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Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

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Audition Pack

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1. Introduction

WELCOME to the world's most off the wall family!...

We are excited to be bringing this Broadway blockbuster to our local Grand Theatre Lancaster in September 2023.

Not only is it extremely funny - but musically, it will be both challenging and exciting to sing. This is largely due to the book being written by famed 'Jersey Boys' writers Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and the contemporary musical theatre score being penned by Andrew Lippa.

The highly experienced creative team will bring it all to life which will mean a truly outstanding theatrical experience for both cast and audience members alike!

THE ADDAMS FAMILY features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare.

Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. A man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother.

Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

This is a show that has proven itself over and over with a multitude of productions being staged globally. The original Broadway production ran for 722 performances and grossed over \$62 million!

Enclosed within this document is all you need to know to book your audition time and ensure you are ready to put your best foot forward.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY & PREPARE WELL - THEN SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO!

2. THE ADDAMS FAMILY – THE MUSICAL

("I don't know this show, what's it all about?")

Hundreds of years ago, the Addams family ancestors came from the old country and settled on a plot of land in what is now New York's Central Park. This was, of course, long before it was a park, when it was still wilderness and garbage. The family flourished for many generations, and eventually, a huge house was built where a great Spanish oak, the Addams Family Tree, had been planted to protect the ancestral graves from such annoyances as sunlight and tourists.

As the curtain rises, the last dead leaf of autumn falls from the Family Tree, and all is right with the morbid, macabre world of Gomez, Morticia, Fester, Grandma, Wednesday, Pugsley and Lurch. They've gathered - where else? - in the family graveyard, to celebrate life and death in a yearly ritual to connect with their past and ensure their future. They seem at peace, not just with each other and their inimitable, unchanging Addams-ness, but with their dead ancestors, too - who emerge from their graves on this night each year to join in this celebration of continuity.

But, at the end of the ritual, Fester blocks the ancestors' return to their graves. Those unchanging Addams family values are about to be tested. Fester enlists their help to set things right, just in case a new family secret goes terribly wrong. What's the secret? Wednesday Addams, that irresistible bundle of malice, has grown up and found love. So what's the problem? The young man, Lucas Beineke, is from Ohio, and his parents are coming to dinner to meet the family. Two different worlds are about to collide. Will love triumph, or will everyone go home vaguely depressed?

Gomez and Morticia are understandably suspicious. Wednesday is their baby, even if she is eighteen. Their doubts bloom into actual terror when they eavesdrop on Wednesday, who, in the midst of her afternoon play-date with Pugsley, refuses to torture her brother and involuntarily bursts into song - extolling all things bright and beautiful as love pulls her in an entirely new, and cheerful, direction. Like any parents faced with a child in terrible trouble, Gomez and Morticia wonder, "Where did we go wrong?" Wednesday begs her parents not to cancel the dinner, and exhorts the entire family to act as 'normal' as possible when Lucas and his parents arrive. She loves her family just the way they are, but they clearly fall outside the realm of what the Middle-American Beinekes are used to, and Wednesday's afraid that, if his parents don't approve of her, they'll take Lucas back to Ohio, and she'll never see him again. Like any unconditionally loving family, the Addams' promise to do their best to oblige, while, lost somewhere in Central Park, young Lucas asks his parents to resist any judgments and all catastrophic conflicts, so both families can enjoy one normal night.

In yet another part of the house, Pugsley, having witnessed Wednesday and Lucas conversation, worries that he's lost his best friend to her new, disgustingly sunny disposition. Plotting to break up the happy couple, Pugsley steals a volatile potion from Grandma's private stash – Acrimonium – one swig of which is guaranteed to bring out the dark side in anyone who drinks it. After what is likely a less-than-normal meal, Wednesday quiets the table for Lucas' surprise announcement. But Gomez reminds Wednesday that, before anything else happens, it's time for the traditional Addams family game, "Full Disclosure" – during which everyone takes a sip from a sacred chalice and reveals something they've never told anyone. Gomez uses his Disclosure to try, again in vain, to calm Morticia. Fester announces that he's in the throes of a most unlikely love – with the moon. When it's Wednesday's turn, Pugsley seizes his chance! He secretly pours the Acrimonium potion in the chalice and passes it to his sister. But his plan to

awaken the dark side in Wednesday goes horribly wrong when Alice, coughing, intercepts the chalice and downs the potion instead. A whole new Alice, very dark and uninhibited, is born. The powerful poison prompts her to reveal the long- buried problems with her marriage, humiliating Mal, who, fed up with all the weird and creepy events of the evening, makes to leave, with Alice and Lucas in tow. Wednesday blurts out the news: "Lucas and I are getting married!" Chaos engulfs both families like a tidal wave, and Fester, ever-helpful, urges the Family Ancestors to work some magic – whipping up a sudden, terrible storm and trapping the Beinekes with the Addams family for the night.

While the storm rages, Wednesday packs a bag, but Lucas has no appetite for running away and getting married without his parents' blessing. Wednesday, furious at everything it means to be normal, and furious at herself for trying so hard to become somebody his parents would accept, leaves alone. One more of Gomez' foot-in-mouth episodes prompts Morticia to throw him out of her boudoir. Her world is changing and she's not ready, and her only comfort is knowing that death is waiting for her, just around the corner. But it is a very cold comfort indeed.

In the guest room, Alice, under the influence of the darkness potion, can no longer rhyme. Neither can she tolerate her husband's cynical attacks on Lucas and love. She packs him off with a pillow and blanket to sleep somewhere else, as the storm inside her heart, and outside in the park, rumbles to a conclusion. Once the rains have stopped, Fester heads outside for a couple of hours of moon-bathing, realising – after observing the three couples fighting – the sheer luck of being in a long-distance relationship, with the distant silver orb in the sky that smiles down on him from the heavens. Sitting under the family tree, contemplating the twists and turns of this most unusual night, Gomez stops Wednesday on her way out of the park. He realises the thing he was most resistant to – his baby girl's growing up – is inevitable, and proper. He sees that she's a young woman in love. And that makes him happy. And a tiny bit sad.

With her father's blessing, Wednesday offers Lucas one test to prove that he's The One. The test involves her skills with a crossbow, an apple, and Lucas standing with said apple on his head in front of the family tree. The boy is afraid of death, but even more afraid of losing Wednesday. He chooses the possibility of death over the certainty of loss – and wins. Far below, in the grotto, Gomez and Mal, two displaced husbands, realise they have more in common than they would have dared imagine only a few hours earlier. While Mal is with Gomez, Lurch ushers Alice down to the grotto. She's a woman on a mission; she's going to lay down the law; changes must be made if the marriage is to survive.

Morticia packs a bag and is ready to leave. But the ancestors' spirits have led Gomez to find her. The other warring couples, Wednesday and Lucas, Alice and Mal, have made their peace. Now Gomez woos his wife, as he first did one night many years before, with the promise to "laugh and cry and dance until the very gods weep with envy." The mournful strains of a bandoneon waft up on the breeze, entwining with the tempting wail of a violin – and a tango begins – the Tango de Amor, the quintessence of Eros, the dance that makes men weep and women cry out in the night. The irresistible expression of love between husband and wife. And Morticia cannot resist.

With all three couples reunited, Fester is emboldened to make his move, and launches himself to the moon. Landing safely, his face appears – the man in the moon – and, love having emphatically triumphed in heaven and on earth, the gate to the family crypt swings open, allowing the spirits of the ancestors to rest for another year.

It's been a night of darkness. Everything's changed. And the new, extended family understands: The unknown may be frightening, the darkness overwhelming, but if we don't run from it, we may see our mysterious, miraculous lives finally illuminated. If we move toward the darkness, we might find love and acceptance.

For when it is dark enough, we can see the stars.

SONGS

Act I

- "Overture" Orchestra
- "When You're an Addams" Company
- "Fester's Manifesto" Fester
- "Wednesday's Growing Up" Gomez
- "Trapped" Gomez
- "Pulled" Wednesday, Pugsley
- "One Normal Night" Company
- "But Love (Reprise 1)" Fester, Ancestors
- "But Love (Reprise 2)" Fester, Ancestors
- "Secrets" Morticia, Alice, Female Ancestors
- "Gomez's 'What If?'" Gomez
- "What If?" Pugsley
- "Full Disclosure" Company
- "Waiting" Alice
- "Full Disclosure (Part 2)" Company

Act II

- "Entr'acte" Orchestra
- "Just Around the Corner" Morticia, Ancestors
- "The Moon and Me" Fester, Female Ancestors
- "Happy/Sad" Gomez
- "Crazier Than You" Wednesday, Lucas, Mal, Alice
- "Not Today" Gomez
- "Live Before We Die" Gomez, Morticia
- "Tango de Amor" Morticia, Gomez, Ancestors
- "Move Toward the Darkness" Company
- "Bows/When You're an Addams (Encore)" Company

3. Society Information

On signing up to audition for a role, you agree to adhere to rules set out in the Morecambe Warblers membership rule book. A copy will be emailed to you when you join and can also be found at <u>www.morecambewarblers.co.uk/members</u>

Below we have highlighted a number of rules which you should be aware of prior to auditioning and joining the society:

Selection of cast

20. The cast for any production shall be selected by an audition panel and shall consist of the Director, Musical Director, and three committee members.

Attendance at rehearsals

31. All acting members in a Warblers production must not miss more than six rehearsals (with the exception of pre-arranged holidays). Any absence must be reported to the Assistant Secretary. Exceptional circumstances will be considered by the committee.

Membership Subscriptions

The membership you pay helps to cover a variety of costs associated with running a society. These include, but are not limited to: The society's membership with NODA, Public Liability Insurance, Hire of the theatre, Costume costs & Marketing costs. The stated membership fees also include performance subsidies - previously paid as a separate fee.

Full Membership	Annual Cost
Any person aged 18-59, who wishes to appear on stage.	£85.00
Associate Membership	Annual Cost
Any person aged under 18, or 60+, who wishes to appear on stage.	£40.00
Associate (non-acting) membership	Annual Cost
Any person of any age who does not wish to appear on stage.	£20.00
For this production, after the cast has been chosen, any cast me	mbers wishing to

For this production, after the cast has been chosen, any cast members wishing to take home a libretto/score will be asked to pay an additional fee of **£5.00** (to cover printing costs). The libretto/score will then be yours to keep and will <u>not</u> need to be returned after the show.

4. Rehearsal & Audition Dates

Rehearsals in preparation for the auditions will commence as outlined below. A full rehearsal schedule will be made available prior to the first rehearsal.

Your participation in this production requires a strong commitment in both time and professionalism in order to ensure a production of the highest possible quality, therefore please do not audition if you are not in a position to commit fully to the rehearsal schedule

If for any reason you may not be able to attend any of the rehearsals, you must detail this on your audition form which must be submitted prior to auditioning.

Rehearsals with the Creative Team will be on Monday & Wednesday evenings 7.30pm - 10.00pm at Torrisholme Methodist Church, Norwood Drive, Lancaster, LA4 6LT.

We will also rehearse on Sundays in the 4 weeks leading up to the show from approximately 1.30pm until 4.30pm as required (subject to changes).

Mon 27th Feb 7pm	EGM & Welcome Night
Mon 6th March 7.30pm	Pre-Audition Rehearsal
Weds 8th March 7.30pm	Pre-Audition Rehearsal
Mon 13th March 7.30pm	Pre-Audition Rehearsal
Weds 15th March 7.30pm	Pre-Audition Rehearsal
Saturday 18th March	Principal Auditions
Times TBC	
Mon 20th March 7.30pm	Ancestors/Dancestors Auditions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The show will run for 6 performances at The Grand Theatre, Lancaster with performances each evening 26th-30th September and an additional matinee performance on 30th September. You must be available for all performances as well as for Technical & Dress Rehearsals on 24th & 25th September.
- While talent is the primary consideration when casting, level of commitment will also be a consideration and final choices for Principal and Ancestor roles will be made with this in mind.

5. Character Descriptions

PLEASE NOTE: AGE LIMITS ARE INDICATIVE BUT THE MINIMUM AGE FOR CAST IS 15 YEARS OLD.

Gomez Addams (Mid 30's – Late 50's) A suave man of Spanish descent who adores his wife and children and takes immense pride in being an Addams. He struggles with having to keep his daughter's secret from his wife, whom he adores more than death! Smart, comedic actor with tenor vocals and a good mover.

Musical Numbers: When You're an Addams, Two Things, Wednesdays Growing Up, Trapped, What If, Full Disclosure, Happy Sad, Not Today, Live Before We Die, Tango De Amor, Move Toward Darkness.

Morticia Addams (Early 30's – Late 40's) The strength of the Addams family who believes strongly in family tradition. She is confident comedic character with a sexy, dry wit. Morticia is unnerved thinking that Gomez is hiding something from her and will use any tactic to lure the secret out. A comedic actor with strong vocal and dance ability. Alto/Mezzo Soprano.

Musical Numbers: When You're an Addams, Trapped, Four Things, Secrets, Full Disclosure, Just Around the Corner, Live Before We Die, Tango De Amor, Move Toward Darkness.

Wednesday Addams (18 – mid 20's) Wednesday has her father's heart and her mother's sensibility and dry wit. She falls in love with a "normal" boy who she brings home to meet the family. Wednesday is trying to balance her relationships with her "strange" family with that of her new love and his "normal" family. Wednesday showcases compassion, a bit of stubbornness and strong will. Needs a strong pop belt voice, Alto/Mezzo Soprano vocals. A dry comedic actor who has strong dance skills.

Musical Numbers: When You're an Addams, Pulled, One Normal Night, Full Disclosure, Happy Sad, Crazier Than You, Move Towards Darkness.

Pugsley Addams (Mid teens -Early 20's) The youngest of the Addams Family, Pugsley loves to be tortured by his big sister. He is lost trying to figure out his place now that she has a new boyfriend and family dynamics are changing. He wants to ensure he won't lose his sister to her new boyfriend so he takes matters into his own hands. Strong vocal ability needed. A good comedic actor who can move well.

Musical Numbers: When You're an Addams, Honor Roll, What If, One Normal Night, Full Disclosure, Move Towards Darkness.

Uncle Fester (Late 20's – Late 50's) Male actor. Serving as the narrator of the show, Uncle Fester is the androgynous family member who is larger than life, lovable, enthusiastic, energetic and highly incorrigible with a child-like presence. A vaudeville style comedian with strong tenor vocal. Fester needs to be a good mover who has a charismatic ability to engage the audience.

Musical Numbers: When You're an Addams, Fester's Manifesto, One Normal Night, But Love, Full Disclosure, The Moon and Me, Not Today, Move Toward darkness.

Grandma (Late 20's – Late 50's) Fun, quirky and feisty, Grandma always has a trick up her sleeve. Grandma is wise, wacky and sometimes a bit insensitive. Don't mess with Grandma! Good vocal ability, Grandma needs to be a very good comedic actor who can sing. Alto/Mezzo Soprano vocals.

Musical Numbers: When You're an Addams, One Normal Night, What If, Full Disclosure, Move Towards Darkness

Lurch (Late 20's – Late 50's) A man of few words, Lurch is a very tall male character and is the Addams Family butler who knows all. His unmistakable commanding presence is accented by grunts, moans and deliberate movement. He speaks in moans and groans without becoming a cartoon version of himself. His movement is always very slow and deliberate. Solo singing required, Bass to Eb.

Musical Numbers: Move Towards Darkness

Mal Beinecke (Mid-Late 30's – Late 50's) The uptight and stuffy father of Lucas and exasperated husband to rhyming Alice, cynical Mal meets the Addams with scepticism. He finds the Addams to be too bizarre for his liking and cannot fathom being related to them. At one time a follower of 'The Grateful Dead' Mal has lost that side of himself. Always looking out for his family. Male actor with high baritone/ tenor vocals.

Musical Number: Crazier Than You

Alice Beinecke (Mid 30's – Late 40's) Lucas's mother and Mal's wife, Alice is quirky but strongly devoted to her family and puts aside her own desires. She presents herself as reserved and collected (even when speaking in rhyme) until she learns to unleash her wild side at dinner with the Addams. Strong vocal ability – Soprano with good comedic ability and able to move well.

Musical Number: One Normal Night, Secrets, Full Disclosure, Waiting, Crazier Than You

Lucas Beinecke (18 – mid 20's) The hopeful romantic son of Alice & Mal, Lucas has fallen in love with Wednesday and intends to marry her. He is optimistic and hopeful yet struggles to find the balance between his "normal" family and the macabre Addams. Contemporary pop tenor vocals. A good comedic actor who is able to move well.

Musical Number: One Normal Night, Full Disclosure, Waiting, Crazier Than You

The Ancestors The Addams ancestors from various eras serve as the chorus/ensemble for the show and help bring the story to life. They will be featured both singing and dancing throughout the entire show (once relapsed from the family crypt!). We are looking for males and females to fulfil these roles and they are required to be singer/movers who are smart performers. They should have a fun, quirky sense and embrace the character they are given. A good pop sound needed – Tenor, Baritone, Bass, Alto, Mezzo Soprano and Sopranos.

The Dancestors Will be featured both singing and taking a predominant dance role throughout the entire show (once relapsed from the family crypt!). We are looking for 4/5

trained dancers to fulfil the roles of the *Dancestors*. They are required to be dancer/singers who are smart performers and able to move in a balletic/lyrical style as well as other dance genres required in the show. They should have fun and be able to embrace the character they are given.

6. Audition Pieces

SINGING AUDITION

Those auditioning for any of the roles below must prepare the song listed as part of their audition. Where no bar numbers are given, please prepare the whole song.

Sheet music for each of the audition songs is provided in the final pages of this Audition Pack.

Ancestors & Dancestors	'When You're An Addams' (Bars 17-48)
Gomez	'Trapped'
Morticia	'Just Around The Corner'
Wednesday	'Pulled'
Pugsley	'What If' (Bars 1-98 plus Bars 186-end)
Uncle Fester	'The Moon And Me' (Bars 1-48)
Grandma	'When You're An Addams' (Bars 17-48)
Lurch	'Move Toward The Darkness' (Bars 18-32)
Mal Beinecke	'Crazier Than You' (Bars 81-102)
Alice Beinecke	'Waiting'
Lucas Beinecke	'One Normal Night' (Bars 70-92)

ACTING AUDITION

Please also prepare the two monologues below per character that you're auditioning for (only ONE monologue for Grandma and Pugsley).

- * We would like these to be fully memorised.
- * Make sure you know where the jokes are, and deliver them like jokes!
- * We would like to see two different portrayals of the character.

* At your audition, there will also be scenes to perform that show contrasting relationships between other characters. These scenes are listed below the monologue's section.

GOMEZ ADDAMS: Mr. Malcolm Beineke, I presume, and the lovely Mrs. Malcolm Beineke. (pointing his blade at Lucas) And you must be young Lucas - (looks back to Mal, then again to Lucas) Unless of course you are the father, and you are the son, with a massive thyroid problem. (laughs, then) I go too far. No matter, the night, she is young. Welcome to our extremely normal home. Gomez Florencia Addams, at your service. Allow me to present my wife, la duena, mother of my children, el amor de mi vida... the love of my life - Morticia!

GOMEZ ADDAMS: Aaahhh.. The intoxicating smell of the graveyard. Once a year, we gather beneath our Family Tree, to honour the great cycle of life and death. Come, every member of our clan - living and dead - and undecided - and let us celebrate what it is to be an Addams. Come to me, my luscious wife - oh, she with skin so pale, eyes so black, and dress cut down to Venezuela - and tell us what it is every Addams hopes for!

MORTICIA ADDAMS: I told that Beineke woman we kept nothing from each other. And look at the thanks I get. I gave up my dreams for the sake of this family. I wanted to travel. I wanted to see Paris! I never saw the sewers of Paris! And now it'll never happen! So that's how it ends... alone and forgotten in a tiny room, living on cat food and broken dreams - that's what happens to mothers. Look at yours. She came for the weekend, the weeks turned into months, it's twelve years later and she's still up there: Deceived, Deluded. Smoking in the attic. A grandma. Well, I'm not going to end up like your mother. You lied to me, and I can't live with that.

MORTICIA ADDAMS: Gomez - do you love your daughter? Do you care for her mental well-being? Do you want her to spend the rest of her days hating us because we let her ruin her life? Now stop prattling and go tell her the dinner is off. You're the father. The father is the canceller. And if after 25 years of marriage, you can't do this one thing for me, then I just don't know what!

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS: Daddy, I have something to tell you. Can you keep a secret? Oh daddy, Lucas wants to marry me! Lucas Beineke loves me and he wants to marry me. I've never even met his parents, and he's never met mine, and - I just need to be sure. That the families can get along. I mean, he has to know what he's getting into. I'm saying we're who we are, and they're from Ohio. But, we can't tell mother – Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing. After dinner and we're all friends,then we'll tell her. Daddy, please! If you love me. Do you love me Daddy? One tiny little secret. Please. Please. Oh, thank you daddy!

WEDNESDAY ADDAMS: OK, family meeting. About tonight. Now. Here's the schedule. First, we have drinks, like 'Hi, nice to meet you.' And then they'll want to see the house, and then at eight, we'll have dinner and they can be back at their hotel by nine thirty. Oh please, Daddy! It's just a dinner, and they're dying to meet you—and I promised Lucas—and you know how I hate to break a promise. Daddy, I'm your only daughter and your eldest child, and if you can't do this one thing for me, then I just don't know what!

UNCLE FESTER: We have a problem. That's right. Little Wednesday Addams - that charming, irrepressible bundle of malice who would poison her own brother just for a ride in the ambulance - has grown up and found love. *(to the ANCESTORS)* So here's the deal. Gather around. I'm not letting you back into that crypt until love triumphs. So who is this Lucas fella? Is he worthy of her? Do they really love each other? What is love anyway? does this rash look serious to you? So many questions about love. But when you think about it, is there anything more important?

UNCLE FESTER: Storm's passed. Think I'll get a little moon. Yoo hoo, where are you hiding? Are you playing with me, my only one? There you are! Look at her. Lovely, is she not? And so far away. Yes, in matters of love, my dears, distance is our friend. Closeness? No thank you. Quarter of a million miles away--that's a good distance for romance. We never fight, each waning is a heart-breaking separation. Each meeting, a happy reunion.

MAL BEINEKE: This girl walks around with a crossbow? Good. Good choice son. OK, listen up. Now here's what's going to happen. We're going to go back to the hotel. And you and I are going to have a little talk. (*Lurch enters.*) Hello. Had a little trouble finding this place. Looks like someone shot out all your street lines! Wow, look at this place. (*aside*) They just move in or what? (*to Lurch*) Mal Beineke. (*no response*) This is my wife, Alice. (*no response*) That's my son Lucas. (*no response*) Nice talking to you. Earth to Alice, we've landed in Weird City. I say drinks and bye-bye.

MAL BEINEKE: OK, Addams, I tried. I thought OK, the kids like each other, let's give it a shot. But you people are insane. You got a house where there shouldn't be a house, a zombie for a butler, and a man who's dating the moon. We're simple people, Mister Addams. We're not used to your 'sophisticated New York lifestyle.' So with your permission, we're gonna go back to the real America. Full disclosure. Lucas, help your mother off the table. **ALICE BEINEKE**: It's a lovely dress, Wednesday! 'Yellow is the colour of the warming sun. Yellow is the colour of yumminess and fun. Why not show the world the love in which we all believe? Why not wear your heart for all to see, right on your sleeve?" Oh, the rhyming? You see, 'When I'm depressed or feeling blessed, a poem will get it off my chest. They come to me, they take no time, they just pop out, and always rhyme!

ALICE BEINEKE: Oh! A Spanish game, what does it mean? "Full Disclosure," and you have to tell the absolute truth? I don't think I would be very good at that game. ("*sure you would "– they pass over the chalice*) Oh no no no no nooooooo.... (*she drinks and is instantly changed*). Mal, button your lip and sit right down!!! Remember how it used to be Mal? How we'd look at each other and leave the restaurant in the middle of dinner and rush home and go upstairs; and sometimes we couldn't even wait and you'd just pull the car over to the side of the – (*Lucas: "mom!"*) Oh lighten up, Lucas. Parents do it. Live with it. Remember Mal? When we were crazy and the future didn't exist? What happened to you? The guy with the Grateful Dead t-shirt? Is he ever coming back? How long do I have to wait?

LUCAS BEINEKE: I work after school at the bookstore. And on weekends, I tutor kids at a charter school. And summers I work at my uncle's grocery. On my time off, I mostly think about Wednesday and how much I love her and how we could have a wonderful life together. One day, I'll be a writer. Or maybe a medical examiner. You get to look inside people's bodies and they don't mind, because they're dead.

LUCAS BEINEKE: Wait, wait! We have to talk this over for a minute. We can't just run away and get married. You said it was important that everyone got along. I know I said it didn't matter, but they wanna kill each other! Do you want that hanging over our heads? Do you wanna you know what I think? You don't really want to get married. You just said that to stick it to your mother. You know you're scared too. Let's go back in the house and make some rational decisions. Look- I – I can't run away like this. It's too crazy. I'm sorry. I can be impulsive! I just need to think about it first!

GRANDMA: Me ! Me ! Me! Age before beauty! The chalice! The kid and I had a little heart-to-heart before. I told him to use his time wisely. Look who's talking - how much time have I got left? I'm a hundred and two I have shingles and arthritis, and when I break wind it could start the windmills on an old Dutch painting. But, I've still got one more round in me. Call me Cougar, but five'll get you ten there's a couple of 90-year-old hotties out there just waiting for this Grandma. Full Disclo... Full Disclo... I just peed a little.

PUGSLEY ADDAMS: Hi, Grandma. Grandma - what if there was this girl who met this person and he's all like "Hey, it's the Pugster. What up, little man?" and she's all like

"golly" and "were gonna go now" and they're running away together. What would you give her? But what if she doesn't get rid of him? What if all the good times are already behind me? I could stab my arm myself, and I could spray myself with mace, but it just wouldn't be the same without her.

COLD READING FOR AUDITION

THESE DO NOT NEED TO BE MEMORISED FOR YOUR AUDITION

GOMEZ AND WEDNESDAY ACT 1 SCENE 2

WEDNESDAY Daddy, I have something very important to tell you. GOMEZ WEDNESDAY Can you keep a secret? (WEDNESDAY produces a ring from around her neck.) GOMEZ

Of course.

WEDNESDAY

Look.

What?

GOMEZ

If I didn't know any better I'd say that looked like an engagement ring. (she just looks at him) What are you saying?

WEDNESDAY

Oh daddy, Lucas wants to marry me!

GOMEZ

What?!

WEDNESDAY

Lucas Beineke loves me and he wants to marry me.

GOMEZ

Do you want to marry him?

WEDNESDAY

Yes. I think so.

GOMEZ

You think so?

WEDNESDAY

Well, I've never even met his parents, and he's never met mine, and - I just need to be sure.

GOMEZ

That he's the one?

WEDNESDAY

That the families can get along. I mean, he has to know what he's getting into.

GOMEZ

What are you saying?

WEDNESDAY

I'm saying we're who we are, and they're from Ohio.

GOMEZ

(slicing the air with his sword) Ohio? A swing state!

WEDNESDAY

That's what I mean.

GOMEZ

You're right, this is important. Let's go tell your mother.

WEDNESDAY

No.

GOMEZ

No? But we have to tell your mother -

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing.

GOMEZ

You don't want me to tell your mother you're getting married?

WEDNESDAY

After dinner and we're all friends, then we'll tell her.

GOMEZ

But I've never kept anything from your mother.

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WEDNESDAY

(getting desperate) Daddy, please!

But-

GOMEZ

WEDNESDAY

If you love me.

GOMEZ

But-

WEDNESDAY

Do you love me daddy?

(DING! WEDNESDAY freezes.)

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GOMEZ

THERE ARE TWO THINGS I WOULD NEVER DO SAY NO TO MY WIFE SAY NO TO MY DAUGHTER SO WHAT EXACTLY SHOULD I DO?

(DING! Lights restore.)

Do you realize what you're asking me to do?

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, one tiny little secret. Please. Please.

[MUSIC IN]

GOMEZ

OK, OK I promise. I won't tell your mother.

WEDNESDAY

GOMEZ

Yes, yes. Our little secret.

(She runs off)

Put the ring on. Just for a minute.

WEDNESDAY

After dinner.

LUCAS

But what if they hate each other?

WEDNESDAY

What if they don't? Be like me. Look on the bright side.

LUCAS

You make me so crazy. (They kiss. PUGSLEY interrupts.)

PUGSLEY Maybe you two should get a room.

WEDNESDAY Pugsley! Stop sneaking around like that!

PUGSLEY

It's my house too, OK?

WEDNESDAY

(to Lucas) Excuse me while I kill my brother.

LUCAS

(To Wednesday) I'll take care of this. (to the boy, extravagantly) Hey, it's the Pugster. What up, little man?

> (Tries to high-five PUGSLEY, to no effect.)

PUGSLEY

You trying to be cool?

Uh-huh.

LUCAS

PUGSLEY

'Cause you're not cool.

LUCAS

Your sister thinks I am.

PUGSLEY

She'll get over it.

(He puffs on his cigar.)

Aren't you a little young to be smoking?

PUGSLEY

(pointedly) I'm under a lot of stress. My sister's having an identity crisis.

WEDNESDAY

We're gonna go now.

PUGSLEY

Can I come?

WEDNESDAY

Sorry, Pugs. I'm with Lucas now. Bye.

[MUSIC IN]

(PUGSLEY'S tough act evaporates, and all that's left is a lonely little brother.)

PUGSLEY

But wait! Wait!

(WEDNESDAY waves to PUGSLEY and pulls LUCAS off.PUGSLEY is bereft, center.)

WEDNESDAY AND LUCAS ACT 2 SCENE 1

Wait, wait! We have to talk this over for a minute.

WEDNESDAY

Talk what over?

LUCAS

We can't just run away and get married. You said it was important that everyone got along.

WEDNESDAY

And you said it didn't matter!

LUCAS

Yeah, but they wanna kill each other! You want that hanging over our heads?

WEDNESDAY

Boy, you sound just like your father. The root doesn't fall far from the tree, does it?

LUCAS

What?

WEDNESDAY

Forget it.

LUCAS

The apple. The appledoesn't fall far from the tree.

WEDNESDAY

God, you're annoying.

LUCAS

You know what I think? You don't really wanna get married. You just said that to stick it to your mother.

WEDNESDAY

Don't psychoanalyze me, Lucas. It's a deep dark hole and you don't wanna go there. Come on.

LUCAS

What'll we do for money?

WEDNESDAY

Stop being so scared of everything.

ANCESTORS

Yeah.

LUCAS

Right, like you're not scared.

WEDNESDAY

I eat scared for breakfast, honey.

Let's go back in the house and make some rational decisions.

No.

ANCESTORS

WEDNESDAY

I don't want rational decisions! I want dangerous, impulsive, crazy decisions!

ANCESTORS

Yeah.

WEDNESDAY

Are you coming or not?

LUCAS

Look - I - I can't run away like this. It's too crazy. I'm sorry.

WEDNESDAY

Not as sorry as you're gonna be when you wake up and you're forty-six and working for your father!

(ANCESTORS gesture to respond, but WEDNESDAY cuts them off. She storms away. LUCAS calls after her.)

LUCAS

I can be impulsive! I just need to think about it first!

GRANDMA AND PUGSLEY ACT 1 SCENE 11

GRANDMA

(a cappella) ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE (Whistling)

[MUSIC CONTINUES]

PUGSLEY

Hi, Grandma.

GRANDMA

Hey, stud. How's life?

PUGSLEY

Too long.

GRANDMA

Tell me about it.

[MUSIC OUT]

PUGSLEY

Hold on. What're you doing?

GRANDMA

Restocking. Grandma's Private Stash. Herbs, potions and remedies. Nature's candy, no prescription needed.

PUGSLEY

What's that one?

GRANDMA

Peyote.

PUGSLEY

What's it do?

GRANDMA

Makes you run around naked in the woods.

PUGSLEY

What about this one?

GRANDMA

Bookoo leaf. You got someone giving you a hard time?

PUGSLEY

Maybe.

GRANDMA

Sprinkle a little of this on his toast, an hour later he's in a padded room, screaming "I am Spartacus!"

PUGSLEY

Grandma -

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[MUSIC IN]

what if there was this girl who met this person and he's all like "Hey, it's the Pugster. What up, little man?" and she's all like "golly" and "we're gonna go now" and they're running away together. What would you give her?

GRANDMA

Nothing. She's your sister. Be happy for her.

PUGSLEY

But what if she doesn't get rid of him? What if all the good times are already behind me?

GRANDMA

That's life, kid. You lose the thing you love.

PUGSLEY

Tell me about it. (picks up another bottle from the cart) What's this one?

GRANDMA

(grabs bottle from Pugsley) Acrimonium! You wanna stay away from this baby.

Why?

PUGSLEY

GRANDMA

Takes the lid off the id. Brings out the dark side.

PUGSLEY

Whaddaya mean?

GRANDMA

One swig of this and Mary Poppins turns into Medea.

PUGSLEY

I don't understand your references.

GRANDMA

LURCH, MAL AND ALICE ACT 1 SCENE 5

MAL

Hello. Had a little trouble finding the place. Looks like somebody shot out all your street lamps!

(MAL and ALICE laugh. LURCH does not. The BEINEKES move down stage and take the place in.)

(observing the emptiness of the space) Wow, look at this place. They just move in or what?

ALICE

No. This is how they live in New York. They spend all their money on rent and have nothing left for furniture.

(LURCH slams the front door with an awesome thud. The BEINEKES jump. A RAT scurries across the floor. ALICE screams. RAT exits.)

(MAL approaches LURCH)

Grnh.

LURCH

MAL

Mal Beineke.

LURCH

Grnh.

MAL

This is my wife, Alice-

(polite)

(lecherous)

(warning)

LURCH

Grnh.

MAL

That's my son, Lucas -

LURCH

Grnh.

MAL

And you are?

LURCH

Grrngh.

(Grunts his backstory)

MAL

Nice talkin' to you. Earth to Alice, we've landed in Weird City. I say drinks and bye-bye.

ALICE

Oh, Mal.

(convincing herself as much any him) "Be open to experience, And welcome in the new. Reach deep in your surprise bag; There might be a gift for you."

MAL

Honey, my surprise bag is so full I can hardly lift it. That guy who patted me down at the airport? He slipped me his telephone number. I don't think I can stand any more surprises.

ALICE

"I feel so dark, I feel so dead. All is black inside my face."

MAL

Boy, they really got to you. That doesn't even rhyme.

ALICE

(dark) You got a problem with that?

MAL

I did not raise my son to be kidnapped by a bunch of creepedout left-wing Spanish weirdos.

ALICE

You didn't raise him, Mal. I did. You were at the office, remember?

MAL

I was at the office for you. For him. I had plans for the boy!

ALICE

Oh Mal, he's in love. Let him follow his heart.

MAL

Follow his heart? That's crazy!

ALICE

What's wrong with crazy? Crazy is underrated.

MAL

Lemme get this straight - your son, your only son, wants to marry someone who is named for a day of the week and runs around Central Park with a crossbow - and you're OK with all that?

ALICE

If it makes him happy, yes.

MAL

Well, you better come to your senses or I'm gonna have to take steps.

ALICE

Good idea. Why don't you start by taking steps outside.

MAL

What?

ALICE

You want to act like a tool, go sleep in the shed. (MAL picks up the blanket. There's a huge SPIDER on his back. ALICE screams.)

(ALICE screams)

Mal!

MAL

What?

ALICE

Oh... nothing.

GOMEZ AND MORTICIA ACT 2 SCENE 9

GOMEZ

So it's true.

MORTICIA

I can't live with a man who keeps secrets.

(She lights the TAXI sign)

GOMEZ

There's another secret I haven't told you.

MORTICIA

Hunh.What?

GOMEZ

That you are the most exquisite, the most magnificent, the most desirable of all women.

MORTICIA

That's no secret.

GOMEZ No. But even you had a secret - once.

MORTICIA

Never.

GOMEZ

And if you're wrong.

MORTICIA

I never am.

GOMEZ

But if you are, what will you give me?

MORTICIA

Name it.

A dance.

GOMEZ

Go on.

MORTICIA

GOMEZ

Many years ago, when you loved me and you wanted to marry me, we came to your father and told him, and he said, "Wonderful, let's go tell your mother." And what did you say?

MORTICIA

How could I possibly remember what I -

GOMEZ

You said, "No! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing."

MORTICIA

That's different. My mother was condescending, judgmental, and withholding, and loved nothing more than stirring up trouble.

Uh huh.

GOMEZ

MORTICIA

(realizes) Oh God, I've turned into my mother.

GOMEZ

And Wednesday is you. Isn't it wonderful?

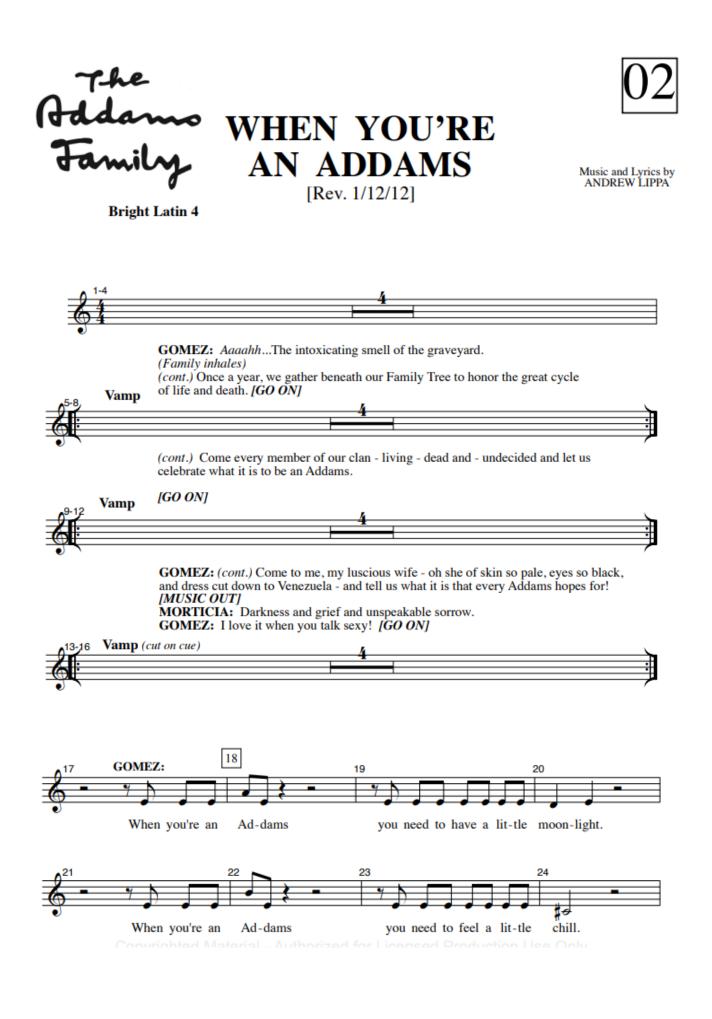
MORTICIA

You did that like a lawyer.

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GOMEZ

No, just a husband and a father. Not so easy. In fact, very difficult.







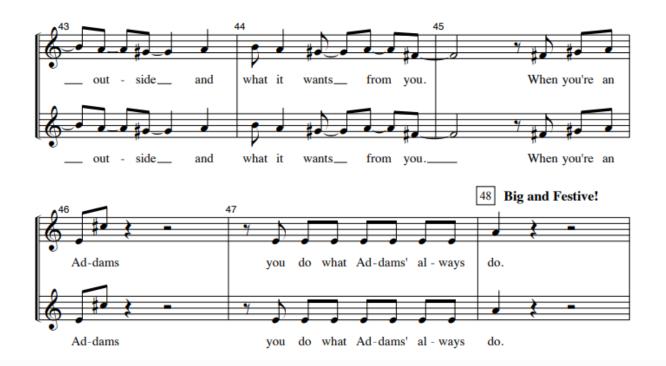
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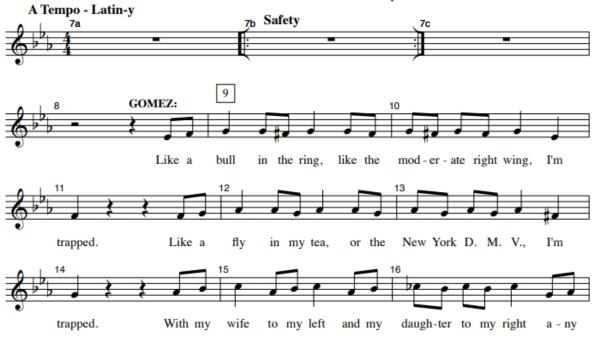
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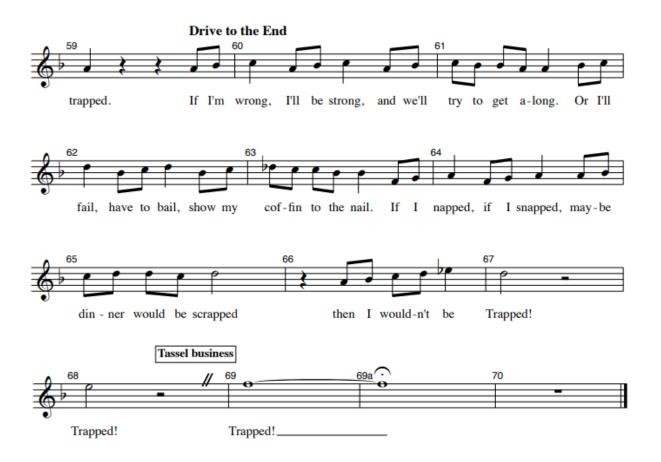
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PUGSLEY: It will if you let me blow up this Lucas guy.

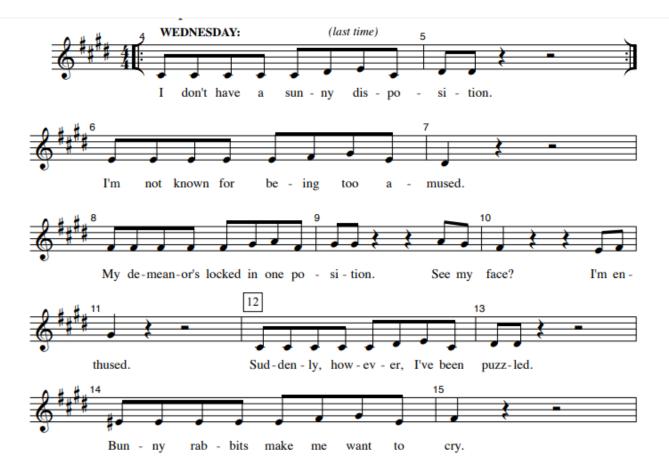
WEDNESDAY: Oh, Pugsley - ever since I met him, I wanna laugh and cry and everything seems right and wrong at the same time and then sometimes I just want to rip his flesh...

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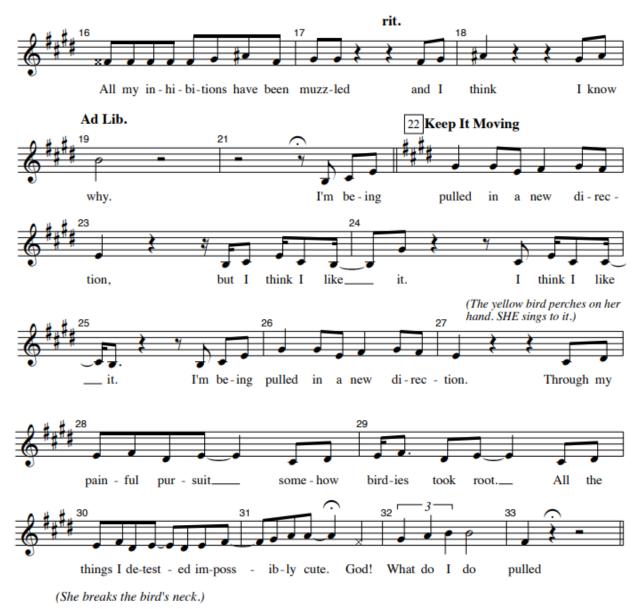
... off and eat him up until there's nothing left.

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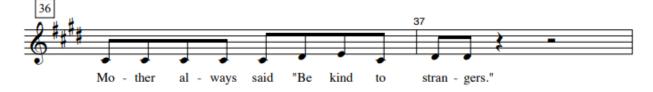


PUGSLEY: "Wow. You got some real issues."

WEDNESDAY: "Fly away, little birdie."

(She gives it a little launch-toss and it falls, dead, into the pit.)

[GO ON]



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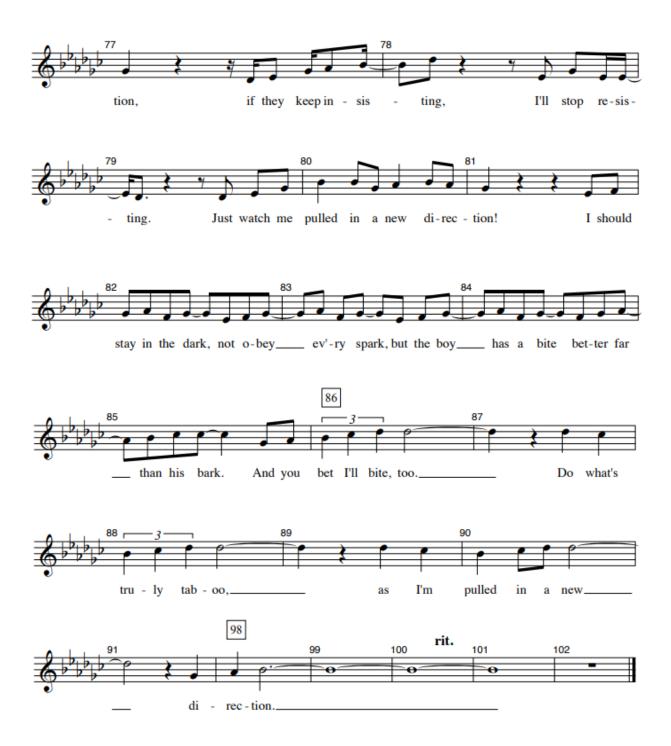
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The Addamo Family



Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

WEDNESDAY: We're gonna go now.

PUGSLEY: But, but... Can I come?

WEDNESDAY: Sorry, Pugs. I'm with Lucas now. Bye.

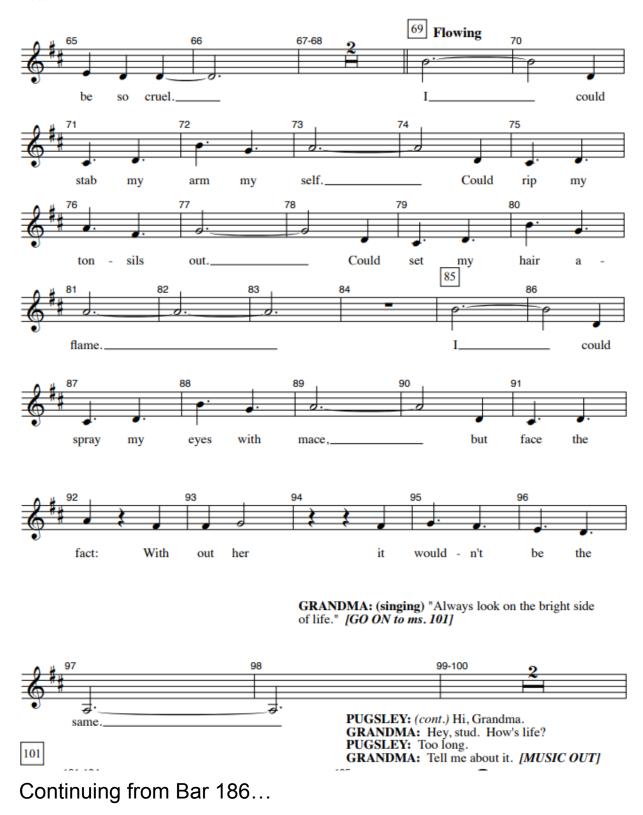
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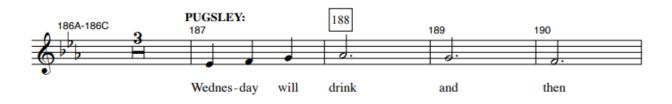
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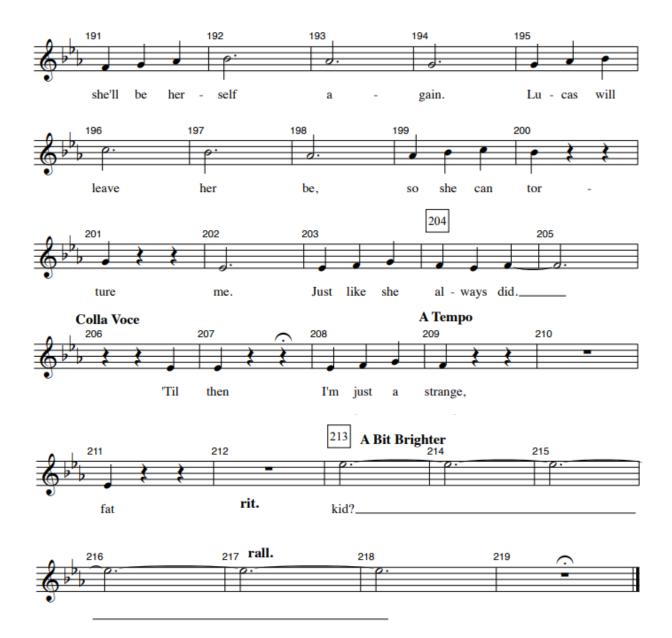
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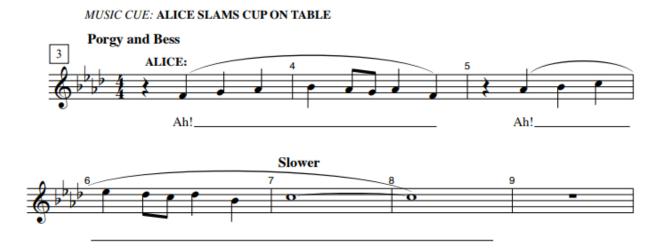
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MAL: Well, as you can see, my wife isn't herself. So we'll be on our way.

ALICE: No. We're in the middle of a game. So button your lip and sit your ass down!

MAL: Alice, I think you've had enough to ---

ALICE: Remember how it used to be, Mal? [GO ON]



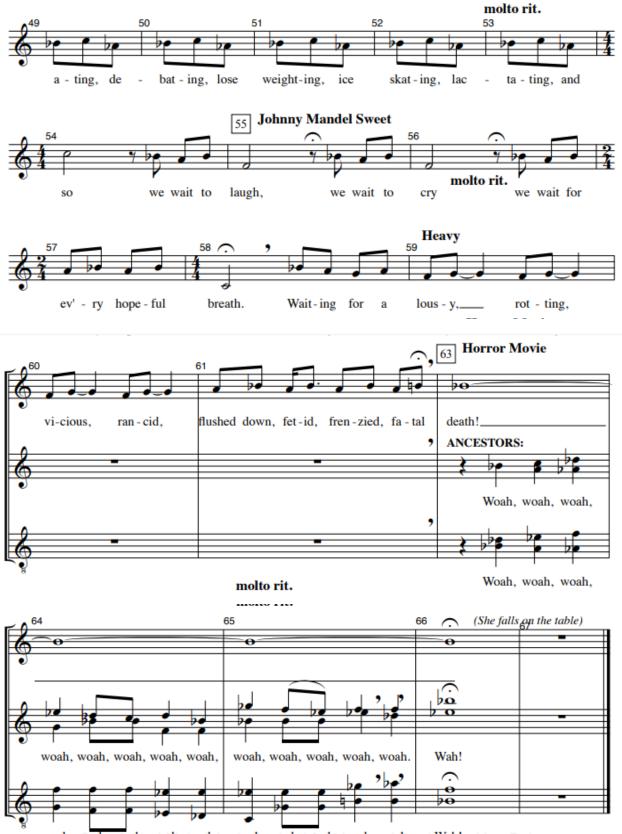
ALICE: How we'd look at each other and leave the restaurant in the middle of dinner and rush home and go upstairs; and sometimes we couldn't even wait and you'd just pull the car over to the side of the--

LUCAS: Mom!

ALICE: Lighten up, Lucas. Parents do it. Live with it. Remember, Mal? When we were crazy and the future didn't exist? What happened, Mal? The guy with the Grateful Dead t-shirt? Is he ever coming back? How long do I have to wait? **[GO ON]**







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MORTICIA: Well, I'm not going to end up like your mother.



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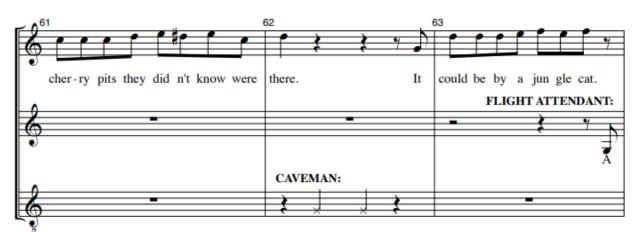
GOMEZ: My mother? I thought she was your mother. No, seriously. MORTICIA: You lied to me, I can't live with that. GOMEZ: Here, cara. I feel the urge to take you in my arms. MORTICIA: Not. Today. GOMEZ: But cara MORTICIA: Out!" (He turns to leave.) [MUSIC] MORTICIA: 3 Simple vocal 8vb Vamp (vocal last x) 2 My daught-er's get-ting mar-ried, I 5 6 can't be-lieve it's true. She does-n't ask her mo-ther be - fore she says "I do"? And 8 Ļ a - bout hus - band? In na - ive! This how my con - stant, A Tempo rall. 9 10 0 But eve - ning's get - ting se - ri-ous, these hi - o - ans won't leave. 11 12 I can't let these troub - les of bliss, for lat est rob me my rit. 13 14 when I'm scared of true dis - as - ter I re - mem - ber this ... Copyrighted Material - Authorized for Licensed Production Use Only



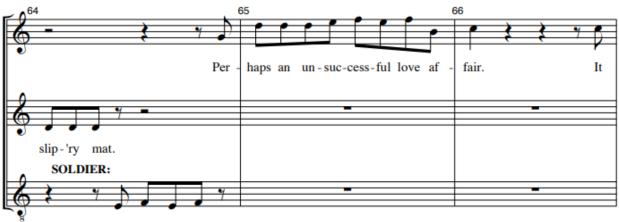
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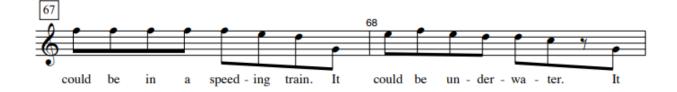
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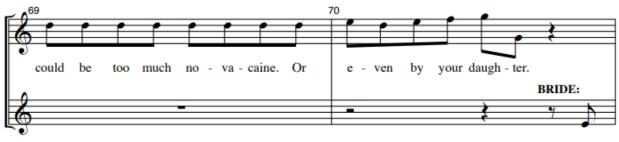


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A base-ball bat.



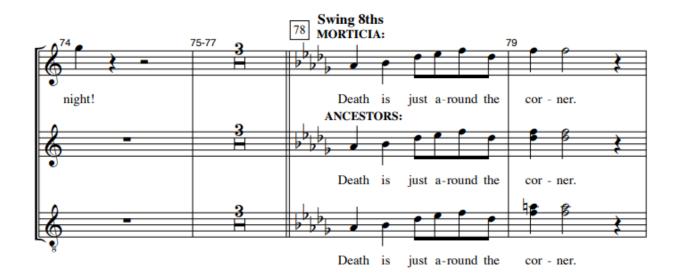


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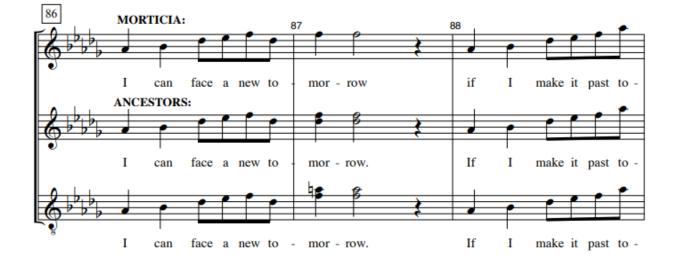


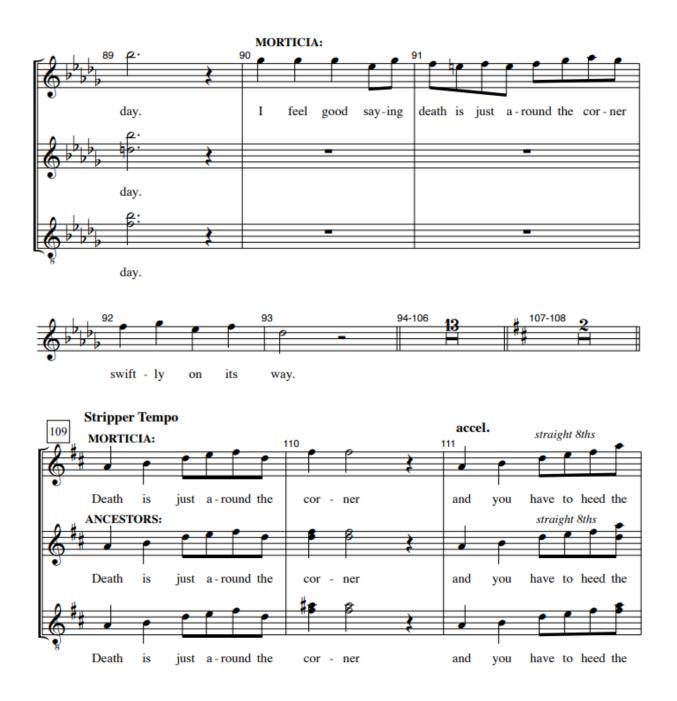
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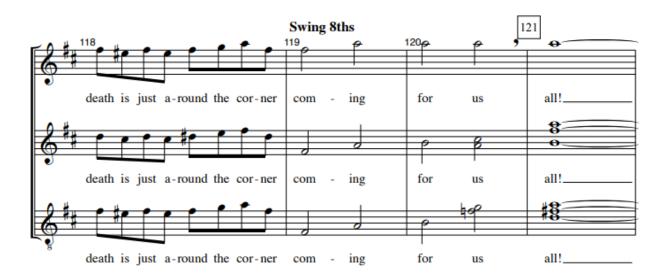
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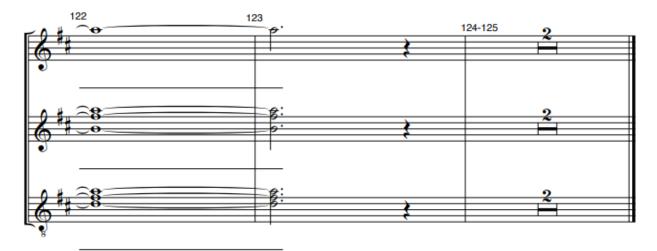
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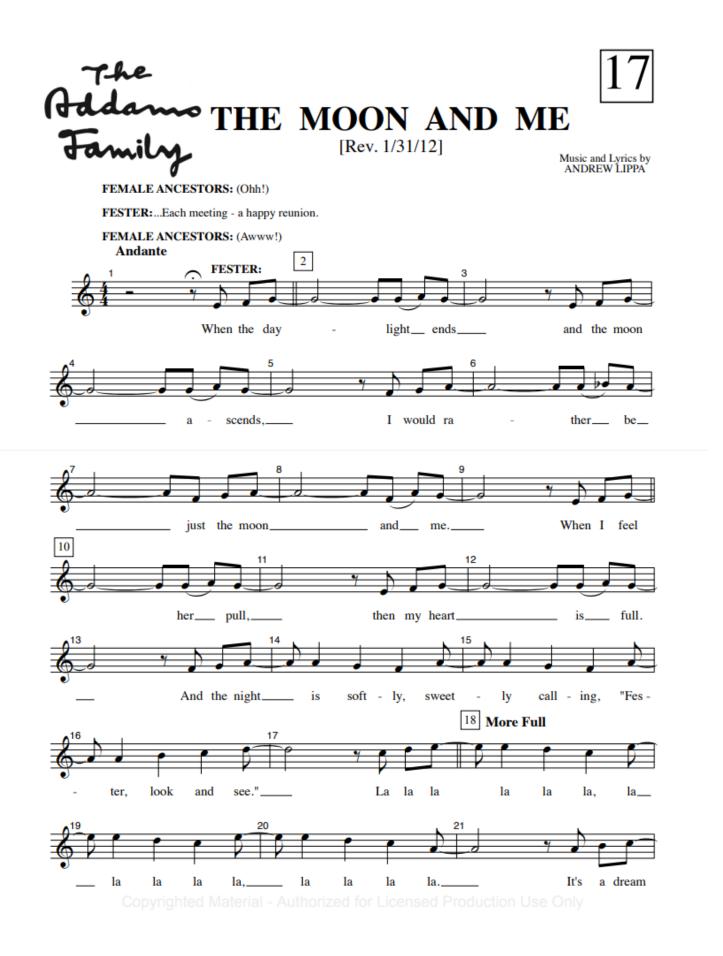
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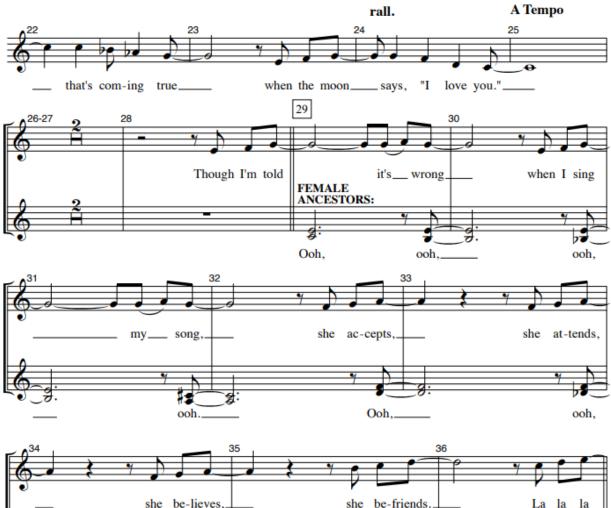
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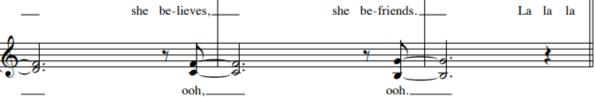




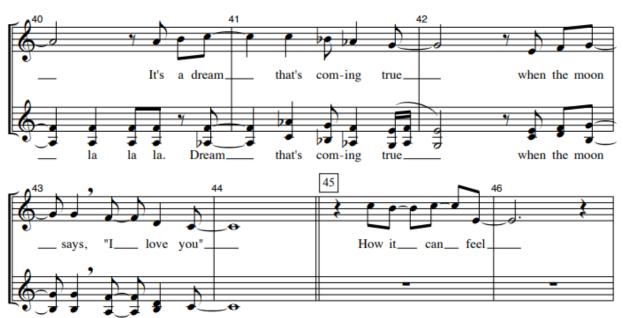
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Ohm.

