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THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK

LIST OF CHARACTERS

PRINCIPALS

DARRYL VAN HORNE – A newcomer from New York –

"Harold Hill" type baritone with a touch of "Rock & Roll" or Jerry Lee Lewis to solid high E-flat – 40-ish

Has major sex appeal. Women become hypnotised by his manner and charm. He breaks all the rules and wins all the women over. Is sexy without being beautiful.

ALEXANDRA SPOFFORD – A sculptress Belt Mezzo with good head tones or mix – Mid to late 30's

An artist. Creates with passion, bestowing her own individuality on each piece. Unique and yet affecting in her manner. Is the leader of the three women. Has a teenage son – Michael.

JANE SMART – A cellist Belt Mezzo with good head tones or mix – Mid 30's

A musician who seems reserved and quiet. Has a straight-laced appearance but she can turn into a sexpot – her passion for music matches her sexual drive. Energetic with emotion. Acerbic sense of humour.

SUKIE ROUGEMOUNT – A writer Belt Soprano with good head tones or mix – Late 20's or early 30's

A journalist who is not focused in her work. Conveniently scatterbrained from time to time. Talks faster than she thinks. She is on the shy side and a follower rather than a leader. Sees Jane and Alexandra as the sisters she never had.

FELICIA GABRIEL – Town gossip. Eastwick's First Lady Belt soprano – 40-ish

She doesn't have class but thinks she does. Veneer of happiness is always on. She has money. Does not have a close relationship with her daughter. She is the self appointed leader of society and has an unshakeable belief that she knows what is best for the town. Her brand of dictatorship is dispensed with a saccharine sweetness. She takes an instant dislike to Darryl on his arrival in Eastwick and becomes his nemesis.

JENNIFER GABRIEL – Felicia's daughter Light belt soprano – 18

Main juvenile lead. Direct opposite of mother. Complete natural innocence. Looks 18 – young. Her mother is a smothering presence. Accustomed to acting in a certain way to keep her mother happy. Felicia has tried to mould her into a "Barbie" doll for whom she will find the perfect "Ken" – it isn't going to be Michael.

MICHAEL SPOFFORD – Alexandra's son Lyric tenor up to A plus pop falsetto to C - 18

Main juvenile lead. Innocence with a wild edge. Has a non-conformity about him. He has naïveté and sweetness but becomes hip later on. Is more a friend to his mother than a son.

CLYDE GABRIEL – Felicia's Husband Character Baritone – 40-ish

A pathetic down-trodden man, who realises he is trapped in a loveless marriage. He is having an affair with Sukie. However, your sympathies are with him because of the relationship he has with his wife. He is hen-pecked but stays with Felicia because it is easier too; he is scared of her. She is also in control of all their money which demoralises him as a man. Has a good relationship with his daughter. Good voice but not a huge range.

FIDEL – Darryl's servant Singing not essential – age immaterial.

Physical extreme of exotic looks. Bizarre – as Darryl says, "Not of this world."

ENSEMBLE

A varied and diverse group of individuals who populate the town of Eastwick. They are all "characters" and should represent a range of ages and physical types.

GINA MARINO – Joe's wife Belt Soprano with good head tones or mix – 30's

Joe's wife. Is a very sexy character. Big Felician crony. One of the Felicia trio. Volunteers in

the library and has the hots for Toby.

BRENDA PARSLEY – Ed's wife Belt soprano with legit sound. 40's

Minister's wife. Lacquered hair. Busybody. Takes over running the town once Felicia is killed. Part of the Felicia Trio.

GRETA NEFF – Raymond's wife Belt Mezzo with good head tones or mix – 30's

One of Felicia's cronies. Church, city council and housewife. All the ladies come to her house for the lacquered hair look. Married to Raymond, the school principal, and runs string quartet.

MARGE PERLY – Homer's wife, also a real estate agent Belt Mezzo with good head tones or mix - 30's

Gossip of the town. Uses Eudora to find it all out. More of a follower. Wants to be accepted and fit into Felicia's crowd. Married to Homer.

JOE MARINO – Gina's Husband, a construction worker Tenor – 30's

Handsome and fancied by many of the townswomen. Good actor / singer.

RAYMOND NEFF – Greta's Husband, a school principal Tenor – 30's

Mousey school principal – is quite camp. Strong actor / singer

TOBY BERGMAN – Works at the library restocking the bookshelves Lyric Tenor with belt – 20's

Contemporary of Michael's. Just out of high school. Handsome / cute.

ED PARSLEY – Minister of the town church Baritone – 40's

A good man but been in the church too long. Not in touch with his faith anymore – just doing it as a job, not as a calling. It's convenient for him and it is too late to start over.

FRANK OGDEN – Owns the grocery store Bass / Baritone – 30's Friendly. Caters to all the townsfolk.

REBECCA – Waitress at Nemo's Diner Mezzo

LITTLE GIRL

CLAIRE – An ordinary young school girl A "Young Cosette" type Soprano – Over 16 but looks much younger

Needs to be the clean slate of the town women. She has not been painted like the rest.

MAVIS JESSUP – Cake decorator at the Grocery store Light belt soprano – late teens

A contemporary of Jennifer. No college education. Still lives with her parents till she marries. She was the Homecoming Queen.

MABEL OGDEN – Frank's wife. A Bank teller Soprano – 30's

Married 10-12 years. Frank & Mabel were High School sweethearts. Knits in her spare time making baby sweaters for new-borns in Eastwick.

MARCY WILLS – Jennifer's friend. Cashier at the grocery store Soprano – Late teens, early 20's (possible Lead Dancer)

Still in high school. One year behind Jennifer. Has a huge crush on Michael. Kinda slow and has unreasonable expectations for her life. She started at the store as a summer job and will be there the rest of her life.

FRANNY LOVECRAFT – Proprietor of a local crafts store Mezzo – 40's or older.

Has lived in Eastwick all her life. Current day hippy – very bohemian. Alexandra could possibly grow up to be like her. No strong alliances to either side of the town. Takes in all the stray animals.

EUDORA BRYCE – A retired seamstress Mezzo – 40's or older.

She is a Widow and has enough money to live. Takes a walk every day. Knows everyone's business. Quite eccentric. Lives in her house with lots of cats.

CURTIS HALLEYBRED – A clerk at the hardware store. Friend of Michael's Tenor – Late Teens / early 20's

Graduated from high school and is working at the hardware store. Was Homecoming King. He peaked in High school. Realises life isn't that great. Was an item with Mavis in High School.

HOMER PERLY – A Real Estate Agent Tenor – 30's

He and Marge are a husband & wife duo. Lets Marge run with all the contacts. Does the books and keeps business running. Been in Eastwick ten years.

DR HENRY PATTERSON – Town physician Baritone – 40's or older.

Is privy to everything but doesn't tell. Widower.

Other townsfolk, as available.

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

- 1. Opening Act One
- 2. Eastwick Knows
- 3. Make Him Mine
- 4. Eastwick Knows Reprise
- 5. Darryl Van Horne
- 5a. Darryl Van Horne Playoff
- 6. Waiting For The Music To Begin
- 6a. Waiting For The Music To Begin Playoff
- 7. Words, Words, Words
- 7a. Words, Words, Words Playoff
- 8. Your Wildest Dreams
- 8a. Tennis
- 9. Something
- 10. Dirty Laundry
- 11. I Wish I May

ACT TWO

- 12. Opening Act Two
- 13. Another Night At Darryl's
- 13a. Another Night At Darry's Playout
- 13b. Cherry Pits
- 14. Dance With The Devil
- 15. Another Night At Darry's Reprise
- 16. Evil
- 17. Dirty Laundry Reprise
- 17a. Waiting For The Music To Begin Reprise
- 17b. Three Little Ladies
- 17c. Words, Words, Words Reprise
- 18. Darryl Van Horne Reprise
- 19. Your Wildest Dreams Reprise
- 20. I Wish I May Reprise
- 20a. The Glory Of Me
- 21. The Wedding
- 22. Act Two Finale
- 23. Final Bow and Playout (Instrumental)

THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK

ACT ONE

SCENE ONE: THE BAY

Music No. 1: OPENING ACT ONE

A blank stage, except for rows and rows of white picket fences; beautiful, perfect and upright.

Center, a LITTLE GIRL stands, holding a faceless doll.

ALEXANDRA, JANE and SUKIE enter as the LITTLE GIRL sings. They watch her.

Music No. 2: EASTWICK KNOWS

LITTLE GIRL EV'RY DAWN. EV'RY SUNRISE. MAY THEY FIND ME IN THIS TOWN I CALL MY HOME. IN THE PARK. IN THE SCHOOLYARD. MAY THE NEIGHBOR'S WATCHFUL EYE GUIDE MY STEPS AS I WALK BY. SUCH A LUCKY GIRL AM I, YOU MIGHT SUPPOSE. WELL I AM. YOU CAN ASK;

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie (*Turning out.*) EASTWICK KNOWS.

> (Enter the TOWNSPEOPLE OF EASTWICK, en masse in parade formation. Heading the parade; the imposing and formidable Felicia Gabriel.)

All EASTWICK KNOWS HEAVEN SMILES UPON RHODE ISLAND. EASTWICK HEARS NOT A WHISPERING OF WOE. EASTWICK SEES AN IMMACULATE NEW ENGLAND. EASTWICK KNOWS ALL THAT EASTWICK NEEDS TO KNOW.

TOWNSWOMEN HEAR THE BELLS FROM THE STEEPLE. IS THERE A SWEETER WAY TO START THE DAY THAN THIS; PLAYFUL WINDS, MINDFUL PEOPLE.

Felicia EV'RY WINK AND EV'RY STARE IS THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S AFFAIR.

+ GINA / GRETA IT JUST SHOWS HOW MUCH WE CARE WHEN WE PROPOSE:

+ All For the good, for the best, eastwick knows.

> (A dais appears in front of a GRAND MANSE. DEAD ELM TREES, bedecked with SNOWY EGRETS frame the picture. A ceremony begins to form. There is much hubbub and socializing.

THREE MEN *sneak out from the crowd and covertly approach* ALEXANDRA, JAN*e and* SUKIE *in three separate areas.*)

Joe Alexandra . . .

Raymond JANE . . .

Clyde SUKIE . . . Joe / Raymond / Clyde We should talk about where things are leading to.

Joe What's say next time we leave the lights on . . . ?

Raymond I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE ANY WORSE THAN MY WIFE . . .

Clyde IF I HAD HALF A BRAIN I'D LEAVE FELICIA, AND . . .

Joe / Raymond / Clyde Start up somewhere fresh with you.

Sukie	Do you really mean that?	
Jane	I feel so desired.	
Alexandra	You just ruined it.	
	(Music in.)	
Gina	Joe?	
Greta	Raymond.	
Felicia	Clyde!	
	(The three men fold themselves back into the crowd, joining their wives.	
	Alexandra, Jane and Sukie sheepishly make the walk of shame across the stage, to the rear of the assemblage. Felicia, Greta, Gina, and indeed the whole town eye them with suspicion.)	
Townspeople EASTWICK KNOWS		

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ... THINGS THEY HAVE NO BUSINESS KNOWING.

Townspeople EASTWICK HEARS . . . Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ... AND SOON THE GOSSIP'S CHANGING HANDS.

Townspeople EASTWICK SEES . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ... WHAT EASTWICK ISN'T MEANT TO WITNESS.

Townspeople EASTWICK KNOWS . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ... BUT IT NEVER UNDERSTANDS.

Rev. Ed Parsley	(Stepping up to the dais.) A hearty welcome, please, for the
	chairperson of the Eastwick Preservation Society; Felicia Gabriel.

FELICIA (*Gesturing to the house behind her.*) The Lenox House! Home to the majestic elms, haven for the endangered Snowy Egret. Today, it is with great pride that I . . . that is to say the Preservation Society . . . announces its intentions to buy from the county this historic landmark and restore it to its proper and rightful glory!

(The town wildly applauds her.)

Townspeople AS FLOWERS BLOOM, AS BEES WILL BUZZ; EASTWICK THRIVES AS EASTWICK DOES FOR EASTWICK IS AS EASTWICK WAS AND ALWAYS WILL BE. EASTWICK SHARES.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie EACH DAY THE SAME OLD NONSENSE,

Townspeople EASTWICK LEARNS. Alexandra / Jane / Sukie THE SAME ACCUSING GLANCES,

Townspeople EASTWICK CARES

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie A THOUSAND PRYING EYES THAT

Townspeople FOR YOUR CONCERNS.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie SIZE UP YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Townspeople HEED THE TIDES.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie PLEASE SOMETHING HAPPEN, SOMEHOW.

Townspeople MIND THE THROES.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie DELIVER ME FROM EASTWICK.

Townspeople EASTWICK SEES.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie PLEASE SAVE ME QUICK BEFORE I . . .

Townspeople EAST

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ... DIE!

Townspeople WICK . . . (THUNDER! A storm hits. Everyone screams and runs for shelter in a panic. FELICIA is aghast. ALEX, JANE and SUKIE look up in amazement at the seeming coincidence, then run themselves.)

SCENE TWO: ALEXANDRA'S DEN

The scene wipes to Alexandra's living room. Alexandra, Jane and Sukie all rush in, soaking wet.

Alexandra	Quick! Inside, inside!
Jane	Ugh. (Shaking the water off.) The heavens sob on New England.
Sukie	Careful; the hardwood.
Alexandra	Let it warp. It suits me.
Jane	Did you see how steamed Felicia was? Her precious fundraising announcement; completely washed out.
Alexandra	A little rain was just what was called for.
Jane	I for one couldn't be happier. It's always the same thing – the whole town singing the glory of Felicia Gabriel.
Sukie	I know she's my boss at the paper, but I wasactually praying for something to you know end it. Wishing
Alexandra	I was thinking the same thing. Hoping for
All Three	something to happen!
	(A small flash of LIGHTNING and a RUMBLE OF THUNDER.)
Jane	I was, too. Isn't that bizarre?
Alexandra	(<i>Exiting to the kitchen</i> .) Does anyone want brownies? With peanut butter?
Sukie	I am getting so fat.

Jane	You're a twig.
Sukie	I'm a trunk.
Alexandra	Who wants what to drink?
Sukie	I'd love a half of cup of coffee.
Alexandra	(<i>Re-entering with a tray of martinis</i> .) Too bad, baby. We're having martinis.
Jane / Sukie	Ooooh!
Alexandra	You know, I really thought Ozzie would have taken the martini set with him when he ran off. Then again, the girl he ran off with probably wasn't old enough to drink.
Sukie	Was she really that young?
Alexandra	Sukie, if she'd been any younger
Jane	Or thinner.
Alexandra	she'd have been a fetus.
Jane	(Sitting on a little statue.) Ow!
Alexandra	There she is.
Jane	Still making these little bubbie statues, I see.
Alexandra	Not that anyone's buying them anymore, but yes. Hey, do you girls want ?
Sukie / Jane	No!
Jane	Sorry Lexa, but if I put any more little naked ladies in my house, the whole town's going to think I'm a lesbian.
Alexandra	As opposed to what they think now?
Jane	I have no idea what you're talking about.

(Thunder. JANE reacts.)

Alexandra	It's getting bad, I wonder where my offspring is off to. Does he work on Thursdays now?		
Sukie	I think I saw him go off with Jennifer when the storm hit.		
Jane	It's getting serious, isn't it?		
Alexandra	It can't be. She's going to Stanford in the fall, thank God.		
Sukie	Distance lends enchantment. Maybe they'll get married.		
Alexandra	Bite your tongue, Sukie. I'm praying it's just casual sex.		
Jane	Not likely. You're a woman, look at her; Jennifer Gabriel is clearly a virgin.		
Alexandra	Sometimes I think her mother is, too.		
Jane	Can you imagine having Clyde and Felicia for parents? I'd have hanged myself with my training bra by now.		
Sukie	Clyde wants to leave Felicia. He told me this morning.		
Alexandra	He won't, Sukie. She owns half the property in this town. She owns the newspaper.		
Jane	Lexa		
Sukie	It's not like I'm not trying to steal him away from his family, Alex. It's just sometimes I I need someone. For me.		
Jane	It's no different than you and Well, what's his name <i>this</i> week?		
Alexandra	Joe Marino.		
Jane	Did this one stick around long enough for you to at least take off your dress?		
Alexandra	You don't approve?		
Jane	Of you keeping your dress on? Or the whole thing?		

Sukie	Who wants another martini?
Jane	I just don't know why you let men use you like that.
Sukie	Jane!
Alexandra	Just making up for lost time, Janey. You know; since the <i>divorce</i> .
Jane	I told you that in confidence. I said I didn't want to talk about it tonight.
Sukie	Talk about what? Her divorce? (<i>Off a withering look from</i> JANE.) <i>Your</i> divorce.
Jane	I swear, Lexa.
Sukie	Oh, honey. Did the papers from Phil finally come through?
Jane	Yes. Three years to the day he walked out the door.
Sukie	Amazing.
Alexandra	Why are all the good ones gay?
Jane	He wasn't that good.
Sukie	There's always Raymond Neff.
Alexandra	Oooh, yes. Give us details.
Jane	Sorry, Lexa, but unlike you these days, I have no details to give.
Sukie	You mean you still haven't ?
Jane	His choice. I've decided to take it personally.
Alexandra	Do you think he still sleeps with Greta?
Sukie	Oh oh God, I don't even want to picture it.
Jane	No, he does. Listen to this; he says he has to "give it to her" at least once a week or she starts breaking things.

Sukie	Can you imagine? It would be like making love to excited sauerkraut.
Jane / Sukie	Eeewwww!
	(MICHAEL and JENNIFER enter and stand talking at the fence outside the house. Alexandra spies them through the front door window.)
Alexandra	Michael?
Michael	I know!
Alexandra	Are you working tonight?
Michael	Okay. Jeez, I'm coming.
Alexandra	(To JANE, leaving the window.) He used to be so sweet.
Sukie	Alex? Do you really keep your dress on when you, ya know?
Alexandra	Honey, don't knock it. I haven't had to shave under my arms in years.
Jane	And here I was worrying about people thinking I was a lesbian.
	(They all laugh. MICHAEL and JENNIFER enter the room.)
Jane	Hi, Michael.
Sukie	Michael.
Michael	I need my tie.
Alexandra	And hello to you, too.
Michael	Mom; my tie?
Alexandra	I think it's in your room, on your bed.
Michael	(To JENNIFER.) I'll be right back.
Alexandra	She's allowed in your room, Michael.
Michael	Mom!

Alexandra	What? What did I say?	
	(MICHAEL runs off to his room.)	
Jennifer	Hi. Are you having a party tonight? Is it someone's birthday?	
Alexandra	God forbid.	
Jennifer	Oh now, Mrs. Spofford, you're so young. You must have been a baby when you got married.	
Alexandra	Actually, Jennifer, I was eighteen when I got married. Of course I was seventeen when I got pregnant, but then	
+ Jane / Sukie	that's another story.	
Michael	(Re-entering, tying his tie.) I'm closing tonight. I'll be home late.	
Sukie	Do you need a ride home, Jennifer?	
Jennifer	Oh no, I'm going to walk Michael to the diner.	
Alexandra	In the rain? To the other side of town?	
Jennifer	(Beaming at MICHAEL.) I don't mind.	
	(MICHAEL <i>and</i> JENNIFER <i>gaze at each other, sigh and leave.</i> Alexandra <i>closes the door.</i>)	
Alexandra	It's a little hard to watch.	
	(Beat. They rush to the window and watch MICHAEL and JENNIFER at the fence again.)	

Music No. 3: MAKE HIM MINE

MICHAEL Jennifer, when I'm with you, it's like . . . there's this . . . I just feel . . .

Michael Something Deeper than the night. I feel this SOMETHING . . .

Jennifer A KIND OF . . .

Michael SOMETHING . . .

Jennifer A PERFECT . . .

Michael SOMETHING . . .

Jennifer WITH YOU THERE'S . . .

MICHAEL (*Beat.*) SOMETHING.

Oh, Michael. You always know just what to say.	
(Holding hands, they exit.	
SUKIE and ALEXANDRA sit on the couch. JANE starts to pour herself another martini, thinks better of it and swigs from the pitcher instead. She sits. They all look out, glumly.)	
Look at us.	
It's so pathetic.	
Why is it every time I see someone young and happy like that I just want to smack 'em?	
I dunno. But that's an interesting quality in a teacher.	
(THUNDER. They all laugh uproariously. They stop. They sigh.)	
What is it we want, anyway?	
Who knows? Maybe a man?	

Jane	Another man? Jesus, Lexa. Besides, I thought we all agreed; men are not the answer.		
Alexandra	Well, someone		
Sukie	new.		
Alexandra	Yes.		
Sukie	And mysterious.		
Alexandra	Artistic.		
Sukie	Simple and honest. You know; like a caveman.		
Alexandra	But devastatingly handsome.		
Sukie	A prince on horseback.		
Jane	In Eastwick? We don't even have our own post office.		
Alexandra	Well, there's no harm in dreaming, is there?		
Alexandra IF I COULD ASK,			
Jane IF I COULD CHOOSE,			
Sukie What sort of man might fill the shoes			
Alexandra / Jane	Alexandra / Jane / Sukie		

I'D LIKE TO FIND INSIDE MY DOOR?

Alexandra WHAT MAN MIGHT FILL THOSE TOM MCANN'S?

Sukie What would I ASK?

Alexandra YES, WHAT INDEED? Jane What would I dare?

Sukie What Would I dare?

Alexandra I'D ASK THE MOON . . .

Jane I'D ASK THE MOON . . .

Sukie I'D ASK . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie IF I THOUGHT THE MOON WOULD CARE . . .

(Behind them a GIANT NEW MOON appears, glowing.)

ALEXANDRA (Lifting her glass.) To the power of positive thinking.

Sukie Yummy.

Alexandra I CLOSE MY EYES AND I SEE HIM THERE.

Jane / Sukie EV'RYTHING I DREAMED OF.

Alexandra WARM, ATTENTIVE . . .

Jane Smooth, successful . . .

Sukie Stalwart and Strong . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I CLOSE MY EYES AND IT'S PAST COMPARE. Alexandra EV'RYTHING I HOPED FOR . . .

Jane EV'RYTHING I PICTURED . . .

Sukie EV'RYTHING I WANTED . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ALL ALONG.

MAKE HIM MINE. MAKE HIM MINE. MAKE HIM HANDSOME AS THE DEVIL YET PERFECTLY DIVINE. MAKE HIM MINE. THE ULTIMATE COMPANION, THE IDEAL DESIGN. ALL MANNER OF MAN IN ONE MAN – MAKE HIM MINE.

I CLOSE MY EYES AND I SEE HIM THERE; A STRANGER AT THE DOORSTEP.

Alexandra DARK, ENCHANTED . . .

Jane FILLED WITH SECRETS . . .

Sukie FRIGHTENED TO FEEL . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I CLOSE MY EYES AND MY HEART'S LAID BARE.

Alexandra EV'RYTHING I HOPED FOR . . . Jane EV'RYTHING I PICTURED . . .

Sukie EV'RYTHING I WANTED . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie AND IT ALL SEEMS SO REAL.

Jane I SEE HIM THERE . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie There he IS – Pure Perfection, Down to the core. A sight to see. Very handsome, yes, but so much more. Someone to touch. Someone to talk to.

Sukie A TOW'R OF STRENGTH . . .

Jane A MAN OF MEANS . . .

Alexandra WHO LIKES TO READ . . .

Sukie WITH CALLUSED HANDS . . .

Jane WHO WEARS A SUIT . . .

Alexandra WHO LIKES TO PAINT . . .

Sukie WHO WORKS THE LAND . . . Jane WHO RUNS AN OFFICE . . .

Alexandra A GENTLE SOUL . . .

Sukie A MAN OF WAR . . .

Jane Smooth and fair . . .

Alexandra / Sukie A MASS OF HAIR . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING FOR –

MAKE HIM MINE, MINE TO HOLD. MAKE HIM BRILLIANT AS A DIAMOND AND BEAUTIFUL AS GOLD. BRIGHT AND BOLD. LET ALL OUR MANY WISHES CONJOIN AND COMBINE. ALL MANNER OF MAN IN ONE MAN – MAKE HIM MINE.

Alexandra I THINK THE WORDS.

Jane I SPEAK THE THOUGHT.

Sukie The moon shines bright.

Alexandra THE NIGHT GROWS HOT.

Jane / Sukie LET THE HEAVENS Alexandra / Jane / Sukie GIVE US ALL THEY'VE GOT. ALL MANNER OF MAN IN ONE MAN – MAKE HIM MINE. ALL MINE.

(They clink their glasses together once again. This time, a BOLT OF LIGHTNING strikes.

THUNDER reverberates throughout the theatre.)

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie MAKE HIM MINE!

(Blackout.)

SCENE THREE: FELICIA'S GREAT ROOM

The LITTLE GIRL enters, carrying a Perley Real Estate "SOLD" sign.

Music No. 4: EASTWICK KNOWS (REPRISE)

LITTLE GIRL POOR CHICKEN LITTLE FELT AN ACORN DROPPING ON HIS HEAD. POOR CHICKEN LITTLE TOOK TO THE STREETS AND CRIED AND SCREAMED AND SAID:

(FELICIA enters from the other side and watches the child curiously.)

LITTLE GIRL (*cont'd*) "RUN FOR THE HILLS, THE SKY IS FALLING! SOUND THE ALARM! SOMEONE WARN THE TOWN! FAST AS YOU CAN RUN LOW, RUN HIGH!

THE SKY IS FALLING DOWN!"

(She exits, FELICIA watching her as she goes.

Lights up on the Gabriel living room. CLYDE, dressed in a CARDIGAN SWEATER, stands at the wet bar.)

Clyde	I'm going to	need a scotch.	Care to join me?
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- FELICIA Honestly, Clyde. Is that your idea of dressing up?
- CLYDE It's just a concert, Felicia.

FELICIA It's a fundraiser, Clyde. For the Preservation Society.

- CLYDE Oh, the Preservation Society. God forbid someone else put in a claim on that ridiculous house.
- FELICIA Do you want it developed into condos, Clyde? Do you want a summer person moving in there? The wrong sort? It wasn't that many generations ago that house was in my family. I will have it. It's my birthright. The birthright of all of Eastwick, thank you very much; including your own daughter. Where is Jennifer, anyway? You didn't let her go out with that Michael Spofford boy again, did you?
- CLYDE So now you don't trust me.
- FELICIA Well, you're never here, are you, Clyde? You're always tucked away at the newspaper office with that stuttering dimwit Sukie What's-Her-Name.
- CLYDE (Smiling.) Rougemont. Sukie Rougemont.

(Musical vamp.)

FELICIA I suppose she'll be at the concert tonight.

CLYDE Things happen.

(Musical vamp.)

FELICIA Oh, really . . .

Felicia DO YOU THINK I DON'T SEE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT SUKIE ROUGEMONT? THE WAY YOU DROOL AND GAPE? IT DOESN'T ESCAPE ME. OH YOU WANT HER, IT'S TRUE BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT THROUGH 'CAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE . . .

Clyde	(Picking up the bottle by the neck.) Felicia, I swear to God!	
Felicia	You have something to say, Clyde? Spit it out; I'm all ears.	
	(Beat. CLYDE puts down the bottle.)	
Clyde	I'll go change into a suit, darling. (<i>He gives her a peck on the lips and exits</i> .)	
Felicia (<i>As he exits</i> .) YOU'	RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE, CLYDE!	
	(The phone rings and she answers it cheerfully.)	
Felicia	Gabriel residence.	
	(BRENDA appears, phone in hand.)	
Brenda	Felicia, it's Brenda. Big news. I just got off the phone with Marge Perley over at Perley Real Estate.	
Felicia	Don't tell me she sobered up long enough to actually sell a house.	
Brenda	Not just any house, Felicia.	
Felicia	No!	
Brenda	It hurts to be the one to have to tell you.	
Felicia	The Lenox House? But how?	
Brenda	She says the new owner paid cash. Moved in this very morning, from New York.	
Felicia	Heaven help us.	

Brenda	Word is he's already planning all sorts of "improvements" to the property; filling in the wetlands out back.
Felicia	No.
Brenda	Tearing down the elm trees.
Felicia	My elm trees? No. I will not stand for this.
Brenda	Nor should you, dear. Take your case to the Zoning Commission. Take it straight to the people of Eastwick.
Felicia	The people of Eastwick? (Music out.) I am Eastwick.
	(FELICIA <i>strides off</i> .)

SCENE FOUR: THE CHURCH BASEMENT

Music in. The Church Basement. One by one, TOWNSPEOPLE enter, gossiping. The mood is tense but delicious.

Townspeople Group One RUN FOR THE HILLS . . .

Townspeople Group Two CAN YOU IMAGINE? POOR FELICIA THOUGHT SHE HAD IT ALL SEWN UP.

GROUP ONE THE SKY IS FALLING.

GROUP TWO NOW IT'S ALL GONE OFF THE RAILS.

GROUP THREE CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR ALL THE DETAILS.

GROUP FOUR DEAR GOD, SHE MUST BE SPITTING NAILS.

GROUP ONE THE NERVE OF THIS MAN; TO POACH FELICIA'S CLAIM.

GROUPS TWO & THREE I HEAR HE'S AT THE CONCERT, BUT HAS ANYBODY SEEN HIM?

Gina / Greta Well, IT'S JUST TOO GOOD TO MISS

Joe / Raymond TEN BUCKS SAYS THE FUR FLIES

+ Men WHEN SHE'S FACE TO FACE

+ Women WITH WHATSISNAME.

(FELICIA enters, loaded for bear. Everyone cows in her presence.)

Felicia WHAT IS HIS NAME?

GROUP TWO YES, WHAT'S HIS NAME?

Felicia WELL, GO ASK MARGE.

GROUP THREE SOMEONE FIND MARGE.

Felicia I WANT HIS NAME.

GROUP FOUR SHE WANTS HIS NAME.

All (*As* Marge *is brought forward.*) WHAT IS HIS NAME? WHAT IS HIS NAME?!

Marge	Well
	(LIGHTNING. The LIGHTS DIM. Everyone looks around, confused.)
Darryl	(O.S.) Darryl Van Horne.
	(THUNDER! The lights SNAP BACK ON. And there's DARRYL, all smiles.)
Darryl	Speak of the Devil and up he pops.
	(Instantly, everyone swarms round him.)
Townspeople	(<i>Variously, simultaneously.</i>) Mr. Van Horne! Are you getting settled in all right ? Clyde Gabriel, editor of the Eastwick Word; we'd love an interview for next week's edition If you need any help getting settled in Plumbing, carpentry, anything you need, Mr. Van Horne Please say you'll come to our Bridge Club on Tuesday <i>etc.</i>
	FELICIA silences everyone with a BLOW OF HER WHISTLE. Everybody takes a giant step backward, away from DARRYL. Icy silence.)
Felicia	Felicia Gabriel, Mr. Van Horne. Chairperson, Eastwick Preservation Society.
Darryl	Ah, the lady in charge. My, my. If I told youyou had a beautiful body (<i>Beat.</i>) I'd have to be pretty drunk, huh?! (<i>Bursting into laughter.</i>) Just kidding, just kidding. Quite the shindig you're throwin' here, Mrs. Gabriel. What exactly are we raising funds for?
Felicia	I think you know.
Darryl	Ooh. You're feisty; I like that. I extend my hand to you madam, and beg you welcome me to your lovely little town.

(He takes her hand and there is a SHOCK OF MUSIC.)

Felicia	Your skin; it's so cold.	
Darryl	It's my body temperature. Runs a tad cooler than most. Would it interest you to know I even pee cold?	
Felicia	Dear God.	
Greta	Greta Neff, Mr. Van Horne. I teach English down at the high school. (<i>Pointing to a medallion hanging around</i> DARRYL'S <i>neck.</i>) That is such a remarkable medallion.	
Darryl	You like that? It's Egyptian.	
Greta	Where did you get it?	
Darryl	Egypt.	
Raymond	So what brings you to our little concert tonight?	
Darryl	Well, to be frank, there was nothing on TV. I thought it might do me some good to get out, see what Eastwick has to offer in the way of nightlife.	
Ed	Oh, I'm afraid there isn't much of that around here. If that's what you moved all the way from New York to find, you're bound to be sorely disappointed.	
Darryl	Au contraire, padre. Look around you: The music. The culture. The couture. The Marshmallow Squares. What more could a man ask? Aside, that is, from a perfectly mixed martini.	
	(A SCENT hints Darryl's nostrils.Finally! He turns to Alexandra, Jane and Sukie, smiling.)	
Darryl	(cont'd) And you three ladies like martinis, don't ya?	
Music No. 5: DARRVI VAN HORNE		

Music No. 5: DARRYL VAN HORNE

JANE Did he just . . . ?

Sukie No.

ALEXANDRA What the hell was that?

Darryl

(To all.) YOU GOT A REAL FINE TOWN ON YOUR HANDS HERE.
YOU GOT A SKY TO BLUE TO DESCRIBE.
YOU GOT THAT WHOLE NEW ENGLAND-Y THING GOING ON,
AND THAT WEIRD PRESBYTERIAN VIBE.
YOUR ONLY ONE PIECE SHORT OF THE PUZZLE.
YOU NEED FUN IN YOUR LIVES, I MUST SAY.
GOT YOUR BACKS TO THE WALL
AND YOUR SHORTS IN A BALL.
WELL FOLKS, ALL OF THAT CHANGES TODAY.

GET READY 'CAUSE DARRYL VAN HORNE CAN GET THOSE GIRDLES TO LOOSEN. I'M TELLING YA DARRYL VAN HORNE CAN PUT SOME LIFE IN THIS CREW. WHEREVER THERE'S A TOWN IN NEED OF SOME GOOSIN' DARRYL'S GONNA SEE THE DEED THROUGH. AND FURTHERMORE

+Townspeople DARRYL VAN HORNE . . .

Darryl HAS GOT HIS SIGHTS SET ON YOU.

BRENDA What exactly does that mean, Mr. Van Horne . . . ?

Darryl

WHOO-WHOO-WHOO . . .

BRENDA You've got your sights set on . . . (Magically goosed.) . . . whooooo!?

DARRYL There's your first clue.

(In Alexandra's direction.) I'M GONNA ADD SOME ZING TO THE PALETTE.

(In Sukie's direction.) AND TEACH YOU WORDS YOU WISHED THAT YOU KNEW.

(*In Jane's direction*.) I'M GONNA WRING A DITTY OR TWO FROM THE PIPER;

(*Directly to* Felicia.) THE PAYMENT, I LEAVE UP TO YOU.

(*To everyone.*) YOU'RE IN THE GODDAMNED HANDS OF THE MASTER. YOU'LL ALL BE ART BEFORE THIS IS DONE. YOU'RE ALL READY TO BLOW WITH YOUR JAWS HANGING LOW AND THE SHOW HASN'T EVEN BEGUN.

NOW HEAVEN KNOWS

+ Townspeople DARRYL VAN HORNE . . .

Darryl CAN BE A LITTLE BEWILD'RIN'.

Felicia TO SAY THE LEAST . . .

Ed YES, IT'S ALL TOO ABSURD.

Darryl ADMITTEDLY

+ Townspeople DARRYL VAN HORNE . . .

Darryl CAN PUT ON QUITE THE DISPLAY.

Felicia THE MAN'S A BEAST.

Gina YES, PRECISELY THE WORD. DARRYL SO WHATCHA SAY; Come out and play with me children. Life is more than rules to obey. Consider IT;

+ Townspeople DARRYL VAN HORNE

Darryl IS ONLY ONE WISH AWAY.

(DARRYL moves about the TOWNSPEOPLE. He touches cheeks, tousles hair, fills drinks. Each Townsperson slowly falls under his "spell.")

Darryl YOU CAN TRY TO RESIST

Townspeople AAH-AAH

Darryl BUT IN TIME YOU'LL BE FEELING IT TOO.

Townspeople AAH-AAH

Darryl AM I CAUSE OR EFFECT?

Townspeople AAH-AAH

Darryl Would you Jump if I Asked it of you?

Townspeople AAH-AAH

Darryl IS IT FATE OR FREE WILL? Townspeople AAH-AAH

Darryl WHO DETERMINES THE THINGS THAT YOU DO?

Townspeople AAH-AAH

DARRYL THERE'S THE DOOR. TAKE YOUR CUE DIVE ON IN STEP ON THROUGH

+ Townspeople STEP ON IN . . . STEP ON UP . . . STEP ON THROUGH . . . OOH-OOH AAAAAAAAAH!!!

(With a giant step forward, they all launch into a FRANTIC DANCE, seemingly against their control. As it proceeds, though, they begin to enjoy themselves. FELICIA watches aghast.)

FELICIA Mr. Van Horne . . . ?

(Pulling DARRYL aside, out of earshot.)

FELICIA IT'S SAID YOU'RE MAKING PLANS TO CLEAR THE ELMS AWAY, WHERE THE SNOWY EGRETS LIVE; THE GLORY OF OUR BAY. IT'S NOT THAT WE WOULD <u>WANT</u> TO MAKE YOUR LIFE A LIVING HELL, BUT THAT WE WOULD, SIR, YES, THAT WE WILL AND WELL, PERHAPS THE BEST THING YOU COULD DO WOULD BE TO SELL.

ARE WE AGREED? NEED I GO ON RIP UP THE DEED, MISTER VAN HORNE – THINK ABOUT THE EGRETS. WHAT ABOUT THE EGRETS?

Darryl	Honey, T-U-F-F. Tuff.
Felicia	Tough?
Darryl	Titty.
Felicia	But the natural order, Mr. Van Horne
Darryl	<i>My</i> property, <i>my</i> prerogative. I'm here to stay. And just in case you hadn't noticed, Mrs. Gabriel; I happen to be a big fan of shaking up the "natural order." (<i>To the crowd.</i>) Hit it!

Townspeople JUST LEAVE IT TO DARRYL VAN HORNE TO MAKE THIS PARTY A PARTY.

Darryl AREN'T YOU ALL GLAD HE SUPPLIED YOUR DEMAND?

Townspeople I'M TELLING YA DARRYL VAN HORNE CAN MAKE THE FUN START TO BREW.

Darryl HAVE FAITH IN DADDY; SALVATION'S AT HAND.

TOWNSPEOPLE LET'S ALL OF US CUT LOOSE AND POUR THE BACARDI, GIVE THOSE INNER DEMONS THEIR DUE. WE'RE SADDLED WITH DARRYL VAN HORNE . . .

Darryl HOW GODDAMN LUCKY FOR YOU.

Townspeople D-TO-THE-A TO-THE-DOUBLE-R-Y-L.

Darryl YEAH, SAY IT AGAIN.

Townspeople D-TO-THE-A TO-THE-DOUBLE-R-Y-L.

Darryl MMMM, NOW ADD MY LAST NAME.

Townspeople D-TO-THE-A TO-THE-DOUBLE-R-Y-L VAN H-O-R-N-E

Darryl The MAN WITH THE SPELL . . .

Townspeople D-TO-THE-A TO-THE-DOUBLE-R-Y-L VAN H-O-R-N-E

Darryl FOR RAISING UP HELL . . .

Townspeople D-TO-THE-A TO-THE-DOUBLE-R-Y-L VAN H-O-R-N . . . + Darryl So Why Should IT Be Darryl van Horne Is Simply Heaven to Me?

Darryl FLY LITTLE CHILDREN, FLY –

+ Townspeople FREE!

> (As the last note is held out, the white picket fences raise magically up of the stage floor, turn upside down and hand in the air like fangs. Final tableau.)

Music No. 5a: DARRYL VAN HORNE – PLAYOFF

(Playoff. As everyone exits, DARRYL glares directly at FELICIA.)

Darryl	That went well.	
Felicia	Eastwick is a small town, Mr. Van Horne. You don't want to make an enemy of me.	
	(She starts to leave. DARRYL grabs her arm and pulls her back, forcibly.)	
Darryl	(<i>Hissing in her ear.</i>) No, Mrs. Gabriel. You don't want to make an enemy of me.	
	(He snaps his jaws at her, then releases her. She exits fearfully.)	

SCENE FIVE: JANE'S LIVING ROOM

The scene "wipes." The music changes. Three houses appear. DARRYL peruses them, strolling along the street. The LITTLE GIRL skips by, la la-ing along with the music.

LITTLE GIRL LA LA LA *etc*. (She carries a violin case. DARRYL joins in, whistling. He takes the volin case from her.

A sound catches DARRYL'S ear. A scent hits his nose.

From within the first house, JANE appears, practicing her cello.)

Jane		
G		
F SHARP		
F		
Е		
G		
F SHARP		
F		
Ε		
	(This pattern turns into a difficult passage, which JANE messes up.)	
Jane	Damnit.	
Darryl	(Entering.) Knock, knock.	
Jane	(Startled) Jesus Christ!	
DARRYL No, no; Darryl. (<i>Offering his hand</i> .) Van Horne.		
Jane	Jane Smart.	
Darryl	Of course you are. My God! Look at you –	

Music No. 6: WAITING FOR THE MUSIC TO BEGIN

DARRYL EAR TO THE STRINGS, HAND ON THE PEGS, WHOLLY IN TUNE WITH THAT THING BETWEEN YOUR LEGS.

JANE (*Embarrassed.*) Mr. Van Horne!

Darryl. I insist.

Jane	Darryl, fine, but I have to tell you this is most inappropriate; barging into my house like this, with your dear Lord; what is that? Did you bring a violin with you?	
Darryl	Just the everyday one. I have an honest-to-God Stradivarius at home.	
Jane	Heavens.	
Darryl	You should come over sometime. We'll make a little music, play a little tennis.	
Jane	Wait; what is this all about? How did you knowwhere I lived?	
Darryl	I tried to talk to you after the recital the other evening. But then that crazy egret lady	
Jane	Oh, you mean Felicia Gabriel?	
Darryl	That's the one. Is she always like that?	
Jane	Five days a month, she's worse.	
Darryl	This too shall pass. But let's not ruin a perfectly lovely evening talking about small minds. Let's take a look at you. Ah, l'artiste.	
	(He extends his hands. Jane extends her right hand, tentatively. He shakes his head.)	
Darryl	No, no. The other.	
	(She gives him her left hand.)	
Darryl	Yes. Yes. This is where the magic lies. You feel these?	
Jane	What?	
Darryl	Lovely little calluses. Earned in service to a flawless intonation.	
Jane	Oh, Darryl.	
Darryl	Don't think me a madman. I know music, I truly do. It's one of the few things that keeps me humble.	

Jane	You like my intonation? Raymond Neff always said my intonation was "prissy."	
Darryl	Precision isn't prissy. Precision is where passion begins. Without precision, well beacoup de rien, oui?	
Jane	Oui?	
Darryl	(<i>Grabbing her other hand</i> .)No. I'm afraid it's this hand that's the flyin the ointment.	
Jane	How so?	
Darryl	Your bowing.	
Jane	What about it?	
Darryl	It sucks. Your spiccato sounds like marcato, your legato like détaché. You're not playing notes; you're playing lines, for Christ's sake. Cries from the heart, screams from the soul. It's like making love, Janey. You gotta give in! You gotta let go!!	
Jane	I thought I was.	
Darryl	It's like that music you were just trying toplay.	
Jane	Huh? That? Oh, I'd hardly call that music. Sentimental, indulgent slop is more like it.	
Darryl	You're only saying that because you can't do it justice. Yet.	
Jane	I'm really not in the mood for that piece.	
Darryl	Darling, you're always in the mood for that piece. (<i>Forcing her legs apart.</i>) You just don't know it yet. You know the notes. (<i>Handing her her bow.</i>) Now, go beyond them.	
	(JANE starts playing the cello then stops.)	
Jane	I'm sorry; I can't.	
Darryl	Passion, Janey – passion.	

JANE WHEN I WAS TWELVE FRIDAY WOULD COME, I'D GO TO MISS PITTRO'S, ROSIN UP MY BOW. STIFF AS A RAIL. WARM AS AN ICEBERG. UTTER PRECISION; THAT WAS STATUS QUO. ANYTIME I DALLIED WITH PASSION I WAS TOLD TO STOP IT, REIN IT IN. AND I'D PLAY ALONG AS WAS THE FASHION, WAITING FOR THE MUSIC TO BEGIN.

I'D PLAY . . . I'D PLAY . . . I'D PLAY . . . LA LA LA LA LA, LA LA LA LA LA LA . . .

> (DARRYL pulls out a BLOOD RED HANDKERCHIEF and places it over his shoulder. He takes out his violin, tunes it, rosins the bow, etc. ...)

JANE SO I GREW UP, POLISHED AND PRACTICED. OVER THE YEARS, I LEARNED TO PLAY MY PART. NEVER TOO RUSHED. NEVER WITH FEELING. ALL THIS APPLIED IN LIFE AS WELL AS ART. JANEY AT THE STRINGS LIKE A SPIDER. CONSTANTLY IN MOTION; COLD AND THIN. TERRIFIED TO KNOW WHAT LAY INSIDE HER. WAITING FOR THE MUSIC . . . WAITING FOR THE MUSIC . . .

(JANE and DARRYL begin a passionate duet.)

Jane
G
F SHARP
F
Е
G
F SHARP
F
Е

(The cello CONTINUES TO PLAY, even as JANE steps away from the instrument, in amazement. She considers DARRYL.)

JANE (cont'd) OH, FOR THE DAYS WHEN IT ALL SEEMED SO CLEAR. STICKING TO THE BEAT. STAYING TO THE TONE. DAY AFTER WEEK AFTER MONTH AFTER YEAR. PERFECTLY IN TIME, PERFECTLY ALONE. BUT WHAT SORT OF MAN COULD LAY CLAIM TO MY SOUL? HALF RAVEL, HALF ROSSINI, PART SHOSTAKOVICH AND PART PAGANINI? WHO KNOWS? WHO KNOWS? FOR WHAT SORT OF MAN WOULD I LOSE ALL CONTROL? MAHLER-ESQUE, SLIGHTLY GREIG-Y. PEPPERED WITH BRAHMS, PLUS A PINCH OF RESPIGHI. HERE GOES . . .

HERE GOES . . . THE NOTES CARRY ON IN THEIR ENDLESS CAMPAIGN. THE CHORDS HAVE TURNED DARKER WHERE ONCE THEY WERE PLAIN. THE AIR'S GROWING WARMER WITH EV'RY REFRAIN. THE ROOM'S GETTING HOTTER, THE SOUND IS INSANE!

IS THE BOWING FIN'LLY BENDING IN THE HEAT OF THIS UNENDING

Darryl G . . .

Jane G . . .

Darryl F SHARP . . .

Jane F SHARP . . .

Darryl

F . . .

Jane F . . .

Darryl

Ε...

Jane E . . .

Darryl

 $G\ldots$

JANE YES . . . ! Darryl F SHARP ... Jane YES . . . ! Darryl F . . . JANE YES . . . ! Darryl Ε... Jane OH . . . ! WAITING AND WAITING AND WAITING AND WAITING ... AND WAITING FOR THE MUSIC

(The music EXPLODES. And in a fashion. so does JANE.)

DARRYL Cigarette?

TO BEGIN -

(Light change. DARRYL leads JANE to the bedroom.)

Music No. 6a: WAITING – PLAYOFF

SCENE SIX: SUKIE'S PORCH AND PARLOR

He reappears on the street.

The LITTLE GIRL skips on again, her nose in a book. DARRYL regards her again with a sly smile.

He snatches the book from her. The GIRL exits. DARRYL catches sight of someone approaching. He smells something in the air. He ducks out of sight.

SUKIE comes down the street and to her front door, juggling a stack of books, reading through the top one.

SUKIE "RHODE ISLAND " "PAGE SEVEN " "ADDENDUM " IDEA! A POEM. I HAVE TO I NEED TO I WANT TO		
	Wait! Where did I leave my journal?	
Felicia	(O.S.) Come along, Jennifer. Clyde.	
Sukie	Oh dear God, no	
	(SUKIE braces herself. FELICIA, CLYDE and JENNIFER all enter.)	
Sukie	hi! Jennifer. Felicia, hi. (<i>Indicating the books</i> .) I was just doing a little research for next week's edition. About the Lenox House.	
FELICIA You have a nice day, Sukie.		
	(Felicia and Jennifer exit. Clyde moves to speak to Sukie.)	
SUKIE Clyde; not now, not here.		
CLYDE But I haven't seen you outside work in weeks now.		
Sukie	I know.	
	(They kiss again, passionately.)	

	Felicia	(<i>O.S.</i>) Clyde!
	Sukie	Another time. Go!
		(<i>He exits.</i> SUKIE <i>walks into her house only to see</i> DARRYL <i>sitting there, going through her books.</i>)
	Darryl	My God! Look at you –
DARRYL NOSE IN A BOOK. BROW IN A CREASE. What're we getting tonight; A little war, A little Piece?		
	Darryl	Get it? Homonym.
		(Chord.)
	Sukie	Homonym?
		(Chord.)
	Sukie	Oh. Oh! What are you doing here? You just about scared me to death.
	Darryl	I do have that effect on people sometimes. (<i>Offering his hand</i> .) Darryl Van Horne.
	Sukie	I know. Sukie Rougemont.
	Darryl	Rougemont, you say?
	Sukie	My ex-husband's name.
	Darryl	What was he, a French Canuck?
	Sukie	He said his family was Swiss. He certainly acted Swiss. It's all ancient history.
	Darryl	Enter your henpecked friend out there on the street.

Sukie	Who? Clyde? Oh, that sweet, sweet man. (<i>Wistfully, looking out the window</i> .) Let's just say that after the divorce, Clyde was the one person who didn't judge me for it. And I'll always be grateful to him for that.	
Darryl	So I gather. And what's with all the books? Starting your own library?	
Sukie	Oh, no. Just reading up. On your house, actually.	
Darryl	All these books about my humble little abod-ee? My, my. (<i>Grabbing a notebook</i> .) Even this one?	
Sukie	My journal! Oh, no! No, that's my it's, well it's personal. Please. It's scribblings, really. Don't laugh. It's (<i>Beat, catches breath</i> .) It's poetry.	
Darryl	Ah. So Miss Swiss is a budding poetess. (<i>Politely handing it back to a relieved</i> SUKIE.) Just promise me a signed first edition.	
Sukie	Hmmm? Oh no, no, it's not like I mean, I'm not a real writer or anything well, I mean I'm a real writer for the paper. But these, these are well, they're they're	
	(She gives up and punctuates her sentence with a dramatic sigh.)	
Darryl	Do you write like you talk, or do you use complete sentences?	
Sukie	No, my writing's fine. But talking, well, you know; the cat's always getting my tongue.	
Darryl	Lucky cat.	
Sukie	It's always been that way, I'm afraid. Even back in school. Way, way back in school.	
Darryl	Why don't you tell me all about it, Sukie darling?	
Sukie	Really?	
Darryl	Really.	

Music No. 7: WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

SUKIE Well . . . Just picture it:

Sukie

SITTING IN THE CORNER AND ... WELL ... JUST ... YOU KNOW ... SUKIE TRIES TO TALK A LITTLE AND ... WELL ... JUST ... YOU KNOW ... SUKIE RISES UP TO SPEAK AND SHE ... ALMOST ... OH, POOH ... SUKIE SITS BACK DOWN POLITELY AND ... HERE'S HOPING THAT ... YOU KNOW CAUSE I DON'T HAVE A CLUE.

OH, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS . . . I CAN NEVER FIND THE WORDS, WORDS, WORDS . . . I CAN NEVER FIND THE WORDS.

ALL THESE WORDS INSIDE ME NOW BUT NOT MUCH INNER PEACE. ALL THESE WORDS INSIDE ME NOW JUST ACHING FOR RELEASE.

DARRYL AND IF I SAID THAT I WOULD LISTEN, MIGHT THAT EASE THE DOUBT? YES, IF I SAID, "I'M HERE TO LISTEN," WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TALK ABOUT . . . ?

SUKIE Well . . . You don't want to hear this.

DARRYL Confidence, Sukie – confidence.

SUKIE I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE NIGHT. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE DAY. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER, BUT I GUESS THAT'S JUST CLICHÉ. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE LATIN. MAYBE TALK A LITTLE GREEK. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE ARTS. I RENTED "HAMLET" JUST LAST WEEK. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MY POEMS, WHY I SHY AWAY FROM RHYMES. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THAT LETTER I HAD PUBLISHED IN THE TIMES. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT EURIPIDES AND SCHOPENHAUER AND BACH. AND IF THERE'S ANY DOUBT REMAINING, I'D BE HAPPY JUST TO TALK . . .

BUT WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, I CAN NEVER FIND THE WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS –

I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE DEEPEST SORT OF SECRETS THAT I HOLD. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE UNDERLYING TRUTH, IF TRUTH BE TOLD. TALK ABOUT THE TOUCHING THAT CAN BRING THE TENSION OUT. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE THINGS I GUESS I SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MY FEELINGS WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE TURNED DOWN LOW. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MY NEEDS ABOVE THE COVERS AND BELOW.

I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT MY FANTASIES BY LIGHT OF EV'NING STAR. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT A MILLION THINGS . . . Darryl

... AND SUKIE, DEAR, YOU ARE.

SUKIE BUT, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, WORDS . . . !

I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE WORLD I NEVER GET TO SEE FROM HOME. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT CARACAS AND THE PLEIADES AND ROME. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE RISE. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FALL. OR MAYBE TALK ABOUT THE DOINGS AT YOUR BASIC BACCHANAL. OH, NOT THAT I APPROVE, BUT WHEN IT'S ALL BEEN SAID AND DONE I MEAN, YOU GOTTA GIVE 'EM THIS; THE ROMANS SURE COULD HAVE SOME FUN. AND THEN, OF COURSE, YOU'VE GOT THE FRENCH. THE PAKISTANI AND THE DUTCH, AND TELL ME, DARRYL, IS IT ME, OR AM I TALKING WAY TOO MUCH?

DARRYL You're doing great, sweetheart . . .

(DARRYL pulls out the HANDKERCHIEF again and mops SUKIE'S brow.)

Sukie

I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE HEROES THAT CAN ALWAYS GIVE ME HOPE. I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT DE BERGERAC, AND BATMAN AND THE POPE. TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE, MAYBE TALK ABOUT THE PAST OR MAYBE TALK A LOT OF NOTHING, ONLY SAY IT REALLY FAST. TALK ABOUT SOCIETY OR TALK ABOUT THE ROT, OR MAYBE TALK ABOUT THE EGRETS, BUT I'D REALLY RATHER NOT. TALK ABOUT THE MEADOWS OR THE FLOWERS OR THE BIRDS. I MEAN I'D TALK ABOUT IT ALL IF I COULD ONLY FIND THE WORDS . . .

I'D LIKE TO TALK A BIT OF THIS, OR MAYBE TALK A BIT OF THAT, OR MAYBE TALK A BIT OF FOLDEROL AND CHEW A LITTLE FAT. TALK ABOUT THE A'S. OR MAYBE TALK ABOUT THE Z'S. AND TRY TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE ALPHABET AS PRETTY AS YOU PLEASE. TALK ABOUT A BOOK. OR MAYBE TALK ABOUT A PLAY. OR MAYBE TALK ABOUT MILLION THINGS I'LL NEVER GET TO SAY. I'D TALK ABOUT MYSELF BUT WHO WOULD GIVE A DAMN? I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS AND LOOK AT ME - I AM! IAM - !I AM -! IAM - !I...AM!!!

(Light change. DARRYL and SUKIE run into the back bedroom.)

Music No. 7a: WORDS, WORDS, WORDS – PLAYOFF

SCENE SEVEN: ALEXANDRA'S STUDIO

He reappears on the street.

The LITTLE GIRL enters in an art smock carrying one of ALEX'S bubbie statues They confront each other. She hands it over to DARRYL and exits.

Again, a sound. Again, a scent.

Lights up on Alexandra's art studio; a squalid room with clay in blocks and a POTTER'S WHEEL. Alexandra's bubbie figures litter the room.

Dressed in far too many layers, she sculpts one of her figurines, using her own body for a model. Setting down her work, she closes her eyes and massages her body momentarily, pushing her shirt up in the process. DARRYL enters, unseen by her.

Alexandra SMOOTHER, AND FULLER, AND SOFTER, AND ROUNDER . . . AND ROUNDER . . . AND ROUNDER . . . AND . . .

Alexandra	(Stopping, looking at her own body.) Ech. Disgusting.	
Darryl	Perfectly glorious.	
Alexandra	What? Oh my God!	
Darryl	Perfectly natural.	
Alexandra	(<i>Covering herself up.</i>) "Perfectly natural?" Please. That's what my father used to say when the dog would lick himself in front of company.	
Darryl	Lady, if I could do that, I'd never leave the house. (<i>Offering his hand</i> .) Darryl Van Horne.	
Alexandra	Alexandra	
Darryl	Spofford. I know. Believe me, I know. This has been a long time coming.	

Alexandra	What has?	
Darryl	You and me. I'd seen these little bubbie figurines of yours in the local shoppes. "Shoppes?" "Shops?" Screw it. Who cares? Point is, one look and I knew; the artist was in need of rescue.	
Alexandra	Rescue? Rescue from what?	
Darryl	Herself. Yourself.	
Alexandra	Whoa; time out.	
Darryl	You have to stop treating yourself like crap, Alex.	
Alexandra	How do they all find me?	
Darryl	You want proof? I'm here ten seconds, what's the first thing I hear out of your mouth: "Disgusting. Look at me, I'm fat."	
Alexandra	NDRA I would prefer "Ruebenesque", thank you very much.	
Darryl	AKA, fat. What is it with you women that can never call a thing what it is? So you're a little fat. What's wrong with fat? There's nothing wrong with fat. Though clearly you think there's something wrong with fat. And that makes you feel small. That's a sad irony, isn't it? (<i>Holding up the bubbie.</i>) Fat makes Alexandra feel small. Why? Why should someone as magnificent as you be wasting your time on something as insignificant as <i>this?</i> I mean My God! Look at you – (<i>Taking off his shirt.</i>)	
Darryl ONE OF A KIND, RIPE FOR DISPLAY, SMELLING OF EARTH, COVERED TOES TO TITS IN CLAY		
Alexandra	Hey! Who do you think you are?	
Darryl	Just your average horny little devil. (<i>Rubbing his chest.</i>) Feel free to touch.	
Alexandra	Who the hell are you to talk to me like this? You don't know me.	

Darryl	Alexandra Spofford: I know you.

(Music in, pulsing and seductive.)

Music No. 8: YOUR WILDEST DREAMS

DARRYL The chubby teenager giving handies in the back of school bus 62, now the zaftig housewife any man can have the price of a sideways glance. Fully clothed, mind you. And always with the lights off.

ALEXANDRA (*Turning away.*) Go to hell.

Darryl SITTING AT YOUR WHEEL EV'RY DAY YOUR LITTLE WORK, FAR TOO MEAGER.

ALEXANDRA You can stop there, Darryl.

Darryl

STIFLING IN YOUR COT EV'RY NIGHT ON TRIFLING DESIRES.

ALEXANDRA That's uncalled for, Darryl.

Darryl Artists can't be pliant as clay, Too acquiescent or eager.

ALEXANDRA That's enough now, Darryl.

DARRYL I BEG YOU DEAR, RISE UP TO THE HEIGHT AND SIZE YOUR PROMISE REQUIRES, MY ALEXANDRA...

(*He tenderly tries to remove her smock. She recoils, covering herself up further.*)

Alexandra JESUS CHRIST ALMIGHTY, THE NERVE. WHAT SORT OF WORLD DO YOU LIVE IN? Darryl CLEARLY NOT IN YOURS, DEAR . . .

Alexandra What's the point of putting me down? What's in it for you?

Darryl WHY SO QUICK TO BRUISE, DEAR . . . ?

Alexandra What I lack or what I deserve; This is the life I've been given.

Darryl Let me be your muse, dear . . .

Alexandra IT SUCKS TO BE STUCK HERE IN THIS TOWN, BUT WHAT ON EARTH CAN I DO?

Darryl IT'S VERY SIMPLE . . .

DREAM YOUR WILDEST DREAMS. EMBRACE YOUR POTENTIAL.

(He attempts to caress her face. She smacks his hand away.)

Darryl Dream your wildest dreams. Be all you can be.

(Ditto with the other hand.)

DARRYL BARE IT FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION TO SEE. RISK IT AND EXPLORE THE EXTREMES. LIVE THE LARGER LIFE AND DREAM THE WILDEST OF DREAMS. Alexandra DARRYL, JUST DROP THE B.S. YOU'RE OFF THE MARK BY A SCORE. WHY PICK A FIGHT YOU CAN'T WIN? YOU'RE TALKING THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW.

DARRYL ALEX, WHY SETTLE FOR LESS WHEN YOU WERE PUT HERE FOR MORE? WHY PICKET FENCE YOURSELF IN WHEN YOU DESERVE ROOM TO GROW?

Alexandra (*To herself.*) HOW IS IT THIS MAN CAN SEE RIGHT INTO MY FEARS AND FRUSTRATIONS?

Darryl (*A voice in* Alex's *mind*.) ALL THE YEARS YOU SQUANDERED . . .

Alexandra AM I REALLY WASTING AWAY OR CAN THERE BE MORE?

Darryl LIVING LIFE FOR WHO, DEAR?

Alexandra IF I DARED TO LET IN SOME LIGHT PUT MYSELF IN MY CREATIONS

Darryl NOW'S THE TIME FOR YOU, DEAR.

Alexandra Moved Beyond A Handful of Clay And Let My Instincts Explore The Larger Canvas . . .

(DARRYL leads her to the potter's wheel and places her hands in the clay, sensuously. He tenderly undresses her as she begins to surrender.

Upstage, in hazy light, SUKIE and JANE appear at work on their respective arts.)

Darryl SMOOTHER AND FULLER

+ Alexandra AND SOFTER AND SOUNDER SWEETER AND ROUNDER LITTLE MIRACLES.

Alexandra	Jane
SMOOTHER	G
AND FULLER	F SHARP
AND SOFTER	F
AND SOUNDER	Ε
SWEETER	G
AND ROUNDER	F SHARP

Alexandra / Jane LITTLE MIRACLES

Alexandra	Jane	Sukie
WARMER	G	I HAVE TO
AND RICHER	F SHARP	I NEED TO
AND LARGER	F	I WANT TO
AND LOUDER	Ε	IDEAS
BRAVER	G	I SEE NOW
AND PROUDER	F SHARP	A POEM

All Three LITTLE MIRACLES . . .

Alexandra	Jane	Sukie
BOLDER	G	A STANZA
AND TALLER	F SHARP	I SEE IT
AND BROADER	F	I'LL WRITE IT
AND LONGER	Е	I'LL BE IT
FREER	G	A COUPLET
AND STRONGER	F SHARP	IN RHYME

All Three LITTLE MIRACLES . . .

DARRYL (As SUKIE and JANE disappear.) ALEXANDRA, FIND YOUR WILDEST . . . TRUST YOUR WILDEST . . . BE YOUR WILDEST . . .

Alexandra / Darryl DREAM MY/YOUR WILDEST DREAMS, PURSUE MY/YOUR POTENTIAL. OWN MY/YOUR OWN LARGESSE, BE ALL I/YOU CAN BE.

Alexandra Pound upon pound, be resoundingly ME.

Darryl RISK IT AND EXPLORE THE EXTREMES.

> (DARRYL pushes the clay aside. He helps ALEXANDRA to stand atop the pottery wheel, which becomes a pedestal. Lit like a statue, ALEX becomes a LIFE-SIZED BUBBIE STATUE.)

Alexandra SCULPT THE LARGER LIFE. DARE THE LARGER DARE. LOVE THE LARGER ME!

(DARRYL reaches for her last layer of clothing. She stops him.)

Alexandra / Darryl AND LIVE THE WILDEST OF DREAMS!

(ALEXANDRA removes the last layer of clothing herself, revealing her NAKED BODY to DARRYL.

He falls to his knees; the artist admiring his art.

Blackout.)

SCENE EIGHT: DARRYL'S TENNIS COURT

Music No. 8a: TENNIS

An answering machine BEEP sounds. DARRYL'S voice is heard as the scene changes.

Darryl	(O.S.) My darling; change of plans. I'm having friends over for tennis. You'll join us. Merriment will ensue. Refreshments will follow. I'm expecting it to be quite the foursome. My friends are going to love you. And you, my dear, are going to love my friends
	(Lights up on DARRYL'S BIZARRE TENNIS COURT. JANE enters, tarted up, smoking a cigarette and dressed for tennis. SUKIE enters, also dressed for tennis. They see each other and stop cold.)
Jane	You?
Sukie	You?
Alexandra	(Entering and seeing them both.) You!
Jane / Sukie / Alexandra	Oh my God
Sukie	How sweet.
Alexandra	Sweet? Don't you get it, Sukie?
Sukie	Get what?
Jane	He's been sleeping with all three of us.
Sukie	All three of us?
Alexandra	Yes, he Wait a minute. What makes you think I slept with him?
Jane	Oh, please, Lexa.
Sukie	It's not our fault.

Alexandra	What are you saying, Jane?
Jane	Nothing.
Sukie	He had those hairy knuckles and those hairy
Alexandra	No, really.
Sukie	hairy
Jane	Okay, Lexa, you're a slut.
Sukie	well, hairy everything! Before I knew it, he was taking me right there on the sun porch
Alexandra	A slut?
Sukie	in front of God and the paperboy
Alexandra	Well the truth finally comes out.
Jane	Oh, no, we've known about your being a slut for years.
Darryl	(Entering in his version of a tennis outfit.) My God! Look at you –
Sukie / Jane / Alexandra	Shut up Darryl!
Alexandra	Come on, girls, we're going.
Jane	Did you honestly think you could get away with this? Well, today's just not your lucky day, is it? (<i>Sotto voce</i> .) Friday's pretty open, though. Maybe late afternoon?
Alexandra	Jane!
Jane	What?
Darryl	Ladies. It's a beautiful day. Why can't we put aside our petty differences, enjoy each other's company, and play a little tennis? I brought the balls.
Alexandra	Tennis would be lovely, Darryl.

Sukie	Yeah
Alexandra	But some of us are a little too intent on hitting outside the line.
Sukie	Yeah
Jane	Touchy, touchy, Lexa

Music No. 9: SOMETHING

Darryl	(As a LOW RUMBLE is heard.) Ladies?
Jane	I guess we don't need to ask where you were last Thursday !
Alexandra	Or you the Thursday before that.
Jane	Out shopping for a Lady Schick, evidently
	(The RUMBLE GROWS. THUNDER begins to sound.)
Darryl	Ladies?
Sukie	And because of a man? I thought we had a pact.
Jane	Well that didn't seem to stop you, did it, Sukie?
	(More RUMBLE. More THUNDER.)
Darryl	Ladies?!
Alexandra	Any of us. All dressed for tennis and not a one of us even knows how to
Jane / Sukie /	
Alexandra	play the damn game!!!
	(An EXPLOSION above. The skies change color. The three women stand there stunned.)
Jane	What was that?
Darryl	Don't you know, darling? Don't you know what you can do? Don't you know who you are? (<i>To</i> SUKIE.) Air.

	(He kisses Sukie sensuously, then turns to Jane.)	
Darryl	Water.	
	(He kisses Jane sensuously, then turns to Alex.)	
	Earth.	
	(He kisses Alex sensuously, then turns to them all.)	
	Each of you, singularly, a formidable creature. But put together? Holy shit! Put together, ladies; you will never know fear again. Let me show you.	
Sukie	Who are you?	
Darryl	You already know the answer.	
Alexandra (<i>Remembering</i> .) MA	AKE HIM MINE	
Darryl	Admirer. Lover. Father.	
Jane (<i>Getting it, too</i> .) M.	AKE HIM MINE	
Darryl	Teacher. Master. Slave.	
Sukie (<i>Not quite there yet.</i>) MAKE HIM HANDSOME AS THE DEVIL		
+ JANE / ALEX (<i>Helping her to see the light.</i>) YET PERFECTLY DIVINE.		
Darryl	Anything your hearts desire.	
DARRYL THE ULTIMATE COMPANION, THE IDEAL DESIGN; All Manner of Man in One Man		

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie MAKE HIM . . .

Alexandra	Ours.
Jane	What?!
Darryl	There you go.
Sukie	All three of us?
Alexandra	All four of us. (<i>Beat, eyes locked on</i> DARRYL.) Who wants a martini?
Darryl	Second door on the left. By the Jacuzzi.
Alexandra	(To JANE and SUKIE.) What the hell?
	(Alexandra <i>ushers a giggly</i> Sukie <i>into the house</i> . Jane <i>lags behind.</i> <i>She eyes</i> Darryl.)
Jane	(<i>Slyly</i> .) So are you coming?
	(DARRYL basks a moment, leering to heaven. He then follows them all into the house.)

SCENE NINE: A GRASSY BLUFF

The scene changes. MICHAEL and JENNIFER run on, laughing.

Michael	A car? How am I supposed to afford a car?
Jennifer	You have a job, goofus.
Michael	Yeah, in a diner. For tips.
Jennifer	Well you're going to have to think of something. If you want to visit me out in California.
Michael	I do.

Jennifer	You could stay in my dorm room.
Michael	Wouldn't your mother be upset?
Jennifer	Maybe. I doubt your mother would mind.
Michael	Hey. That's kind of a mean thing to say.
Jennifer	That's not what I meant. I'm just saying our parents don't matter. Not when two people love each other the way we do.
Michael	Yeah?
Jennifer	Totally. When two people love each other the way we do, Michael, anything goes. <i>Anything</i> .
	(She moves in for a kiss and he avoids it.)
Michael	So, are you scared Jennifer?
Jennifer	(Muttered.) Oh my God.
Michael	About going off to college next week, I mean?
Jennifer	Let's worry about tomorrow tomorrow and try to concentrate on tonight.
Michael	Jennifer, when I'm with you
Jennifer	Yeah?
Michael	There's this
Jennifer	Yeah?
Michael	I just feel
Jennifer	(Leaning in for that kiss.) What?
Michael SOMETHING	
Jennifer	Jesus

MICHAEL IN THE MOMENT, ALL AROUND US. (*Taking her hand, melting her.*) ALL THOSE HOPES AND DREAMS, AND NOW IT SEEMS

Jennifer / Michael Something has fin'lly found us.

Michael ONCE, I FELT SO EMPTY INSIDE.

Jennifer ALONE.

Jennifer / Michael BUT NOW YOU'RE LOVE HAS SHOWN ME SOMETHING LIKE NOTHING I HAVE KNOWN . . .

(She moves in for another kiss. This time, she lands it. They are transported to a STARSCAPE, dreamlike and fantastic.)

JENNIFER / MICHAEL ONE DAY WE'LL LEAVE THIS TOWN BEHIND US, BREAK THE TIES THAT BIND US TO ANYTHING BUT ONE ANOTHER. ONE DAY OUR DREAMS WILL SET US FREE. WONDERS UNEXPECTED. MAGIC UNIMAGINED. ALL OF IT AS REAL AS IT CAN BE.

SOMETHING IN THE MOMENT ALL AROUND US. ALL OUR HOPES AND DREAMS AND NOW IT SEEMS SOMETHING HAS FIN'LLY FOUND US. IT'S SAID THAT GIVEN TIME WE'LL GROW WISE.

WHAT FOR? WHEN HERE AND NOW WE HAVE FOUND Something more kind than clever, Something that time can't sever, Something that's ours for evermore.

(Back in the real world, they kiss again, then exit.)

SCENE TEN: THE BACKYARDS OF EASTWICK

The Women enter, hanging their laundry.

Music No. 10: DIRTY LAUNDRY

Gina

NOW, HEAVEN KNOWS I'M NOT ONE TO TALK OUT OF SCHOOL.

Greta Well, of course not.

Gina

BUT THINGS HAVE GONE A LITTLE TOO FAR.

GRETA What things are those, Gina?

Gina

VAN HORNE'S BEEN COZY NOW WITH NOT ONE, DEAR, BUT THREE.

Greta You don't say.

Gina AND NOT TOO HARD TO GUESS WHO THEY ARE.

Greta JUST A BIT ODD.

Gina DOWNRIGHT BIZARRE.

(BRENDA enters with her laundry.)

Brenda	Good morning, girls.	
Gina	Brenda	
Greta SAY HAVE YOU I	HEARD THE STORY OF WHAT'S COME TO PASS	
Brenda	Oh, I'm not one for gossip.	
Greta / Gina DEEP, DEEP INS	IDE THE OLD LENOX PLACE.	
Brenda	I heard it was actually out on the tennis court.	
Greta / Gina THOSE WANTO	N TRAMPS HAVE CLEARLY ABANDONED ALL SENSE.	
Brenda	Sense? Oh please!	
Women HOW LONG MU	ST WE ENDURE THIS DISGRACE?	
Brenda / Gina / G DIRTY LAUNDR THAT'S WHAT I DIRTY LAUNDR AS FOUL AS FOU	Y, LADIES; SEE. Y, LADIES;	
+ Women Our Standards Fading. Our Morals in decline. With such dirty laundry on the line.		
	(ALEXANDRA, JANE and SUKIE enter from the other side.)	
Alexandra / Jane / Sukie	Ladies.	

Women Ladies.

GRETA HOW NICE TO SEE YOU OUT AND ABOUT WITH THE SUN.

Gina

COME CHAT FOR A SPELL.

Brenda WERE YOU JUST HEADED BACK FROM THE BAY?

MARGE

NOW, WHY ON EARTH WOULD THEY BE DOWN THERE?

Rebecca THAT'S SUCH A LOVELY DRESS THAT YOU'RE WEARING, MY DEAR.

Greta FAMILIAR AS WELL.

Gina Weren't you just wearing that yesterday?

(JANE lifts her skirt to reveal a pair of DARRYL'S gaudy JOCKEY SHORTS. The three women exit.)

Marge GOOD HEAVENS, WHAT A FLAGRANT DISPLAY . . .

Women DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE; FRESH FROM THE STREETS. DIRTY LAUNDRY, SORDID TORN SLIPS AND RUMPLED SHEETS. OUR STANDARDS FADING. OUR MORALS IN DECLINE. WITH SUCH DIRTY LAUNDRY ON THE LINE.

(DANCE - In which the women mimic and mock Alexandra, Jane and Sukie. Felicia comes marching in, the Men following her.)

Felicia HAVE YOUR FUN, GIRLS, WHILE YOU MAY. Gina / Greta NO HARM DONE; IT'S JUST A GAME.

Felicia TROUBLE'S CLEARLY ON ITS WAY.

Men HANG YOUR HEADS, FOR SHAME, FOR SHAME.

Felicia The TIDE'S WASHED IN . . .

Men SADLY SO.

Felicia ... A WEALTH OF SIN.

Women OH!

Felicia WE'RE FALLING TO THE DEPTHS, THE LOWEST OF ALL LOWS,

+ Townspeople AND WHAT COMES NEXT, WELL, HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS – !

All (*Sotto voce.*) DIRTY LAUNDRY, NEIGHBORS; THAT'S WHAT THIS IS. DIRTY LAUNDRY, LABELED;

Felicia "HERS, HERS AND HERS AND HIS."

All JUST WHEN YOU'RE THINKING IT'S DEALT WITH, DONE AND GONE, THE DIRTY LAUNDRY JUST GOES . . .

(DANCE – FELICIA rallies them all to her cause.)

All

DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE; GOOD GRACIOUS ME. DIRTY LAUNDRY THAT'S BEEN AIRED OUT FOR ALL TO SEE. JUST WHEN YOU'RE THINKING IT'S DEALT WITH DONE AND GONE –

(JENNIFER and MICHAEL are revealed behind the sheets, kissing.)

Felicia	Jennifer!
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Jennifer Mother!

FELICIA Inside, young lady.

MICHAEL Mrs. Gabriel, I just wanted . . .

FELICIA Yes, Michael, I think we all know what you wanted. The acorn never falls far from the tree.

Jennifer But Mother . . .

FELICIA Back to the house, Jennifer, and start packing. We're taking you to Stanford first thing tomorrow morning. Clyde!

(CLYDE ushers JENNIFER away. MICHAEL runs off in the other direction.)

All The Dirty Laundry Just Goes on And on and on and on And on and on and on

AND . . .

GROUP ONEGROUPDIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE;DIRTYGOOD GRACIOUS ME.ON THDIRTY LAUNDRY, THAT'S BEENGOOD

GROUP TWO DIRTY LAUNDRY ON THE LINE. GOOD GRACIOUS ME. AIRED OUT FOR ALL TO SEE. AIRED OUT FOR ALL TO SEE. OUR STANDARDS FADING. OUR MORALS IN DECLINE.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO STEM THIS DECLINE?

GROUP ONE EV'RY LINE WE DREW IN DARE . . .

GROUP Two THEY WENT AND CROSSED WITHOUT A CARE.

All NO, THERE'S NO MISTAKING THEIR DESIGN. SO SPREAD THE NEWS ALONG THE VINE

Felicia THE GOOD OF EASTWICK'S ON THE LINE!

FELICIA (*Add others.*) OTHERS DIRTY LAUNDRY ON THE . . . ON THE LINE! DIRTY LAUNDRY ON THE . . . **ON THE LINE!** DIRTY LAUNDRY ON THE . . . **ON THE LINE!** DIRTY LAUNDRY ON THE LINE!

All **IT'S ON THE LINE!**

(Blackout.)

SCENE ELEVEN: THE LENOX HOUSE

Music No. 11: I WISH I MAY

ALEXANDRA enters, dressed in a beautiful gown. She is breathtaking.

Alexandra ONCE UPON A TIME A LITTLE GIRL

USED TO CLIMB THE GRASSY HILLS, USED TO HIKE THE FOREST THROUGH, SHE'D BOSS AROUND HER BROTHERS AND SHE'D TELL THEM WHAT TO DO. HER FUTURE ALL PLANNED OUT, WITHIN AN INCH, WITHOUT A DOUBT. ONE PERFECT HOUSE. TWO PERFECT CARS. SHE ASKED THE MOON. SHE WISHED ON STARS. ONCE UPON A TIME THAT GIRL WAS ME.

(SUKIE enters, dressed every bit as beautifully.)

Sukie

ONCE UPON A TIME A LITTLE GIRL USED TO LAZE ABOUT THE LAKE. USED TO SWIM IN IT AT DAWN, WITH ALL HER CLOSEST GIRLFRIENDS, NOT A STITCH OF CLOTHING ON. THEY IMAGINED WHEN ALONE HOW THEY MIGHT CHANGE WHEN THEY WERE GROWN. YET WHEN THE STARS WOULD FILL THE GLEN, SHE WISHED TO STAY AS SHE WAS THEN, ONCE UPON A TIME THAT GIRL WAS ME.

(JANE enters, yet another angel.)

JANE ONCE UPON A TIME A LITTLE GIRL USED TO DREAM ABOUT ROMANCE. USED TO DANCE THE EVENING THROUGH. SHE'D LAUGH AND TOSS HER HAIR BACK LIKE THE MOVIE STARS WOULD DO. AT SCHOOL THOUGH SHE WOULD DIE. Each Time A Boy Would Catch her eye The Ones who Smoked. Who Played Guitars.

Alexandra / Sukie ONCE UPON A TIME . . .

Jane WHO PLEDGED THEIR LOVE

Alexandra / Sukie UPON A, ONCE UPON A TIME . . .

Jane Beneath the stars. Once upon a time

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie THAT GIRL WAS ME.

(The LITTLE GIRL appears upstage, dancing.)

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie AND EV'RYTHING I AM IS BECAUSE OF WHO SHE WAS. AND THOUGH IT MAY NOT SEEM TO BE, SHE'S WITH ME STILL.

Jane The Girl WHO'D see the boys and run . . .

SUKIE SWIMMING CIRCLES IN THE SUN . . .

Alexandra WHO RACED HER BROTHERS UP THE HILL . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie THAT LITTLE GIRL. I CLOSE MY EYES AND THERE SHE IS BEHIND THE WRINKLES AND THE SCARS. I'M STILL THAT LITTLE GIRL WISHING BLINDLY ON THE STARS.

I WISH I MAY I WISH I MIGHT FEEL THE JOY I FEEL TONIGHT FOREVER. THIS WAS THE MOMENT THE MAGIC BEGAN. I WISH I MAY. I SAY I CAN.

I'LL ASK THE MOON BEFORE I SLEEP, LET THIS NIGHT BE MINE TO KEEP FOR ALWAYS. ONE PERFECT MOMENT TO HOLD WITH ME STILL.

Alexandra I WISH I MAY . . .

Sukie I WISH I MAY . . .

Jane I WISH I MAY . . .

Alexandra I WISH I MAY . . .

Sukie / Jane I WISH I MAY . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I SAY I WILL. (We are now in DARRYL'S house and it is a sight. Scattered about are a series of GAUDY, STUFFED EGRETS. We see DARRYL entering from the top of the stairs, singing to himself.)

DARRYL LOOK AT THESE THREE; BURSTING WITH POW'R. BARELY CONTAINED. GROWING STRONGER BY THE HOUR. I'VE SEEN MY SHARE OF WONDERS, YOU'D AGREE. BUT NEVERTHELESS, THERE'S NOT ANYTHING I'LL EVER SEE THAT COULD SCARCE COMPARE TO THE ECSTASY, THE ARTISTRY, THE MYSTERY OF THESE THREE LITTLE LADIES.

Darryl	(Crossing to the women.) Music. Lights.
	(FIDEL, DARRYL'S <i>diminutive manservant enters with a tray of glasses</i> .)
Darryl	Ah, Fidel. Fidel, everyone; everyone, Fidel. There'll be four for dinner tonight. Be a sport and poach up something nice for the ladies, huh? Por favor. S'il vous plait? Domo arigato?
	(FIDEL exits without a word.)
Darryl	I have no idea what language he speaks, but he's such a cute little guy.
Alexandra	And the surprises keep coming.
Jane	(Drinking from her glass.) This is delicious.
Darryl	Napoleon Brandy.
Alexandra	A man of great taste and tremendous appetites.

Sukie	What are we drinking to?
Darryl	To our fondest wishes.
	(They drink and there is a RUMBLE OF THUNDER.)
Darryl	You know what my wish is? To be a woman. No, really. Just think of what the female body can do. Make a baby, then make milk to feed it. That is magic.
Sukie	You really mean that, don't you?
Darryl	You think I'd make something like that up?
Jane	Sorry Darryl, but there are a lot of creeps out there who like to talk feminism just so they can get into your panties.
Alexandra	That would be a grand speech, Janey, if you were actually wearing panties.
Darryl	If I could, I would have dozens of children. Hundreds.
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Jane	That's a lot of stretch marks.
Jane Darryl	That's a lot of stretch marks. All women are potential witches, but so fewever realize their powers. That's what makes women such great artists, you know? That ability to create, to nurture.
-	All women are potential witches, but so fewever realize their powers. That's what makes women such great artists, you know?
Darryl	All women are potential witches, but so fewever realize their powers. That's what makes women such great artists, you know? That ability to create, to nurture.
Darryl Alexandra	All women are potential witches, but so fewever realize their powers. That's what makes women such great artists, you know? That ability to create, to nurture. Not all women know how to nurture, Darryl.
Darryl Alexandra Darryl	All women are potential witches, but so fewever realize their powers. That's what makes women such great artists, you know? That ability to create, to nurture. Not all women know how to nurture, Darryl. To wit, your friend Felicia Gabriel.
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Darryl	Why not? No, really – why not? Let me show you a little something.
	(DARRYL produces a cookie jar from the shelves.)
Darryl	To make things happen, you simply have to visualize them. Let us say this cookie jar is the radiant Felicia.
	(Felicia appears across the stage in her home, in her nightgown, reading.)
Darryl	Go ahead, Sukie; have a ball.
	(Sukie tosses a tennis ball into the jar. There is a SHOCK OF MUSIC.)
Sukie	Where did it go?
Alexandra	Right where you wanted it to.
	(Across the stage, FELICIA reacts to a SECOND CHORD and pulls the ball out of her mouth.)
Felicia	Oh my God.
Darryl	Janey?
Jane	(Removing her bracelet.) Pearls before swine
	(She drops it in. It comes out of Felicia's mouth.)
Felicia	Clyde? Clyde, honey ?
Darryl	Alex?
	(ALEXANDRA pulls feathers from the pillow.)
Alexandra	A little something to tickle her fancy
	(She drops the feathers into the jar. They stream out of Felicia's mouth.)
Felicia	Clyde? Clyde?!

	(CLYDE staggers on, drunk, and sees the mess.)	
Clyde	Felicia? My God.	
Felicia	Something's urgh something's gone terribly wrong!	
	(She runs out.)	
Clyde	(Collecting up the ball and the bracelet.) Felicia !	
	(He runs out after her. The lights return to DARRYL and the WOMEN.)	
Darryl	Mind you, with the right instruction just about anyone can do these sorts of things. (<i>Tossing</i> JANE <i>a book</i> .) Here.	
Jane	The Maleficia?	
Darryl	A little book of parlor tricks to entertain the kiddies, one step above balloon animals. Truth is, though, you are capable of so very much more.	
Jane	Teach us, Darryl. Teach us everything.	
DARRYL THEN CLOSE YOUR EYES, BREATHE DEEP, AND FOCUS.		
IT'S SURRENDER, More Than Trying. Send Your Spirits Off And Flying.		
Alexandra / Jane	/ Sukie	

LET IT . . . LET IT FLY.

Darryl "Concentration," That's the byword. Send your spirits

SOARING SKYWARD.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie SOARING . . . SOARING HIGH.

DARRYL DEEP WITHIN THE NIGHT, OR DEEP INSIDE OF YOU? WHY CONSULT THE MOON, MY DEARS, WHEN ANYTHING YOU WANT, YOU'VE BUT TO DO? JUST LET IT COME.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie LET IT . . .

Darryl LET IT GROW.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie LET IT . . .

Darryl LET IT LOOSE.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie LET IT . . .

Darryl LET IT GO.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie LET IT . . . LET IT . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie Aaaaaaaah!

> (*The* THREE WOMEN *RISE UP IN THE AIR, shocked and thrilled.* JANE *screams.* SUKIE *holds on to* ALEXANDRA.)

Darryl	"Once upon a time / A little girl looked to the sky / She dreamed the dream all children dream / And wished that she could fly."
Sukie	I never dreamt that!
Darryl	Ladies, your wish has finally been granted.
	(Soon, the WOMEN become accustomed to the height and begin to move with grace. They DANCE.)

DARRYL THREE LITTLE LADIES, HOW TRULY RARE. WHERE MOST MEN COME UP EMPTY, I'VE DRAWN A PAIR . . . PLUS ONE TO SPARE. AS SINGULAR A TRIO AS EVER THERE WAS. SO BEAUTIFUL, SPIRITED, DEVIL-MAY-CARE . . .

DARRYL ... and he does.

(LIGHTNING and THUNDER strike.)

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I WISH I MAY.

Darryl MY THREE LITTLE LADIES.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I WISH I MAY

DARRYL DO YOU SEE, LITTLE LADIES?

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I WISH I MAY. Darryl ANYTHING I SAY . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I . . .

Darryl YOU . . .

Darryl /Alexandra / Jane / Sukie . . . WILL!

(Blackout.)

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SCENE ONE: ALEXANDRA / JANE / SUKIE'S HOUSES

Music No. 12: OPENING ACT TWO

The "Entr'acte" concludes with a BEEP on an answering machine. DARRYL'S voice is heard.

DARRYL (O.S.) My darling, my love, my favorite. You will be coming over tonight, won't you? The hot tub's been repaired from last week's debacle. Fidel is making his famous Egret Cacciatore. I predict . . . magic.

> (ALEXANDRA appears in her workshop, dressed in an old paintspattered shirt.)

Music No. 13: ANOTHER NIGHT AT DARRYL'S

Alexandra WELL, IT'S SIX O'CLOCK I'VE GOT ONE FOOT OUT THE DOOR. IT'S SIX O'CLOCK. TIME TO CONVINCE MYSELF ONCE MORE; IT'S NOT WEIRD WHAT WE DO. YEAH KID, WHO'S FOOLING WHO? FOR HOW MANY MONTHS NOW HAS LIFE BEEN INSANE? EV'RY TIME I TURN AROUND THERE'LL BE DARRYL BETWEEN SUKIE AND JANE. FRIENDSHIPS ARE TRIED, STRAINED BEYOND PRAY'R. TRUTHS GET REVEALED WHEN THE FLESH GETS LAID BARE. STILL . . . ONCE YOU'VE FOUND TRUE BLISS INSIDE A SINNER'S DEN

WHAT'S THERE TO DO BUT GO THERE AGAIN? AND AGAIN . . . AND AGAIN . . . AND AGAIN . . . AND AGAIN . . .

(A dropcloth flies off a giant sculpture behind her, exposing an obscenely ENORMOUS BUBBIE STATUE.)

Alexandra The NIGHT COMMENCES; MY SPIRITS SOAR. AND SOON MY SENSES GO WILD AND WHAT'S MORE; All MY DEFENSES GO RIGHT OUT THE DOOR. DO I DO? DO I DON'T? YES, I WILL, TILL I WON'T. ANOTHER NIGHT AT DARRYL'S.

HIS LIPS CARESS ME AND IT FEELS SWELL. HIS WORDS IMPRESS ME; I'M CAUGHT IN HIS SPELL. HIS EYES UNDRESS ME. HIS HANDS DO AS WELL. IT'S ALL PAR FOR THE COURSE. ALL REWARDS, NO REMORSE, JUST . . . ANOTHER NIGHT AT DARRYL'S.

(JANE appears in her home, playing her cello with jazzy abandon.)

Jane AND I'M SCALING THE HEIGHTS JUST DETAILING THE SOUNDS AND THE SIGHTS OF THOSE AMOROUS NIGHTS. ALL THOSE AUDACIOUS . . . FLIRTATIOUS . . . SALACIOUS . . . DELIGHTS.

(SUKIE appears in her home, surrounded by endless sheets of loose paper, scribbling away.)

SUKIE OK, IT'S TRAGIC. WHAT CAN I SAY? THERE'S NOT AN ADJEC– TIVE THAT COULD CONVEY THE SORT OF MAGIC THAT HE SENDS MY WAY. JUST THE SMALL– EST AMOUNT AND I'M DOWN FOR THE COUNT. OH GOD. ANOTHER NIGHT . . .

(All three are onstage now.)

Alexandra AND OKAY, IT'S NOT A FAIRY TALE.

Jane OKAY, IT'S NOT EXACTLY EV'RY DREAM I'VE EVER KNOWN . . .

Sukie ... ANY DREAM I'VE EVER KNOWN.

Alexandra BUT IT'S INTENSE.

Jane IT'S HEADY STUFF. Sukie IF IT'S NOT LOVE, IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.

Jane AND HEY,

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie IT SURE BEATS BEING ALONE . . .

> (They put away the implements of their art and head into THREE SHOWERS. At the end of the instrumental, they emerge from their respective showers FULLY DRESSED, looking spectacular.)

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I GET CONNECTION, A BIT OF FUN. I FEEL AFFECTION WHERE ONCE I FELT NONE. AND IN REFLECTION, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. SO WHY NOT DO IT AGAIN – ? AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN,

Alexandra WHERE LIFE WAS ONCE COLD AND STERILE,

Jane NOW IT'S POSITIVELY FERAL,

Sukie All Thanks to darryl's guiding light.

Alexandra ANOTHER HIP, ANOTHER TOE, ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL TABLEAU.

Jane ANOTHER SIGH, ANOTHER ROAR, ANOTHER PASSIONATE ENCORE.

Sukie ANOTHER TASTE, ANOTHER BITE, ANOTHER CONFIDENCE-FUELED FLIGHT . . .

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ANOTHER NIGHT – ANOTHER NIGHT AT DARRYL'S!

(Blackout.)

Music No. 13a: ANOTHER NIGHT - PLAYOUT

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ANOTHER NIGHT AT DARRYL'S!

SCENE TWO: NEMO'S DINER

Lights up on Nemo's Diner, half filled with BOWLING-SHIRT CLAD MEN, CLYDE included. A uniformed MICHAEL reads a letter on pink stationary. REBECCA is taking orders. CLYDE spots MICHAEL.

Clyde	Pink stationary.
Michael	Hey, Mr. Gabriel.
Clyde	I bet I know who that's from. My angel.
Michael	Yeah. Jennifer really seems to love it out there at Stanford
Clyde	Well, can you blame her? It's an exciting place.

Michael	I guess. I mean, I know. I mean, I'm happy for her and everything. I just wish she was a little more homesick. I'm sorry. You're probably not the person I should be talking to about this.
Clyde	No, no. I'm flattered. You know, I think this is the first time anyone's ever asked me advice about women.
	(Felicia <i>enters.</i>)
Felicia	Clyde!
Clyde	And in walks the reason why.
Michael	Thanks anyway, Mr. Gabriel.
Felicia	There you are, Clyde. Is this what you call an important errand?
Clyde	I was just on my way
Felicia	Where Clyde? Where were you just on your way to?
Clyde	Home, Felicia. I was just on my way home.
Felicia	And is that supposed to make me feel better? You know there are days when I can't imagine my life getting any worse.
	(DARRYL enters with a grocery-bag-laden Fidel.)
Darryl	My God
Felicia	And yet, somehow it always does.
Darryl	would you get a load of this place.
Felicia	Come along, Clyde. We're leaving.
Darryl	We-ell, if it isn't the lovely No, no, no. Don't tell me. Felicity? Fiona? Faruka?
Felicia	Felicia.
Darryl	I think I prefer Faruka.
Felicia	Honestly. Some days it just doesn't pay to get out of bed.

Darryl	You're preaching to the choir, sweetheart. Oh, don't look so sour. Have a cherry.
Felicia	Keep your fruit to yourself, Mr. Van Horne.
Darryl	What did I ever do to you to warrant such animosity?
Felicia	To me, nothing. To this town, plenty.
Darryl	Christ. Are you still pretending this is about those goddamn egrets?
Felicia	Those birds are an endangered species, Mr. Van Horne, and thanks to you they have no place to live.
Darryl	Boo-fuckin'-hoo.
Michael	(<i>Making his presence known</i> .) Actually, Mrs. Gabriel, there are dead elm trees all across the bay. They could nest anywhere.
Felicia	Michael Spofford. Given your upbringing I don't expect you to fully understand this; but jumping from bed to bed does not a home make. Now, why don't you just attend to the dirty cutlery and leave the good of this town to those of us who know better.
Darryl	You don't get much, do you?
Felicia	I beg your pardon?
Darryl	(<i>Picking a cherry from one</i> FIDEL'S <i>bags</i> .) Listen, honey. This town – hell, life itself – it's like this cherry. Everywhere you care to look is bright, juicy, sweet red flesh. Yours for the enjoying. (<i>He bites into the cherry, lasciviously</i> .) But some people – people like you – all they see, all they know, is the pit. Pity. (<i>He spits the pit into his hand</i> .)
Felicia	If I thought for one moment

Music No. 13b: CHERRY PITS

(CHORD OF MUSIC. She pulls a cherry pit out of her mouth. She looks at it, ashen and genuinely terrified.)

Felicia	My God. A cherry pit.
Darryl	What are the odds?
	(With a wicked grin, he opens his palm to reveal that it is empty.)
Felicia	Come along, Clyde. We're leaving.
	(Felicia exits, panicked, but Darryl blocks Clyde.)
Darryl	Is it just me, or are the women in this town a little tense? (<i>To all the other men.</i>) I mean, Jesus Christ – is there not one man here who knows how to satisfy a woman?
Rebecca	Nope.
	(She blows a kiss toward FIDEL and exits into the kitchen. FIDEL runs after her.)
Darryl	(Turning to MICHAEL.) Spofford, huh? I know your mom.
Michael	I know you do.
Darryl	You have her smile. Or you would if you were actually smiling. Why the long face?
Michael	Girlfriend problems. You know how it is.
Darryl	Not really, no.
Michael	I guess you really understand women, huh? (<i>Taking out that letter again.</i>) Hey, maybe you could
Darryl	What?
Michael	Nothing. Never mind.
Darryl	Son, if you want my help, you have to ask for it. You have to lift up your non-existent chin, swallow your girlish pride, and say, "Mr. Van Horne, help me."
Michael	Mr. Van Horne, help me.
Darryl	Call me Darryl.

Music No. 14: DANCE WITH THE DEVIL

DARRYL: (*Music in.*) Class is in session. You might want to take notes there, Scooter.

MICHAEL It's Michael.

DARRYL No one cares.

Darryl

YOU SEE THIS GIRL, AND YOUR HEART STOPS COLD. HER EYES ARE BLUE AND HER HAIR IS GOLD. YOU KNOW IT'S BEST NOT TO STOP AND STARE. THE GIRL'S AN ANGEL AND YOU DON'T HAVE A PRAY'R. YOU CATCH HER EYE AND SHE TURNS AWAY. BUT DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE GAMES SHE'LL PLAY. THERE AIN'T A GIRL CAN RESIST ROMANCE. SHE MAY BE AN ANGEL, BUT BROTHER SHE LIKES TO . . .

DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. RIPE FOR THE TAKIN', THE LADY LIKES TO DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. THERE'S NO MISTAKIN' THE LADY LIKES YOU.

(*Out to the other* Men.) YOU'D BEST BELIEVE IT BOYS; AMAZING, YES, BUT TRUE. SHE LIKES TO DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. AND LUCKY ENOUGH, THERE'S A DEVIL IN YOU, AND ...

(Coming back to Michael.) . . . you we gotta work on.

(DARRYL *takes* MICHAEL *aside*.)

DARRYL GET IN THE GAME KID, AND MAKE YOUR PLAY. GO WITH THE MUSIC AND GRIND AWAY. Michael Some like it fast,

Darryl AND SOME PREFER SLOW. A LITTLE BIT OF EACH WON'T KILL YOU, YOU KNOW.

DARRYL / MICHAEL SO HOLD HER TIGHT, AND ATTEND THAT NEED. THEN WHEN IT'S RIGHT, LET HER TAKE THE LEAD. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES, AND HIKE YOUR PANTS. SHE MAY BE AN ANGEL, BUT BROTHER SHE LIKES TO . . .

DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. ONCE SHE GETS COOKIN', THE LADY LIKES TO DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. WHEN GOD AIN'T LOOKIN', THE LADY LIKES TO . . . BY DAY SHE PLAYS THE SAINT, BY NIGHT, JUST WATCH HER FALL.

+ Men She likes to dance with the devil.

DARRYL AND HEAVEN BE PRAISED, HE'S INSIDE OF US ALL.

Men The Devil Inside you –

Michael IS OUT FOR THE CROWN.

Men The Devil Inside You –

Michael HAS GOT THE DANCE DOWN. Men The Devil Inside You –

Michael CAN MAKE THE GIRLS SWOON.

Men AND IF HE AIN'T IN THERE YET –

DARRYL HE'LL BE . . . (*Slapping* Clyde on the ass.) . . . GETTING' THERE SOON.

(FIDEL enters from the kitchen, smoking a cigarette.)

Men DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE WITH THE DEVIL.

Darryl RIPE FOR THE TAKIN' THE LADY LIKES TO . . .

Men DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE WITH THE DEVIL.

Darryl There's no mistakin' the lady likes you . . .

Men She knows the moves and how. This, I guarantee . . . She likes to . . .

Darryl DANCE, I SAID DANCE, I SAID DANCE WITH THE DEVIL.

DARRYL / MICHAEL / MEN DANCE, I SAID DANCE, I SAID DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE, I SAID DANCE, I SAID DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. DANCE, I SAID DANCE, I SAID DANCE WITH THE DEVIL. (DANCE - NIGHTMARE VERSIONS of the WOMEN enter over the counter, and take charge of the MEN. MICHAEL and even CLYDE loosen up. DARRYL supervises.)

All

SHE MAY BE AN ANGEL, BUT BROTHER SHE LIKES TO . . . DANCE WITH THE DEVIL DANCE WITH THE DEVIL SO GOES THE TALE, OH, THE LADY LIKES TO DANCE WITH THE DEVIL DANCE WITH THE DEVIL BENEATH THE HALO, THE LADY LIKES TO SHE KNOWS THE MOVES AND HOW THIS, I GUARANTEE. SHE LIKES TO DANCE WITH THE DEVIL . . . DANCE WITH THE DEVIL . . . DANCE WITH THE DEVIL . . .

Darryl / Michael WHOEVER THE DEVIL MAY BE!

All DANCE WITH THE DEVIL DANCE WITH THE DEVIL DANCE WITH THE DEVIL DANCE WITH THE DEVIL DANCE, DANCE, DANCE, DANCE WHOEVER THE DEVIL MAY BE!

(The lights return to normal.

The WOMEN disappear. DARRYL places his HANDKERCHIEF in CLYDE'S pocket. The MEN all run off; ashamed, excited or both, leaving only a satisfied DARRYL.

Blackout.)

SCENE THREE: THE STREETS OF EASTWICK AND THE LENOX HOUSE

<u>Music No. 15: ANOTHER NIGHT – REPRISE</u>

The LITTLE GIRL enters with a letter in hand.

LITTLE GIRL POOR CHICKEN LITTLE HAD A MISHAP EARLY ONE FINE DAY. MILKED IT FOR ALL THAT IT WAS WORTH, OR SO THE STORIES SAY

(A mailbox appears.)

Little Girl "RUN FOR THE HILLS, THE SKY IS FALLING!" THAT'S WHAT HE YELLED WELL INTO THE NIGHT. MY, WHAT A LAUGH HIS FRIENDS ALL HAD . . . BUT WHAT IF HE WAS RIGHT?

(The LITTLE GIRL puts the letter in the mailbox and exits.

ALEXANDRA, JANE and SUKIE all enter in MATCHING COATS, walking across the stage.)

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I GET CONNECTION, A BIT OF FUN. I FEEL AFFECTION WHERE ONCE I FELT NONE. AND IN REFLECTION WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.

> (MICHAEL chases REBECCA across the stage. He THRUSTS HIS HIPS OUT and she SQUEALS in delight. They run offstage.)

ALEXANDRA Was that my son?

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie SO WHY NOT DO IT AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN . . . ?

(The WOMEN of the town enter in shadow behind ALEX, JANE and SUKIE, pointing and talking amongst themselves.)

Alexandra ALL EASTWICK ACTS LIKE IT'S FORBIDDEN

Sukie Their Hidden disgust not all that hidden

Jane T'WARD OUR LIBIDINOUS DELIGHT.

Sukie ANOTHER SNUB.

Alexandra ANOTHER SLIGHT.

Jane ANOTHER SNEER.

Sukie ANOTHER FIGHT.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie ANOTHER NIGHT . . .

(The Townswomen disappear.

ALEX, JANE and SUKIE arrive at DARRYL'S. He is in bed, waiting for
them. They remove their coats to reveal DELICIOUS LINGERIE.)DARRYLMmm, mmm, mmm! I gotta tell you ladies, I am loving this dress
code. So, who's up for a little dip in the pool?SUKIEOh, Darryl. Maybe we should just skip the pool for one night.JANEAnd the brandy.

Alexandra	And the hot tub.
Darryl	So what? What did you come over for then?
	(The Women all raise an eyebrow.)
Darryl	I feel like such a whore.
Alexandra	It couldn't hurt to be a little more discreet.
Jane	(Rolling her eyes.) This again.
Sukie	There's been a little talk in town.
Alexandra	A little talk?
Jane	Oh, they're just being babies, Darryl. I haven't heard a thing.
Alexandra	Well, they're not going to say anything to our faces. I know they're talking. Call it intuition.
Jane	Call it paranoia.
Sukie	Guys, come on.
Darryl	You're doing it again, Alex. Just when you're starting to get some size to your work, you're letting the little things pull you back down to earth. What about your education?
Jane	Agreed. (<i>Pulling The Maleficia from her purse</i> .) Teach us something new tonight, Darryl. Ooh, chapter seven. "Poppets and Voodoo Dolls."
	(FIDEL enters with a letter on a tray.)
Darryl	(Still glaring at Alex.) Do svidaniya, Fidel.
Jane	Doesn't he ever knock?
Darryl	(Reading over the letter) Oh, crap
Sukie	What is it?

Darryl	The Eastwick Preservation Society is suing me for zoning violations. Goddamnit! Do you know how many town council yahoos I had to grease to make this place livable?!
Jane	Poor baby. Let's get those pajamas off.
Darryl	"An affront to nature." An affront to nature?! Jesus H. Christ! I painted the backyard green! What the hell do they want from me?!
Alexandra	You see? Too many people know, Darryl.
Darryl	"Felicia Gabriel, Chairperson." That miserable little harpy.
Sukie	That woman's got the whole town on a tight leash. There's no telling what she can do, if she puts her nasty little mind to it.
Alexandra	You keep riling her. And she's got a real issue here, too, you know; this whole wetlands business.
Darryl	Yeah? Well someone oughta fill in her wetlands.
Alexandra	This just proves my point.
Darryl	No, this just proves my point. (<i>Climbing off the bed and exiting</i> .) Fidel!
Jane	That battle-axe is doing everything she can do to ruin our lives.
Sukie	She's hated us from the get-go. All of us.
Alexandra	Michael, too. That awful, awful woman.
Jane	One of these days she's going to get hers.
Alexandra	And I'd love to be the one to give it to her.
	(DARRYL and FIDEL re-enter with the cookie jar and a small trash can.)
Darryl	Ladies; consider this a mid-term exam.
	(He and Fidel exit.)
Alexandra	Let's do it.

Music No. 16: EVIL

Alexandra HALF A PIN . . .

Jane SCRAPS OF TIN . . .

Sukie AND A BALL OF PURPLE THREAD . . .

Alexandra CHERRY PITS . . .

Jane BITS OF PAPER . . .

Sukie AND A SPIDER, LONG SINCE DEAD . . .

Alexandra TOENAIL CLIPPINGS . . .

Jane RINGS AND TABS . . .

Sukie FROM ANCIENT CANS OF DIET COKE . . .

Alexandra BROKEN BUTTONS . . .

Jane HALF A CRAYON . . .

Sukie EYE OF NEWT . . .

SUKIE That's a joke.

Alexandra / Jane Oh.

SCENE FOUR: FELICIA'S GREAT ROOM

Lights up on the Gabriel living room. FELICIA has been coughingup scores of TRASH and FILTH. She spits out the remains of a WET AND VERY DEAD EGRET. CLYDE enters, drunk and dancing.

FELICIA Where the hell were you? I needed you.

CLYDE I'm going to have a scotch. Would you like to join me?

Felicia

BY ALL MEANS HAVE A DRINK! THAT'S YOUR ANSWER TO EV'RYTHING, ISN'T IT? THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM ON GOD'S GREEN EARTH THAT CAN'T BE SOLVED BY A CHIVAS NEAT. AND EIGHT DRINKS ON, LIFE'S LOOKING SWEET. YOU GET LOST IN A HAZE; AN ANESTHETIZED TROLL, BLIND TO THE BLACKNESS THAT THREATENS TO SWALLOW THIS TOWN WHOLE.

CLYDE I don't know what you're talking about, Felicia.

FELICIA You never do, Clyde. You never d . . .

(She coughs up a stream of LOOSE CHANGE onto the hearth.)

CLYDE Hey, look at that; she's finally paying off.

Felicia EVIL, CLYDE. EV'RYWHERE IT CAN BE I LOOK OUT AND SEE. EVIL, CLYDE. WOULD YOU JUST LOOK AROUND? IT'S THERE IN THE WOODS, IN THE TREES, IN THE MOON AS IT GLOWS. IN THE WINDS IN THE BREEZE . . . The Pow'r of the Night's come to play. It's all plain as day –

EVIL, CLYDE. AND NO ONE WILL DISCUSS THIS INSIDIOUS EVIL, CLYDE. THERE'S NO HOPE TO BE FOUND IT STARTS IN OUR FLESH IN OUR SKINS. THAT'S WHERE THE EVIL GROWS. FROM OUR LUSTS, FROM OUR LUSTS, FROM OUR SINS. MADNESS, AS REAL AS CAN BE; THIS INSANITY – THE WORLD'S LOST ITS MIND.

BUT YOU, NO, YOU'RE DOING FINE A SAD LITTLE KING IN A DRUNKEN DECLINE. FROM YOUR WEAK LITTLE CHIN TO YOUR WEAK LITTLE SPINE; YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE, CLYDE. NOT YOU, MORE WITHERED THAN WISE. A DO-NOTHING DRUNK SPINNING PITIFUL LIES. FROM YOUR COMBED-OVER HAIR TO YOUR GLAZED-OVER EYES; YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE . . .

(She wretches something up and spits it into a COPPER SPITOON.)

CLYDE Cherry pits . . . ?

Felicia EVIL, CLYDE. AND IT FEEDS BY DEGREE ON OUR APATHY EVIL, CLYDE. CREEPING IN WITHOUT SOUND. IT STARTS IN OUR HOMES, IN OUR BEDS IN OUR FLOORS STREWN WITH CLOTHES LIKE A PLAGUE HOW IT SPREADS . . . AND PITY THE WOMAN WHO KNOWS.

DO YOU THINK I DON'T SEE THE WAY YOU LOOK AT SUKIE ROUGEMONT? THE WAY YOU DROOL AND GAPE? IT DOESN'T ESCAPE ME. OH, YOU WANT HER, IT'S TRUE, BUT YOU CAN'T SEE IT THROUGH. YOU DON'T HAVE THE BALLS . . .

(She coughs up a GOLF BALL, holding it up for CLYDE to see.)

Clyde	Titleist.
Felicia	This is all the doing of that man; Darryl Van Horne. (<i>Rubbing up against</i> CLYDE <i>in a highly sexual manner</i> .) You know what he does in that house with those women, don't ya?
Clyde	That's not any of my business.
Felicia	He <i>fucks</i> them, Clyde. All of 'em. Jane Smart, that Spofford bitch
Clyde	Now, now sweetness.
Felicia	oh, and hardest of all he gives it your precious little Sukie Rougemont.
Clyde	Sukie Rougemont.
Felicia	That's right !

Felicia EVIL, CLYDE. YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM. EVIL, CLYDE. FOR JUST STANDING BY. THE TOWN'S GOING MAD. AND IT'S EV'RYONE'S FAULT. TURN YOUR BACK TO THE BAD IN THE FACE OF ASSAULT, AND THE FINAL RESULT IS THIS ULTIMATE EVIL, CLYDE! EVIL . . . EVIL . . . EVIL . . . EVIL . . . !

(CLYDE rises from his chair.)

Clyde

Felicia, I think we should just call it a day.

(He picks up a FIREPLACE POKER and swings it furiously at his wife's head. There is a CLAP OF THUNDER, a SHOCK OF LIGHTNING and the lights BLACK OUT.

LIGHTNING illuminates the scene in FLASHES as we witness SNAPSHOTS of CLYDE BASHING in FELICIA's skull. The music does not resolve.)

SCENE FIVE: THE BEDROOMS OF EASTWICK

Music No. 17: DIRTY LAUNDRY – REPRISE

A SIREN sounds, and flashing red and blue lights are seen. Lights up as the town, led by BRENDA and ED. They stand in shock, like a row of ZOMBIES.

Townspeople DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE. GOOD GRACIOUS ME.

DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE EXPOSED FOR ALL TO SEE. JUST WHEN YOU'RE HOPING IT'S BURIED AND FORGOT MORE DIRTY LAUNDRY FOULS THE PLOT . . .

(DARRYL appears on the phone, his hair slightly ruffled.)

DARRYL (*In contrastingly good spirits.*) Alex! Heard the news? Two birds, one stone. Speaking of stones, who knew ol' Clyde had any, huh? The story goes after he did the little woman in, he hanged himself in the closet. Hanged himself? Hung himself? Screw it. Who cares? Point is, I hadn't heard from you gals in a few days. Everything alright? Call me.

(*He disappears. The* TOWNSPEOPLE *reappear.*)

Ed / Brenda GOOD LORD, THE TRAGEDY THAT'S OCCURRED IN THIS TOWN.

Тову то two of our friends.

Rebecca / Greta A HORRID SCENE, OR SO THEY ALL CLAIM.

Marge NO DOUBT THAT CLYDE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK.

(JENNIFER crosses the stage, suitcase in hand.)

Joe / Gina AND NOW I HEAR THAT JENNIFER'S HEADED BACK HOME.

Rebeccca TO TIE UP LOOSE ENDS.

Frank Both Parents Gone, It's truly a shame.

All Townspeople The Question IS, who's really to blame?

	(Alexandra, Jane and Sukie appear on their phones.)	
Jane	You can't possibly mean that, Sukie.	
Alexandra	How is this our fault?	
Sukie	That sweet man.	
Jane	It was a prank, for Christ's sake.	
Sukie	I never told him.	
Alexandra	It was all in fun.	
Jane	No one knows exactly what happened in that house, Sukie.	
Sukie	He wanted to leave Felicia. He told me. To think that he could do something like this. It's just just just just	
Jane	(Hanging up.) You're stammering again, Sukie.	
Alexandra	(Hanging up.) I can't talk about this.	
Sukie	Jane? Alex?	
Alexandra LOOK AT ME		
Jane LOOK AT ME		
Sukie LOOK AT ME		
Alexandra / Jane / Sukie WHAT HAVE I DONE?		

(The TOWNSPEOPLE retake the stage, lurching forward.)

All DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE; MANGLED AND MARRED. DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE,

RIGHT IN OUR OWN BACKYARD . . .

(DARRYL appears in dark shadows, hunched over, talking on the phone.)

DARRYL I'm getting sick of talking to this damn machine. Where the hell have you girls been the last two weeks? Two weeks! This isn't because of that Clyde and Felicia nonsense, is it? Honey, you make an omelet, you're bound to break a few rotten eggs. Now get the hell over here. I'm lonely!

Townspeople (*Taking over the stage.*) DIRTY LAUNDRY, PEOPLE; ALL GREY AND GLUM. DIRTY LAUNDRY WITH THE PROMISE OF MORE TO COME. JUST WHEN YOU'RE THINKING IT'S DEALT WITH DONE AND GONE THE DIRTY LAUNDRY JUST GOES ON AND ON . . . AND ON . . . AND ON . . . AND ON!

SCENE SIX: THE LENOX HOUSE

The scene changes to the Lenox House. It is very dark, and looks cluttered. SUKIE, ALEXANDRA and JANE enter cautiously. JANE holds a lighter in her hand.

Sukie	Darryl?
Jane	It's creepy. Not even Fidel's around.
Alexandra	Good. Let's just find our stuff and leave, okay?
Jane	There's gotta be a light switch around here somewhere
	(The lights snap on, and DARRYL is standing there at an ironing board, frantically pressing a shirt. There are piles of laundry around. Steam shoots from the iron. He looks horrid, decaying. The three women scream.)

Darryl	If you're here for dinner, you're three weeks late.
Jane	Darryl. We didn't know.
Alexandra	My God, look at this place. Look at you.
Sukie	We just wanted to get our things.
Darryl	You wanted? You wanted? Fuck you. What about what I want? Huh? What about what I need?
Alexandra	Calm down.
Darryl	Three weeks. Three lousy, lonely weeks. What the hell happened?
Alexandra	What happened?
Sukie	Because of us people died, Darryl.
Darryl	Not people: Felicia.
Sukie	And Clyde.
Darryl	That's your problem, sweetheart; not mine. Ladies, c'mon; Felicia Gabriel? We should be singin' in the streets. We should be getting a fuckin' medal for community service.
Alexandra	No one was getting hurt when it was just us playing around. But it went too far, Darryl.
Sukie	How can we ever look poor Jennifer Gabriel in the face, knowing what we did?
Darryl	Blah, blah, blah. Everything I have given the three of you. And all I ever asked in return was a little company, a little companionship. A little slap, a little tickle, a little game of hide the pickle, but no; that was too much.
Sukie	We can't just pretend this never happened.
Alexandra	What did you expect, Darryl?

Darryl	What did I expect? What did I expect?! I dunno. What do people normally expect? A life. A cocker spaniel. A white picket fence. Children.
Sukie	Children? Why would you want children?
Darryl	Gee, I don't know. Maybe because children don't walk out on you at the first sign of trouble.
Alexandra	Oh my God. He wants sons.
Darryl	Sons? No, no. I want daughters.
Alexandra	Come on, girls
Darryl	Wait, wait. (<i>Blocking their way</i> .) You need me. When I came here, you were nothing. No, no, you were less than nothing: you were women. You were empty vessels and I filled you. Everything you think you are, everything you think you can do, that's all because of me, you know. So you better think long and hard before you walk out that door; do you really want to go back to where you started? Huh? (<i>Beat.</i>) How about it, Alex?
Alexandra	Forget it.
Darryl	Sukie?
Sukie	I hate you.
Darryl	Janey?
	(JANE does not turn away, nor does she respond.)
Darryl	Ah. And then there was one.
Alexandra	Janey.
Darryl	Think for a moment, Jane.
Sukie	Don't listen to him, Jane.
Darryl	Think of everything I've given you.

Sukie	Please.
Alexandra	What did you ever give her?
Darryl	I'll give you a little clue, lady; they came in multiples. Now, back off! Let her make up her own mind. How 'bout it, Janey? Don't you want the music? That beautiful, beautiful music.
Jane	Oh, Darryl
Sukie	Jane, no!
Jane	You don't understand! Neither of you. Men are always wanting to take care of you, Sukie. And Alex, men are always wanting you to take care of them. But this is the first time a man has really wanted me since This is the first time a man has really wanted me. And I can't help but think – if I turn away now, if I walk away from all this, will I ever get it back?

(The sounds of a violin tremolo fades in.)

Music No. 17a: WAITING FOR THE MUSIC TO BEGIN - REPRISE

JANE I DREAM OF A LIFE WHERE THE PASSION RINGS TRUE. WHERE MUSIC SURROUNDS ME, INSPIRING AND NEW. WHERE GOOD COMES TO GOOD AND THE BAD GET THEIR DUE. AND OH, WHAT A LIFE I COULD LIVE HERE WITH YOU –

	(DARRYL pulls her in for a forceful kiss, sucking energy out of her. She pulls away, repulsed.)
Jane	I just don't think I could live with myself. I'm sorry. Good-bye.
	(She whisks Alexandra and Sukie out of there in a panic.)
Darryl	Get your asses back down here. I'm not kidding around. Ladies? Ladies!

17b: THREE LITTLE LADIES

DARRYL THREE LITTLE LADIES; RUN, RABBITS, RUN. YOU THINK IT'S GONE TOO FAR NOW? WAIT TILL WE'RE DONE; I'VE JUST BEGUN. AND ALL TOO SOON YOU'LL CURSE THE VERY DAY YOU WERE BORN. AND WHAT'S MORE, YOU'LL RUE THE DAY YOU CHOSE TO SCREW WITH MISTER DARRYL VAN HORNE!

(Blackout.)

SCENE SEVEN: A SEASIDE GRAVEYARD

The scene changes. We are in a seaside graveyard. JENNIFER sits on the ground in front of her parents' gravestones, flowers in hand. MICHAEL runs on upstage, outside the gates, chasing REBECCA.

Jennifer	Michael?
	(MICHAEL <i>and</i> REBECCA <i>disappear in one direction as</i> SUKIE, JANE <i>and</i> Alexandra <i>enter from the other.</i> Jane <i>is the first to notice</i> JENNIFER.)
Jane	Oh crap.
Sukie	What?
Jane	Jennifer Gabriel.
Alexandra	(<i>Exiting swiftly with</i> JANE.) Orphan at twelve o'clock, orphan at twelve o'clock.
Jennifer	Sukie?

Sukie	(<i>Caught short.</i>) Jennifer, hi. I didn't know you were We were just cutting through the I am so sorry about Well, you probably want to be alone with Okay.
Jennifer	No, that's alright. Stay. I just needed to get out of the house for a little while. There's so much that needs to be done now, it's a little overwhelming.
Sukie	I understand. There must be, you know, a lot of
Jennifer	Loose ends. Yeah. Boxes and boxes of papers and old photographs and letters.
Sukie	Letters?
Jennifer	It's okay, Sukie. I knew about you and Daddy. The two of you saw each other for so long. Nothing you could say would really shock me.
Sukie	I wish that was true.
Jennifer	I've just been sitting here, talking out loud like some sort of crazy person. Asking Mommy and Daddy what I should do next. Do I stay here? Do I go back to college? (<i>Beat.</i>) Maybe you have some advice.
Sukie	Advice? Me? Well, Jennifer, college is so And of course Eastwick will always be You know what; I am the last person you should be asking for advice right now, angel. I've got to go.
Jennifer	"Angel?" That's what my daddy used to call me.

Music No. 17c: WORDS, WORDS, WORDS - REPRISE

SUKIE Jennifer . . . Angel . . . I wish there was something I could do. Or undo. Or say. But right now, what's there to even talk about?

Sukie

THE NIGHT, THE DAY, THE WEATHER; All the pointless things I know? We could talk about your father, angel, god, he loved you so . . .

	(She suddenly hugs JENNIFER.)
Sukie	Oh, Jennifer.
	(SUKIE breaks off the hug just as suddenly.)
Sukie	Forgive me.
Jennifer	For what?
Sukie	I'm so sorry.
	(SUKIE runs offstage.)
Jennifer	Sukie? Sukie!
	(DARRYL enters from the other side, unobserved.)
Darryl	Lovely evening, isn't it?
Jennifer	Who is that?
Darryl	My God. Look at you.
Jennifer	Do I know you?
Darryl	Darryl Van Horne.
Jennifer	Darryl Van Horne? Right. Of course. My mother knew you.
Darryl	Oh, yes. And I knew your mother. (<i>Leaning on Felicia's headstone</i> .) She was a big fan of mine, you know.
Jennifer	No. No, I didn't.
Darryl	She hid it well. I'm so sorry about the passing of your folks. Swell people, truly. But Jennifer, you have to know; at least one of them is in a much better place.

Music No. 18: DARRYL VAN HORNE – REPRISE

Darryl POOR LITTLE DEAR; YOUR LIFE'S A GREEK DRAMA; ONE THUNDERBOLT . . . (Thunder.)

. . . YOUR PARENTS ARE GONE. YOU'VE GOT A ROUGH TIME STARING YOU DEAD IN THE EYE AND THE WHOLE OF THIS TOWN LOOKING ON . . .

(MARGE walks by, upstage of the gates. She spots DARRYL, but JENNIFER'S back is to her.)

DARRYL Marge.

(She scurries off. DARRYL turns back to JENNIFER.)

Darryl

YOU'RE MAYBE ONE TWITCH SHORT OF A BREAKDOWN. THE CAMEL'S BACK BEFORE THAT LAST STRAW. YOU'RE SO SAD YOU COULD PLOTZ, GOT YOUR KNICKERS IN KNOTS. WELL ANGEL, JUST LEAVE YOUR KNICKERS TO MOI.

'CAUSE JENNIFER, Darryl van Horne Can be a font of compassion.

Jennifer Mother once warned ME; Of what I'm Not sure . . .

Darryl NO HONESTLY, DARRYL VAN HORNE HAS GOT A WARM SIDE, IT'S TRUE.

Jennifer You figured in there. My MIND IS A Blur . . .

DARRYL A SENSITIVE NEW-AGER, AFTER A FASHION. BUT CONFIDENT AND FATHERLY, TOO . . . DARRYL You like children, don't you?

JENNIFER Yes, I do.

Darryl Well, Whatcha Know; Darryl van Horne Has that in common with you.

(They exit.)

SCENE EIGHT: DOCK STREET

There is a light change. We are on Dock Street, now. A group of TOWNSPEOPLE enter, MARGE leading the charge.

Marge Well I was out just walkin' the shore, and

GINA Yes?

Marge WHO SHOULD I SEE, ALL GREASY WITH CHARM?

GRETA Three guesses.

Marge

NONE OTHER THAN THAT ANIMAL, DARRYL VAN HORNE WITH A LADY-FRIEND DRAPED ON HIS ARM.

Brenda Please.

Marge That's Nothing New, I know, but it wasn't . . .

Тову What?

Marge

. . . ONE OF THE NORMAL THREE; NO, IT'S TRUE. NOW I COULDN'T QUITE SEE WHO IT WAS, BUT DEAR ME IT SEEMS, VAN HORNE HAS GOT SOMEONE NEW. Townspeople MARGIE, YOU MUST TELL US WHO . . .

(DARRYL enters from the other side of the stage with a DOLLED UP JENNIFER in tow.)

Darryl GET READY NOW, DARRYL VAN HORNE IS BACK AND READY, BELIEVE IT.

Townspeople QUICK, LIGHT A CANDLE! AND OFFER A PRAY'R!

DARRYL TOGETHER WITH DARRYL VAN HORNE, YOU'RE GETTING STRONGER EACH DAY.

Townspeople GOOD GOD, THE SCANDAL. TO THINK HE WOULD DARE.

DARRYL WHATEVER YOUR DREAM IS, REACH OUT AND ACHIEVE IT. Make those so-called friends of yours pay. The New Motto of

+ Townspeople DARRYL VAN HORNE . . .

Darryl "LET NO ONE STAND IN YOUR WAY."

(MICHAEL enters, being chased by REBECCA. He spots JENNIFER.)

Michael	Jennifer?
Jennifer	Oh. I knew I was forgetting something.
Michael	What are you doing with him?

Jennifer	What are you doing with her?
Darryl	For shame, young man. Carrying on like that.
Michael	But you were the one who who
Darryl	Who what? I didn't do a thing, kid. The only one with control over what you do is you. And frankly, I expected better of you, Skippy.
Michael	Michael.
Darryl	No one cares.
Michael	Jennifer!
Dar. / Jen.	No one cares.
	(Alexandra and Jane enter, arms around a crying Sukie.)
Alex. / Jane	Darryl?
Darryl	Jackpot! Ladies, you all know Jennifer, don't you? (<i>To</i> Jennifer.) Show 'em the rock, baby.
Alexandra	The rock?
Darryl	Just when you think you're down and out, God throws you a bone. Throws <i>me</i> a bone? Throws <i>her</i> a bone? Screw it. Who cares? Point is; look at her. Brains, sensuality, and Lordy Lordy, that tight little body. You could eat ice cream off that ass. And I have. Butter Pecan.
Sukie	How could you? (To JENNIFER.) Do you know who this man is?
Alexandra	You son of a bitch.
Darryl	(To Alex, JANE and SUKIE.) What can I say? It's a man's world.
Alexandra	Meaning what?
Darryl	Meaning kiss my ass. You had your chance. All of you. (<i>Back to</i> Jennifer, <i>music in</i> .) Come along, my angel.

Music No. 19: YOUR WILDEST DREAMS – REPRISE

Townspeople (*As* Darryl *and* Jennifer *exit.*) MESS WITH THE BOUNDR'IES OF COMMON DECENCY AND IN RETURN YOU GET T TO THE R TO O-U-B-L-E, AND IT'S NOT OVER YET.

	(The Townspeople exit. The Three Women and Michael stand there in shock, not even looking at each other. Jane, in particular, is in another world.)
Alexandra	He's right. We had our chance.
Sukie	I don't have any words; I feel sick.
Alexandra	Oh my God. It's really over now.
Sukie	This can't be happening.
Alexandra	We walked out on him. We ran away from him. And that girl just slipped right into his bed. Our bed. Goddamnit!
Sukie	I am so stupid.
Sukie Alexandra	I am so stupid. And she's young and smooth and she's thin.
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Alexandra	And she's young and smooth and she's thin.
Alexandra Sukie	And she's young and smooth and she's thin. She is a whore.
Alexandra Sukie Alexandra	And she's young and smooth and she's thin. She is a whore. Yes! Yes, that's exactly what she is. She's a whore.
Alexandra Sukie Alexandra Michael	And she's young and smooth and she's thin. She is a whore. Yes! Yes, that's exactly what she is. She's a whore. Mom.

LITTLE GIRL POOR CHICKEN LITTLE FELT AN ACORN DROPPING ON HIS . . .

SUKIE Shut up! Who the hell are you anyway? Scram!

	(The GIRL screams, drops her doll, and runs offstage. JANE stirs.)
Jane	Oh ladies. Chapter seven
Alexandra / Jane / Sukie	Poppets and Voodoo Dolls!
Alexandra	Yes!
Sukie	That's what we'll do to Jennifer Gabriel. We'll kill that little bitch!
Michael	Whoa! How is any of this Jennifer's fault?
Sukie	The voice of reason speaks.
Alexandra	This is what it's like, Michael. It's yourgoddamn father all over again.
Michael	What? You're nuts. You've completely lost it.
Alexandra	(<i>Overlapping a bit.</i>) Don't you dare speak to me like that. I am your mother.
Jane	Leave him alone, Alex. He's just a boy. He doesn't get it.
Michael	Other people got hurt here, too, you know?
Alexandra	Aw. Your heart get a little scraped up there, Michael? Big deal. You'll bounce back by dinner. Your kind always does.
Michael	My kind?
Alexandra	It's not the same for us. You'll never know what it's like to let someone in as deeply as we do, to make yourself vulnerable, to allow your heart to be ripped apart. You'll never know any of this, Michael, because you're wearing pants.
Michael	What the hell happened to you?
Alexandra	

THIS BOND BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN; WHAT A LAUGH. FOR WOMEN, HELL, IT'S MORE LIKE A WAR. IN YOUR DARKEST HOURS . . .

Michael	I don't remember you getting this crazy	
Alexandra IN YOUR WEAKEST DAYS		
Michael	over any other man	
Alexandra IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS		
Michael	and there have been a <i>lot</i> of men, Mom.	
	(She smacks him.)	
Jane	Alex.	
Michael	If this is really about how "evil" men are; why are you blaming Jennifer?	
	(He exits.)	
Alexandra	It's true.	
Jane	Stop it.	
Sukie	What is?	
Alexandra	What he said about Jennifer. Why are we blaming Jennifer?	
Jane	Oh get off it, Lexa. You saw that girl. With the make-up.	
Sukie	And the hair.	
Jane	And the heels.	
Sukie	And the skin tight little outfit.	
Jane	That girl was behaving exactly like	
Sukie	Behaving exactly like	
Alexandra / Jane / Sukie	Us.	

Alexandra	Yes.
Sukie	Us.
Jane	Look at us.
Sukie	Oh God. Oh dear God. What's going to happen to her?
Alexandra	Nothing. Nothing is going to happen to her.
Sukie	Oh. Oh, crimeny. You're not suggesting
Jane	I think we have to. Before it goes too far.
Sukie	But we'll never get away with it. He's too strong.
Alexandra	Is he? Think about it, Sukie. Have we ever really seen him do anything? It's always been us. The three of us.
Jane	Exactly. It's written everywhere in that book: there is enormous power in threes. If we join our powers, if we do this together, we can send him back to wherever he came from. Now, come on.
Sukie	Where?
	(They all run off. In a sort of limbo, Jennifer appears in her WEDDING DRESS.)

Music No. 20: I WISH I MAY – REPRISE

JENNIFER I WISH I MAY. LIKE ALL GIRLS DO. NOW MY DREAMS HAVE ALL COME TRUE COMPLETELY. IT'S ALL I COULD HOPE FOR, AND ALL FOR MY SAKE; A SEA OF FLOW'RS. A THREE-TIERED CAKE. AND LIKE MOST BRIDES I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK . . .

	(DARRYL appears in a spot. JENNIFER beams at him, the devoted fiancee.)
Darryl	(Fumbling with his tie.) Black tie, my white ass.
Jennifer	(Back to us.) I'm making a huge mistake.

OPTIONAL SCENE

(Incl. Music No. 20a: The Glory of Me) This scene is optional. If you so choose, you can cut straight to Scene 9.

SCENE 8a: SOMEWHERE BEYOND EASTWICK

Music No. 20a: THE GLORY OF ME

DARRYL My God. Look at *me*. No, really; look at me. I'm a goddamned saint. Underappreciated in that larger world, mayhaps, but big fucking deal. If it takes another generation or two, so be it. I am a very patient man.

(The TOWNSPEOPLE OF EASTWICK enter, one by one.)

Darryl WHO'S GOT THIS TOWN IN HAND?

ED That would be you, Mr. Van Horne.

DARRYL WHO'S STRIKING UP THE BAND?

GINA / GRETA Oh, Darryl!

Darryl ASK ALL OF EASTWICK, AND

+ Small Group THEY'LL AGREE. Darryl Let the story be told Of the glory of ME.

WHO'S HEADIN' OFF THE SCALE?

RAYMOND He is such a man.

Darryl The quintessential male.

MARGE Hell, I'd sleep with him.

Darryl COME ON, AND TELL THE TALE.

Small Group WOW-WOW-WHEE.

Darryl Let the story be told Of the glory of ME!

NO ONE I HOLD AS HIGH

Townspeople NOR YOU SHOULD.

Darryl AS ME, MYSELF AND I.

Townspeople WHO'S AS GOOD?

Darryl SWEET JESUS, WHAT A GUY.

Townspeople GLORY BE – DARRYL LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THE GLORY OF ME. SHOUT! All SHOUT! SHOUT IT OUT FROM THE HARBOR. DARRYL SAY! All SAY! SAY IT ALL, SAY IT TRUE. DARRYL SING! All SING! FROM THE BAY TO THE BACKROADS. SHOUT IT OUT. SAY IT OUT. SING IT OUT. 00-00-00. LET THE STORY BE TOLD

LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THE GLORY OF YOU!

DARRYL I mean really children, when you think about it . . .

Darryl WHO PLAYED STRAIGHT AND KEPT IT REAL?

All WHO, WHO, WHO?

Darryl TOLD THE TRUTH AND SKIPPED THE SPIEL? All TRUE, TRUE, TRUE.

Darryl IN EACH AND EV'RY WAY, IDEAL.

All Modest, too. Let the story be told Of the glory of you!

Darryl WHO BREEZED IN AND BAGGED THREE DAMES?

All Hey, Hey, Hey.

Darryl WHO EXPOSED YOUR SMALL TOWN GAMES?

All Whatchoo Say?

Darryl Come on Folks, start naming names.

All WE DECLARE – LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THE GLORY OF DAR--RYL VAN HORNE, DARRYL VAN HORNE!

DARRYL Stop, I'm blushing.

(Dance break.)

All ONCE AGAIN – LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THIS MAN AMONG MEN AMONG MEN, AMONG MEN, AMONG MEN, AMEN – Shout!

SHOUT IT OUT FROM THE HARBOR. SAY! SAY IT ALL, SAY IT TRUE. SING! FROM THE BAY TO THE BACKROADS. SHOUT IT OUT, SAY IT OUT, SING IT OUT. (*etc.* . . .)

DARRYL One mo' time! Take it home!

All WHO'S GOT ALL THE BASICS DOWN NIGHT TO MORN? WHO KNOWS HOW TO WEAR THAT CROWN? D.V. HORNE. SPARE THE EGRETS; SPOIL THE TOWN THROUGH AND THROUGH. LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THE GLORY OF YOU!

WHO SET OUT TO SEIZE THAT DAY? WHO WOULD DARE? FOUND HIS KINGDOM COME WHAT MAY? WHERE, WHERE, WHERE? RIGHT HERE IN NARRAGANSETT BAY. HALLELU! LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THE GLORY OF YOU! THE GLORY, THE GLORY –

Darryl THE GLORY OF ME! (*etc.* . . .) All Shout It Out, Say It Out, Sing It Out . . . (*etc.* . . .)

LET THE STORY BE TOLD OF THE GLORY OF YOU!

Darryl IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE TO SEE: THE WONDER, THE POWER, THE GLORY OF ME!

SCENE NINE: THE CHURCH

We are in the inside of the Church. The Town is in attendance. JENNIFER is being marched down the aisle by RAYMOND. ALEXANDRA, JANE and SUKIE sneak in, unobserved.

Music No. 21: THE WEDDING

Townspeople The Groom's in Black. The Bride's in White. The Angels Sing As Well They Might. Let Heaven Shine Its Sacred Light On This Blessed event. Ah Ah Ah Ah Ah AH AH.

ED DEARLY BELOVED, WE ARE GATHERED HERE TOGETHER TO JOIN THIS MAN AND WOMAN IN THE EYES OF OUR LORD . . . Townspeople ... AND EASTWICK. THOSE WHOM GOD WOULD JOIN, LET NO MAN OR WOMAN TEAR ASUNDER.

Alexandra I CLOSE MY EYES AND I WISH HIM GONE.

Jane I CLOSE MY EYES AND I DREAM THIS NEVER HAPPENED.

Sukie I CLOSE MY EYES AND I WISH OUR LIVES UNFETTERED BY THIS MADNESS . . .

(ALEXANDRA *jams a needle into the poppet she carries*. DARRYL *reacts*.)

Darryl Argh!

ED Mr. Van Horne?

DARRYL It's nothing. Go on, go on.

Ed DEARLY BELOVED, WE ARE GATHERED HERE TOGETHER . . .

Darryl Yeah, Yeah, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda...

DARRYL Cut to the chase, already.

Alexandra (*Continuing to prick the poppet.*) WE HUMBLY ASK . . .

Darryl Ow!

Jane WE SIMPLY WISH . . .

Darryl Argh!

Sukie WE MERELY PRAY . . .

Darryl Jeez!

Alexandra WITH EYES CAST DOWN . . .

DARRYL Cripes!

Jane WITH THOUGHTS OF GOOD . . .

Darryl Stop!

Sukie WITH HOPE AND MORE . . .

Darryl Goddamnit!

ED Mr. Van Horne.

DARRYL Hurry it up, Rev; for Christ's sake.

Jane THAT'S ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR . . .

Ed DO YOU DARRYL TAKE THIS WOMAN . . . ?

Darryl OW!

Ed DO YOU DARRYL TAKE . . . ?

Darryl OW!	
Ed Do you darr'L ?	
Darryl OW!	
ED DO DO DO DO DO	Darryl OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW! OW!
Alexandra I THINK THE WORDS I SPEAK THE THOUGHT	Townspeople AAH! AAH!
DARRYL Chapter seven. JANE THE MOON SHINES BRIGHT. THE NIGHT IS BLESSED.	Townspeople AAH – AAH –
DARRYL Where are they	
Sukie Let the heavens Grant us our request.	Townspeople AAH – AAH –
Jane / Sukie LET THE HEAVENS HEAR US IF THEY DARE.	Townspeople AAH – AAH –

(DARRYL disappears into the crowd.)

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie HEAR OUR PRAY'R. HEAR OUR PRAY'R. HEAR OUR PRAY'R. HEAR OUR PRAY'R.

Darryl

(*Appearing right behind the* WOMEN.) You'd better be saying your prayers, you bitches!

(DARRYL tries to get the WOMEN, who, in turn, torment the doll even further.)

DARRYL YOU THINK YOU'VE WON? REVERSED THE PLOT? WELL, YOU'RE NOT RID OF ME THAT EAS'LY, GIRLS; I SHIT YOU NOT . . .

(They continue to abuse the poppet.)

DARRYL Ow, ow, ow... Christ!

DARRYL YOU'VE GOT NO STRENGTH. YOU'VE GOT NO STING. AND IN THIS COCKFIGHT KNOWN AS LIFE YOU'RE LACKING ONE CRUCIAL THING.

(Sukie BITES the poppet's CROTCH.)

DARRYL Argh!!! Yes, that would be it.

(A GREAT WIND whips up, the whole structure of the church starts to shake.)

Darryl	Townspeople
THE NAT'RAL ORDER'S DEAD,	AHH –
THE SYSTEM IS BROKE.	AHH –
MAN'S NOW THE PUNCHLINE	AHH –
TO GOD'S MIS'RABLE JOKE.	AHH –
I DID MY BEST,	AHH –

THE MOST THAT ANYONE CAN AHH – IF I HAD JUST BEEN A WOMAN AHH – AND NOT BEEN A MAN!!!

(DARRYL ASCENDS into the heavens, screaming out his last note. The church collapses. The WHITE PICKET SLATS fall from all the suspended fences with a BAM!

Everyone stands there looking at the wreckage of the church aghast. FIDEL *steps forward, looks out.*)

FIDEL Right then.

(He strolls off.

ALEXANDRA embraces MICHAEL, then nudges him toward JENNIFER. MICHAEL moves to kiss her, but she stops him.)

Music No. 22: ACT TWO FINALE

MICHAEL / JENNIFER WE'LL START AGAIN AND LOOK FOR SOMETHING MORE KIND THAN CLEVER, SOMETHING THAT TIME CAN'T SEVER, SOMETHING THAT'S OURS FOREVER . . .

(She offers her hand. He takes it. They exit.

The TOWNSPEOPLE exit, BRENDA lagging behind.)

BRENDA (*To* ALEX, JANE *and* SUKIE.) If you're interested, ladies; the Preservation Society meets on Thursdays.

ALEXANDRA (*Taken aback.*) Thank you.

(BRENDA goes, leaving only ALEX, JANE and SUKIE.)

Sukie LOOK AT ME,

I'M WHERE I STARTED.

Jane Look at Me, It's like i've just begun.

Alexandra LOOK AT ME, I'M BACK AT CHAPTER ONE.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie YET THERE'S A CHANGE THAT I CAN SEE.

Alexandra LOOK AT ME –

Sukie / Jane LOOK AT ME, CONFUSED, BUT WISER.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie LOOK AT ME, AFRAID, BUT NOT ALONE. SCARED TO MOVE YET STANDING ON MY OWN.

Alexandra SOMEWHERE A LIGHT BEGINS TO SHINE –

Sukie "MAKE HIM MINE."

Jane SO I SAID.

Alexandra "MAKE HIM MINE." Jane / Sukie BUT NOW I SEE

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie EV'RYTHING I NEEDED WAS HERE INSIDE OF ME. BLESSED BE. TOGETHER WITH MY SISTERS, PERFECTLY IN TUNE.

Alexandra THREE MINDS AND HEARTS,

Jane THREE PRACTICED ARTS

Sukie MADE ONE

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie BY THE BLESSING OF THE MOON . . .

(An ENORMOUS MOON glows in the sky above them.)

Alexandra LOOK AT ME; I'M WELL WORTH SEEING. A WORK OF ART BEYOND COMPARE.

Jane Look at ME; I am the Music, A soaring tune upon the air.

Sukie NOW I SEE, The Words are always there. Look at me.

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie AND ALL THIS TIME WE HELD THE KEY – Alexandra LOOK AT ME!

Jane / Sukie LOOK AT ME,

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I HAVE THE POWER.

Jane LOOK AT ME!

Sukie / Alexandra IN MY LIFE,

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I HAVE THE SELF-ESTEEM.

Sukie LOOK AT ME!

Alexandra / Jane IN MY HEART,

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I HAVE THE ANSWERED DREAM. AND IN MY SOUL, I HAVE THE SONG.

Jane AND IN MY FRIENDS

Alexandra / Jane / Sukie I HAVE THE MAGIC, THE LOVE, THE MOON UP ABOVE; THEY WERE MINE, ALL MINE, ALL ALONG. LOOK AT ME...

(Meditative. Eyes closed. Arms outstretched. Faces to the wind.)

Sukie LOOK AT ME	
Alexandra LOOK AT ME	
Jane LOOK AT ME	
	(A MUSICAL FIGURE. JANE slowly puts her hand on her stomach.)
Jane (Huh. I suddenly have the strangest feeling.
	(A MUSICAL FIGURE. SUKIE slowly puts her hand on her stomach.)
Sukie	Me, too; isn't that bizarre?
	(A MUSICAL FIGURE. ALEX slowly puts her hand on her stomach.)
Alexandra	Son of a bitch.
	(HUGE THUNDER CRASH.
	Their eyes fly open. They look first at each other, then to their bellies.
	They turn around and stare in amazement as the moon above them turns a DEEP, OMINOUS CRIMSON. They join hands.
	Blackout.)

<u>THE END</u>

Music No. 23: FINAL BOW AND PLAYOUT (Instrumental)

The Witches Of Eastwick

Music by DANA P. ROWE

Book & Lyrics by JOHN DEMPSEY

Based on the novel by JOHN UPDIKE and the Warner Bros. motion picture

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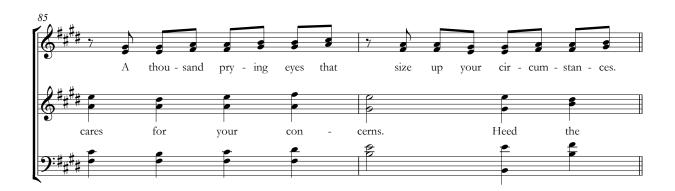
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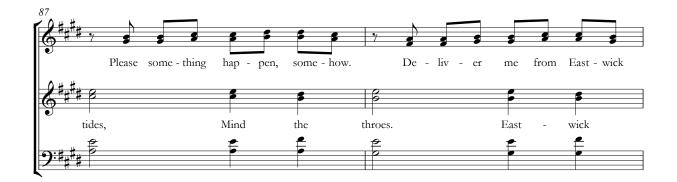


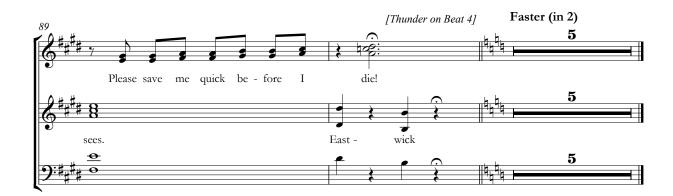












3. Make Him Mine

Alex: "It's a little hard to watch."



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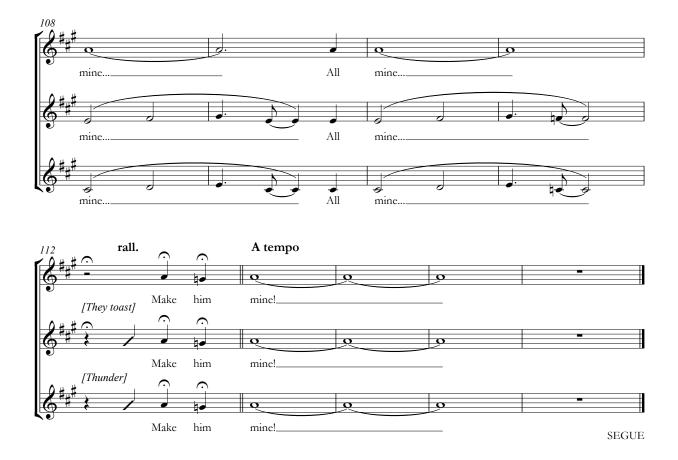




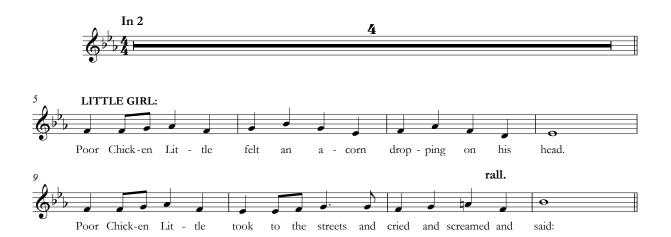




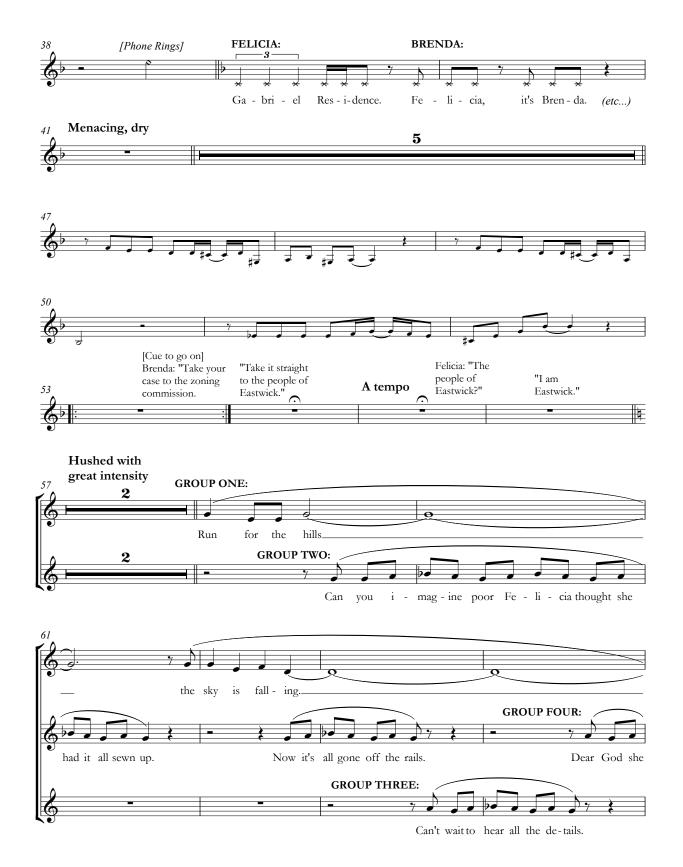




4. Eastwick Knows (Reprise)









5. Darryl Van Horne

[Cue] Darryl: "You ladies like martinis, don't you?"





















5a. Darryl Van Horne – Playoff



6. Waiting For The Music To Begin

Cue - Darryl:"of course you are"



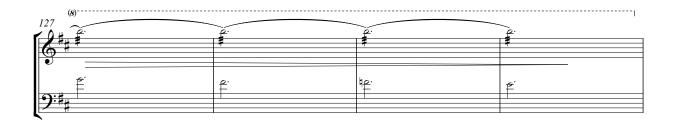
























7. Words, Words, Words



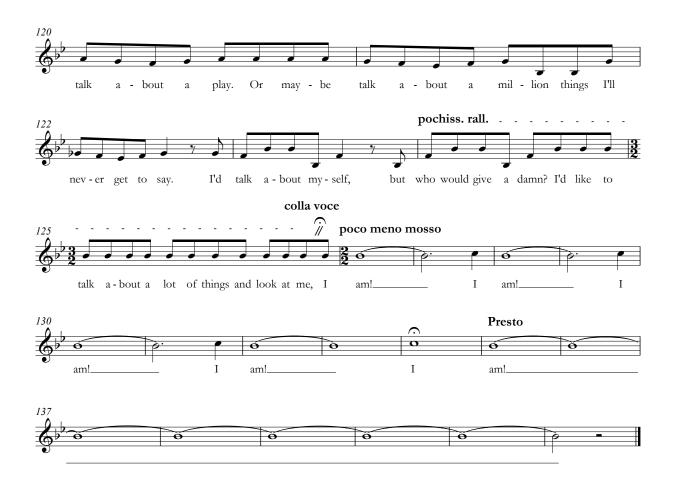
Cue - Darryl: "Why don't you tell me about it, Sukie darling?"





course, you've got the French, the Pak-is - tan-is and the Dutch and real-ly... Dar-ryl, is it me or am I





7a. Words, Words, Words – Playoff





8. Your Wildest Dreams

[cue] Darryl: "Alexandra Spofford, I know you."

















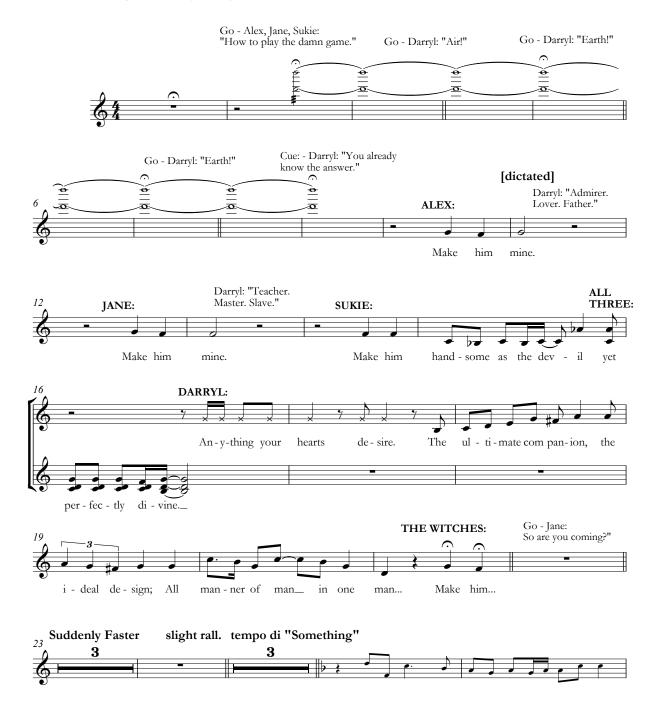
Go on applause



9. Something

[Full page of dialogue - note warning cue]

CUE: Jane: "Touchy, touchy, Lexa."









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10. Dirty Laundry



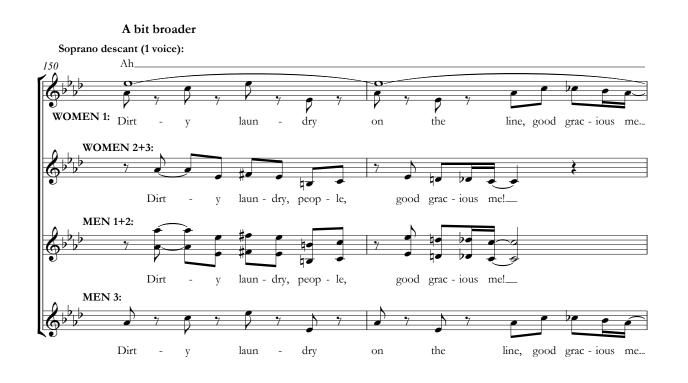


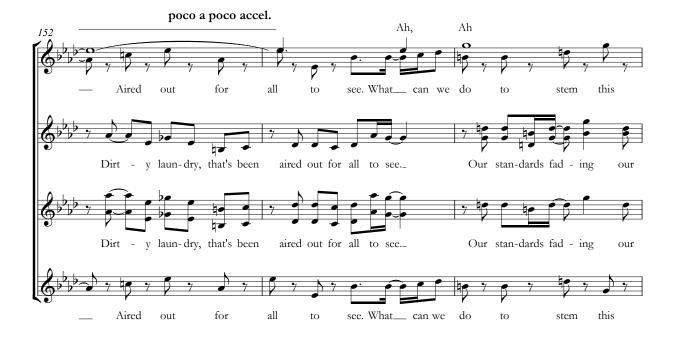
















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SEGUE "I Wish I May"

11. I Wish I May



Segue as one from last number









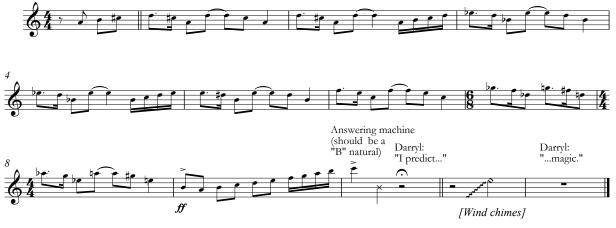








12. Opening Act Two



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13. Another Night at Darryl's



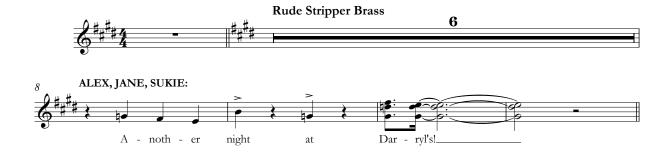








13a. Another Night – Playout



13b. Cherry Pits

Cue - Felicia: "If I thought for one moment..."



14. Dance With The Devil

Darryl: "Call me Darryl."



















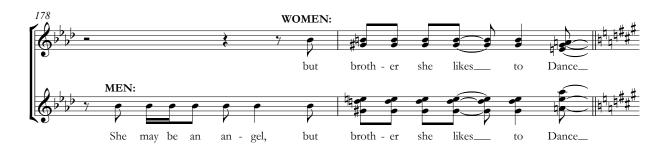














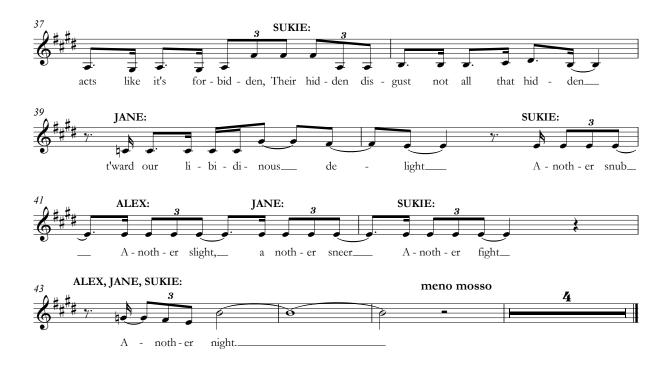




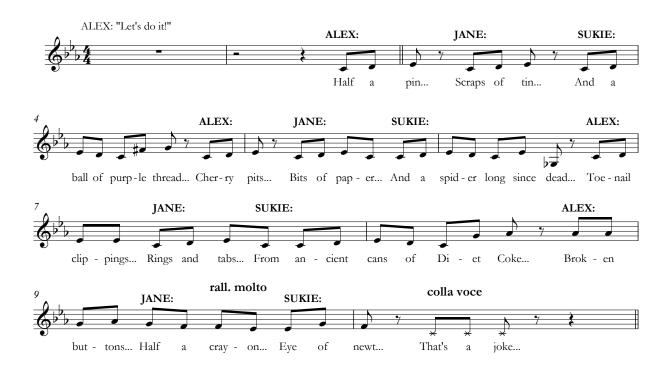
18a. Another Night Reprise

Visual cue as Little Girl enters





16. Evil











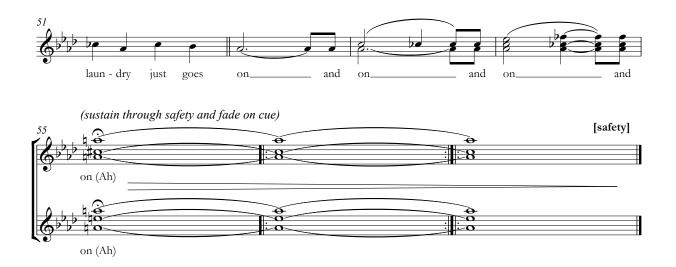
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17. Dirty Laundry – Reprise

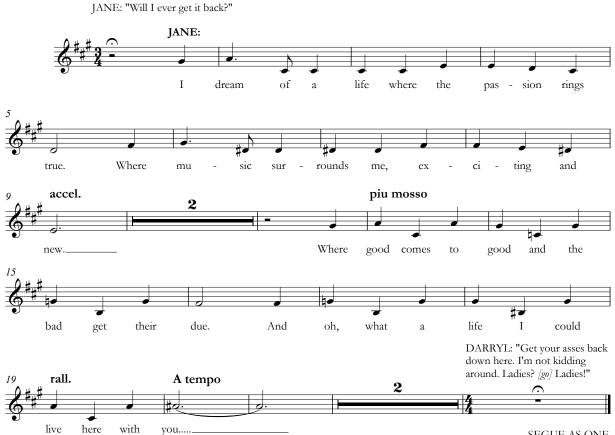






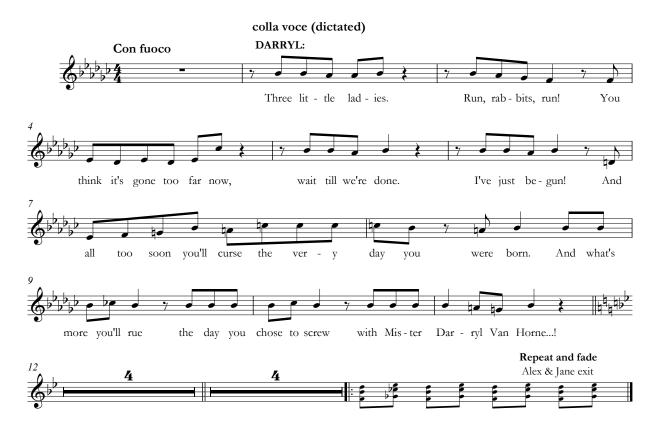


17a. Waiting For The Music To Begin - Reprise



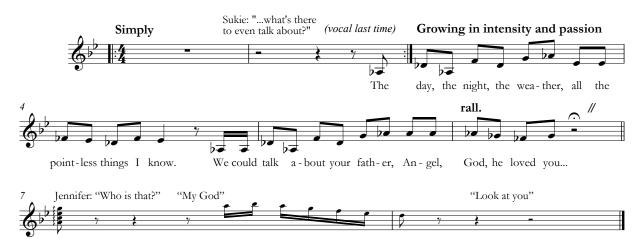
SEGUE AS ONE

17b. Three Little Ladies



17c. Words, Words, Words – Reprise

Jennifer: "That's what my daddy used to call me."



18. Darryl Van Horne – Reprise

Darryl: "At least one of them is in a much better place."









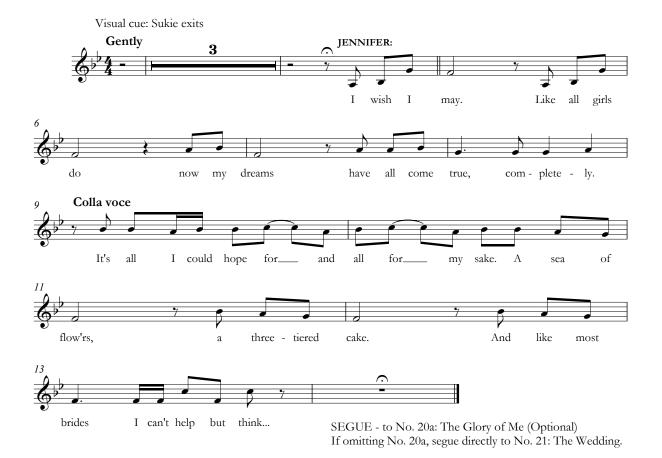
19. Your Wildest Dreams - Reprise

Darryl: "You had your chance. All of you."



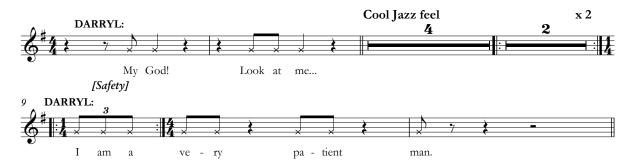


20. I Wish I May – Reprise



20a. The Glory Of Me

Darryl: "Black tie, my white ass!" Jennifer: "I'm making a huge mistake."



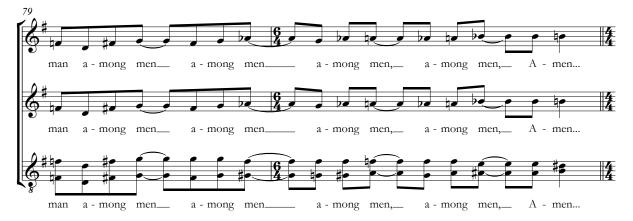


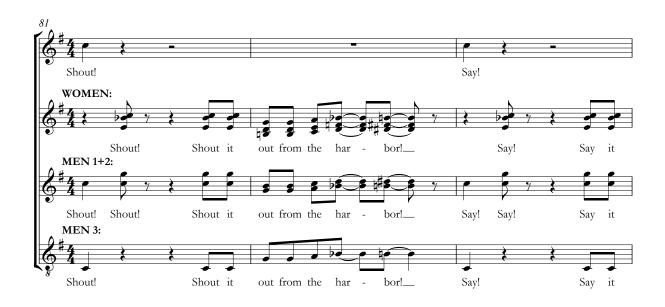










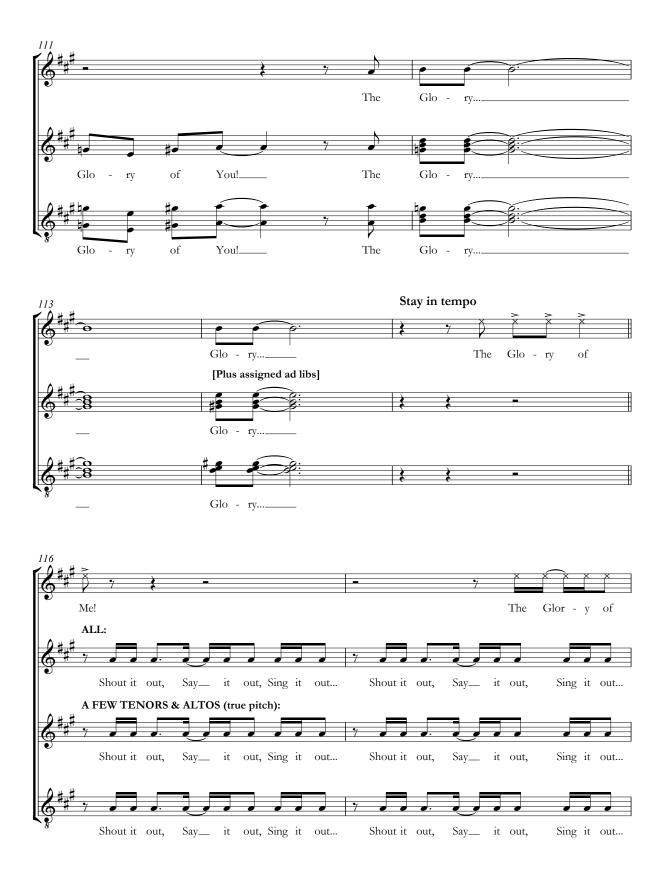
















21. The Wedding

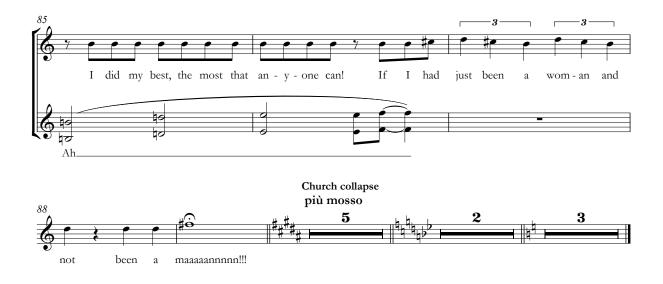




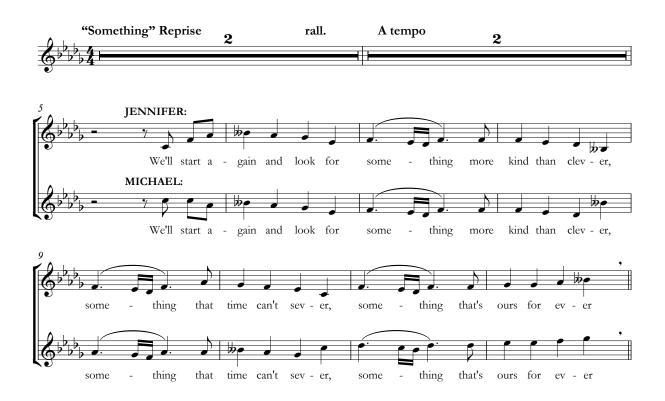








22. Act Two Finale















The End

23. Final Bow and Playout