it all under his hat.

ALICE

A Mad Hatter? I don't want to make anyone mad.

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Haven't you noticed we're all a little mad?

(The CHESHIRE CAT disappears, leaving only a floating smile.)

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Why, I myself am not all here!

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Enjoy the tea party.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Try the Red Zinger. Does wonderful things for growing pains.

SCENE SEVEN: MAD TEA PARTY

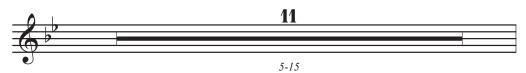
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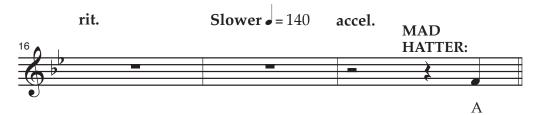
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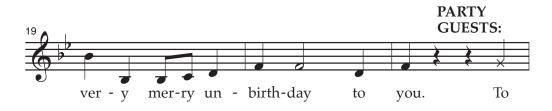




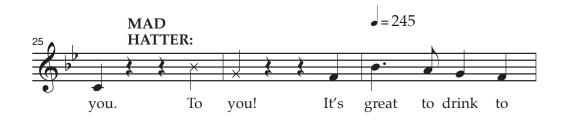
(A mad tea party appears out of nowhere and startles ALICE. The MAD HATTER, MARCH HARE, and other PARTY GUESTS play Musical Chairs, ignoring ALICE.)

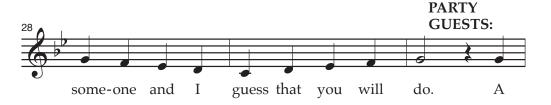


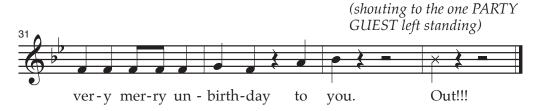












ALICE

Oh, excuse me. I didn't mean to crash your birthday party.

MARCH HARE

It's not a birthday party, it's an unbirthday party.

ALICE

An unbirthday party?

MAD HATTER

Well, you only have one birthday each year, but you have three hundred and sixty-four unbirthdays!

MARCH HARE

Sometimes three hundred and sixty-five.

MAD HATTER

Truth.

PARTY GUESTS

Happy Unbirthday!

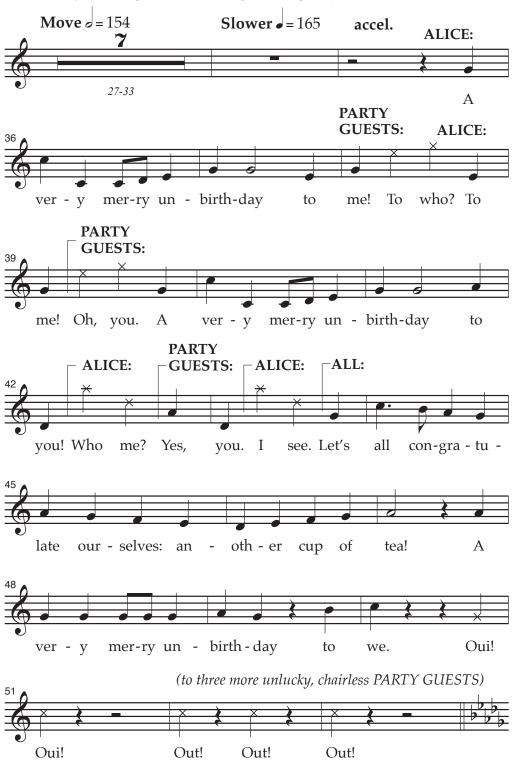
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The Unbirthday Song (Part 2)

Madder = 154



(Boldly, ALICE grabs a chair and joins the game.)

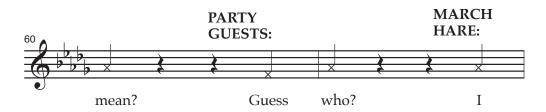


(The MAD HATTER approaches ALICE.)



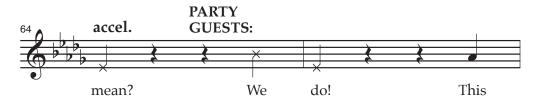


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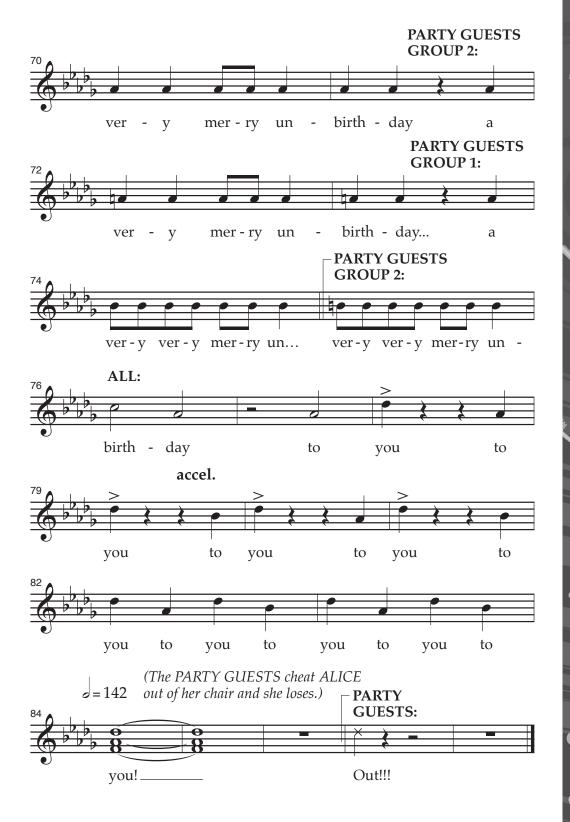




hate to be spe-ci-fic but this gir-l is ter-ri-fic. You







ALICE

Say... where I come from, we play by the rules!

MAD HATTER

Yes, but rules can be so limiting.

MARCH HARE

It's so much more fun to make up your <u>own</u> rules.

ALICE

But if everyone makes up their own rules, how do you know if you're playing fairly?

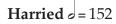
MAD HATTER

Well, that's part of the game, I guess.

(#24 – I'M LATE – REPRISE 2.)

I'm Late (Reprise 2)

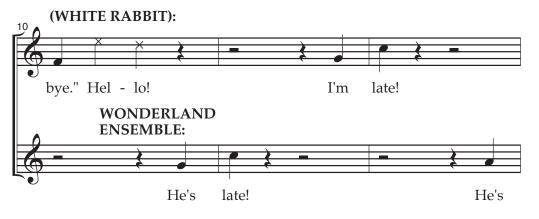
(The WHITE RABBIT enters, late as usual.) ALICE: Oh, it's the White Rabbit! Hi! I...

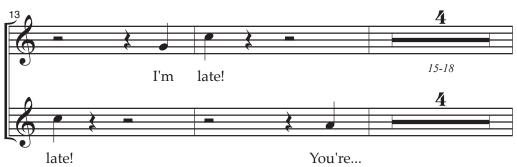


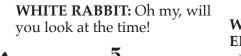
















MAD HATTER

Did you say you were late?

ALICE

Only seventy-six times. Not that anyone's counting.

WHITE RABBIT

(showing the MAD HATTER his pocket watch)

See?

MAD HATTER

Well, your watch is slow, silly. Here, let me fix it for you.

(The MAD HATTER grabs the watch and huddles over it with the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE like surgeons over a patient. The CHESHIRE CAT makes the sound of a heart monitor beeping.)

MAD HATTER

Scalpel!

MARCH HARE

Scalpel!!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Scalpel!!!

MAD HATTER

Forceps!

MARCH HARE

Forceps!!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Forceps!!!

MAD HATTER

Axle grease!

MARCH HARE

Axle grease!!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Axle grease!!!

MAD HATTER

Peanut butter!

WHITE RABBIT

Peanut butter?!?

MARCH HARE

Crunchy or smooth?!

MAD HATTER

Hurry, we're losing her!!

WHITE RABBIT

Oh no no no!

MAD HATTER

Bring me the liverwurst!

MARCH HARE

The liverwurst!!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

The liverwurst!!!

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

(like Groucho Marx)

This is the worst liver I've ever seen!

MAD HATTER

(like a mad scientist)

Live. Live! I command you to live!!!

(The CHESHIRE CAT makes the flatline sound: the watch is dead!)

Oooops.

(to WHITE RABBIT)

You might want to get a new watch.

ALICE

(to MAD HATTER)

You broke it!

MAD HATTER

I know! Wasn't it fun? Let's do it again!!

WHITE RABBIT

Oh nooo! Now I'll never get there on time!

(#25 – RABBIT, RUN. The WHITE RABBIT runs away. ALICE grabs the watch from the MAD HATTER, puts it in her pocket, and runs after the WHITE RABBIT as the tea party disappears.)

ALICE

Hey, wait, you forgot your watch!

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice ran after the White Rabbit, but the rodent was nowhere to be found.

(The WHITE RABBIT storms on.)

WHITE RABBIT

I am not a rodent!

(The WHITE RABBIT storms off.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

My bad. But the <u>lagomorph</u> was nowhere to be found.

ALICE

Wonderland is too crazy for me. The rules keep changing and no one can tell me why. I should just go home... if I could only find my way.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

But Alice, in Wonderland, there's only the Queen's way.

ALICE

But I've never even met a queen.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Then this is your lucky day.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

You're going to meet the greatest Queen of all!

CHESHIRE CAT 2

This way to the Royal Rose Garden.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

(shouting offstage)

Royal Cards, you're on deck!

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

Right this way, Alice!

SCENE EIGHT: SEEING RED

(#26 - PAINTING THE ROSES RED.)

Painting the Roses Red

Martial . = 120 (The CHESHIRE CAT leads ALICE to the Royal Rose Garden. ROYAL CARDS race on with paint buckets.)



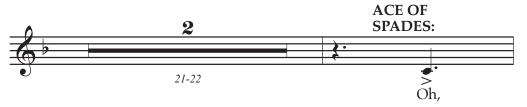


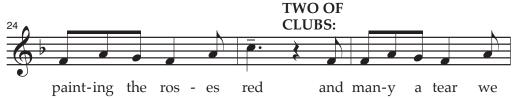
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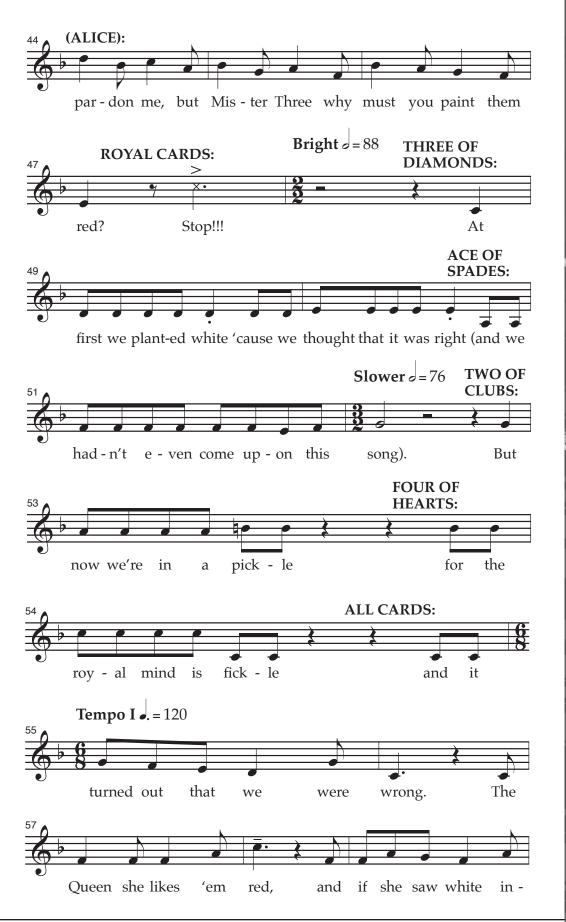
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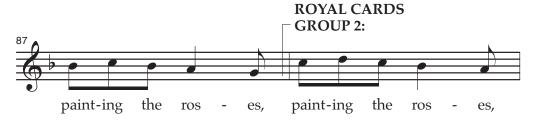














(The WHITE RABBIT runs on with a trumpet. #27 – QUEEN OF HEARTS FANFARE. ALL snap to attention.)

WHITE RABBIT

Attention, attention! Inhabitants and subjects and all other direct or indirect objects of Wonderland! Fall to your knees and tremble before Her Majestic Majesty, Her Royal Regality... yes, folks, your favorite monarch: the one, the only, Queen of Hearts!

(The KING OF HEARTS enters timidly.)

KING OF HEARTS

And, um, well, let's not forget the King of Hearts.

WHITE RABBIT

Oh yeah. Him, too.

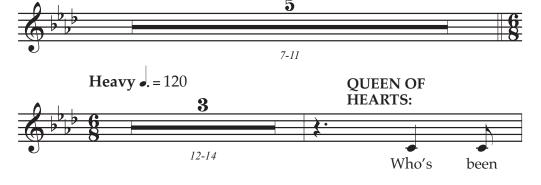
(<u>#28 – PAINTING THE ROSES RED – REPRISE</u>.)

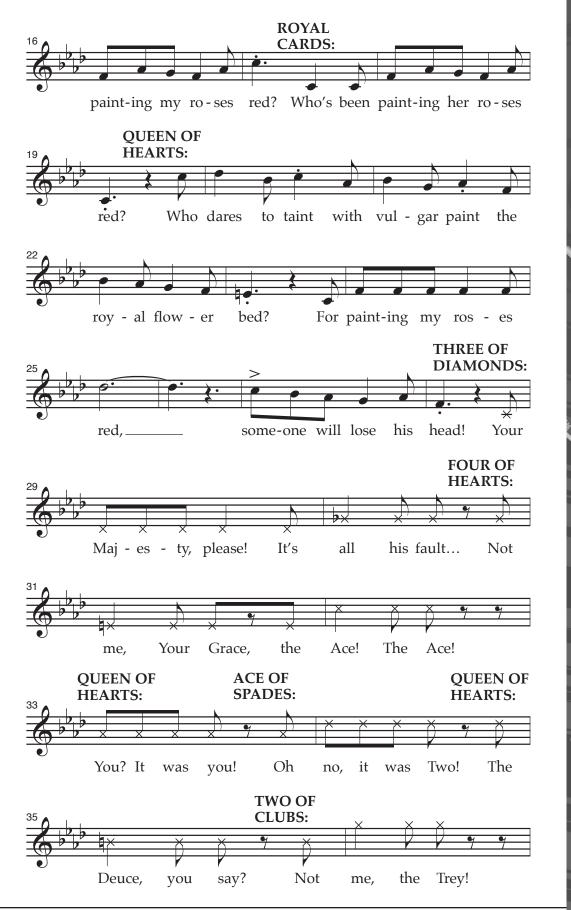
Painting the Roses Red (Reprise)

Furious $\sigma = 130$ (Much hubbub and shuffling of ROYAL CARDS as they fall to their knees.)



(The QUEEN OF HEARTS stomps onstage.)







(The CHESHIRE CAT stands behind ALICE and nudges her forward. The QUEEN OF HEARTS turns her attention to ALICE, who curtsies in fear.)

QUEEN OF HEARTS

And just what do we have here, hmm?

ALICE

I believe you mean "whom do we have here."

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

(to audience)

And there was much hubbub.

ROYAL CARDS

Hubbub, hubbub, hubbub!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Silence! We speak the Queen's English here, you nameless little whelp!

ALICE

Yes, Your Loudness. I mean, Your Meanness. I mean, Your Highness! And my name is Alice.

ROYAL CARDS

(gasping)

Alice!?

ALICE

Yes, Alice. At least it was when I got here.

OUEEN OF HEARTS

That's impossible. Everyone knows Alice doesn't live here anymore!

ALICE

Okay, well... um, that works, too... because all I want to do is get out of here and find my way back home.

ROYAL CARDS

(gasping)

Her way home?!?

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Your way home?? You'll find my way home... or we'll cut off your head! You'll be who I say you are and no one else, do you understand?

ALICE

No. Nothing makes sense here!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

And don't you forget it. Now, before you go anywhere, you'll have to beat me in Wonderland's favorite pastime.

CHESHIRE CAT 3

And there was much rejoicing.

ROYAL CARDS

Yeah!

ALICE

Wonderland's favorite pastime?

(The CHESHIRE CAT whispers an explanation in ALICE's ear, gesturing wildly. ALICE gives the CHESHIRE CAT the thumbs up. ALICE turns to the QUEEN OF HEARTS.)

Well, Your Majesty, I bet you probably want to play a game of croquet using upside-down flamingos for mallets, right?

OUEEN OF HEARTS

My dear young girl, croquet is so nineteenth-century.

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

(shrugging shoulders, to ALICE)

Sorry.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

I want to play Simon Says!

ALICE

Simon Says?

ROYAL CARDS

Simon Says!!!

(The WHITE RABBIT steps forward with great authority.)

WHITE RABBIT

All Royal Cards on deck for the royal tournament of Simon Says! Because the Queen says so, that's why!

(<u>#29 – SIMON SAYS – PART 1</u>.)

Simon Says (Part 1)



(The CHESHIRE CAT leads the offending ROYAL CARDS away. The QUEEN OF HEARTS turns to ALICE, who slightly ungrovels.)

QUEEN OF HEARTS

I see you've played this game before.

ALICE

Oh, I love Simon Says.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

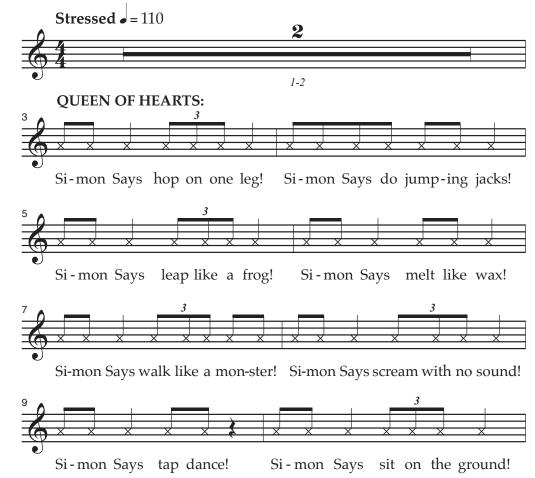
(with cunning)

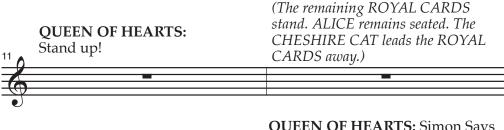
But does Simon love you, I wonder? Simon Says stand up. Time for the lightning round!

(#30 - SIMON SAYS - PART 2.)

Simon Says (Part 2)

(ALICE stands. The pace is much faster. The other ROYAL CARDS show signs of fatigue, but ALICE keeps up like a pro.)





QUEEN OF HEARTS: Simon Says stand up.

QUEEN OF HEARTS: Simon Says hold one foot behind your back and wave your arms and sing at the top of your lungs!



Annoying \bullet . = 154



QUEEN OF HEARTS: (holds her head in pain) Oh, I loathe that song! Stop singing, before my ears explode!





QUEEN OF HEARTS: (covers her ears) My anvils!! My stirrups!!!





QUEEN OF HEARTS: Royal Cards, drag her away!!!



ALICE

But you didn't say Simon Says!

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

The crowd gasped!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp!

KING OF HEARTS

I'm afraid the match goes to Alice!

(#31 – ALICE WINS.)

QUEEN OF HEARTS

You may have won the match, <u>Alice</u>, but you've just lost your head! Royal Cards! Off with her—

KING OF HEARTS

Wait, my dearest. Why don't we have a trial? Just this once, you know, shake things up a bit?

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Well, all right. But make it fast, I want to see her head rolling around like a bowling ball.

(The WHITE RABBIT steps forward and blows his trumpet. **#32 – HIGH TRIBUNAL FANFARE**.)

WHITE RABBIT

All assemble for the high tribunal: Alice versus the Queen of Hearts!

SCENE NINE: ALICE ON TRIAL

(The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE enters and assembles. The CHESHIRE CAT leads ALICE to the stand.)

KING OF HEARTS

(like a seasoned trial lawyer)

The prisoner is charged with enticing Her Majesty, the Queen of Hearts, into a game of Simon Says, and thereby willfully – and with Alice of forethought – didst put a bee in her royal bonnet and cause our beloved Queen to lose her royal temper!

ALICE

Don't be silly, I just beat her at her own game.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

(weeping like a distraught witness) She beat me, do you hear? She confesses! She beat me. She beat me!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

(in sympathy)

Aww...

QUEEN OF HEARTS

(suddenly happy again)

Hurry, get to the good part where we cut off her head!

ALICE

But we haven't heard any witnesses yet.

CHESHIRE CAT 1

First witness—

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Better make that plural—

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee – take the witness stand!

(#33 – FIRST WITNESSES. TWEEDLE DEE and TWEEDLE DUM, still knotted up in a handshake, take the witness stand.)

TWEEDLES

Oh, how do you do!

KING OF HEARTS

Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, can you please introduce yourselves to the court?

TWEEDLE DUM

That's just the problem.

TWEEDLE DEE

We can't!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp!

TWEEDLE DUM

We don't know who we are anymore!!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp!

TWEEDLE DEE

That horrible little girl got us all tied up in a knot!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

You see? You see?!?

KING OF HEARTS

And can you tell the court her name?

TWEEDLES

Sorry!

KING OF HEARTS

Just tell us her name.

TWEEDLES

Sorry!!

KING OF HEARTS

No, her name!

TWEEDLES

Sorry!!!

KING OF HEARTS

Oh, well. Never mind then.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Next witnesses! The Flowers of the Golden Afternoon!

(#34 – SECOND WITNESSES. The FLOWERS take the stand. They curtsy before the QUEEN OF HEARTS, attempting to gain favor.)

KING OF HEARTS

Now, Flowers, did you observe any incredibly suspicious behavior on the part of the incredibly guilty party?

Well, Your Honor, she wanted to become a member of our club!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

(shocked)

She didn't!!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

She did!

LILY

I know, right?

PETUNIA

Ick.

VIOLET

She wanted to be a Flower like us!

KING OF HEARTS

And what did you tell her?

FLOWERS

Eeewww!

CHESHIRE CAT 3

Next witnesses: the Mad Hatter and the March Hare!

(#35 - THIRD WITNESSES. The MAD HATTER and MARCH HARE take the stand with cups of tea.)

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Off with your... hat.

(The MAD HATTER takes off a big hat, revealing a smaller hat underneath.)

KING OF HEARTS

What have you to add to the already rock-solid evidence against the soon-to-be-decapitated usurper?

MAD HATTER

She wants to play by the rules!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp! Rules, rules, murmur, murmur—

QUEEN OF HEARTS

This rebellion must be quelled!!!

KING OF HEARTS

And just where were you when this horrible crime was committed?

MARCH HARE

Well, we were having a tea party.

MAD HATTER

You know, today is my unbirthday.

KING OF HEARTS

(to the QUEEN)

Why, dear, today is your unbirthday, too!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

It is?

(#36 – THE UNBIRTHDAY SONG – REPRISE.)

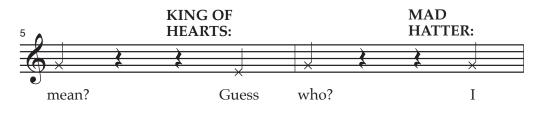
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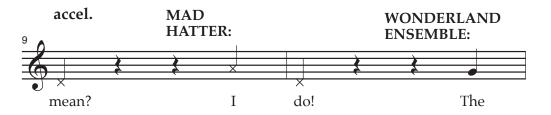
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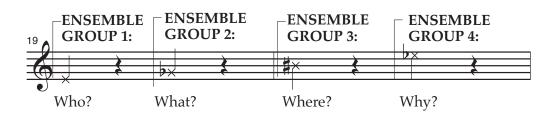


hate to be spe-ci-fic but Your High-ness is ter-ri-fic... You











QUEEN OF HEARTS

What a lovely, lovely song. Now, off with her head!

(The ROYAL CARDS approach ALICE.)

ALICE

Oh, I'm not afraid of you! You're nothing but a pack of playing cards!

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

Gasp!

ROYAL CARDS

What did you call us?

ALICE

I should shuffle you all and cut you in half!

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Revolution! Revolution!! Off with her head, I say!!!

(The ROYAL CARDS grab ALICE.)

ALICE

Wait! Don't I get a defense attorney? Isn't anyone going to help me?

(#37 – ENTER THE CATERPILLAR 2. The CATERPILLAR flies in.)

CATERPILLAR

Hey, kiddo, I'll help you... if it so please the court.

KING OF HEARTS

Well, it really so doesn't, but I guess it's only fair.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

(seething)

One minute, Caterpillar... then off with her head!

CATERPILLAR

(to the QUEEN)

Off with her head, got it.

(to ALICE)

Hey, kiddo. What an adventure you've been on! What people you've met! Now, answer this one simple question, and dig deep: Whooooo are youuuuu?

(#38 – WHOOO ARE YOUUU?)

ALICE

(thinking)

Well, I'm not a silly pair of Tweedles who get all bent out of shape and tied up in knots if you don't know the proper way to say hello!

TWEEDLES

(offended)

I'm sorry!

(SMALL ALICE joins ALICE on the stand.)

SMALL ALICE

And I'm certainly not a bunch of snooty flowers who act like they're better than everybody else and whose only ambition in life is to look pretty!

FLOWERS

Hmph.

(TALL ALICE joins ALICE and SMALL ALICE.)

TALL ALICE

And I'm not some party animal Mad Hatter who likes to cheat at games and break other people's things to be funny.

MAD HATTER

How dare you!

SMALL ALICE

And I'm not an anxious White Rabbit who never has time to visit and play and get to know me-

TALL ALICE

When all I wanted to do was be his friend.

WHITE RABBIT

Oh dear, dear, dear...

ALICE

And I'm absolutely...positively...

SMALL ALICE

Categorically....

TALL ALICE

Not a big old nasty Queen of Hearts who bosses people around!

(The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE gasps in shock at ALICE's criticism of their QUEEN. Their panicked muttering escalates into a cacophony.)

ALICE

(realizing)

Wait....

SMALL ALICE

Hold on...

TALL ALICE

That's it...!

ALICE, SMALL ALICE, TALL ALICE

QUIET!

(Everyone is silent.)

ALICE

I'll tell you who I am—

(The ALICES join hands.)

SMALL ALICE

I'm Alice!

TALL ALICE

I'm Alice!

ALICE

I'm Alice! And I never want to be anyone else.

(#39 – OUT OF WONDERLAND. SMALL ALICE, TALL ALICE and the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE swirl around ALICE as they exit, as if disappearing through a fog. In the swirl, ALICE lays down asleep, exactly as she was in "A World of My Own.")

WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE

(various, overlapping)

Alice....Alice....Alice...

EPILOGUE: ALICE WAKES

(The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE is gone. ALICE lies on a bare stage, asleep. MATHILDA enters, looking for her sister.)

MATHILDA

(calling out)

Alice... Alice...

(MATHILDA sees ALICE is sleeping. MATHILDA approaches, waking her.)

Wake up, Alice. Alice!

ALICE

(waking up)

She's going to cut off my head!

MATHILDA

Who's going to what?

ALICE

The Queen of Hearts!

MATHILDA

Alice, you've been dreaming again. You were asleep, silly.

ALICE

I was?

(looks around)

Well, then that was the wildest dream! But I think I figured out who I am. I'm Alice. And I'm proud to be her. No matter what anybody else thinks.

(MATHILDA hugs ALICE.)

MATHILDA

Good for you, Alice.

ALICE

Can I borrow your notebook? I need to write this story down.

(MATHILDA hands her notebook and pen to ALICE. ALICE immediately starts to write, a big smile on her face as she furiously scribbles everything down on the page.)

MATHILDA

Hey, Alice? I'd love to read it when you're done. You do have an amazing imagination.

ALICE

(smiling, proudly)

I know.

(#40 - FINALE.)

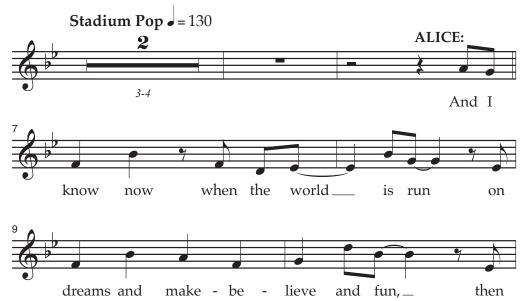
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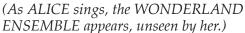
(A clock chimes. ALICE pulls the WHITE RABBIT's watch out of her pocket.)

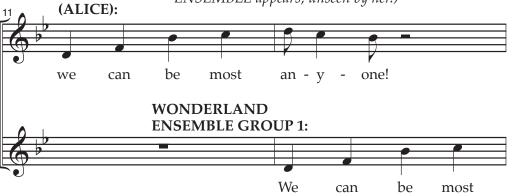
MATHILDA: Where did you get that watch?

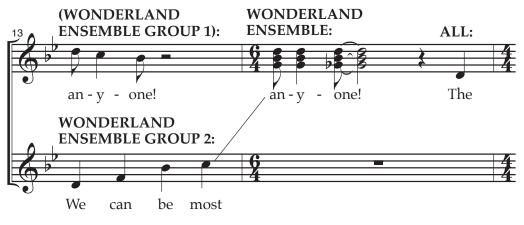


ALICE: Curiouser and curiouser...



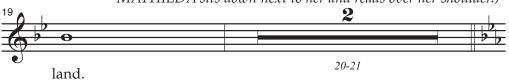


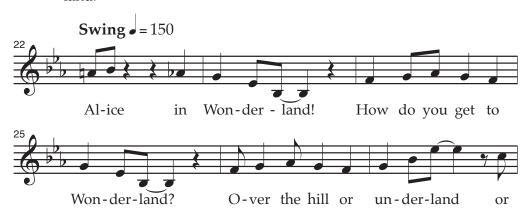


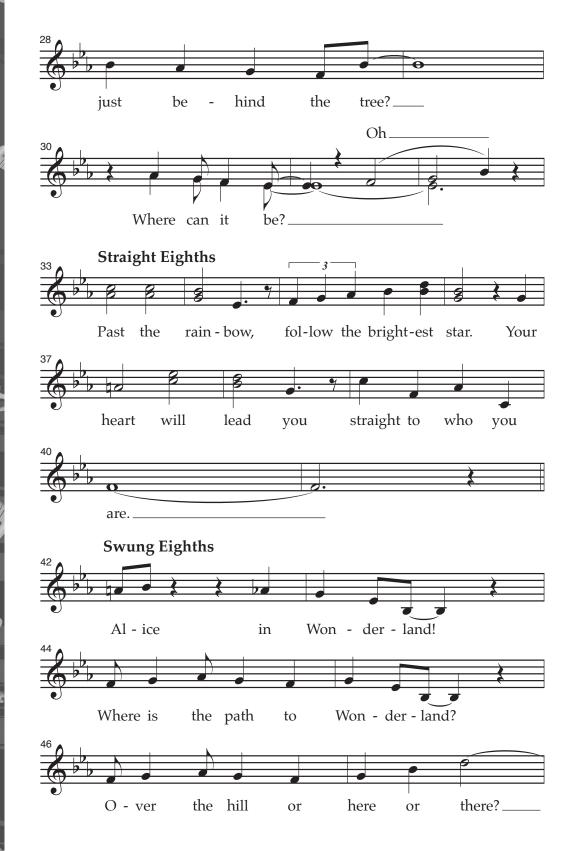


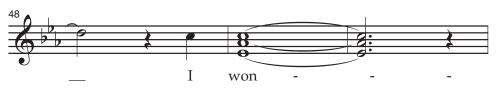


(ALICE sits and continues to write in her notebook. MATHILDA sits down next to her and reads over her shoulder.)











(ALICE looks all around her at the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE. MATHILDA can see them too, as if ALICE has told a story that brings them all to life. End of play. #41 – BOWS. #42 – EXIT MUSIC.)

Actor's Glossary

actor: A person who performs as a character in a play or musical.

antagonist: A person who actively opposes the protagonist.

author: A writer of a play; also known as a playwright. A musical's authors include a book writer, a composer, and a lyricist.

blocking: The actors' movements around the stage in a play or musical, not including the choreography. The director usually "blocks" the show (or assigns blocking) during rehearsals.

book writer: One of the authors of a musical. The book writer writes the lines of dialogue and the stage directions. A book writer can be called a librettist if they write the lyrics as well.

cast: The performers in a show.

cheating out: Turning slightly toward the house when performing so the audience can better see one's face and hear one's lines.

choreographer: A person who creates and teaches the dance numbers in a musical.

choreography: The dances in a musical that are often used to help tell the story.

composer: A person who writes music for a musical.

creative team: The director, choreographer, music director, and designers working on a production. The original creative team for a musical also includes the author(s) and orchestrator.

cross: An actor's movement to a new position onstage.

dialogue: A conversation between two or more characters.

director: A person who provides the artistic vision, coordinates the creative elements, and stages the play.

downstage: The portion of the stage closest to the audience; the opposite of upstage.

fourth wall: an invisible, imaginary wall separating the performers onstage from the audience; to "break" the fourth wall means a character has become aware of the audience's presence and addresses them directly.

house: The area of the theater where the audience sits to watch the show.

house left: The left side of the theater from the audience's perspective.

house right: The right side of the theater from the audience's perspective.

librettist: The person who writes both dialogue and lyrics for a musical.

Can also be referred to separately as the book writer and lyricist.

libretto: A term referring to the script (dialogue and stage directions) and lyrics together.

lines: The dialogue spoken by the actors.

lyricist: A person who writes the lyrics, or sung words, of a musical. The lyricist works with a composer to create songs.

lyrics: The words of a song.

monologue: A large block of lines spoken by a single character.

music director: A person in charge of teaching the songs to the cast and orchestra and maintaining the quality of the performed score. The music director may also conduct a live orchestra during performances.

musical: A play that incorporates music and choreography to tell a story. **objective:** What a character wants to do or achieve.

off-book: An actor's ability to perform memorized lines without holding the script.

offstage: Any area out of view of the audience; also called backstage.

onstage: Anything on the stage within view of the audience.

opening night: The first official performance of a production, after which the show is frozen, meaning no further changes are made.

play: A type of dramatic writing meant to be performed live on a stage. A musical is one kind of play.

protagonist: The main character of a story on which the action is centered. **raked stage:** A stage that is raised slightly upstage so that it slants

toward the audience.

read-through: An early rehearsal of a play at which actors read their dialogue from scripts without blocking or memorized lines.

rehearsal: A meeting during which the cast learns and practices the show.

score: All musical elements of a show, including songs and underscoring.

script: 1) The written words that make up a show, including dialogue, stage directions, and lyrics. 2) The book that contains those words.

speed-through: To perform the dialogue of a scene as quickly as possible. A speed-through rehearsal helps actors memorize their lines and infuses energy into the pacing of a scene.

stage directions: Words in the script that describe character actions that are not part of the dialogue.

stage left: The left side of the stage, from the actor's perspective.

stage manager: A person responsible for keeping all rehearsals and performances organized and on schedule.

stage right: The right side of the stage, from the actor's perspective.

upstage: The part of the stage farthest from the audience; the opposite of downstage.

warm-ups: Exercises at the beginning of a rehearsal or before a performance that prepare actors' voices and bodies.

Show Glossary

acute: present to a serious degree

affirmative: a statement of agreement

anvil: common name for the middle one of three small bones in the middle ear of humans and other mammals; also called the incus

axle grease: a thick oily substance used to lubricate a wheel structure in

a vehicle or cart

babbling: talking quickly in an unclear manner

bower: a shady place in a garden

caliber: the quality of someone's character

callous: insensitive or cruel

categorically: definitely; in a way that is unconditionally true

caucus race: an event that requires much time or effort but ultimately accomplishes very little; a British idiom referring to the idea of members of the same political party running against each other for a position

Cheshire Cat: a nickname for someone with a perpetual, mischievous grin; a British phrase that likely refers to cheese made in Cheshire that looked like a grinning cat

clopping: moving like a horse

co-dependency: over-reliance on another person

couth: good manners

crabgrass: a creeping grass that can become a weed

crass: lacking sensitivity

crimson: a strong red color that leans toward purple

croquet: a sport that involves hitting balls with a mallet through hoops, popular in England

crustaceans: a group of animals that mostly have hard shells and live in the water, such as crabs, lobsters, and shrimp

damsel: a young unmarried woman

decapitated: having had one's head removed

déclassé: a French term that means having fallen in social status

dejected: sad

delectable: delicious

deuce: something representing the number two; in this case, a card

distingué: a French term meaning famous or well-respected

dodo bird: a species of flightless bird that went extinct at the end of the

17th century

enticing: tempting or convincing

fancy-free: without cares or responsibility

fatigue: tiredness

fiber: a portion of food that is indigestible; certain diets encourage

people to eat more fiber **fickle:** changing frequently

flatline: the consistent tone that a heart monitor makes when it no longer detects a heartbeat and shows a flat line on its display

forceps: a pair of tweezers used in surgery **forethought:** consideration or planning

frothy: foamy

gay: happy and carefree

grovel: to lie on the ground with one's face downward; often done to get

someone's forgiveness

hedgerow: a hedge made up of wild shrubs

high tribunal: the most important person or institution that can judge disputes within a legal system (for example, the Supreme Court would be the high tribunal in the U.S.)

hubbub: a chaotic noise made by a crowd of people

identity crisis: a period in which one is unsure of one's sense of self

in a pickle: in a tricky situation

initiate: begin
intentions: plans

lagomorph: a group of animals that includes rabbits and hares

late-onset: describing a medical condition that occurs late in one's life **lightning round:** the round of a game during which gameplay is sped up

liverwurst: a meat paste that contains liver **molten:** so hot that it has become liquid

monarch: the head of a country; a king, queen, or emperor

mush: a command used in dogsledding across snow to get the dogs to

move forward oui: French for "yes"

pallid: pale

placid: calm or mild-mannered

preen: clean or groom **proboscis:** a nose

prune: to trim a plant by cutting away dead or overgrown branches or

stems

quadruped: an animal that has four feet

quelled: put an end to

Red Zinger: a tart and tangy variety of tea regality: the state of being a king or queen

rouge: a reddish pink color sanctioned: officially allowed

scalpel: a surgical knife

scarlet: a bright red with a bit of orange

schnozzola: a form of the Yiddish word "schnozz," meaning nose

stirrups: common name for the innermost bone in a series of three small bones in the ear of humans and other mammals; also known as the

stapes

tempus fugit: Latin for "time flies"

thistle: a flowering weed that has sharp prickles

trey: something representing the number three; in this case, a card

unanimous: in total agreement

usurper: someone who takes a position of power illegally or by force

vermilion: a bright shade of red virtue: goodness or morality

wallflower: a type of plant that grows against a wall; a word used to

describe a shy person

whelp: a negative term used to refer to a young person

Your Grace: a respectful way for referring to royalty or a religious leader

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- Opening: Alice's Theme Music and Lyrics ("Alice in Wonderland" / "I'm Late") by Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard; ("How D'ye Do and Shake Hands") by Oliver Wallace & Cy Coben; ("The Unbirthday Song") by Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston; ("Alice's Theme") by Danny Elfman; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 2. In a World of My Own Music ("Alice in Wonderland" / "A World of My Own") by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle and David Simpatico; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 3. **The White Rabbit (Part 1)** Music ("I'm Late") by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 4. **The White Rabbit (Part 2)** Music ("I'm Late") by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 5. **I'm Late** Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle and David Simpatico
- 6. Very Good Advice Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard
- 7. **Smallification** Music ("It's a Small World") by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
- 8. **Tallification** Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 9. Ocean of Tears / Smallification 2 Music & Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle
- 10. The Caucus Race Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard
- 11. I'm Late (Reprise) Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard
- 12. **Tallification 2** Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 13. **How D'ye Do and Shake Hands** Music and Lyrics by Oliver Wallace and Cy Coben; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle
- 14. **How D'ye Do and Shake Hands (Reprise)** Music and Lyrics by Oliver Wallace and Cy Coben
- 15. **Tallification 3** Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 16. **Smallification 3** Music ("It's a Small World") by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
- 17. **The Garden** Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 18. **The Golden Afternoon** Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle
- 19. **Enter the Caterpillar** Music ("Adventure Is a Wonderful Thing") by Michael Abbott, Lyrics by Sarah Weeks; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 20. **Adventure Is a Wonderful Thing** Music by Michael Abbott, Lyrics by Sarah Weeks; Arrangement and Orchestrations by Patrick Sulken
- 21. Fly Away / Tallification 4 Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 22. **The Unbirthday Song (Part 1)** Music and Lyrics by Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston
- 23. **The Unbirthday Song (Part 2)** Music and Lyrics by Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle and David Simpatico
- 24. **I'm Late (Reprise 2)** Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 25. **Rabbit, Run** Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 26. **Painting the Roses Red** Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle
- 27. Queen of Hearts Fanfare Music by Bryan Louiselle



- 28. **Painting the Roses Red (Reprise)** Music by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle
- 29. Simon Says (Part 1) Music by Bryan Louiselle, Lyrics by David Simpatico
- 30. **Simon Says (Part 2)** Music and Lyrics ("Painting the Roses Red") by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Additional Music by Bryan Louiselle; Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico
- 31. Alice Wins Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 32. High Tribunal Fanfare Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 33. **First Witnesses** Music ("How D'ye Do and Shake Hands") by Oliver Wallace and Cy Coben
- 34. **Second Witnesses** Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 35. Third Witnesses Music by Bryan Louiselle
- 36. **The Unbirthday Song (Reprise)** Music and Lyrics by Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston; Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico
- 37. **Enter the Caterpillar 2** Music ("Adventure Is a Wonderful Thing") by Michael Abbott, Lyrics by Sarah Weeks; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 38. **Whooo Are Youuu?** Music and Lyrics ("How D'ye Do and Shake Hands") by Oliver Wallace & Cy Coben; ("The Unbirthday Song") by Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston; ("I'm Late" / "Painting the Roses Red") by Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard
- 39. **Out of Wonderland** Music ("Alice in Wonderland" / "Very Good Advice") by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 40. **Finale** Music and Lyrics ("Alice in Wonderland" / "A World of My Own") by Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard; Additional Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle and David Simpatico; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 41. **Bows** Music and Lyrics ("The Golden Afternoon" / "The Caucus Race") by Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard, ("Adventure Is a Wonderful Thing") by Michael Abbott & Sarah Weeks; Arrangement and Orchestration by Patrick Sulken
- 42. Exit Music Music ("Alice in Wonderland") by Sammy Fain, Lyrics by Bob Hilliard

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