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The Addams Family

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ACT ONE

SCENE 1:

#1 OVERTURE/PROLOGUE

(A hand parts the curtain, revealing The Addams Family: GOMEZ, MORTICIA, WEDNESDAY, PUGSLEY, GRANDMA, LURCH and FESTER. A huge, bare Spanish oak, The Addams Family Tree, spreads its boughs over The Addams Family Graveyard.)

ANCESTRAL VOICES

AH AH AH

AH AH AH AH AH AH AH (GOMEZ steps forward)

GOMEZ

(deep inhale)
Aaaahh...The intoxicating smell of the graveyard.
 (then)
Once a year, we gather beneath our Family Tree, to honor
the great cycle of life and death. Come, every member of
our clan - living, dead (re: Lurch)
- and undecided - and let us celebrate what it is to be an
Addams.
 (to Morticia)

Come to me, my luscious wife - oh she of skin so pale, eyes so black, and dress cut down to Venezuela - and tell us what it is every Addams hopes for!

MORTICIA

Darkness and grief and unspeakable sorrow.

GOMEZ

(overcome, embracing her) I love it when you talk sexy!

#2 WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE MOONLIGHT WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU NEED TO FEEL A LITTLE CHILL

GOMEZ (CON'T)

YOU HAVE TO SEE THE WORLD IN SHADES OF GRAY YOU HAVE TO PUT SOME POISON IN YOUR DAY

MORTICIA

THAT'S THE WAY.

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

GOMEZ

YOU NEED TO HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR

(GOMEZ tickles MORTICIA. She giggles.)

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

MORTICIA

YOU NEED TO HAVE A TASTE FOR DEATH

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

WHO CARES ABOUT THE WORLD OUTSIDE AND WHAT IT WANTS FROM YOU WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU DO WHAT ADDAMS' ALWAYS DO!

GOMEZ

Mi amor!

MORTICIA

Will you love me for ever and ever?

GOMEZ

We shall be as besotted with each other as the night we met!

MORTICIA

Our first date! You took me to see -

GOMEZ

Death of a Salesman.

MORTICIA

How we laughed!

ADDAMS FAMILY

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

GOMEZ

YOU GOTTA HAVE A LOTTA PASSION

ADDAMS FAMILY

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

MORTICIA

YOU NEED TO REALLY LOVE YOUR WIFE

GOMEZ

(spoken)

At least once a day.

ADDAMS FAMILY

YOU'RE HAPPY WHEN YOUR TOES ARE IN THE MUD

FESTER & GRANDMA

YOU SMILE A BIT THE MOMENT YOU SMELL BLOOD

(THE ENTIRE FAMILY howls at the moon.)

ADDAMS FAMILY

AA-000H!!!

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

WEDNESDAY

YOU NEED TO GRAB A BOW AND ARROW

(WEDNESDAY loads her crossbow, aims to the sky and fires.)

ADDAMS FAMILY

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

PUGSLEY

YOU NEED A MOMENT TO EXPLODE

(PUGSLEY pushes the plunger and there's a terrific explosion.)

GRANDMA

JUST POUR A POTION

FESTER

FLIP THE SWITCH

WEDNESDAY/GRANDMA/PUGSLEY

AND WAIT 'TIL THINGS GET HOT

ADDAMS FAMILY (NO FESTER)

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

ADDAMS FAMILY & FESTER

YOU HAVE TO REALLY STIR THE POT SO GIVE US SHADOWS AND GIVE US GLOOM BROKEN GLASS IN A MOTEL ROOM SOMETHING FUN WE CAN ALL EXHUME AND GIVE IT ALL TONIGHT!

GOMEZ

And now, we summon our beloved Ancestors. Why do we do this?

MORTICIA

Because living or dead, family is still family.

GOMEZ

Yes! And how do we do this?

FESTER

By dancing on their graves!

GOMEZ

Yes! Dance my brother Fester! Time to wake the dead!

(FESTER dances before The Addams Family Crypt.The gate of the crypt swings open, and the ADDAMS ANCESTORS emerge, unholy spirits from many eras and places, from the recently-departed to the very first, stone-age, Addams.)

ANCESTORS

ONCE TORN ASUNDER DOWN SIX FEET UNDER WE GET TO GATHER HERE

CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR

DEAD FOR FOREVER

CAVEMAN ANCESTOR

BLED FROM WHATEVER

CONQUISTADOR & CAVEMAN

CALLED NOW TO REAPPEAR

SOLDIER ANCESTOR & SALOON GIRL ANCESTOR

EVERY CADAVER START THE PALAVER ONCE IN AN ADDAMS YEAR

ANCESTORS

HOLD YOUR DECAYING HEAR WHAT WE'RE SAYING TIME NOW TO GIVE A CHEER!

GOMEZ

Line Dance!

(A succession of line dances, called by GOMEZ.) Bunny Hop! Do the Twist! Rigor Mortis! Death Rattle!

ALL

Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp!

(The Family Dance erupts into a full throated final chorus.)

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

MALE ANCESTORS

THAT'S RIGHT, WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

ADDAMS & FEMALE ANCESTORS

YOU HAVE A VERY SPECIAL DUTY

MALE ANCESTORS

LATE NIGHT! OUT WITH THE ADDAMS!

ADDAMS FAMILY & FEMALE ANCESTORS

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS MALE ANCESTORS WITH ONE BITE

ALL

YOU'RE OBLIGATED TO THE CLAN IT'S FAMILY FIRST AND FAMILY LAST

ALL (CON'T)

AND FAMILY BY AND BY WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS THE STANDARD ANSWERS DON'T APPLY WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU DO WHAT ADDAMS DO OR DIE!

(Applause)

GOMEZ

Until next year my beloved ancestors... Back to your crypt.

#2A (WE HAVE) A PROBLEM

(GOMEZ, MORTICIA, GRANDMA, LURCH and PUGSLEY exit. WEDNESDAY remains, looks worried. The ANCESTORS turn to re-enter the Crypt. FESTER clocks WEDNESDAY.)

CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR

Hey, it's locked.

(ANCESTORS freeze)

FESTER

That's right. We have a problem.

(DING! Light on WEDNESDAY, holding her crossbow.)

WEDNESDAY

His name is Lucas, Lucas Beineke. And - I'm in love. (group reacts)

FESTER

(to the Audience)

That's right. Little Wednesday Addams - that charming, irrepressible bundle of malice who would poison her own brother just for a ride in the ambulance - has grown up and found love.

(LUCAS enters, in love with WEDNESDAY.)

LUCAS

Oh, Wednesday! I just wanna lock you up in a little white cottage with a picket fence and an apple tree!

WEDNESDAY

I like the part about being locked up.

(Lights out on WEDNESDAY and LUCAS. Off this, the ANCESTORS object vociferously. The CURTAIN comes in, eliminating the ANCESTORS.)

FESTER

So here's the deal. Gather around. I'm not letting you back into that crypt until love triumphs.

ANCESTORS

But Fest -

FESTER

Ah.

(FESTER crosses down as ANCESTORS disappear.)

So who is this Lucas fella? Is he worthy of her? Do they really love each other? What is love anyway? Does this rash look serious to you? So many questions about love. But when you think about it, is there anything more important?

(A HAND extends FESTER's banjolele, and FESTER takes it, accompanying himself as he sings.)

#3 FESTER'S MANIFESTO

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE AH -LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT LOFTY GOALS, MATING SOULS ALTERING MINDS AND FALTERING ROLES LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

(CURTAIN opens)

SCENE 2

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(Revealing GOMEZ, fencing with LURCH, who holds his foil absolutely still while GOMEZ swipes at it extravagantly.)

GOMEZ

> (GOMEZ retains his sword. MORTICIA enters with a bouquet of yellow flowers.)

MORTICIA

Gomez, look.

GOMEZ

Ugh! Flowers! Who would send something so tasteless?

MORTICIA

(reads the card) "The most precious gift there is, More goody-licious than gold, Is that blessing we call friendship, Whether new or very old."

GOMEZ

"Goody-licious?" Who talks like this?

(MORTICIA removes the flowers from the stems, During--)

MORTICIA

The Beinekes. Wednesday's friend Lucas and his parents. They're coming for dinner tonight.

GOMEZ

Lucas?

MORTICIA

Yes.

GOMEZ

But Lucas is a boy's name.

MORTICIA

Yes.

GOMEZ

Wednesday has a friend who's a boy?

(They both look at Lurch. Finally--)

MORTICIA

> (WEDNESDAY enters, carrying her crossbow and a goose with an arrow sticking out of it.)

WEDNESDAY

Mom, Dad, I shot dinner.

MORTICIA

(taking it) Oh, Wednesday, that's lovely. Wherever did you find it?

WEDNESDAY

Petting zoo.

MORTICIA

(They exit. WEDNESDAY looks nervously after them.)

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, I have something very important to tell you.

GOMEZ

What?

WEDNESDAY

Can you keep a secret?

(WEDNESDAY produces a ring from around her neck.)

GOMEZ

Of course.

WEDNESDAY

Look.

GOMEZ

WEDNESDAY

Oh daddy, Lucas wants to marry me!

GOMEZ

What?!

WEDNESDAY

Lucas Beineke loves me and he wants to marry me.

GOMEZ

Do you want to marry him?

WEDNESDAY

Yes. I think so.

GOMEZ

You think so?

WEDNESDAY

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

GOMEZ

That he's the one?

WEDNESDAY

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

GOMEZ

What are you saying?

WEDNESDAY

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

GOMEZ

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

WEDNESDAY

That's what I mean.

GOMEZ

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

WEDNESDAY

No.

GOMEZ

No? But we have to tell your mother -

WEDNESDAY

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

GOMEZ

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

WEDNESDAY

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

GOMEZ

But I've never kept anything from your mother.

WEDNESDAY

(getting desperate) Daddy, please!

GOMEZ

But-

WEDNESDAY

If you love me.

GOMEZ

But-

WEDNESDAY

Do you love me daddy?

(DING! WEDNESDAY freezes.)

#3A TWO THINGS

GOMEZ

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

(DING! Lights restore.)

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

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, one tiny little secret. Please. Please.

[MUSIC IN]

GOMEZ

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

WEDNESDAY

GOMEZ

Yes, yes. Our little secret.

(She runs off)

#4 WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP

WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP BUT I'M NOT READY WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP AS TIME SLIPS BY WHEN DID SHE BECOME SOMEONE ELSE'S CHUM

GOMEZ (CON'T)

SOMEONE ELSE TO MAKE HER FATHER WONDER "WHY OH WHY?" WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP *(spoken)* She'll be Thursday before you know it. *(sung)* A PUZZLING THING A SECRET IN THE HOUSE A BOY, A GIRL, A RING...

(MORTICIA enters)

MORTICIA

Something's wrong with Wednesday.

GOMEZ

What do you mean?

MORTICIA

She's in the kitchen smiling. Like this. Maybe it is this boy.

GOMEZ

This boy? Don't be silly. Ha! I say. And double ha! Ha-ha! You yourself said: puppy love! (turns to go) Come, darling - I feel an urge to take you in my arms. Let's go upstairs -

MORTICIA

Gomez.

GOMEZ

(stops, turns) On the other hand, she is a healthy young woman. Like you were. Are. Like you are. She could even fall in love and get married. Like you did.

MORTICIA

Don't be ridiculous, Gomez. I'm much too young to have a married daughter.

GOMEZ

Of course. I didn't think of that.

MORTICIA

Besides, she'll have lots of boys.

GOMEZ

How do you know?

MORTICIA

Because she's my daughter.

GOMEZ

Yes, but what if - and I have no reason to say this - what if she did meet someone who stole her heart?

MORTICIA

Don't be silly. When that happens, I'll be the first to know. Wednesday tells me everything. Just like you do.

(DING! MORTICIA freezes.)

#5 TRAPPED

GOMEZ

THERE ARE THREE THINGS I WOULD NEVER DO LIE TO MY WIFE LIE TO MY DAUGHTER OR TELL THE TRUTH TO EITHER ONE -

(DING! Lights restore. MORTICIA peers at GOMEZ closely.)

MORTICIA

Gomez, you do tell me everything, don't you?

GOMEZ

Of course!

MORTICIA

Oh my. You're perspiring.

GOMEZ

What?

MORTICIA

I hope you're not coming down with a case of...Liar's Shingles.

(She starts to exit.)

GOMEZ

No! No!

(She turns back.)

MORTICIA

I think Wednesday and I should have a little chat.

(She exits. GOMEZ is racked with guilt.)

GOMEZ

LIKE A BULL IN THE RING LIKE THE MODERATE RIGHT-WING I'M TRAPPED LIKE A FLY IN MY TEA OR THE NEW YORK DMV I'M TRAPPED

WITH MY WIFE TO MY LEFT AND MY DAUGHTER TO MY RIGHT ANY THOUGHT OF MY ESCAPING MUST BE SCRAPPED I COULD CHOOSE SING THE BLUES BUT NO MATTER WHAT I DO'S I'M TRAPPED, TRAPPED, TRAPPED

LIKE A BOAT IN A LOCK OR A CUCKOO IN A CLOCK I'M TRAPPED LIKE A CORPSE IN THE GROUND OR LIKE THEATER IN THE ROUND I'M TRAPPED

I COULD CRY, I COULD LIE I COULD SIMPLY UP AND DIE BUT I FEAR THE DICE I'VE ROLLED HAVE FINALLY CRAPPED SHOULD I BEG SHOULD I RAGE OR STAY SAFELY IN MY CAGE HOW? TRAPPED, TRAPPED, TRAPPED

(MORTICIA and WEDNESDAY enter on opposite sides of GOMEZ, he makes a sound as they cross him and exit.)

GOMEZ (CON'T)

HOW CAN I KEEP A SECRET FROM THE WOMAN I ADORE THE BITTER BREEZE THAT KEEPS ME HERE AND COMING BACK FOR MORE SHE STOKES THE ADDAMS FIRE SHE HARBORS EACH DESIRE I'D NEVER TELL HER LIES BUT WHEN MY DAUGHTER CRIES HOW CAN I BE EXPECTED THEN TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK SHOULD I NOT BE HER HERO 'STEAD OF SNIVELING AND WEAK I'LL PICK THE ROUTE THAT'S TRUE TELL ME WHAT I MUST DO!

SHOULD I GRIPE? SHOULD I GROAN? WOULD I RATHER PASS A STONE? TRAPPED WIFE GONE WILD CRAZY CHILD LITTLE ME UNRECONCILED I'M TRAPPED

IF I'M WRONG, I'LL BE STRONG AND WE'LL TRY TO GET ALONG OR I'LL FAIL, HAVE TO BAIL SHOW MY COFFIN TO THE NAIL IF I NAPPED IF I SNAPPED MAYBE DINNER WOULD BE SCRAPPED THEN I WOULDN'T BE -TRAPPED! TRAPPED! TRAPPED!

> (GOMEZ swipes at the TASSEL with his blade. The TASSEL falls to the floor, springs to life and scurries off.)

TRAPPED!

(On applause, the curtain shifts, closing on GOMEZ, revealing WEDNESDAY and PUGSLEY.

SCENE 3

(THE PLAYROOM)

(PUGSLEY is strapped onto a rack. WEDNESDAY works a ratchet-wheel to increasingly stretch her brother's limbs.)

#5A HONOR ROLL

PUGSLEY

WEDNESDAY AND LUCAS SITTING IN A TREE K-I-L-L-I-N-G FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES (ratchet! scream!) Ahhhhhh! That was intense! (she pauses) Do it again, do it again! (Ratchet. PUGSLEY screams happily.) Ahhhhhhhh!

WEDNESDAY

This dinner has to go OK.

PUGSLEY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

[MUSIC IN]

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

#6 PULLED

I DON'T HAVE A SUNNY DISPOSITION I'M NOT KNOWN FOR BEING TOO AMUSED MY DEMEANOR'S LOCKED IN ONE POSITION SEE MY FACE? I'M ENTHUSED. SUDDENLY, HOWEVER, I'VE BEEN PUZZLED BUNNY RABBITS MAKE ME WANT TO CRY ALL MY INHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN MUZZLED AND I THINK I KNOW WHY - (We hear the tweeting of a little bird. And another. And another. And another.)

WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

I'M BEING PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION BUT I THINK I LIKE IT I THINK I LIKE IT I'M BEING PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION -

> (One of them, a YELLOW BIRD, attracts WEDNESDAY'S attention particularly. The YELLOW BIRD perches on her hand, and she sings to it.)

THROUGH MY PAINFUL PURSUIT SOMEHOW BIRDIES TOOK ROOT ALL THE THINGS I DETESTED IMPOSSIBLY CUTE GOD! WHAT DO I DO?? PULLED -(She inadvertently breaks the bird's neck. The bird's head flops sadly from side to side.)

PUGSLEY

Wow. You got some real issues. (She looks wistfully at the bird.)

WEDNESDAY

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

MOTHER ALWAYS SAID, "BE KIND TO STRANGERS" BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY DESTROY I CAN FEEL THE CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGERS WHEN SHE LEARNS THAT THE BOY HAS GOT ME PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION

(She pulls the rack-lever)

PUGSLEY

AAAAAAH!

WEDNESDAY

BUT I THINK I LIKE IT.

PUGSLEY

That was good, that was good!

WEDNESDAY

I THINK I LIKE IT

PUGSLEY

Do it again, do it again!

WEDNESDAY

I'M BEING PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION

(She pulls the rack-lever)

PUGSLEY

AAAAAAH!

WEDNESDAY

AND THIS FEELING I KNOW IS IMPOSSIBLE SO I'LL CONFIDE THAT I'VE TRIED BUT I CAN'T LET IT GO IT'S DISGUSTINGLY TRUE PULLED -

PUGSLEY

AAH!

WEDNESDAY

PULLED -

PUGSLEY

AAH!

WEDNESDAY

PULLED -

PUGSLEY

AAAAAAH!

WEDNESDAY

PUPPY DOGS WITH DROOPY FACES UNICORNS WITH DANCING MICE SUNRISE IN WIDE OPEN SPACES DISNEY WORLD? I'LL GO THERE TWICE! BUTTERFLIES AT PICNIC LUNCHES

WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

BUNCHES OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS LOLLIPOPS AND PILLOW FIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS EVE! SUGARPLUMS! STRING QUARTETS AND CHIA PETS AND AFTERNOON BANANA SPLITS ANGELS WATCHING AS I SLEEP AND LIBERACE'S GREATEST HITS HAVE GOT ME PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION IF THEY KEEP INSISTING I'LL STOP RESISTING JUST WATCH ME PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION I SHOULD STAY IN THE DARK NOT OBEY EVERY SPARK BUT THE BOY HAS A BITE BETTER FAR THAN HIS BARK AND YOU BET I'LL BITE, TOO DO WHAT'S TRULY TABOO AS I'M PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION!

(WEDNESDAY exits. GOMEZ and MORTICIA peek from behind the curtain, having observed this.)

MORTICIA

I was right! It is the boy -

GOMEZ

Yes, but I don't think it's such a big -

MORTICIA

Puppy dogs? Disney World? She's in no state to entertain guests. We have to cancel the dinner.

GOMEZ

No!

MORTICIA

What?

GOMEZ

I mean we can't do that.

MORTICIA

Why?

GOMEZ

Because then there won't be a dinner.

MORTICIA

Gomez - do you love your daughter? Do you care for her mental well-being?

GOMEZ

Of course -

MORTICIA

Do you want her to be put on heavy medication and spend the rest of her days hating us because we let her ruin her life?

(DING!)

#6A FOUR THINGS

GOMEZ

THERE ARE FOUR THINGS

MORTICIA

Gomez!

(DING!) Would you stop that!

GOMEZ

I think we should have this dinner.

MORTICIA

Why?

GOMEZ

We need to introduce her to the world -

MORTICIA

Are you out of your mind? Have you seen the world lately? Now stop prattling and go tell her the dinner is off.

GOMEZ

But, cara -

MORTICIA

You're the father. The father is the canceller. And if after 25 years of marriage you can't do this one thing for me,then I just don't know what! (Before GOMEZ can respond, WEDNESDAY enters, with PUGSLEY, GRANDMA, FESTER and LURCH in tow. Grandma holds a pet rat, like a lap-dog.)

WEDNESDAY

(a tad wired)

OK, family meeting. About tonight. Now. Here's the schedule. First we have drinks, like, "Hi, nice to meet you" -

(family echos this)

Okay. And then they'll want to see the house, and then at eight, we'll have dinner and they can be back at their hotel by nine thirty.

(family mumurs approval)

MORTICIA

Wednesday, your father has something to tell you.

GOMEZ

Actually, *paloma*, your mother and I have had second thoughts.

WEDNESDAY

What about?

GOMEZ

This dinner. It all seems so quick -

WEDNESDAY

IT'S NOT QUICK!

GOMEZ

Yes, paloma, but your mother and I -

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, I am your only daughter and your eldest child and if you can't do this one thing for me, then I just don't know what!

(Awkward beat)

GOMEZ

(to Morticia) Maybe just a little dinner.

(WEDNESDAY throws her arms around GOMEZ.)

WEDNESDAY

Thank you, daddy!

MORTICIA

(Excited affirmations from THE FAMILY.)

WEDNESDAY

Oh God please no! Not the Game.

MORTICIA

(sweetly) But it's a family tradition.

(THE FAMILY nods in agreement.)

WEDNESDAY

It's my dinner!

MORTICIA

But it's my house, darling. Dinner, and the Game.

GOMEZ

(unwilling to fight this one) One out of two, paloma. Don't push it.

WEDNESDAY

Then can we at least all act normal?

GRANDMA

(stroking her rat) Define normal. (rat squeaks) Shhh.

MORTICIA

Normal is an illusion, darling. What's normal for the spider is a calamity for the fly.

WEDNESDAY

Mother, please -

#7 ONE NORMAL NIGHT

THEY'RE NORMAL PEOPLE NOT LIKE YOU, NOT LIKE ME PLEASE CAN'T WE BE AN AVERAGE FAMILY! ONE NORMAL NIGHT THAT'S ALL I WANT THAT'S ALL I NEED FROM YOU ONE NORMAL HOUSE WITHOUT A MOUSE TO FEED A PLANT OR TWO YOU MUST ADMIT WE'RE NOT WHAT PEOPLE CALL LAID BACK SO CAN'T WE MUSE A BIT AND LOSE THE BASIC BLACK? WHOA, ONE NORMAL NIGHT WITH NORMAL PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY JUST ONE NORMAL NIGHT

Whaddaya say?

MORTICIA

ONE NORMAL NIGHT?

WEDNESDAY

TO BE POLITE TO DO THE LEAST YOU CAN

GOMEZ

ONE NORMAL EVE?

WEDNESDAY

CAN YOU ACHIEVE A KIND OF COMMON MAN? YOU HAVE TO SWEAR TO ME YES, PROMISE TO THE CORE IT'S ALMOST SIX O'CLOCK THEY'RE ALMOST AT THE DOOR! ON ALL THE ADDAMS ANCESTORS WHO'VE EVER WALKED ARIGHT

WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

ONE NORMAL NIGHT!

(FESTER stage manages the reveal of CENTRAL PARK.)

SCENE 4

(CENTRAL PARK)

[SONG CONTINUES]

(An avenue of trees deployed by the ANCESTORS, against the skyline of New York City. The BEINEKES: MAL, ALICE and LUCAS, enter.)

ANCESTORS

 DOO
 DOO
 DOO
 DOO

 DOO
 DOO
 DOO
 DOO
 DOO

 DOO
 DOO
 DOO
 DOO
 DOO

MAL

OK, Lucas - enough is enough. Gimme the map.

ALICE

I don't see any houses.

MAL

Because there aren't any, Alice. We're in the middle of some godforsaken park.

ALICE

Central Park, dear. (guidebook) "Designed in 1857 by - "

LUCAS

Wait!

MAL & ALICE

What?

LUCAS

I know where we are! It's where I first saw her! I was lost in the park and a pigeon dropped at my feet with an arrow in it! And I looked up and there she was - Wednesday, with a crossbow.

MAL

A what?

LUCAS

A crossbow. You know.

MAL

This girl walks around with a crossbow?

LUCAS

It's OK dad, she has a permit.

MAL

Good. Good choice son. Ok, listen up. Now here's what's going to happen. We're going back to the hotel. And you and I are gonna have a little talk.

ALICE

Be patient with him, dear. (rhyming) "A father should support his son. And Lucas is your only one."

MAL

(to Lucas) See what you did? Your mother's rhyming again. Let's get back to the hotel and then -

LUCAS

(cutting him off)

No!

ONE NORMAL NIGHT NO, NOT ONE POEM NOT ONE INSPIRING WORD ONE NORMAL SCENE COMPLETE ROUTINE TONIGHT CAN'T BE ABSURD PLEASE DON'T EMBARRASS ME OR BE COMPLETELY RUDE DON'T MAKE A FUSS ABOUT THE HOUSE ABOUT THE HOUSE ABOUT THE FOOD WHOA! ONE NORMAL NIGHT I KNOW IT'S BIG BUT CAN'T YOU SEE THIS ONE NORMAL NIGHT IS FOR ME!

Come on!

(LUCAS exits)

MAL

Come on!

(MAL exits and ALICE follows. The ANCESTORS appear from behind the avenue of trees. So does FESTER.)

FESTER

Seems like a nice young man!

(ANCESTORS grumble)

CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR

But they're not right for each other.

[MUSIC STOPS]

FESTER

What do you mean they're not right for each other?!

(sings) WAS NAPOLEON RIGHT FOR JOSEPHINE? WAS NAUSEA RIGHT FOR DRAMAMINE? WERE THE 80'S RIGHT FOR THE DRUM MACHINE? WHO'S TO SAY? WHO'S TO SAY? WAS BALLET RIGHT FOR BALANCHINE? WAS POLIO RIGHT FOR THE SALK VACCINE? WERE YOU FOLKS RIGHT FOR THE MEZZANINE? ALT: (WAS REHAB RIGHT FOR CHARLIE SHEEN?)

Who's to say?

ONE NORMAL NIGHT IS A PERILOUS TRICK NORMAL IS HARD TO ATTAIN CHILDREN ARE CRAZY AND PARENTS ARE QUICK PASSIONS ARE HARD TO EXPLAIN BUT THIS IS THEIR MOMENT AND THIS IS YOUR CHANCE SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO REMAIN START SINGING OF LOVE!

ANCESTORS

WHAT?

FESTER

LOVE

ANCESTORS

NO!

FESTER

LOVE

ANCESTORS

WHY?

FESTER

LOVE

ANCESTORS

YUCHH!!

FESTER

ONLY AFFAIRS OF THE HEART

ANCESTORS

Ugh!!

FESTER

Look. The choice is yours. Either you help these kids or you're stuck here for eternity! So?

ANCESTORS

WE'LL HELP THEM LOVE?

FESTER

YES!

ANCESTORS

LOVE

FESTER

RIGHT!

ANCESTORS

LOVE

GOOD!

FESTER

LOVE

ANCESTORS

FESTER

YES!

ANCESTORS

LOVE LETS OUR SPIRITS DEPART

FESTER

You got it!

SO LET THE NORMALCY START!

(The ANCESTORS point the trees in the right direction, helping the BEINEKES head off toward the house.)

FESTER & ANCESTORS

PROTECT AND RALLY ROUND LET'S AID THEM AND ABET ONE NORMAL NIGHT IS WHAT THEY'LL -

FESTER

GET!

(Lightning and thunder. FESTER scuttles upstage, revealing The Addams Family Manse. The trees vanish, the house exterior crashes to the floor, revealing THE ADDAMS FAMILY.)

ADDAMS FAMILY & ANCESTORS

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT WEDNESDAY WANTS

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT GIVE HER JUST

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT WEDNESDAY WANTS

GOMEZ/MORT/ANCESTORS

ONE

FESTER & ANCESTORS

ONE

GRANDMA/PUGS/ANCESTORS

ONE

WEDNESDAY & ANCESTORS

ONE

(The set transitions to THE GREAT HALL, aided by the ANCESTORS. The BEINEKES are seen as well, approaching the house. Song continues)

ADDAMS FAMILY

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ALL I WANT, ALL I ASK WE COMPREHEND

ADDAMS FAMILY & ANCESTORS

WE'LL TEND HER EVERY NEED THEY'LL TEND MY EVERY NEED

MAL & ALICE

WHEN WE ARRIVE WE'LL COME ALIVE TO MAKE THIS NIGHT SUCCEED

LUCAS

JUST BE RESPECTABLE DON'T MAKE AN ODD REMARK

MAL & ALICE

OKAY, OKAY

WEDNESDAY

KEEP UNDETECTABLE OUR PASSION FOR THE DARK

ADDAMS FAMILY & ANCESTORS

JUST AS YOU SAY

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

AND THEN IT'S PARADISE RIGHT HERE IN CENTRAL PARK

ALL

IN ONE NORMAL, INFORMAL ONE NORMAL NIGHT!

(On the button, the set transition is complete. Applause. The doorbell rings)

(THE GREAT HALL)

WEDNESDAY

They're here!

(ALL scuttle off. LURCH, approaches the front door...very slowly.)

(to Lurch)

Hurry up!

(LURCH opens the front door, ushering in the BEINEKES. They affect an out-oftowner's nonchalance.)

MAL

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

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

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

ALICE

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

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

(MAL approaches LURCH)

LURCH

Grnh.

MAL

Mal Beineke.

LURCH

(polite)

Grnh.

MAL

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This is my wife, Alice-
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LURCH

(lecherous)

Grnh.

MAL

That's my son, Lucas -

LURCH

(warning)

Grnh.

MAL

And you are?

LURCH

Grrngh.

(Grunts his backstory)

MAL

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

ALICE

Oh, Mal.

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

MAL

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

LUCAS

C'mon, dad. Lighten up! These're your kind of people, real salt of the earth.

MAL

Yeah? Where are they from? (GOMEZ enters, with a rapier, to answer the query.) GOMEZ

"Where are we from?" (they react) Funny you should ask. (then)

July 31st, 1715. The Spanish warship, *Pico de Gallo*, commanded by my great nautical ancestor, Captain General Redondo Ventana Laguna Don Jose Cuervo, leaves Madrid, bound for the new world. Three weeks later, he is still in Madrid, as Madrid is four hundred miles from the nearest ocean. A stubborn man, he sets sail anyway, only to sink, six months later, off the southern coast of Florida -

a hostile land, infested with mosquitoes, rattle snakes, and many retired Jewish peoples. But enough about us.

(steps forward)

Mr. Malcolm Beineke, I presume, and the lovely Mrs. Malcolm Beineke.

(pointing his blade at Lucas)

And you must be young Lucas -(looks back to Mal, then again to Lucas)

Unless of course you -

- (Lucas)
- are the father, and you (Mal)

- are the son, with a massive thyroid problem. (laughs, then)

I go too far. No matter, the night, she is young. Welcome to our extremely normal home. Gomez Florencia Addams, at your service. Allow me to present my wife, *la duena*, mother of my children, *el amor de mi vida*... the love of my life - *Morticia*!

#7A MORTICIA'S ENTRANCE

(MORTICIA enters, in an apron. GOMEZ kisses her hand.)

MORTICIA

Sorry I'm late. I was putting the apple pie on the window sill to cool.

GOMEZ

That's my little woman. A duchess in the parlor and a genius in the kitchen.

MORTICIA

Oh, Gomez!

GOMEZ

And a gymnast in the bedroom.

(MORTICIA elbows GOMEZ and extends her hand to MAL.)

MORTICIA

So very pleased. Mr. Beineke...

MAL

Mrs. Addams -(She turns to ALICE)

MORTICIA

Mrs. Beineke...

ALICE

(curtsies)

Alice.

MORTICIA

Alice. And you must be Lucas. What a lovely name.

LUCAS

Thanks. I'm named after my Uncle Lucas who got lost in the woods and ate his own leg.

MAL

They don't need to know that!

MORTICIA

No, no. It's a beautifulstory. (then) Wednesday has a cousin who swallowed his tongue. Hes tolk lak dis... "Hello, how are you?"

WEDNESDAY

(interrupting, mortified) Thank you, mother.

(All heads turn to see WEDNESDAY, wearing a bright yellow dress.)

(to Mal and Alice)

WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

Hi, I'm Wednesday.

MORTICIA

What are you wearing?

WEDNESDAY

A dress.

MORTICIA

A yellowdress.

GOMEZ

Paloma, what happened? You look like a crime scene.

MORTICIA

(to the Beinekes)
Will you excuse us for a moment?
 (to Wednesday)
I won't have that color in my house.

WEDNESDAY

I'm just being normal, OK?

(Now LURCH is helping ALICE off with her coat.)

MORTICIA

ALICE

It's a lovely dress, Wednesday.
"Yellow is the color of the warming sun.
Yellow is the color of yumminess and fun.
Why not show the world the love in which we all believe?
Why not wear your heart for all to see, right on your
sleeve?"
"Yellow is - "

(Awkward beat. MORTICIA fights the urge to throw up.)

GOMEZ

PUGSLEY

Hello. Wanna make a donation?

ALICE

Of course, sweetheart. What are you collecting for?

PUGSLEY

Just put some money in the can and nobody gets hurt.

(ALICE drops a coin in the can. GRANDMA enters in a candy-striper uniform with a big Red Cross on the bib-front.)

GRANDMA

Whew! Boy, is it normal out there!

GOMEZ

And this is our dear little Grandma, the very soul and spirit of the family.

GRANDMA

(starting over, still sweet as pie) Hi. I just came from the hospital. Cardiac ward. Boy, they're dropping like flies over there. I hope you're staying in shape. Grains, fresh fruit, 40 minutes on the treadmill?

ALICE

I know I should, but I don't do any of that.

GRANDMA

Well then you're gonna die, honey.

(FESTER enters, wearing a preposterous toupee and holding a football, running for the end zone.)

FESTER

(FESTER makes three sounds like a "roaring crowd." He's a bit too close to Alice who has to turn away.)

GOMEZ

This is my brother, Fester.

FESTER

(to Alice) Nice ta meet ya.

(FESTER takes off his hair-piece in salutation. ALICE shrieks. FESTER puts the rug back on his head, askew.)

GOMEZ

Thank you, Fester. (The BEINEKES behold The Addams Family nervously. GRANDMA looks like she might lick ALICE.)

All right, go away now.

GRANDMA/FESTER/PUGSLEY

(waving) GOODBYE!

(And they're gone)

GOMEZ

And now for a welcoming toast from the extensive Addams caves!

(LURCH enters with a tray.)

MORTICIA

Children, you're excused.

WEDNESDAY

Lucas, come on. Dad, remember -

GOMEZ

Not to worry, paloma.

MAL

(as the kids go) Leave the door open, y'hear?

(GOMEZ hands glasses out, during--)

GOMEZ

(They toast)

ALICE

Excuse me. Do you have a little girls room?

GOMEZ

We used to, but we let them all go. (laughs, delighted with himself) Wooo!

MORTICIA

Gomez.

(to Alice)
Come with me, dear. I'll show you.
 (During the above, LURCH has collected
 the glasses from the quartet, except
 for ALICE who retains hers, despite
 MAL'S bad look.)

GOMEZ

Morticia, a grand tour for the missus. And the mister and I will go below for some "guy stuff." Then, dinner -

MORTICIA

And after dinner - The Game!

MAL

Oh yeah? What kind of game?

GOMEZ

Did you ever play charades?

MAL

Yeah.

GOMEZ

Well, it's nothing like that.

(GOMEZ chuckles expectantly and leads MAL down to the grotto. Then, as the LADIES climb the stairs--)

ALICE

Did you get the flowers?

MORTICIA

Oh yes. And the lovely poem. Wherever did you find it?

ALICE

I wrote it.

MORTICIA

No!

ALICE

(demonstrates) "When I'm depressed or feeling blessed, A poem will get it off my chest. They come to me, they take no time, They just pop out, and always rhyme."

MORTICIA

Maybe you should see someone about that.

ALICE

And they're always about the one thing everyone needs and so few have!

MORTICIA

Health care?

ALICE

Why, love, of course!

(They exit. Enter FESTER and ANCESTORS. ANCESTORS voice skeptical remarks about "love" in between FESTER'S lyrics.)

#8 BUT LOVE REPRISE 1

FESTER

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE WORTH REPEATING LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT LOFTY GOALS-

CAVEMAN/SOLDIER/FLIGHT ATTENDANT/GAMBLER/COURTESAN ANCESTOR MATING SOULS--ALTERING MINDS AND FALTERING ROLES-

FESTER

Shhh.

FESTER AND ANCESTORS

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

(During which we transition the set into-)

(SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE HOUSE)

(WEDNESDAY enters, pursued by LUCAS.)

LUCAS

You realize they're gonna freak when we tell them?

WEDNESDAY

My father won't.

LUCAS

Why not?

WEDNESDAY

I already told him.

LUCAS

What? You told your father? Your father, with the sword? You told him we were getting married, just like that?

WEDNESDAY

He's totally cool with it. Mostly.

LUCAS

I thought we were gonna tell them all together!

WEDNESDAY

We need his help. You don't know my mother. She could really screw it up.

LUCAS

I'm not marrying your mother.

WEDNESDAY

I know. Look - it might seem old fashioned, but I want their blessing.

LUCAS

You're right, it is old fashioned.

WEDNESDAY

Lucas, do you love me?

LUCAS

Of course.

WEDNESDAY

Then leave it to me. It's all going according to plan.

LUCAS

What plan? There's no plan!

WEDNESDAY

That's the plan. Improvise. Keep 'em guessing.

LUCAS

You're really crazy.

WEDNESDAY

You say that like it's a bad thing. It's just a simple dinner. What could go wrong? Come on.

(She leads him off. FESTER and ANCESTORS appear again. The kids' love has won over the ANCESTORS.)

FESTER

Aww.

#8A BUT LOVE REPRISE 2

BE PATIENT AND SOON THE WAY WILL BE CLEAR FOCUS YOUR FEAR AND TROUBLES ALL WILL DISAPPEAR LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING OLD

ANCESTORS

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE US OUT IN THE COLD

FESTER

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE

ANCESTORS

BUT LOVE

FESTER

BUT LOVE

(THE GROTTO.)

(GOMEZ and MAL are puffing on cigars. MAL is seated on an old oaken chair.)

MAL

Interesting chair. Antique?

GOMEZ

Fifteenth century. "The Heretic's chair." Once owned by Tomas de Torquemada, Grand Inquisitor of Madrid.

MAL

You collect this stuff?

GOMEZ

A man must have his hobbies. Some play cards, some play golf. Me, I collect "instruments of persuasion." "Why," you ask. (then)

Go on, ask. Ask!

MAL

Why?

GOMEZ

MAL

Some other time.

GOMEZ

Okey-dokey. (then) So how about these crazy kids, eh?

MAL

What about 'em?

GOMEZ

They seem very fond of each other, no?

MAL

I guess. But it's not like they're getting married.

GOMEZ

Married? Of course not. They're so young. Of course, they marry young these days, do they not?

MAL

I dunno what they do.

GOMEZ

Then speak about you. The Beineke Saga. Your lives, your hopes, your dreams. *(pointedly)* Your son.

MAL

Lucas? He's a little soft like his mother. But when he gets out of college, I'll toughen him up. Teach him the business. Make him a man.

GOMEZ

May I say something? You and I - I feel we understand each other. Do you feel this?

MAL

No.

(then)

Note to the Director You have the option to cut lines within the box.

MAL (CON'T)

So tell me, Addams - ten thousand square feet right in the middle of a public park. How'd you swing this place?

GOMEZ

These two acres have been in my family ever since Queen Isabella of Spain deeded it to my great ancestor Alfonso the Enormous, for services rendered.

MAL

What services?

GOMEZ

Alphonso the Enormous. *The Enormous* - do I have to draw you a diagram?

GOMEZ (CON'T)

(exiting)

Come, Beineke - let me show you the moat. Did you bring a bathing suit? Never mind lets be crazy.

#8B ALPHONSO THE ENORMOUS

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(MORTICIA is showing ALICE the family photo album. ALICE sips on her wine.)

MORTICIA

And this is Cousin Helga from Baden-Baden.

ALICE

Who's that looking over her shoulder?

MORTICIA

Oh, no. That's her other head.

ALICE

She has two heads?

MORTICIA

Well, you know what they say.

(MORTICIA and ALICE share a laugh, then MORTICIA turns to another page.)

ALICE

(sees the photo) And who's that man in the dress?

MORTICIA

Oh. That's Aunt Herman. Wednesday's uncle, twice removed.

ALICE

I don't understand.

MORTICIA

Well, they removed it once - but it grew back.

(turns to another photo) And here's Gomez and me, at our wedding.

ALICE

What's that?

MORTICIA

Our wedding vows.

ALICE

That's so romantic. (reading) "We promise to tango at least three times a week."

MORTICIA

- for passion.

ALICE

(reading)
"We promise to tell each other everything."

MORTICIA

- for truth.

ALICE

Everything?

MORTICIA

Of course.

ALICE

And you're still married?

MORTICIA

More than ever.

ALICE

Boy, it sure doesn't work that way in our house.

MORTICIA

How does it work?

ALICE

Well -

(rhymes)
"What's good for the gander is a nice quiet goose;
If I told Mal my secrets, all hell would break loose."

MORTICIA

Alice, I'm shocked. What kind of a marriage is it where you keep secrets?

ALICE

A long one.

#9 SECRETS

MORTICIA

SECRETS ARE THE ENEMIES OF PASSION SPEAKING TRUE WILL GET YOU THROUGH THE DAY TRUTH IS NOT A THING THAT ONE SHOULD RATION BUT I THINK YOU THINK OF IT THAT WAY NEVER KEEP A SIN INSIDE THE CLOSET ALWAYS GIVE THE FACTS A FIGHTING CHANCE EV'RY TIME YOU DO, IT'S A DEPOSIT IN THE LONG-TERM LIFE OF YOUR ROMANCE

KEEP NO SECRETS IF YOU WANT HIM TO REMAIN YOUR LOVER SHARE ALL SECRETS THERE'S A WORLD OF THINGS YOU MIGHT DISCOVER TRUTH IS BEAUTY HE SHOULD ALWAYS KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE BARE YOUR SECRETS AND YOUR MARRIAGE'LL BE HEALTHIER BY FAR

GOMEZ ADORES ME NEVER IGNORES ME ALWAYS HAS PUT ME FIRST AND, ALICE, IF HE SHOULD TRY ONCE TELLING A LIE ONCE I'D THROW HIM OUT HEAD FIRST KNEELING, HE'D PLEAD I RECONSIDER REELING, HE'D PLEAD I RECONSIDER REELING, HE'D QUICKLY START TO DROWN BEGGING ME FOR A LENIENCE BUT AT MY FIRST CONVENIENCE I'D PUT HIM ON THE FIRST BUS OUT OF TOWN

ALICE

Morticia,

IS GOMEZ TRULY DEVOTED NEVER MISQUOTED ALWAYS THE PARAGON

MORTICIA

Without a doubt.

ALICE

AND IF HE TOLD YOU A LIE YOU'D WHISPER GOODBYE THEN LEAVE HIM TO CARRY ON

MORTICIA

That's it exactly.

ALICE

IS THERE NO ROOM FOR SOME DISCUSSION

MORTICIA

If Gomez lied?

ALICE

IS THERE NO CHANCE YOU MIGHT FORGIVE?

(MORTICIA grabs the photo album)

MORTICIA

A LIE'S A LIE AND LIES CAN KILL AND LIFE CAN QUICKLY GO DOWNHILL SHE KEPT A SECRET AND SHE WOUND UP ON THE GUILLOTINE

ALICE

NOW I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...

MORTICIA

SHE KEPT A SECRET AND THEY SHOT HER WITH AN M16

ALICE

THAT'S NOT A PRETTY SCENE

MORTICIA

SHE KEPT A SECRET AND SHE WOUND UP ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE

She's quite the Philistine

(turns the page)

ALICE

(points to a photo) What's that one?

MORTICIA

The dance routine.

[DANCE BREAK]

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

KEEP NO SECRETS

MORTICIA

WELCOME HONESTY WITH

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

NO RESISTANCE THEN YOUR MARRIAGE

MORTICIA

IS A LOVING KIND OF

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

COEXISTENCE

MORTICIA

LIES AND SECRETS

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

THEY'RE THE SINS THAT KEEP A HUSBAND FROM A WIFE

MORTICIA

GOMEZ LOVES ME HE WOULD NEVER KEEP A SECRET IN HIS LIFE

FEMALE ANCESTORS

NEVER KEEP A SECRET, NOT ONE SECRET IN HIS LIFE

(Applause)

#9A SECRETS PLAYOFF

(SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSE)

(GOMEZ is examining WEDNESDAY'S engagement ring through a jeweler's loupe. LUCAS looks on proudly.)

GOMEZ

So where does a student get the money for an engagement ring?

LUCAS

I work after school at the bookstore. And on weekends I tutor kids at a charter school. And summers I work at my uncle's grocery store.

GOMEZ

Is any of this true?

LUCAS

(with a twinkle) Most of it.

GOMEZ

And in your time off, wise guy?

LUCAS

Mostly I think about Wednesday and how much I love her and how we could have a wonderful life together.

GOMEZ

And what does a Lucas Beineke become when it grows up?

LUCAS

Maybe a writer. Or a medical examiner.

GOMEZ

A medical examiner? Why?

LUCAS

You get to look at the inside of people's bodies and they don't mind because they're dead.

GOMEZ

(smiles to Wednesday) Where did you find him?

WEDNESDAY

We found each other. It's kind of a miracle.

MORTICIA

(From off)

(WEDNESDAY tucks the ring away. They lean in and whisper.)

WEDNESDAY

Omigod, daddy -

Gomez!

LUCAS

What're we gonna do?

GOMEZ

Let's just tell her. It's gonna be fine.

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, you promised after dinner.

(All ad lib until Gomez sees Morticia.)

MORTICIA

What were the three of you whispering about?

GOMEZ

The weather.

WEDNESDAY

The news.

LUCAS

The economy.

(beat)

(Then, simultaneously.)

GOMEZ

The economy.

WEDNESDAY The weather. **LUCAS** The news.

WEDNESDAY

(brightly) Well, we'll be going now. See you at dinner!

GOMEZ

Come, Lucas. I show you the moat. Did you ever see a rat as big as a dachshund?

LUCAS

No, sir.

(The THREE OF THEM start to leave.)

MORTICIA

Gomez.

(GOMEZ, caught, stops dead in his tracks.) What's going on?

GOMEZ

Nothing. We were just talking.

MORTICIA

That wasn't talking, that was conspiring.

GOMEZ

No, it was talking! Conspiring is -

(mimes conspiring, scrunched over, furtive, whispering)

MORTICIA

That's what you were doing!

GOMEZ

Querida... stop this foolishness.

MORTICIA

You're keeping something from me.

GOMEZ

Querida, I have never kept anything from you, and may lightening strike me where I stand if I am keeping anything from you now.

(He looks up, steps broadly to his right. LIGHTNING strikes the spot where he was standing.)

MORTICIA

(deeply suspicious) That it should come to this.

GOMEZ

(opens his arms, changing the subject) Here, cara. I have an urge to take you in my arms.

MORTICIA

No, Gomez.

GOMEZ

What?

MORTICIA

Not today.

GOMEZ

But you've never turned down a trip to heaven.

MORTICIA

Not today. I'll be in my room until you're ready to share, like a proper husband. (And she's gone)

GOMEZ

Morticia mia!

#10 GOMEZ'S WHAT IF

LIKE A BUG IN A JAR OR A FROZEN CABLE CAR I'M TRAPPED LIKE A MAN GROWING GRAY WHEN HIS WIFE SAYS "NOT TODAY"...

WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T DANCE WITH ME ANYMORE WHO COULD CONCEIVE IT? WHAT IF I AND ONE TINY LIE STARTED CIVIL WAR? WHAT IF A LINE'S BEEN CROSSED VOWS OF COMMITMENT LOST HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...?

(GOMEZ exits, thinking about the future. And we transition to--)

(SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE HOUSE)

(WEDNESDAY and LUCAS emerge. PUGSLEY eavesdrops.)

LUCAS

Put the ring on. Just for a minute.

WEDNESDAY

After dinner.

LUCAS

But what if they hate each other?

WEDNESDAY

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

LUCAS

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

PUGSLEY

Maybe you two should get a room.

WEDNESDAY

Pugsley! Stop sneaking around like that!

PUGSLEY

It's my house too, OK?

WEDNESDAY

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

LUCAS

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

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

PUGSLEY

You trying to be cool?

LUCAS

Uh-huh.

PUGSLEY

'Cause you're not cool.

LUCAS

Your sister thinks I am.

PUGSLEY

She'll get over it.

(He puffs on his cigar.)

LUCAS

Aren't you a little young to be smoking?

PUGSLEY

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

WEDNESDAY

We're gonna go now.

PUGSLEY

Can I come?

WEDNESDAY

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

[MUSIC IN]

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

PUGSLEY

But wait! Wait!

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

(IN-ONE WITH PUGSLEY AND GRANDMA)

#11 WHAT IF

PUGSLEY

WHAT IF SHE NEVER TORTURES ME ANYMORE? HOW WOULD I MANAGE? WHAT IF SHE NEVER NAILS MY TONGUE TO THE BATHROOM FLOOR? WHAT IF SHE WALKS AWAY LEAVING ME A-OK, HIDING EACH POWER TOOL WHY WOULD SHE BE SO CRUEL?

I COULD STAB MY ARM MYSELF COULD RIP MY TONSILS OUT COULD SET MY HAIR AFLAME I COULD SPRAY MY EYES WITH MACE BUT FACE THE FACT, WITHOUT HER, IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME...

(GRANDMA enters, pulling her wagon of vials and bottles.)

GRANDMA

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

[MUSIC CONTINUES]

PUGSLEY

Hi, Grandma.

GRANDMA

Hey, stud. How's life?

PUGSLEY

Too long.

GRANDMA

Tell me about it.

[MUSIC OUT]

PUGSLEY

Hold on. What're you doing?

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

What's that one?

GRANDMA

Peyote.

PUGSLEY

What's it do?

GRANDMA

Makes you run around naked in the woods.

PUGSLEY

What about this one?

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

Maybe.

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

Grandma -

[MUSIC IN]

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

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

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

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

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

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

Why?

GRANDMA

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

PUGSLEY

Whaddaya mean?

GRANDMA

One swig of this and Mary Poppins turns into Medea.

PUGSLEY

I don't understand your references.

GRANDMA

Well, stop the damn texting and pick up a book once in a while.

(then)
Now, quit whining about your sister. Start thinking about
you and how you're gonna live your life.
 (waxing rhapsodic)
Time, my dear, is a thief. She'll steal your soul and flee
on little fairy wings.
 (then, abruptly)
And stay outta my shit or I'll rip your leg off and bury it
in the back yard.
 (and)
I love you.
 (As GRANDMA exits, PUGSLEY swipes the
 Acrimonium from her cart.)

PUGSLEY

WEDNESDAY WILL DRINK AND THEN SHE'LL BE HERSELF AGAIN

PUGSLEY (CON'T)

LUCAS WILL LEAVE HER BE SO SHE CAN TORTURE ME JUST LIKE SHE ALWAYS DID 'TIL THEN I'M JUST A STRANGE, FAT KID.

(PUGSLEY hugs the bottle. Applause.)

(A DINNER GONG. THE GREAT HALL is revealed, with the FAMILY at the banquet table. PUGSLEY moves upstage to his seat.)

(THE GREAT HALL AND BANQUET TABLE)

(Dinner is over.)

GOMEZ

Another magnificent feast - (pointedly)

- all thanks to my fabulous lady wife, from whom I keep nothing. This dinner puts me in mind of my great ancestor, Hector Fernando Escondido Chimichanga, a man hated by the church but clever with a quip. In fact, while being burned alive, he said to the priest - "Keep it pink in the middle, a little crispy on the outside."

MORTICIA

(ending it, clinking her glass) Thank you, dear. And now it's time to play The Game.

WEDNESDAY

Please, not The Game. It's really late -

PUGSLEY

But it's a family tradition!

WEDNESDAY

Pugsley, could you just go away and die?

PUGSLEY

(re: Lucas) I will if your boyfriend will.

GOMEZ

(to Morticia) Cara, maybe The Game's a bad idea.

WEDNESDAY

Thank you, daddy.

MORTICIA

No, it's a good idea. And if it isn't, then somebody will be sleeping on the couch for a verylong time.

GOMEZ

Actually, the Game is a goodidea. The best of all ideas. (mouths "I'm sorry" to Wednesday)

ALICE

What kind of game?

GOMEZ

We call it "Obligacion de Revelar."

ALICE

Oh! Spanish! What does it mean?

MORTICIA

"Full Disclosure."

GOMEZ

Exactly. Everyone sips from the sacred family chalice -

MORTICIA

(driving the bus here)
- and confesses a secret they've never told anyone.

GOMEZ

Loosely based on the Inquisition.

MORTICIA

And you have to *absolutely* tell the truth.

ALICE

Or what?

MORTICIA

(a nod to Gomez) Or there are consequences.

ALICE

I don't think I'd be very good at that game.

MAL

Sure you would.

ALICE

Oh no, no no no no.

MORTICIA

And now Gomez will break the ice. My husband has something he needs to disclose.

GOMEZ

No, no, the host goes last.

MORTICIA

Lurch, the sacred chalice!

(LURCH presents the chalice to GOMEZ. Under MORTICIA'S determined glare, he gingerly takes the chalice and sings.)

#12 FULL DISCLOSURE PART 1

GOMEZ

THIS IS THE SACRED CHALICE FROM ADDAMS FAMILIES PAST FIRM IN MY DIGITALIS HELD FAST DIE-CAST! HERE, IN THIS SWEET LIBATION SALVATION RESIDES FEEL THE SWEET SENSATION REVELATION PROVIDES

(drinks from the chalice)

FULL DISCLOSURE! IT'S A GAME THAT WE PLAY LET YOUR DARKEST SECRETS GIVE YOU AWAY FACE YOUR DEMONS AND THEN HAPPILY SAY I'M PLAYING FULL DISCLOSURE WITH ALL THESE CRAZY HAPPY PEOPLE

GMZ/MORT/FESTER/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE!

GOMEZ

IT'S A HELLUVA THING ONCE A FAVORITE OF THE LATE DENG XIAO PING DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE RIGHT OR LEFT WING HE LOVED HIS FULL DISCLOSURE!

(He drinks again from the chalice.)

GRNDM/FSTR/PUGS/MORT/ANCESTORS

DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE

GOMEZ

Yes. Well. My disclosure is in the form of a fairy tale.

[MUSIC OUT]

GOMEZ (CON'T)

Once there was a man who had a beautiful wife and two beautiful children. A humble man, I say, and yet within his breast beat the heart of a loyal and steadfast husband who treasured his wife and worshipped the ground she walked on. Thank you.

(He sits.)

(MORTICIAlooks at him. He rises again and continues --)

And one day, a fox appeared and gave him a beautiful box of rare wood and Spanish leather... "What's in the box?" asked the kindly man. And the fox said, "A little secret. Nothing important. But you must never ever open it. And the man took it home and his beautiful wife said, "Let's open it anyway." And the kindly man said, "Don't push it, honey. We got a good thing going." And they never did open it. And everyone lived happily ever after.

(looks hopefully at his wife)

Full Disclosure.

[MUSIC CONTINUES]

MORTICIA

Well, we'll just have to come back to you, won't we? Wednesday's turn.

WEDNESDAY

Pass.

FESTER

Oooh! Oooh!

GOMEZ

Yes! Let's hear from Fester. The chalice!

(Chalice-passing music.)

FESTER

I - am in love!

EVERYONE

Awww!

FESTER

You're probably thinking, what could a fat bald person of

FESTER (CON'T)

no specific sexuality know about love? But I, too, am in love. Fester loves!

MORTICIA

Oh, Fester - who is it?

FESTER

(shyly) The moon!

ALICE

The moon? He's in love with the moon.

MAL

Yeah, that's normal.

ALICE

That's the most beautiful thing I ever heard!

FESTER

Oh, I haven't told her yet.

EVERYONE

Awww!

FESTER

Full Disclosure.

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS FULL DISCLOSURE!

FESTER

JUST EMBRACE IT AND SWOON

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

EMBRACE AND SWOON

FESTER

FALL FROM GRACE OR FALL IN LOVE WITH THE MOON

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

HE LOVES THAT MOON

FESTER

CLOSE YOUR SERMON WITH A SIGNATURE TUNE

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

AND CALL IT FULL DISCLOSURE!

MORTICIA

Wednesday's turn!

WEDNESDAY

No!

GRANDMA

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

(realizes something) I just peed.

(She spreads her napkin onto her chair and sits.)

(Odd beat)

(MORTICIA stares at her icily. Then--)

MORTICIA

We should've put you down years ago. (then) All right. Wednesday's turn.

WEDNESDAY

Not yet. Daddy, talk to her.

GOMEZ

I've still got the fox box problem.

MORTICIA

(get on with it) Wednesday. Your turn. The chalice please.

MORTICIA (CON'T)

Where's the chalice? (PUGSLEY crawls out from under the front of the table.)

PUGSLEY

Yes!

(pours the potion into the chalice) NOW, WITH A DASH OF POTION MY SISTER BLOWS HER COOL HOPEFULLY, IN SLOW-MOTION SHE'LL DROP SHE'LL DROOL ONE SIP OF ACRIMONIUM AND THEN SHE WILL CHANGE BOY, OH BOY, HER FULL DISCLOSURE'S GONNA BE STRANGE!

MORT/GMZ/GRNDM/FSTR/PUG/ALICE/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE!

MORTICIA

IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!

GRANDMA/FESTER/ALICE/PUGS/ANCESTORS

LA LA LA (The chalice is passed toward WEDNESDAY. ALICE starts coughing.)

GOMEZ

(to Wednesday) NOW YOU BETTER HIT THE TRUTH LIKE BABE RUTH

GRNDM/FSTR/ALICE/PUG/MORT/ANCESTORS

LA LA LA LA!

(ALICE coughs again. WEDNESDAY receives the chalice. She holds it, gathering her thoughts, then raises it to her lips...)

GOMEZ/WEDNESDAY

THIS IS TORTURE, LIKE AN IMPACTED TOOTH!

GMZ/MORT/GRNDM/FSTR/ALICE/PUG/ANCSTRS HOORAY FOR FULL... (WEDNESDAY is about to drink, but ALICE coughs again. LUCAS grabs the chalice and hands it to ALICE, who drinks it.)

PUGSLEY

No!!!!

(ALICE'S cheeks flush, her soul darkens, she howls in pain and slams the cup on the table.)

#13 WAITING

ALICE

MAL

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

(MAL rises to help ALICE, but she's a changed woman.)

ALICE

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

MAL

Alice, I think you've had enough to -

ALICE

(cutting him off)

Remember how it used to be, Mal? How we'd look at each other and leave the restaurant in the middle of dinner and rush home and go upstairs; and sometimes we couldn't even wait and you'd just pull the car over to the side of the -

LUCAS

(scandalized)

Mom!

ALICE

Lighten up, Lucas. Parents do it. Live with it. (To MAL) Remember, Mal? When we were crazy and the future didn't exist? What happened Mal? The guy with the Grateful Dead

ALICE (CON'T)

t-shirt? Is he ever coming back? How long do I have to wait?

A WOMAN WAITS FOR MARRIAGE A WOMAN WAITS FOR CHILDREN SHE WAITS FOR HER BIG MAL TO COME BACK HOME AT FIVE O'CLOCK OR SIX O'CLOCK TIL IT'S NINE O'CLOCK AND THERE'S NO O'CLOCK TO EASE THE PAIN PAIN SHE CAN'T EXPLAIN AS THE WOMAN WAITS IN THE DARK FOR A SPARK THAT ONCE WAS THERE THAT ISN'T THERE, NOT EVER THERE! (She impulsively grabs LURCH'S hand and plants it on her chest.)

LURCH

Grrrnngh!

ALICE

ALONE AND WAITING AND WAILING AND WHINING AND WANING AND WANTING AND WASTING AND WHOA -WAITING, FIXATING, DEBATING, LOSE WEIGHTING, ICE SKATING, LACTATING, AND SO -WE WAIT TO LAUGH WE WAIT TO CRY WE WAIT FOR EVERY HOPEFUL BREATH WAITING FOR A LOUSY, ROTTING, VICIOUS, RANCID, FLUSHED DOWN, FETID, FRENZIED, FATAL... DEATH!

ANCESTORS

WOAH, WOAH!

(Applause, then--)

GOMEZ

Ooooh. That's too dark even for us.

#14 FULL DISCLOSURE PART 2

GOMEZ/MORT/FSTR/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE

GOMEZ

WOW, THAT STORY WAS GRIM

GOMEZ/MORT/FSTR/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

WE'RE TALKING GRIM

GOMEZ

FILLED WITH FEAR AND LOATHING UP TO THE BRIM

GOMEZ/MORT/FSTR/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

THAT'S QUITE A BRIM

GOMEZ

JUST IMAGINE BEING MARRIED TO HIM -(MAL interrupts, rising. He's had enough.)

MAL

OK, Addams, I tried. I thought OK, the kids like each other, let's give it a shot. But you people are insane. You got a house where there shouldn't be a house, a zombie for a butler, and a man who's dating the moon -

FESTER

Oh, I wouldn't exactly say we're dating.

MAL

We're simple people, Mister Addams. We're not used to your "sophisticated New York life-style." So with your permission, we're gonna go back to the *real*America. Full disclosure. Lucas, help your mother off the table.

(WEDNESDAY'S had enough)

WEDNESDAY

You were right, Lucas.

MORTICIA

Right about what?

WEDNESDAY

Thanks anyway, Daddy.

MORTICIA

Thanks for what??

WEDNESDAY

We should have just told her.

MORTICIA

Told me what???

(Before GOMEZ can answer, WEDNESDAY cuts him off.)

WEDNESDAY

(breaking in) It doesn't matter.

[MUSIC OUT]

Lucas and I love each other. And we're getting married.

MORTICIA

What?!

[MUSIC IN]

FESTER & ANCESTORS

MARRIED!

MORTICIA

(to Gomez, in horror) That's what you kept from me?

FESTER & ANCESTORS

MARRIED!

ALICE

(to Morticia) No secrets, huh? HA HA HA.

WEDNESDAY

YES WE KEPT A SECRET!

MORTICIA

AND YOU KEPT IT FROM ME?

LUCAS

SO, WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

ARE THEY GETTING MARRIED?

GOMEZ & ANCESTORS

REALLY MARRIED?

ALL (EXCEPT WEDNESDAY AND LUCAS) "MARRIED" MARRIED?

FULL DISCLOSURE

MORT/ALICE/WED/GMZ/MAL/LUC/GRND/FSTR

WHAT A MISERABLE GAME

ALL

ALICE

PLAY IT ONCE AND LIFE IS NEVER THE SAME AH! AH! AH! AH! AH! SOMEONE STARTED IT SO SOMEONE'S TO BLAME

ALL

ENOUGH OF FULL

WEDNESDAY

THIS ISN'T HAPPENEING OH NO THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! STOP!

(FESTER freezes the action before the BEINEKES can leave.)

FESTER

Never fails. You let nature take its course - chaos. I mean, is this any way to end an act? Actually, yes. But it'd be better if the guests couldn't leave just yet, dontcha think?

ANCESTORS

Yeah!

FESTER

OK, dead people - gimme some weather!

(FESTER prompts the ANCESTORS to create a storm! Thunder! Lightning! The doors fly open! Wind blows people and objects about.)

MAL

It's a tornado! We'll never make it out of the park alive!

(LURCH pushes the front door closed against the storm.)

GOMEZ

Well, Beinekes - looks like you'll be spending the night.

(GRANDMA cackles)

That's what happens when you play...

ALL

FULL DISCLOSURE!

(Blackout)

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO SCENE 1

(OUTSIDE THE HOUSE)

#15 OPENING ACT II

(TASSEL and IT have a flirtation and run off. FESTER opens the curtain and closes the gate. WEDNESDAY enters, with suitcase and crossbow, pursued by LUCAS. The ANCESTORS observe this.)

[MUSIC STOPS]

LUCAS

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

WEDNESDAY

Talk what over?

LUCAS

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

WEDNESDAY

And you said it didn't matter!

LUCAS

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

WEDNESDAY

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

LUCAS

What?

WEDNESDAY

Forget it.

LUCAS

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

WEDNESDAY

God, you're annoying.

LUCAS

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

WEDNESDAY

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

LUCAS

What'll we do for money?

WEDNESDAY

Stop being so scared of everything.

ANCESTORS

Yeah.

LUCAS

Right, like you're not scared.

WEDNESDAY

I eat scared for breakfast, honey.

ANCESTORS

Yeah.

LUCAS

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

No.

WEDNESDAY

ANCESTORS

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

ANCESTORS

Yeah.

WEDNESDAY

Are you coming or not?

LUCAS

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

LUCAS

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

[MUSIC IN]

(LUCAS, all indecision, exits back to the house. FESTER enters.)

ANCESTORS

AH, AH, AH, AH, AH!

FESTER

There you are: Secrets exposed. Marriages threatened. Delicious anarchy. What happens now? Can this be repaired? Or do you all leave in an hour feeling vaguely depressed? Let's find out, shall we?

(FESTER parts the gates, revealing--)

SCENE 2

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(MORTICIA enters, livid, pursued by GOMEZ.)

MORTICIA

Humiliated! Shamed! Mortified!

GOMEZ

Cara-

MORTICIA

I told that Beineke woman we kept nothing from each other.

GOMEZ

My sweet, my only - Wednesday wasn't sure about the boy and didn't want to worry you.

MORTICIA

Oh, so you didn't dare tell me, because I'm such a terrible mother.

GOMEZ

You're a wonderful mother.

MORTICIA

And look at the thanks I get. I gave up my dreams for the sake of this family. I wanted to travel. I wanted to see Paris! I never saw the sewers of Paris! And now it'll never happen!

GOMEZ

Cara-

MORTICIA

So that's how it ends... alone and forgotten in a tiny room, living on cat food and broken dreams - that's what happens to mothers. Look at yours. She came for the weekend, the weeks turned into months, it's twelve years later and she's still up there: Deceived. Deluded. Smoking weed in the attic.

(then)

A grandma.

(and) Well, I'm not going to end up like your mother.

GOMEZ

Mymother? I thought she was yourmother. (Bad look from MORTICIA.) No, seriously.

MORTICIA

You lied to me, I can't live with that.

GOMEZ

Here, cara. I feel the urge to take you in my arms.

MORTICIA

Not. Today.

GOMEZ

But cara-

MORTICIA

Out!

(GOMEZ exits)

#16 JUST AROUND THE CORNER

MY DAUGHTER'S GETTING MARRIED I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S TRUE SHE DOESN'T ASK HER MOTHER BEFORE SHE SAYS "I DO?" AND HOW ABOUT MY HUSBAND? INCONSTANT, NAIVE! THIS EVENING'S GETTING SERIOUS THESE OHIOANS WON'T LEAVE BUT I CAN'T LET THESE LATEST TROUBLES ROB ME OF MY BLISS FOR WHEN I'M SCARED OF TRUE DISASTER I REMEMBER THIS...

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER WAITING PATIENTLY TO STRIKE ONE UNPLANNED ELECTROCUTION THAT'S THE KIND OF END I CAN COMPREHEND WHEN I'M FEELING UNINSPIRED OR I NEED A LITTLE SPREE I'M REBORN KNOWING DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER COMING AFTER ME (spoken) Coroner. Get it? Death is just around the coroner...

MORTICIA (CON'T)

(sings) DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER WAITING HIGH UPON THE HILL SOMEONE BURIED IN AN AVALANCHE THAT'S THE KIND OF GIG I COULD REALLY DIG MARRIAGE OFTEN DISAPPOINTS YOU NOT EACH HUSBAND IS A GEM SO, I'LL MOURN KNOWING DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER COMING AFTER THEM IF LIFE'S ALL PLUMS I'LL MUDDLE THROUGH SOME BUT WHEN DEATH COMES I HOPE IT'S GRUESOME (HA-CHA)

(The ANCESTORS enter variously, During-)

SOME PEOPLE DIE FROM PUBLIC STONING FAULTY WIRING, FAULTY ZONING CHERRY PITS THEY DIDN'T KNOW WERE THERE

CAVEMAN ANCESTORS

(Cough) (Cough)

MORTICIA

IT COULD BE BY A JUNGLE CAT

FLIGHT ATTENDANT ANCESTOR

A SLIPPERY MAT

SOLDIER ANCESTOR

A BASEBALL BAT

MORTICIA

PERHAPS AN UNSUCCESSFUL LOVE AFFAIR IT COULD BE IN A SPEEDING TRAIN IT COULD BE UNDERWATER IT COULD BE TOO MUCH NOVOCAINE OR EVEN BY YOUR DAUGHTER

BRIDE ANCESTOR

PERHAPS A BAD MOSQUITO BITE

CONQUISTADOR & PURITAN ANCESTOR

A TITLE FIGHT

SALOON/FLAPPER ANCESTOR

RELIGIOUS RITE

MORTICIA

WHY DARLINGS, IT MIGHT EVEN BE TONIGHT!

[DANCE BREAK]

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER NO ONE'S EVER BEEN IMMUNE

MORTICIA

TURNING OFF A RESPIRATOR

ANCESTORS

Gasp!

MORTICIA

WITH A SIMPLE CLICK SCANDALOUSLY QUICK

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

I CAN FACE A NEW TOMORROW IF I MAKE IT PAST TODAY

MORTICIA

I FEEL GOOD SAYING DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER SWIFTLY ON ITS WAY

[DANCE BREAK]

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND YOU HAVE TO HEED THE CALL

ANCESTORS

DON'T ASK WHY

MORTICIA

FOR YOUR DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

ANCESTORS

YOU AND I

MORTICIA

HAPPY BEING BOTH THE MOURNED AND MOURNER

ANCESTORS

SAY GOODBYE

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

BECAUSE DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER COMING FOR US ALL!

(Applause)

#16A JUST AROUND THE CORNER PLAYOFF

ANCESTORS

DON'T ASK WHY

MORTICIA

FOR YOUR DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

ANCESTORS

YOU AND I

MORTICIA

HAPPY BEING BOTH THE MOURNED AND MOURNER

ANCESTORS

SAY GOODBYE

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

BECAUSE DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER COMING FOR US ALL!

(The GRIM REAPER'S scythe takes MORTICIA off.)

SCENE 3

(GUEST BEDROOM)

16B ALL IS BLACK INSIDE MY FACE

ALICE

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

MAL

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

ALICE

(dark) You got a problem with that?

MAL

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

ALICE

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

MAL

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

ALICE

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

MAL

Follow his heart? That's crazy!

ALICE

What's wrong with crazy? Crazy is underrated.

MAL

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

ALICE

If it makes him happy, yes.

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

ALICE

MAL

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

MAL

What?

ALICE

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

(ALICE screams)

Mal!

MAL

What?

ALICE

Oh... nothing.

(MAL turns to leave and ALICE gets on the bed and laughs.)

#16C INTO THE MOON AND ME

SCENE 4

(VAUDEVILLE IN-ONE)

(FESTER enters, looking for love.)

FESTER

Storm's passed. Think I'll get a little moon. (calling into the dark void) Ladies, hello. (The FEMALE ANCESTORS appear, as bathing beauties with parasols.) Yoo hoo, where are you hiding? Are you playing with me, my only one?

(The MOON enters, shyly.) There you are! Look at her. Lovely, is she not? And so

far away. Yes, in matters of love, my dears, distance is our friend. Closeness? No thank you. Quarter of a million miles away - that's a good distance for romance. We never fight, each waning is a heartbreaking separation...

FEMALE ANCESTORS

(Ohh!)

FESTER

... Each meeting - a happy reunion.

FEMALE ANCESTORS

(Awww!)

(The LADIES part, revealing FESTER in a 1920's style bathing suit, and strumming his banjolele. He looks up at the moon and sings to her--)

#17 THE MOON AND ME

FESTER

WHEN THE DAYLIGHT ENDS AND THE MOON ASCENDS I WOULD RATHER BE JUST THE MOON AND ME WHEN I FEEL HER PULL THEN MY HEART IS FULL AND THE NIGHT IS SOFTLY SWEETLY CALLING, "FESTER, LOOK AND SEE" LA LA LA LA LA

FESTER (CON'T)

LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE WHEN THE MOON SAYS "I LOVE YOU" *(The FEMALE ANCESTORS sing behind FESTER now.)* THOUGH I'M TOLD IT'S WRONG WHEN I SING MY SONG SHE ACCEPTS, SHE ATTENDS SHE BELIEVES, SHE BEFRIENDS LA LA

FESTER & FEMALE ANCESTORS

IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE WHEN THE MOON SAYS "I LOVE YOU" FESTER HOW IT CAN FEEL WHEN LOVE IS REAL

(FESTER dances with the MOON and the STARS.)

FESTER & FEMALE ANCESTORS

LA IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE WHEN THE MOON SAYS "I LOVE YOU" IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE WHEN THE MOON SAYS

FEMALE ANCESTORS

FESTER

AAH!

FEMALE ANCESTORS

AHH!

(FESTER disappears into the moony night. Applause.)

SCENE 5

(UNDER THE ADDAMS FAMILY TREE)

#17A INTO HAPPY SAD

(GOMEZ sits on the swing. He listens to the sounds of the city and park culminating in a scream and two gunshots, which relaxes him. WEDNESDAY crosses furiously, with suitcase and crossbow.)

GOMEZ

Wednesday!

WEDNESDAY

Don't even!

GOMEZ

Where do you think you're going, young lady?

WEDNESDAY

Away.

GOMEZ

Elopement??

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, would you just please let me -

GOMEZ

No! This is what comes from keeping secrets! If the two of you wanted to get married, you should've -

WEDNESDAY

(cutting him off) There's not gonna be any marriage!

GOMEZ

No? Why?

WEDNESDAY

He bailed!

GOMEZ

What? A breach of promise? An outrage!

WEDNESDAY

He thought running away was a bad idea.

GOMEZ

On the other hand, he does have a point.

WEDNESDAY

I hate him!

GOMEZ

Well, it's a beginning. Something to build on.

WEDNESDAY

He says he can't live without me, and then he lets me go.

[MUSIC IN]

I love him. Why doesn't he love me?

GOMEZ

You just said you hated him. Which is it?

WEDNESDAY

Both.

GOMEZ

Now you've got it.

#18 HAPPY SAD

RIGHT AND WRONG WHO'S TO SAY WHICH WE SHOULD REFUSE ALL WE KNOW LOVE SURVIVES EITHER WAY WE CHOOSE HERE YOU ARE AT THE EDGE GO AHEAD AND FALL DON'T RESIST I INSIST LOVE STILL CONQUERS ALL

It even conquered you, my adorable Attila. You had to go and grow up.

WEDNESDAY

And you're cool with that?

GOMEZ

Yes and no. (sings) I'M FEELING HAPPY I'M FEELING SAD A LITTLE CHILDISH A LITTLE "DAD" I THINK OF ALL THE DAYS YOU'VE KNOWN ALL THE WAYS YOU'VE GROWN SEE YOU ON YOUR OWN AND THEN I'M FEELING HAPPY AND SAD AGAIN I THINK I'M RESTED BUT THEN I'M TIRED TODAY REQUESTED TOMORROW FIRED AND NOW A BOY SAYS HE ADORES SHE WHO ONCE WAS YOURS HOW CAN I IGNORE SUCH NEWS? I'M SAD AND HAPPY WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE?

> LIFE IS FULL OF CONTRADICTIONS EVERY INCH A MILE AT THE MOMENT WE START WEEPING THAT'S WHEN WE SHOULD SMILE

> > (speaks)

So many memories... Wednesday, eating her first worm. Wednesday, sealing up her baby brother in the wall. Wednesday, setting fire to the Jehovah's Witness... And I think, "Where did the years go?" And I am sad. But then I see this lovely young woman, and I am happy. Happy, sad, happy, sad. Like the bull when the matador put the sword into him, and he look at the matador and say, "Nice job. I hate you."

(sings) IN EVERY HEAVEN YOU'LL FIND SOME HELL AND THERE'S A WELCOME IN EACH FAREWELL LIFE CAN BE HARSH, THE FUTURE STRICT WHO WOULD DARE PREDICT AND THE BOY YOU'VE PICKED? NOT BAD.

GOMEZ (CON'T)

SO LET'S BE HAPPY FOREVER HAPPY COMPLETELY HAPPY AND A TINY BIT SAD

(Applause. LUCAS emerges.)

SCENE 6

(CONTINUOUS)

WEDNESDAY

How long have you been standing in the shadows?

LUCAS

My whole life.

GOMEZ

Nice. You should be a writer. Have you met my daughter? This is Wednesday. The best thing that will ever happen to you.

(to Lucas) Don't screw it up.

(GOMEZ exits)

WEDNESDAY

Yes?

LUCAS

Look, I can't stand the idea of not being with you.

WEDNESDAY

Five minutes ago you could.

LUCAS

No, but see - the lover always comes back. Ulysses. Tristan. Romeo.

WEDNESDAY

Listen, I'm home-schooled. What's your point?

LUCAS

I'd rather die than live without you.

(The ANCESTOR BRIDE appears, holding a bright red apple. WEDNESDAY takes it from her, and she disappears.)

WEDNESDAY

Ok. Prove it.

LUCAS

What.

WEDNESDAY

Prove it.

[MUSIC IN]

Here.

(WEDNESDAY hands the apple to LUCAS and picks up her crossbow.)

LUCAS

Where'd you - -

WEDNESDAY

Put this apple on your head and go stand against the tree.

LUCAS

(realizing) Wait - you're gonna - ?

WEDNESDAY

Uh-huh.

LUCAS

You're crazy.

WEDNESDAY

And you're not crazy enough. That's the problem.

#19 CRAZIER THAN YOU

ONCE I WAS HOPEFUL THOUGHT WE WERE ONE LIFE, LESS THAN PERFECT FINALLY BEGUN BUT, NOW I WONDER ARE WE UNDONE? I WANNA TREASURE YOU IN DEATH AS WELL AS LIFE I WANNA CUT YOU WITH MY LOVE AND WITH MY KNIFE BUT CAN I LIVE AS YOUR TORMENTOR AND YOUR WIFE? WHEN I AM CRAZIER THAN YOU I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU AND NOTHING UP 'TIL NOW HAS PROVED ME WRONG I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU THAT'S JUST THE OVERVIEW SO GET ON BOARD OR SIMPLY MOVE ALONG

LUCAS

I'M NOT IMPULSIVE

WEDNESDAY

AND YET I TRULY LOVE YOU

LUCAS

I'M NOT DERANGED

WEDNESDAY

I'D NEVER ASK THAT OF YOU

LUCAS

BUT IN THIS MOMENT I KNOW I'VE CHANGED I WANNA CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST GO TO MOZAMBIQUE I WANNA BE IMPULSIVE WANT TO BE UNIQUE CAN YOU BELIEVE I MEAN IT WHEN YOU HEAR ME SHRIEK? (he hands her the apple) I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU AND NOW I'LL PROVE TO YOU EXACTLY HOW-OW-OW I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU (he blindfolds himself with his tie) I'LL DO WHAT YOU CAN DO FROM HERE ON IN I GIVE MY SOLEMN VOW-OW-OW-OW (WEDNESDAY hands LUCAS the apple. He puts the apple on his head.)

WEDNESDAY

PLUCK THE ARROW FROM ITS QUIVER HOLD IT IN YOUR HAND, BE BRAVE

LUCAS

PIERCE THE APPLE NOT THE LIVER OR WE'RE DANCING ON MY GRAVE

WEDNESDAY

PLACE IT IN THE BOW AND STEADY

LUCAS

CAN'T YOU SHOOT THAT THING ALREADY?!?

WEDNESDAY

I'M GONNA DEMONSTRATE THAT FEAR IS MY IDEAL

LUCAS

GIRL, BELIEVE ME FEAR IS YOUR APPEAL

WEDNESDAY

CAUSE IN THE MOMENT THAT YOU'RE FRIGHTENED LIFE IS REAL

LUCAS

THEN MY LIFE MUST BE REAL REAL

WEDNESDAY

LUCAS

AND IN A FLASH WHEN I RELEASE AND SEAL THE DEAL AND IN A FLASH WHEN YOU RELEASE AND SEAL THE DEAL

(LUCAS rips off his blindfold)

LUCAS

No, no, no, wait! OK, OK! You want crazy - here'scrazy. (He ties the blindfold over WEDNESDAY'S eyes instead.)

WEDNESDAY

OK, now it's getting interesting. (then) Aren't you afraid?

LUCAS

(a tad manic)
No! You know why? Because I will guide the arrow! I'll
guide it with my love!

WEDNESDAY

How does that work exactly?

LUCAS

We're connected, see? We're destined to be together! So nothing bad can happen!

WEDNESDAY

Yeah, but what if I miss?

LUCAS

Then you'll be the last thing I ever see.

WEDNESDAY

That is *so*hot.

(LUCAS runs to the tree, apple on his head. WEDNESDAY aims, blindly. The ANCESTORS enter.)

LUCAS

Ready!

(WEDNESDAY fires her crossbow. In SLO-MO "Matrix" rhythm, the ANCESTORS guide the arrow to split the apple. Then back to normal speed, as LUCAS screams.)

WEDNESDAY

Omigod!

(She tears the blindfold off, to see LUCAS unhurt.)

LUCAS

Gotcha. Now will you marry me?

WEDNESDAY

Oh, yes, Lewis. A thousand times yes.

LUCAS

Lucas. Lucas.

WEDNESDAY

Gotcha!

(She runs, he happily chases her off. MAL appears from behind the tree thrown by what he's just heard. Now FESTER appears.)

FESTER

Did you hear that? (Mal nods) The boy was willing to die for love. (then) Hard to believe he's your son.

MAL

(in awe and envy) He was so happy.

FESTER

Remember that? Being happy?

MAL

Yeah, What happened?

FESTER

You've turned into an unfeeling, rigid, selfish control freak.

MAL

Fester you're a wise person. How can I fix this? What do I do?

FESTER

Don't worry, it will come to you. (FESTER signals off stage.)

MAL

I wasn't always this way. I was happy-go-lucky once. I told jokes and played the guitar and slept until noon. But then you get a wife and a kid and a mortgage... (ALICE appears. Mal stops when he sees her.)

[MUSIC FADES]

FESTER

Keep going.

MAL

But what do I say?

FESTER

Just remember how you felt the first time you saw her. (Fester leaves, taking all the ANCESTORS with him, MAL stares at ALICE. ALICE waits. Then, finally--)

MAL

(Hopefully) Alice. It's Mal.

I know.

MAL

ALICE

No, the old Mal.

ALICE

The old Mal? With the guitar and the T-shirt?

MAL

And the head-band.

ALICE

(Remembering, a smile)
Omigod. The head-band.
 (Then)
You were pretty crazy back then, you know that?

MAL

Yeah, I know. (MAL clears his throat once and turns out)

"I guess I got stuck, Alice -More than most men. But mama, I swear I'll be crazy again."

ALICE

Mal, you're rhyming.

[MUSIC IN]

MAL

For you, baby. Just for you.

I LEARNED FROM LUCAS I LEARNED FROM YOU I WASN'T HAPPY. I WASN'T TRUE. BUT THEN THE WAY YOU SPOKE AT DINNER TOUCHED MY SOUL COMPLETELY CRAZY, YET COMPLETELY IN CONTROL SO, WHEN YOU KICKED ME OUT I SAID "LET'S ROCK AND ROLL!"

SO I'LL BE CRAZIER THAN YOU

MAL (CON'T)

MUCH CRAZIER THAN YOU IT WARMS ME UP TO SEE YOU LIVING LA-A-RAGE WHEN I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU FAR CRAZIER THAN YOU I'LL DROP THE PLAN YOU'LL BE THE MAN IN CHA-A-A-ARGE

ALICE

ALL THIS TIME AND ALL I NEEDED WAS THE HOPE THAT YOU'D SUBMIT

MAL

TOO AFRAID AND TOO CONCEITED TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE IT BUT THE JOURNEY'S NOW COMPLETED

ALICE

Oh Mal.

(their special phrase, inverted) I missed you, pumpkin! Come to Mama!

(WEDNESDAY and LUCAS are discovered in another location.)

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I'M GONNA TREASURE YOU IN DEATH AS WELL AS LIFE

ALICE

MAL, YOU'RE RHYMING

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I WANNA CUT YOU WITH MY LOVE AND WITH MY KNIFE

MAL

ALL THE TIM-ING

WEDNESDAY

NOW I CAN LIVE AS YOUR TORMENTOR AND YOUR WIFE

LUCAS

NOW YOU CAN LIVE AS MY TORMENTOR AND MY WIFE

ALICE

OH MAL OH MAL OH MAL

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

'CAUSE I AM CRAZIER THAN YOU

ALICE & MAL

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

ALICE

MAL

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO PLEASE TELL ME WHAT TO DO

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

AND LIVE OR DIE I'LL LET YOU HAVE CONTROL

ALICE & MAL

OOH!

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

ALICE & MAL

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

SO SAY YOU LOVE ME TOO

ALL FOUR

FROM HERE ON IN YOU'RE SINGING TO MY SO-O-O-UL MY SOUL

(Applause. The two couples run off to do what lovers do.)

SCENE 7

(CROSSOVER - PUGSLEY'S BEDROOM)

#19A BEDTIME STORY

(MORTICIA rides PUGSLEY'S bed as it travels SL.)

MORTICIA

What's wrong, my little cockroach?

PUGSLEY

I can't sleep.

MORTICIA

Why not?

PUGSLEY

There's no monster in the closet.

MORTICIA

(wearily, her mind elsewhere) I'm sure he's hiding someplace else.

PUGSLEY

Mommy ... I have a Full Disclosure.

MORTICIA

Yes?

PUGSLEY

What if you tried to do something to somebody and you ended up doing it to somebody else by mistake?

MORTICIA

Are we talking about anyone we know?

PUGSLEY

Well, I was talking to Grandma before, and she told me -

MORTICIA

Don't listen to that ancient woman. She may not even be part of this family.

PUGSLEY

Is Wednesday really gonna marry that guy?

MORTICIA

She might.

PUGSLEY

Oh, no! (then) Make me feel better, Mommy.

MORTICIA

Life is a tightrope, my child, and at the other end is your coffin. *(then)*

Better?

PUGSLEY

Uh-huh. Thanks, Mommy.

MORTICIA

Now close your eyes or the monster won't come out and eat you up.

(looks closely at him)

Pugsley? Pugsley?

(MORTICIA sees that PUGSLEY is fast

asleep. She strokes his head as...) Sleep well, my little vermin. Your mommy's life has fallen apart and she needs to go away for a while. And, years from now, when yourmarriage collapses and you want to know who put us all on the road to hell, you can thank your father.

(A MONSTER IGUANADON's feet, tail and finally, head, emerge from under the bed and walk the bed off.)

(to the monster under the bed) Look after my baby, will you? Keep him in harm's way.

(The MONSTER carries off the bed, MORTICIA and PUGSLEY.)

SCENE 8

(THE GROTTO)

(GOMEZ and LURCH. GOMEZ is a man with a mission, pacing, full of plans. He holds a GUIDE BOOK.)

GOMEZ

[MUSIC IN]

The worst hotel in Paris! (to LURCH) Get them on the line! Hurry, this is the final round, my friend!

(LURCH exits)

#20 NOT TODAY

DID I EVER ONCE BELIEVE THIS DAY WOULD COME? DID I EVER ONCE EXPECT THE WORST? DID I EVER DREAM THAT I COULD FEEL THIS WAY? *DIOS MIO*, NO! THIS IS THE FIRST. I'M A LATIN MAN AND LATIN MEN ARE SMART. EVERYTHING WE DO IS MUY SINCERE. LEADING WITH A SWORD AS MUCH AS WITH A HEART, NEVER ONCE WAS I PREPARED TO HEAR NOT TODAY! SHE SPAT IN MY FACE NOT TODAY! NOT EVEN SECOND BASE NOT TODAY! THE WORDS I HEARD HER SAY

GOMEZ (CON'T)

NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY!

I REMEMBER WELL THE DAY SHE POISONED ME. NO ONE ELSE HAD CARED ENOUGH TO TRY. HOW DID SHE UNCOVER ALL THE JOYS IN ME, ALL THE WAYS SHE PROMISED I WOULD DIE? EV'RY YEAR THAT PASSES I DESIRE HER MORE. ANYONE WHO KNOWS US WOULD AGREE. SHE'S MY EVERY FEVER, FLU AND CANKER SORE. SHE'S MY ONLY HEPATITIS B!

NOT TODAY! I'M DANCING ON MY OWN. NOT TODAY! A DOG WITHOUT A BONE. NOT TODAY! THAT ROTTEN RONDELET, NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY!

(LURCH enters with telephone and groans)

LURCH

Grnh!

GOMEZ

Is that my call to Paris? It's about time! 'Allo? Hotel Nosferatu? Listen, the future of my marriage is at stake!

(sings)

CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS IS THE WORST HOTEL IN PARIS? BECAUSE I NEED TO GET YOUR GHOULISH GUARANTEE. WHAT WOULD I PAY IF YOU COULD SAY YOU'D SERVE MY PETIT DEJEUNER FROM AN ABANDONED AND CONDEMNED PATISSERIE. I MUST BE CLEAR, DON'T WANT TO CIRCULATE MISNOMERS. YOU MUST HAVE ROACHES IN THE BATH AT ANY COST. IT SAYS RIGHT HERE IN MY NEW GUIDE I BOUGHT FROM FROMMER'S THAT EVEN IN JULY THE PIPES ARE THICK WITH FROST. (FESTER enters)

FESTER

Gomez! Gomez! Morticia's leaving!

GOMEZ

What?

FESTER

She's at the gate with a valise! It's the end of the family! (GOMEZ gives LURCH the phone. He exits. FESTER helps GOMEZ with his jacket,

perhaps.)

GOMEZ

IS THIS THE MOMENT WHERE I TURN A LITTLE GRAY? IS THIS THE MOMENT WHERE MY MARRIAGE VOWS DECAY? IS THIS THE MOMENT WHERE MORTICIA RUNS AWAY?

No!

NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY!

(Applause)

#20A AFTER NOT TODAY

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SCENE 9

(PARK BENCH AND TAXI SIGN--IN FRONT OF GATES)

(MORTICIA sits on a park bench, a valise by her side.)

GOMEZ

So it's true.

MORTICIA

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

(She lights the TAXI sign)

GOMEZ

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

MORTICIA

Hunh.What?

GOMEZ

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

MORTICIA

That's no secret.

GOMEZ

No. But even you had a secret - once.

MORTICIA

Never.

GOMEZ

And if you're wrong.

MORTICIA

I never am.

GOMEZ

But if you are, what will you give me?

MORTICIA

Name it.

GOMEZ

A dance.

MORTICIA

Go on.

GOMEZ

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

MORTICIA

How could I possibly remember what I -

GOMEZ

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

MORTICIA

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

GOMEZ

Uh huh.

MORTICIA

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

GOMEZ

And Wednesday is you. Isn't it wonderful?

MORTICIA

You did that like a lawyer.

[MUSIC IN]

GOMEZ

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

#21 LET'S LIVE BEFORE WE DIE

LET'S LIVE BEFORE WE DIE LET'S LAUGH BEFORE WE CRY

GOMEZ (CON'T)

LET'S HOLD EACH OTHER TIGHT AND DANCE IF I HAVE CAUSED YOU PAIN IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN COME, FILL ME WITH DELIGHT AND DANCE

MY LOVE, MY WIFE, FOREVER YOU WILL BE BUT WEDNESDAY'S LIFE, THAT TOO IS PART OF ME THE TWO GIRLS I ADORE AND SWORE TO SUFFER FOR LET'S END THIS TUG OF WAR AND DANCE

(GOMEZ extends his hand. MORTICIA doesn't move.)

MORTICIA

Mother told me to beware of clever men with silver tongues.

GOMEZ

What I lack in depth I make up for in shallowness.

MORTICIA

You really think you can sway me with a joke?

GOMEZ

It's the last thing I try before the chloroform.

MORTICIA

TOMORROW I MAY BE IN RAINY GAY PAREE

GOMEZ

PLEASE STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE AND DANCE

MORTICIA

I'M NOT A CASTANET WHO CLICKS WITH NO REGRET

GOMEZ

YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT BY FAR SO DANCE

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

THE PLACE WE'RE IN CAN NEVER BE WHAT WAS

GOMEZ

'TIL WE BEGIN TO DO WHAT DANCING DOES MY DARLING I WAS BAD BAD HUSBAND AND BAD DAD INSTEAD OF BEING SAD

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

ALONE WE'RE LOST

BOTH

WE'RE DRIFTING OUT TO SEA

MORTICIA

BUT SIDE BY SIDE

GOMEZ

BUT SIDE BY SIDE

BOTH

WE'RE GLOOMY AS CAN BE

GOMEZ

AS GLOOMY AS CAN BE MORTICIA, I WAS WRONG I KNEW IT ALL ALONG FORGIVE ME WITH A SONG MORTICIA AND

#22 TANGO DE AMOR

DANCE...

(MORTICIA seductively tears her dress asunder.)

GOMEZ

Mi amor! Creature of constant surprises - you have legs!

(MORTICIA calls to the FEMALE ANCESTORS for assistance.)

MORTICIA

Ladies-

(They prepare her dress for the dance, as the sound of the bandoneon raises the heartbeat. MORTICIA approaches her husband. THE GATES OPEN, and we are in-)

SCENE 10

(THE ADDAMS GRAVEYARD)

(MORTICIA approaches GOMEZ - almost stalking-takes his extended hand, and allows her husband to envelop her in the embrace of Tango.)

(Beneath the giant moon, and joined by the ANCESTOR COUPLES, MORTICIA and GOMEZ dance the Tango that re-ignites their passion, and their marriage.)

GOMEZ

(appearing with a bullfighter's cape)

Arriba!

ANCESTORS

(re: Gomez and Morticia's bull fight)
OLE! OLE!

GOMEZ

Amor!

(The Tango concludes. Applause.)

(ALICE & MAL and WEDNESDAY & LUCAS enter)

MAL

Addams - you've changed our lives!

(shakes Gomez' hand)

ALICE

(to Gomez and Morticia) How can we ever thank you?

GOMEZ

Tell your friends. Word-of-mouth is so important. (to Wednesday) Young lady, step forward and speak the words that every mother longs to hear.

WEDNESDAY

I'm sorry.

(GOMEZ brings MORTICIA forward to WEDNESDAY.)

MORTICIA

You really want to marry this boy?

WEDNESDAY

I do.

MORTICIA

Why?

WEDNESDAY

He's willing to die for me. (deep breath) Mother, I need to ask you something.

MORTICIA

Yes?

(WEDNESDAY hesitates. LUCAS joins her.)

LUCAS

Go ahead - just ask her.

WEDNESDAY

Can we have your blessing?

MORTICIA

Of course. May you have many children, and may they give you as much grief as you've given us.

GOMEZ

Attencion everybody! I have a Full Disclosure. I'm taking my beautiful wife to Paris!

MORTICIA

Oh, Gomez! The sewers!

GOMEZ

Special package. One day, seven nights.

MORTICIA

Je t'aime, mon cher. Je t'aime toujours.

GOMEZ

(overcome) Ah, the French!

(He kisses up her arm. GRANDMA enters, dragging PUGSLEY on, with LURCH'S help. PUGSLEY holds a lit cigar. GRANDMA holds a familiar green bottle.)

GRANDMA

OK, fun-seekers! My Acrimonium was missing, so I sniffed around. Tell 'em what happened, you little bed-bug.

PUGSLEY

You're all so smart, you figure it out.

GOMEZ

Alright, let's see - you were afraid you'd lose your sister-

GRANDMA

So you stole my Acrimonium-

MORTICIA

- to make Wednesday and Lucas fall out of love with each other - $\ensuremath{\mathsf{-}}$

WEDNESDAY

- but I never got to drink it because -

LUCAS

- I passed it to my mother -

ALICE

- and I drank it, and became who I really am -

MAL

MORTICIA

- and I reached deep into my reservoir of womanly compassion and bathed your father in forgiveness.

GOMEZ

Welcome to our family.

#22A BEFORE "MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS"

We aren't losing a daughter, we're gaining three Beinekes.

(GOMEZ turns to PUGSLEY)

GOMEZ (CON'T)

Young man, for purely selfish motives, you turned a simple dinner party into a night from hell.

MORTICIA

We couldn't be more proud.

WEDNESDAY

Pugsley, you're an artist! You rearranged life itself, and it all came out even. You're the best brother in the world.

PUGSLEY

So you're still going to torture me?

WEDNESDAY

Of course. Until you get a girl of your own.

GOMEZ

(proudly)

My son. You embraced the darkness of your despair and suddenly the world makes sense. You are a true Addams!

#23 FINALE: MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

(Stepping from the shadows, LURCH speaks his first words ever-)

LURCH

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS WELCOME THE UNKNOWN FACE YOUR BLACKEST DEMONS FIND YOUR BLEAKEST BONE LOSE YOUR INHIBITIONS LOVE WHAT ONCE WAS VILE MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS AND SMILE

MORTICIA & WEDNESDAY

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS DON'T AVOID DESPAIR

ANCESTORS

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS DON'T AVOID DESPAIR

MORTICIA & WEDNESDAY

ONLY AT OUR WEAKEST

ANCESTORS

AT OUR WEAKEST

MORTICIA/WEDNESDAY/ANCESTORS

CAN WE LEARN WHAT'S THERE

GOMEZ/MORTICIA/MAL/ALICE/LUCAS/WED

WHEN YOU FACE YOUR NIGHTMARES THEN YOU'LL KNOW WHAT'S REAL

GOMEZ/MORTICIA/WEDNESDAY/LURCH

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS AND FEEL

(FESTER appears, wearing a leather flight helmet and goggles. He has a rocket strapped to his back.)

GOMEZ

Fester, Fester - What are you doing?

FESTER

I'm embracing the unknown! I'm moving toward my darkness!

MORTICIA

Au revoir, Fester. May you find your bliss.

ALICE

Excuse me, Fester, but where are you going?

FESTER

To the moon, Alice.

(During the following QUARTET, a dumb show involving FESTER, GOMEZ, MORTICIA, PUGSLEY, GRANDMA and LURCH - as they prepare FESTER for his flight, handing him: A lunch box or a sandwich, a VIRGIN AMERICA travel bag, an American flag on a pole (as in the moon landings.)

(QUARTET SECTION)

WEDNESDAY

(to Lucas) SOMETHING OLD

LUCAS

SOMETHING NEW

WEDNESDAY

CRAZINESS WRIT LARGE

MAL

(to Alice) SOMEONE BOLD

ALICE

SOMEONE TRUE

MAL

SOMEONE NEW IN CHARGE

WEDNESDAY/LUCAS/MAL/ALICE

YOU AND I FACE THE SKY AND THE LIGHT WE SEE FADES AWAY IN THE GRAY LEAVING YOU AND ME...

(FESTER is now fully outfitted and ready to go.)

FESTER

Pugsley, will you do the honors? (PUGSLEY touches his cigar to the fuse. The rocket ignites.)

(calling heavenward) I'm coming, my love. Stay full!

> (FESTER exits, his rocket sputtering. THEN ROCKET IGNITION! GOMEZ, points out to the sky, as FESTER flies off.)

GOMEZ

Fly, my lunatic brother! Fly on wings of love!

LURCH

АН АН АН АН АН

LURCH & 3 FEMALE ANCESTORS

AH AH AH AH AH

ALL

АН АН АН АН АН

(THE FAMILY assembles around GOMEZ and MORTICIA. The ANCESTORS are present, too.)

(The BRIDE ANCESTOR tosses her bouquet to WEDNESDAY. At this, LUCAS, MAL and ALICE, now part of the family, see the ANCESTORS for the first time. They greet each other, hand shakes, back slaps, kisses... like a family.)

ANCESTORS

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

ADDAMS & BEINEKES

MOVE TOWARD THE DARK

ANCESTORS

WELCOME IN YOUR PAIN

ADDAMS & BEINEKES

WELCOME IN YOUR PAIN

ANCESTORS

LET EACH FOREIGN FOREST

ALL

OFFER YOU ITS RAIN

ADDAMS/BEINEKES/FEMALE ANCESTORS

ONLY AT OUR LOWEST

MALE ANCESTORS

AT OUR LOWEST

ALL

CAN WE RISE ABOVE

(The ANCESTORS hold up telescopes, to see a tiny FESTER, heading straight for the full moon.)

ADDAMS & BEINEKES

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

ANCESTORS

MOVE TOWARD THE -

\mathbf{ALL}

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

(FESTER lands on the moon, sending a shower of sparks into space. His face appears on the surface, THE MAN IN THE MOON.)

GOMEZ

Love triumphs at last! (The GATE of the CRYPT swings open, with a loud creak.)

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS, AND -

LURCH

LOVE!

(And, love having triumphed at last for WEDNESDAY and LUCAS, for MAL and ALICE, for MORTICIA and GOMEZ, and for FESTER and the silver orb up in the sky - the ANCESTORS may now return to their graves, as THE FAMILY bids them farewell.)

ANCESTORS/ADDAMS/BEINEKES

LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE

GOMEZ

Are you unhappy, my darling?

MORTICIA

Oh yes, yes. Completely.

(GOMEZ kisses MORTICIA'S hand, more in love with her than ever. All is right with their world. And, as the dawn slowly rises, the curtain falls.)

(END OF ACT TWO)

#24 BOWS CURTAIN CALL: WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS (REPRISE)

(The Mizzy theme begins. The curtains part to reveal a crowd of ANCESTORS with black umbrellas standing in the rain. Thunder and lightning the classic image of mourners a a funeral. But...

The umbrellas part... it's a WEDDING! Of WEDNESDAY and LUCAS. LURCH presides, bible in hand. PUGSLEY is the ring bearer, holding THING on a pillow, with the ring on THING's finger. MORTICIA and GOMEZ, ALICE and MAL are to the side, as the parents of the bride and groom. FESTER is standing as Best Man. GRANDMA is the Old Maid of Honor.

LUCAS takes the ring and places it on WEDNESDAY's finger; they kiss. A bulb in FESTER's mouth lights up. FESTER hands the bulb to LURCH, who wraps it in a cloth and places it on the ground. LUCAS stomps on the glass. MISERY! EVERYONE erupts in celebration. And we transition to BOWS, woven together by DANCE.)

(ANCESTORS bow.)

(MAL and ALICE come forward. She carries a martini glass. He pulls a bottle of Acrimonium from his jacket and fills her glass. They toast, drink and bow.)

(Female ANCESTORS toss dead rose petals from baskets, followed by PUGSLEY, who takes a hand grenade from a basket, pulls the pin and drops it in the pit. BOOM. PUGSLEY bows.) (WEDNESDAY tosses her bouquet to the women. They open to reveal GRANDMA holding the bouquet. She bows.)

(The ANCESTORS carry WEDNESDAY and LUCAS aloft, place them center. They kiss and bow.)

(FESTER enters, pushing a black pram and passing out cigars. The pram glows as he leans down to tickle his 'moon baby.' He bows.)

(LURCH enters, carries piles of luggage. Crowd parts to reveal MORTICIA and GOMEZ, decked out for their trip to Paris. She's wearing a floppy hat and sunglasses. He's in a beret. The music shifts to a Parisian version of "Morticia." They bow.)

ANCESTORS

IT'S FINALLY LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE WONDERFULLY GLOOMY AND GRAY. LOVE THAT ALLOWS US TO SAY

[MUSIC STOPS]

Misery!

[MUSIC IN]

ALL

IT'S FAMILY FIRST AND FAMILY LAST AND FAMILY BY AND BY WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU DO WHAT ADDAMS DO OR - (ITT, wearing a top hat, chases TASSEL, wearing a veil, across the stage.) DIE! (Company bow.) (Curtain.)

(FINITA LA COMEDIA)

- VOCAL BOOK -



Book by Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice

Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa



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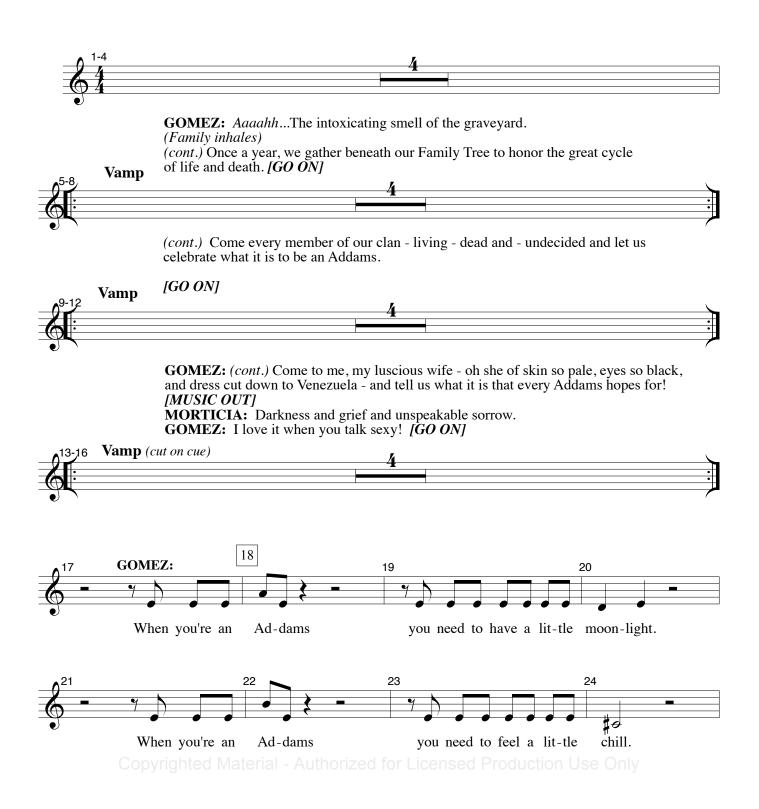


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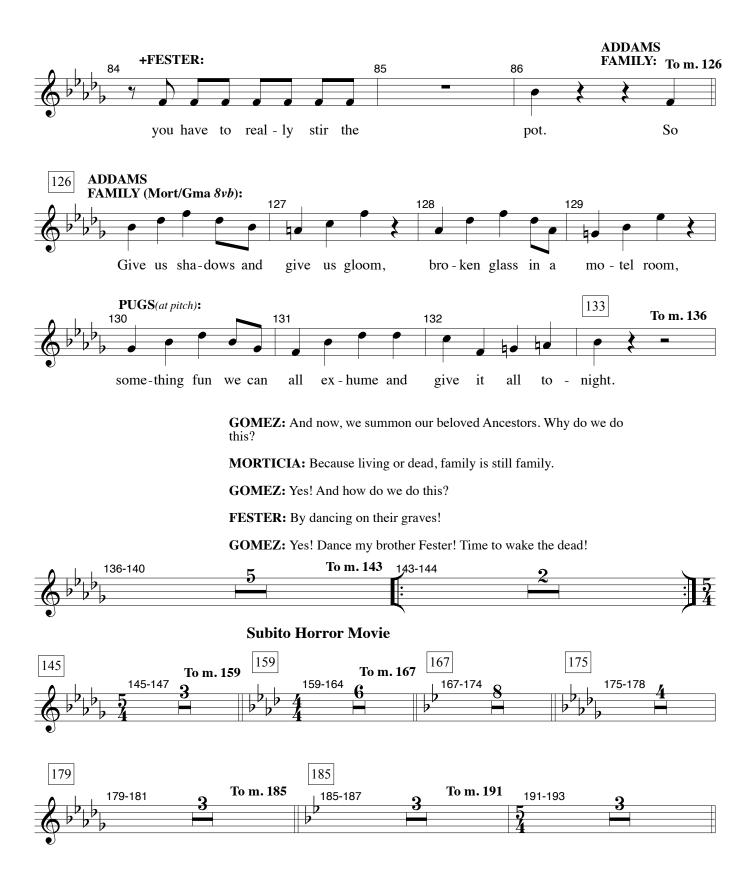


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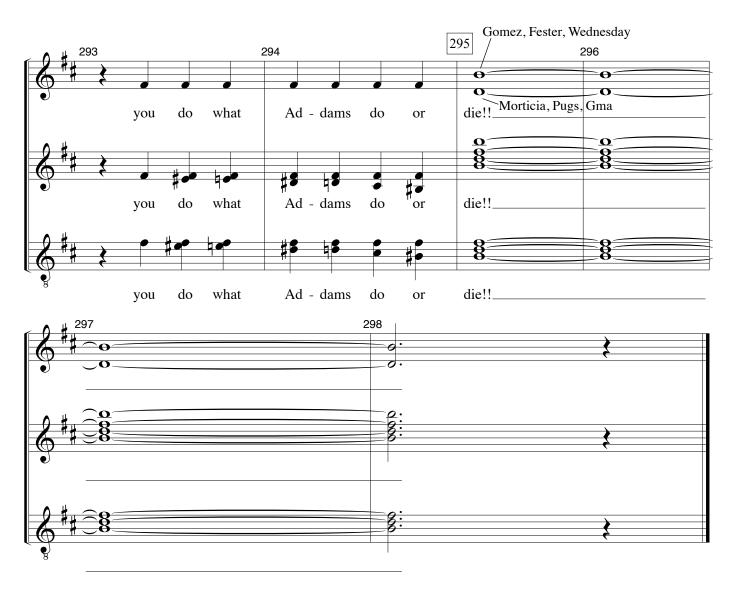
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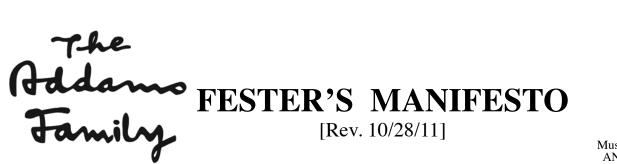


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FESTER: So many questions about love. But when you think about it, is there anything more important? *[MUSIC]*



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WEDNESDAY: Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing.
GOMEZ: You don't want me to tell your mother you're getting married?
WEDNESDAY: After dinner and we're all friends, then we'll tell her.
GOMEZ: But I've never kept anything from your mother.
WEDNESDAY: Daddy, please!
GOMEZ: But-WEDNESDAY: If you love me.
GOMEZ: But--

WEDNESDAY: Do you love me, Daddy? [MUSIC]



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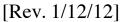
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GOMEZ: Do you realize what you're asking me to do? WEDNESDAY: Daddy, one tiny little secret. Please. Please. [MUSIC]



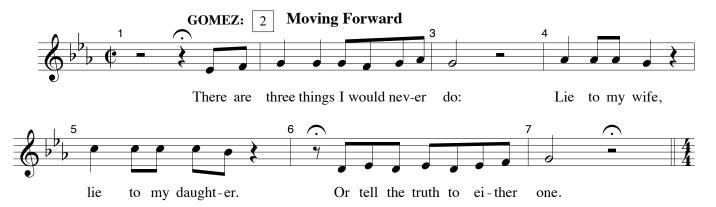


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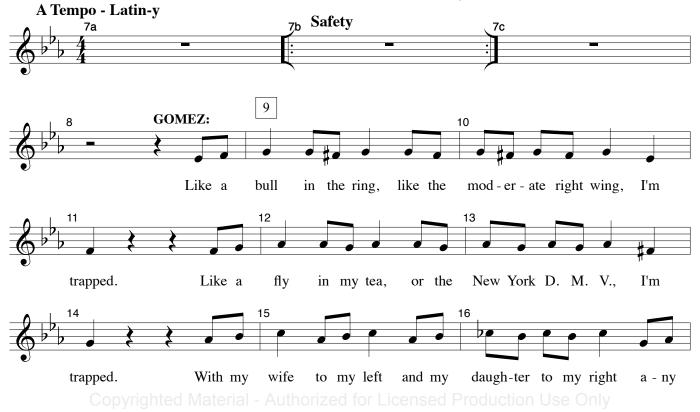
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MORTICIA: Gomez, you do tell me everything, don't you? GOMEZ: Of course! MORTICIA: Oh, my. You're perspiring. GOMEZ: What? MORTICIA: I hope you're not coming down with a case of... Liar's Shingles. [GO ON to m. 7a]

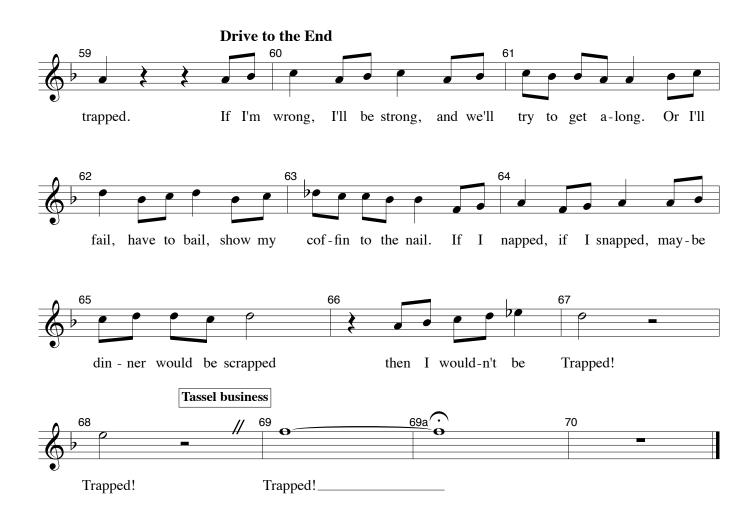
GOMEZ: No! No! **MORTICIA:** I think Wednesday and I should have a little chat.







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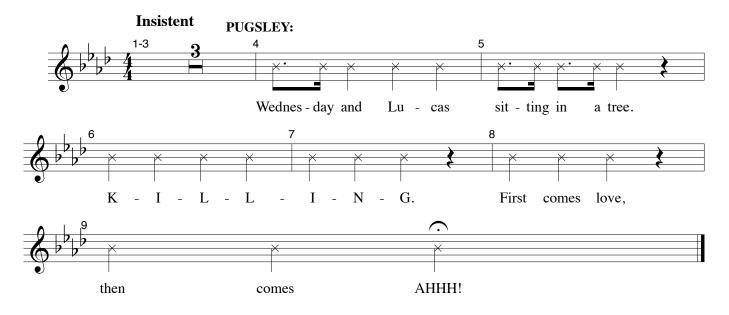


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[CURTAIN UP]



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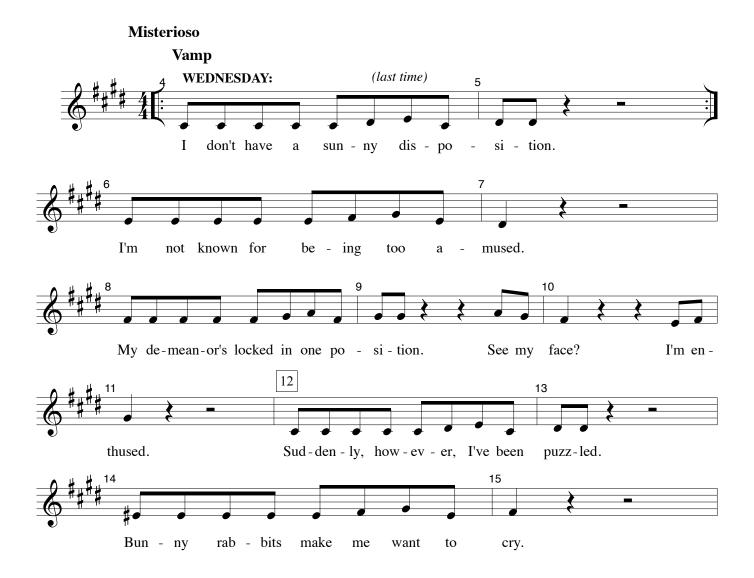
WEDNESDAY: This dinner has to go OK.

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

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

[MUSIC IN]

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



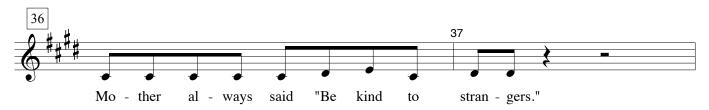


PUGSLEY: "Wow. You got some real issues."

WEDNESDAY: "Fly away, little birdie."

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

[GO ON]









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MORTICIA: Gomez - do you love your daughter? Do you care for her mental well-being? **GOMEZ:** Of course -**MORTICIA:** Do you want her to be put on heavy medication and spend the rest of her days hating us because we let her ruin her life?

[MUSIC]





WEDNESDAY: Then can we at least all act normal?

GRANDMA: (stroking her rat) Define normal. (rat squeaks) Shhh.

MORTICIA: Normal is an illusion, darling. What's normal for the spider is a calamity for the fly.

WEDNESDAY: Mother, please -

Freely - In 2



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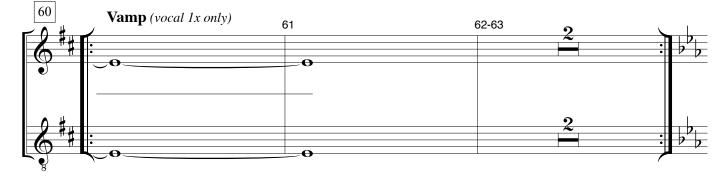


MAL: OK, Lucas - enough is enough. Gimme the map.

ALICE: I don't see any houses.

MAL: Because there aren't any, Alice. We're in the middle of some godforsaken park.

ALICE: Central Park, dear. (guidebook) "Designed in 1857 by - "



LUCAS: Wait!

MAL & ALICE: What?

LUCAS: I know where we are! It's where I first saw her! I was lost in the park and a pigeon dropped at my feet with an arrow in it! And I looked up and there she was - Wednesday, with a crossbow.

MAL: A what?

LUCAS: A crossbow. You know.

MAL: This girl walks around with a crossbow?

LUCAS: It's OK dad, she has a permit.

MAL: Good. Good choice son. Ok, listen up. Now here's what's going to happen.



MAL: (cont) We're going back to the hotel. And you and I are gonna have a little talk.

Vamp ALICE: Be patient with him, dear.

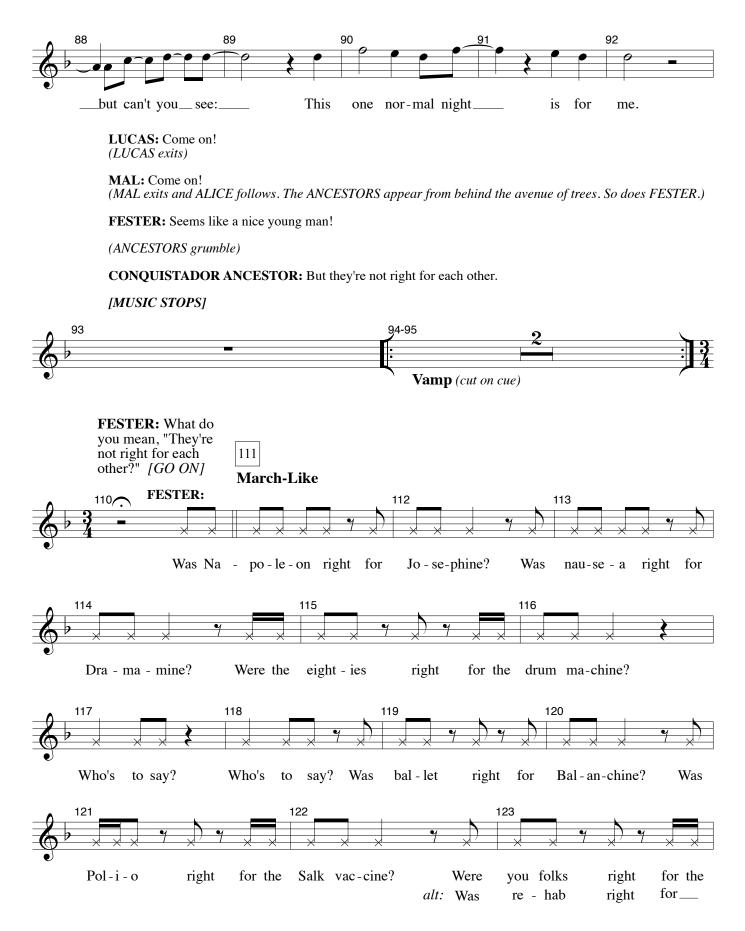


ALICE: (cont) (rhyming) "A father should support his son. And Lucas is your only one."

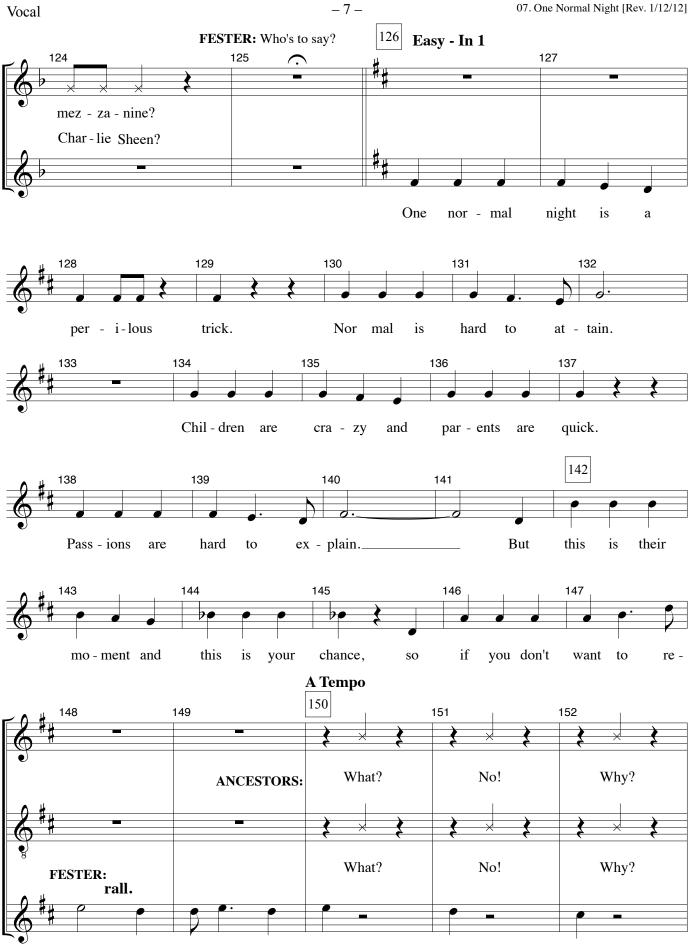
MAL: (to Lucas)

See what you did? Your mother's rhyming again. Let's get back to the hotel and then -

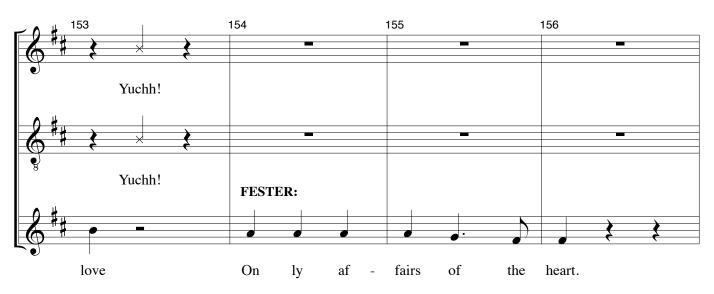




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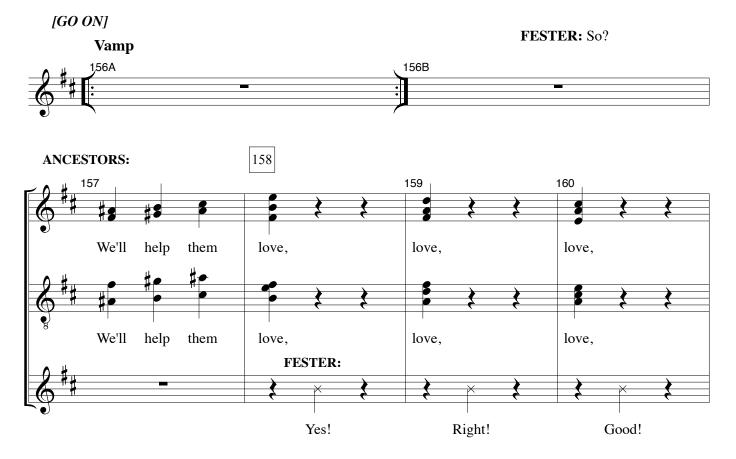
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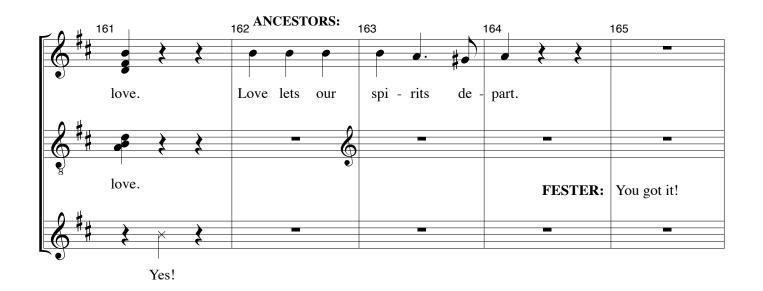


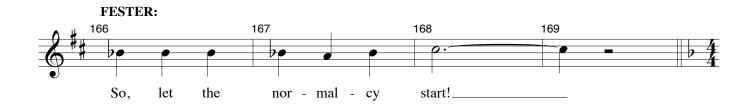
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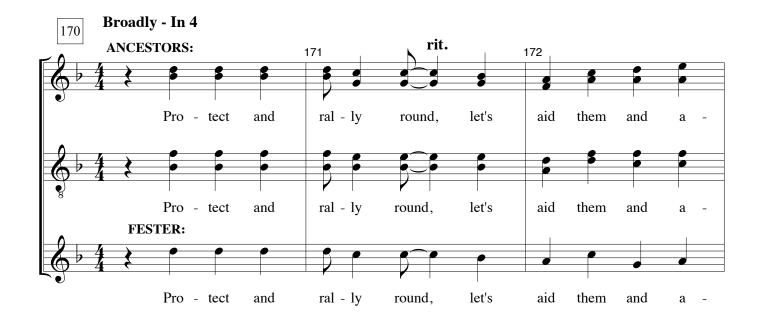
ANCESTORS: Ugh!

FESTER: Look. The choice is yours. Either you help these kids or you're stuck here for eternity!













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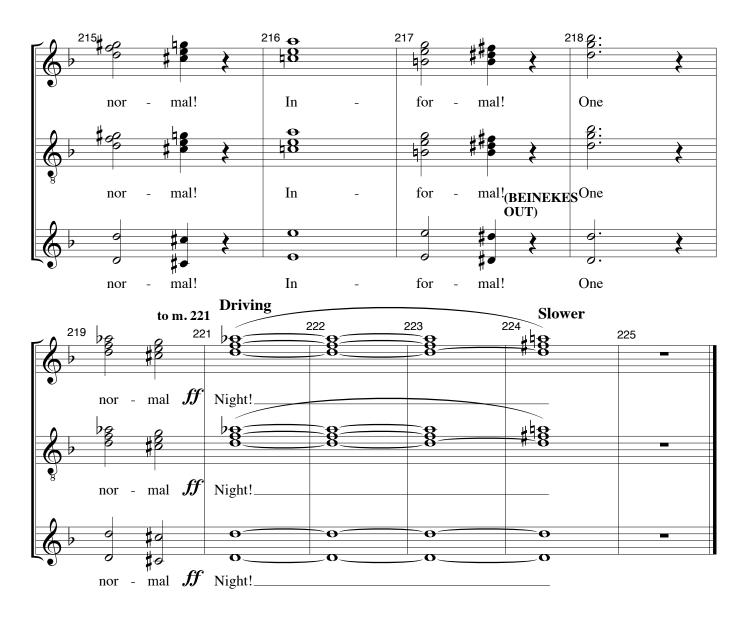


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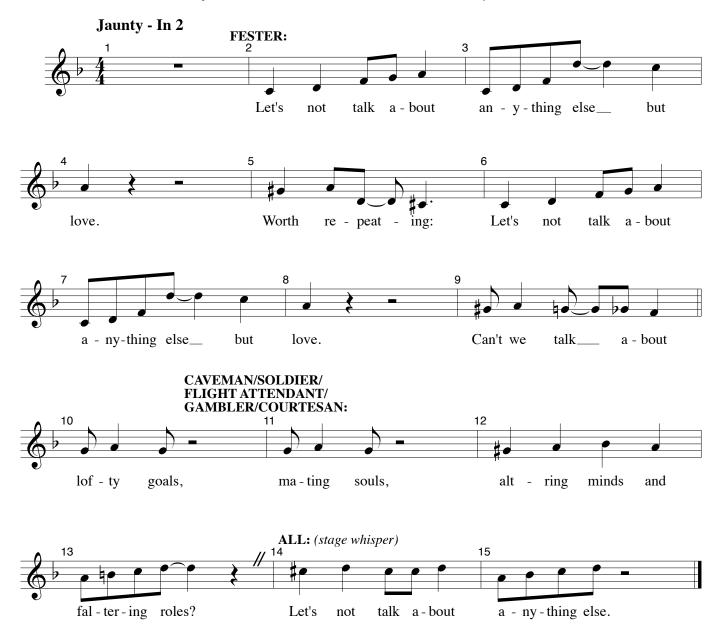
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MORTICIA: Maybe you should see someone about that.

ALICE: And they're always about the one thing everyone needs and so few have!

MORTICIA: Health care?

ALICE: Why, love, of course! (*They exit. Enter FESTER and ANCESTORS. ANCESTORS voice skeptical remarks about "love" in between FESTER'S lyrics.*)







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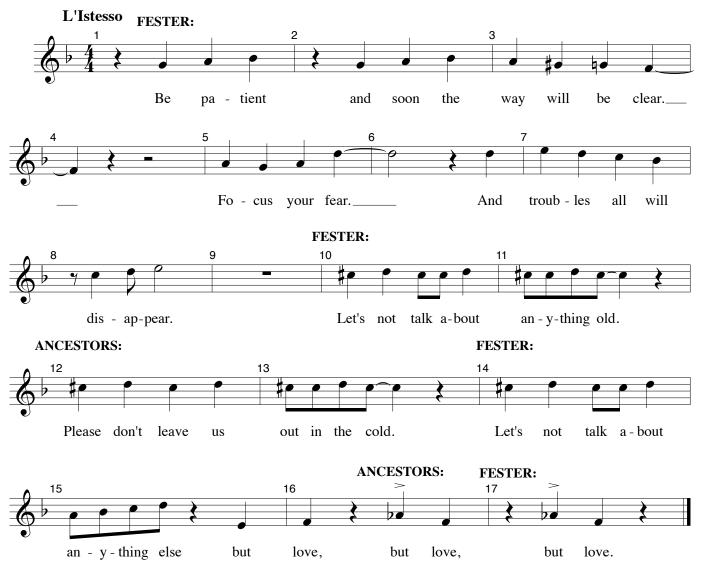
WEDNESDAY: That's the new plan. We improvise. Keep 'em guessing.

LUCAS: You're really crazy.

WEDNESDAY: You say that like it's a bad thing. It's just a simple dinner. What could possibly go wrong? Come on.

[THEY exit.]

FESTER: "Aww." [MUSIC]



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ALICE: Well - 'What's good for the gander is a nice quiet goose; If I told Mal my secrets, all hell would break loose.'

MORTICIA: Alice, I'm shocked.

[MUSIC]

(cont.) What kind of marriage is it where you keep secrets?

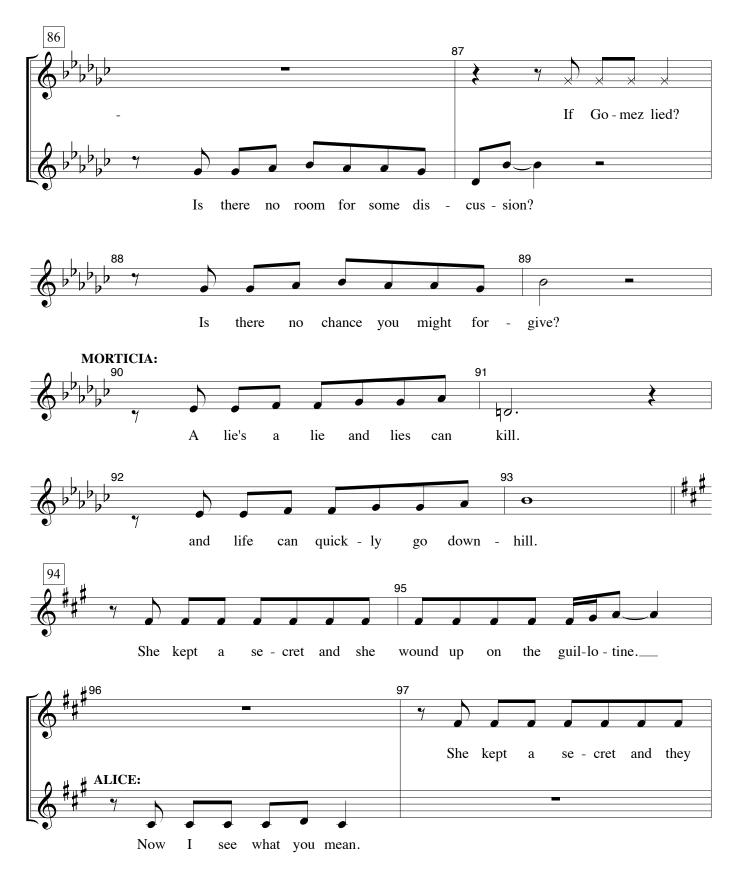
ALICE: A long one.

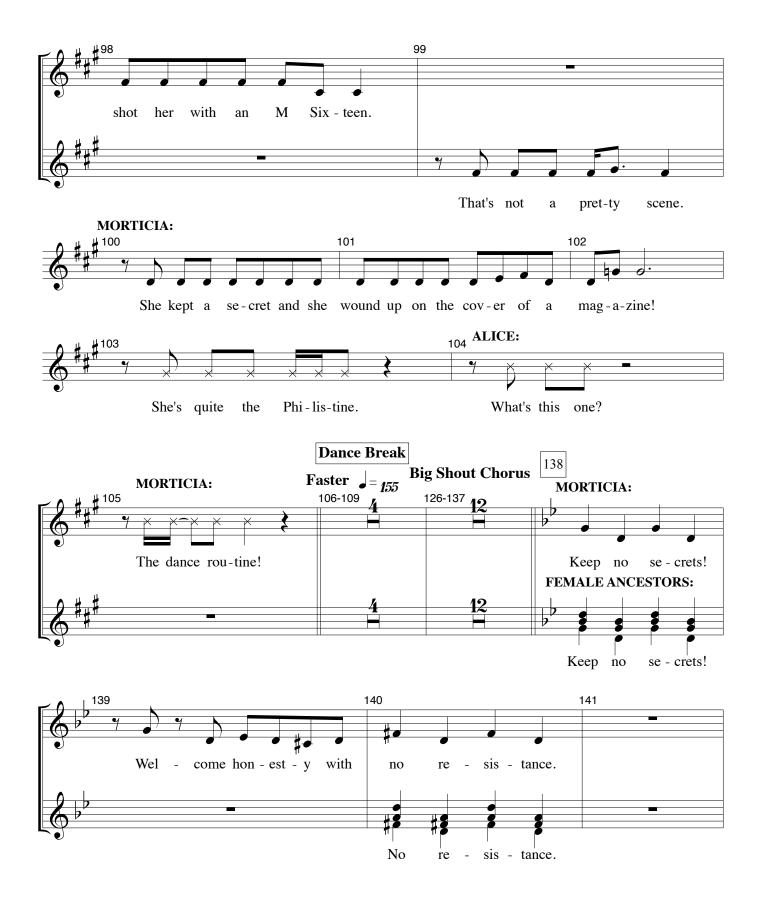
[GO ON]













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MORTICIA: No, Gomez.

GOMEZ: What?

MORTICIA: Not today.

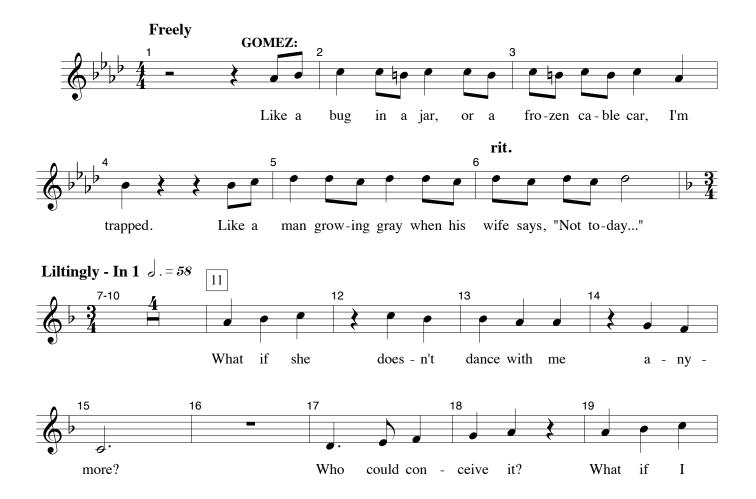
GOMEZ: But you've never turned down a trip to heaven.

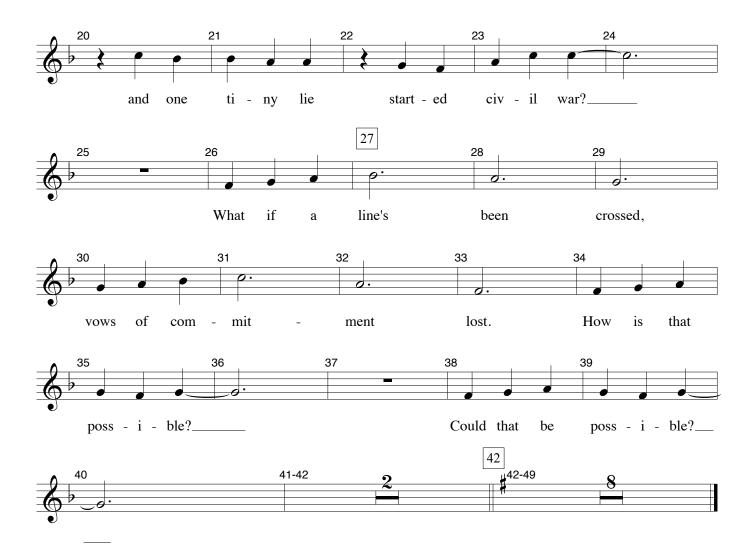
MORTICIA: Not today. I'll be in my room until you're ready to share, like a proper husband.

(Morticia exits.)

GOMEZ: Morticia mia!

[MUSIC]





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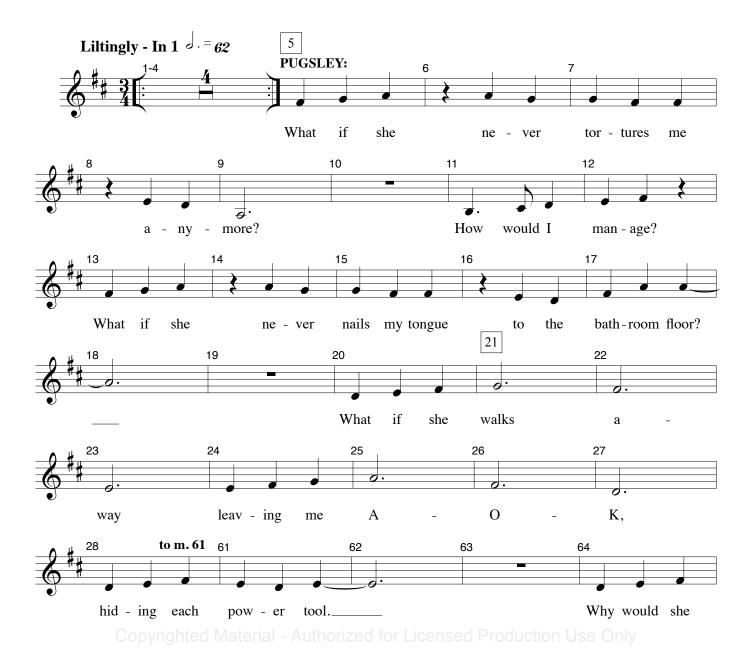
WEDNESDAY: We're gonna go now.

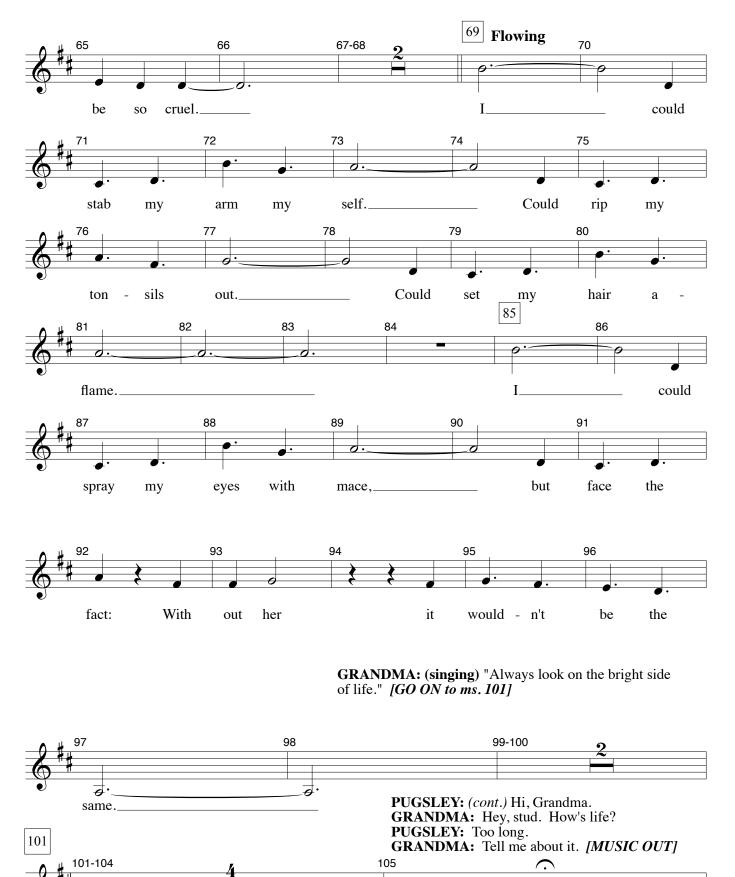
PUGSLEY: But, but... Can I come?

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

[MUSIC]

PUGSLEY: But wait! Wait!





Vocal

[MEASURE 106]

PUGSLEY: Hold on. What're you doing?

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

PUGSLEY: What's that one?

GRANDMA: Peyote.

PUGSLEY: What's it do?

GRANDMA: Makes you run around naked in the woods.

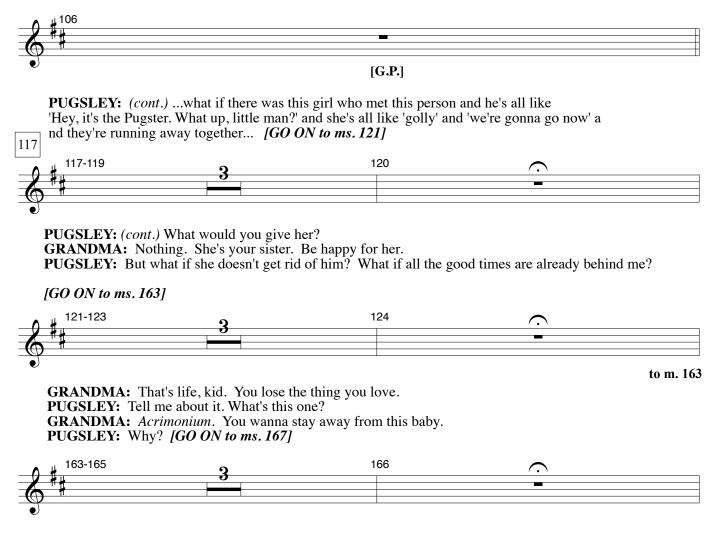
PUGSLEY: What about this one?

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

PUGSLEY: Maybe.

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

PUGSLEY: Grandma..." [GO ON to ms. 117]



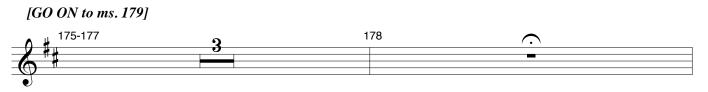
GRANDMA: Takes the lid off the id. Brings out the dark side.
PUGSLEY: Whaddaya mean?
GRANDMA: One swig of this and Mary Poppins turns into Medea. [GO ON to ms. 171]



PUGSLEY: I don't understand your references. **GRANDMA:** Well, stop the damn texting and pick up a book once in a while. *[GO ON to ms. 175]*

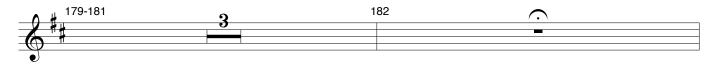


GRANDMA: Now, quit whining about your sister. Start thinking about *you* and how you're gonna live your life.

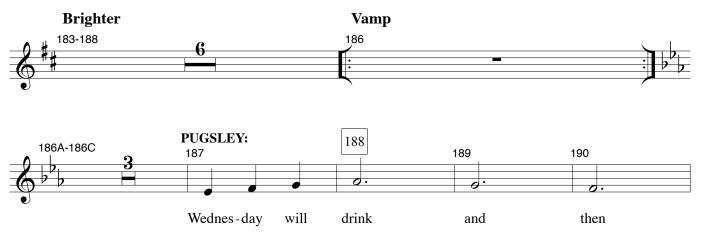


GRANDMA: (cont.) Time, my dear, is a thief. She'll steal your soul and flee on little fairy wings.

[GO ON to ms. 183]



GRANDMA: (*cont.*) And stay outta my shit or I'll rip your leg off and bury it in the backyard. I love you. [GO ON to ms. 186A]

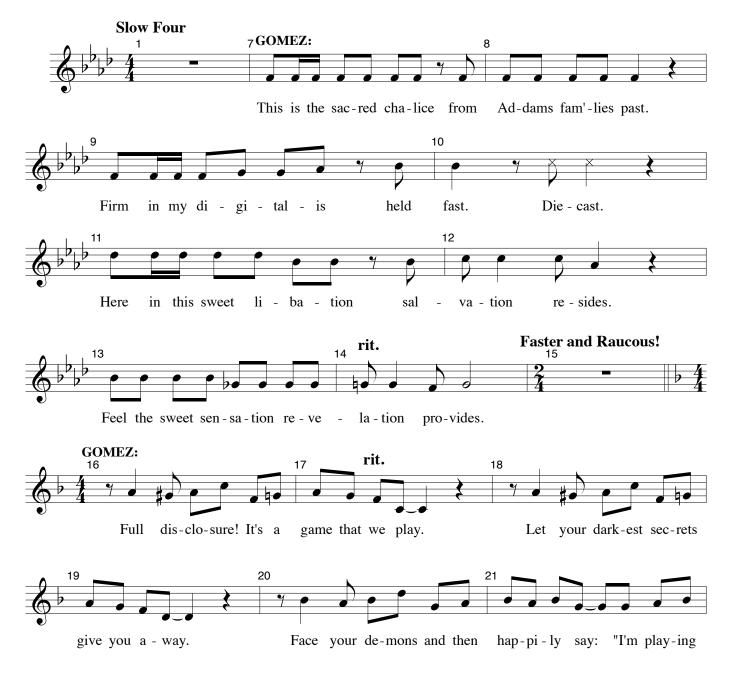




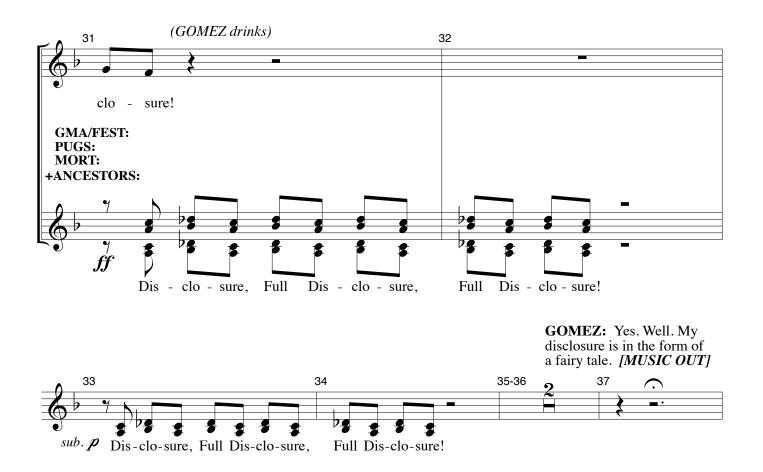


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MORTICIA: And now Gomez will break the ice. My husband has something he needs to disclose. **GOMEZ:** No, no, the host goes last. **MORTICIA:** Lurch, the sacred chalice! *[MUSIC]*







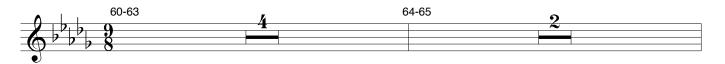
GOMEZ: (*cont.*) Once there was a man who had a beautiful wife and two beautiful children. A humble man, I say, and yet within his breast beat the heart of a loyal and steadfast husband who treasured his wife and worshipped the ground she walked on. Thank you.

(He sits. MORTICIA looks at him.)

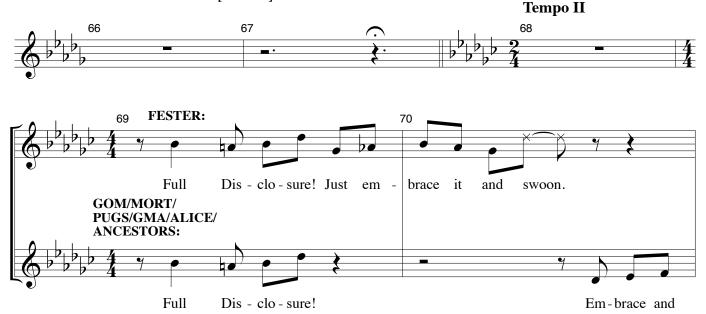
GOMEZ: (*cont.*) -- and one day, a fox appeared and gave him a beautiful box of rare wood and Spanish leather... 'What's in the box?' asked the kindly man. And the fox said, 'A little secret. Nothing important. But you must never open it.' And the man took it home and his beautiful wife said, 'Let's open it anyway.' And the kindly man said, 'Don't push it, honey. We got a good thing going.' And they never did open it. And everyone lived happily ever after. Full Disclosure. *[GO ON]*



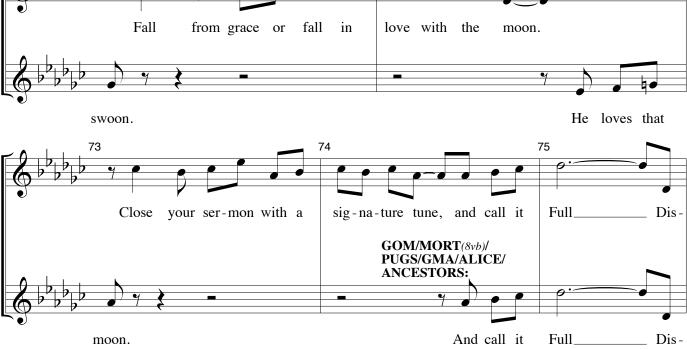
EVERYONE: Awww! **FESTER:** You're probably thinking, what could a fat, bald person of no specific sexuality know about love? But I, too, am in love. Fester loves! MORTICIA: Oh, Fester--who is it? FESTER: The moon! ALICE: The moon? He's in love with the moon! MAL: Yeah, that's normal.



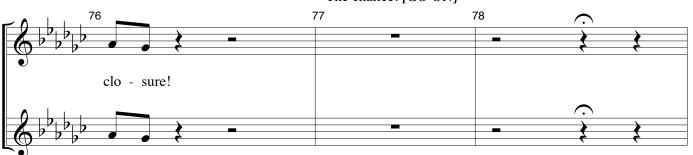
ALICE: That's the most beautiful thing I ever heard! FESTER: I haven't told her yet. EVERYONE: Aww. FESTER: Full Disclosure! [GO ON]



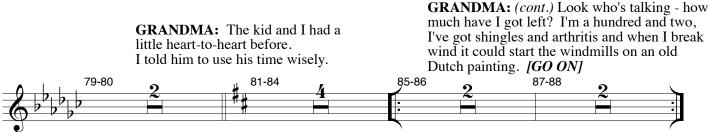
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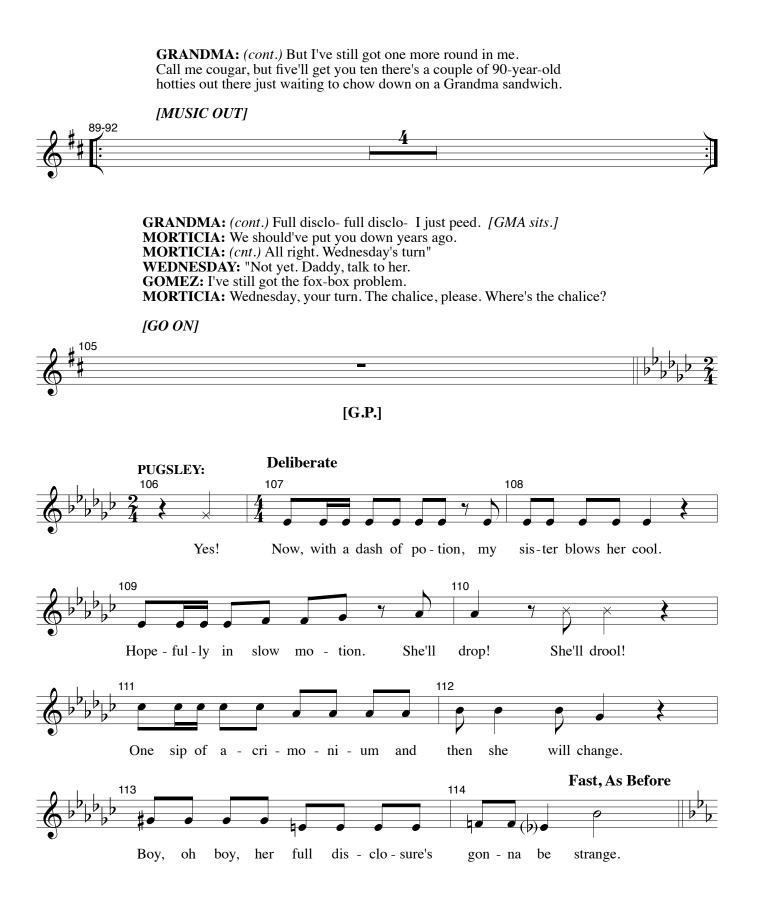


MORTICIA: Wednesday's turn! WEDNESDAY: No! GRANDMA: Me! Me! Me! Age before beauty. The chalice! [GO ON]



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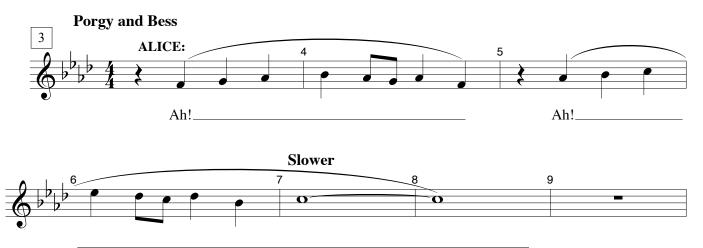




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MUSIC CUE: ALICE SLAMS CUP ON TABLE



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

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

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

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



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

LUCAS: Mom!

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





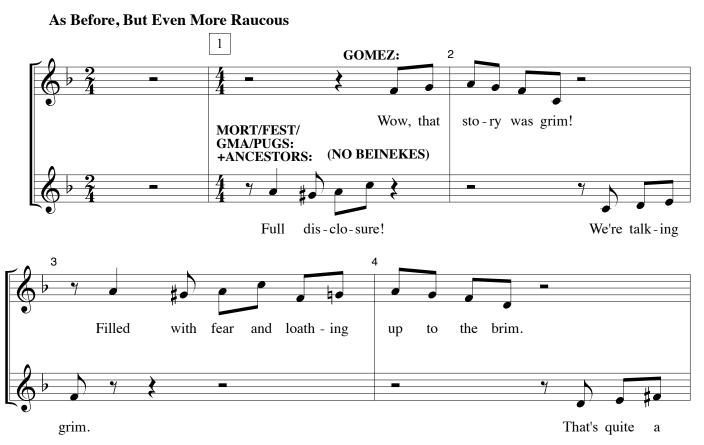




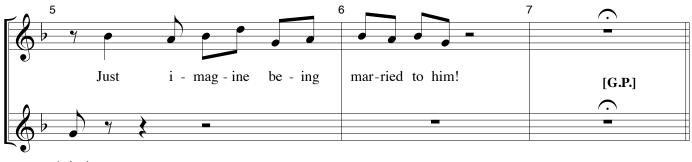


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GOMEZ: Oooh. That's too dark even for us. [MUSIC]



MAL: OK, Addams, I tried. I thought OK, the kids like each other, let's give it a shot. But you people are insane. *[GO ON meas. 8]*

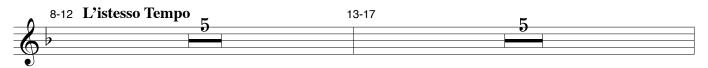


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MAL: *(cont.)* You got a house where there shouldn't be a house, a zombie for a butler, and a man who's dating the moon--

FESTER: I wouldn't exactly say we're dating.

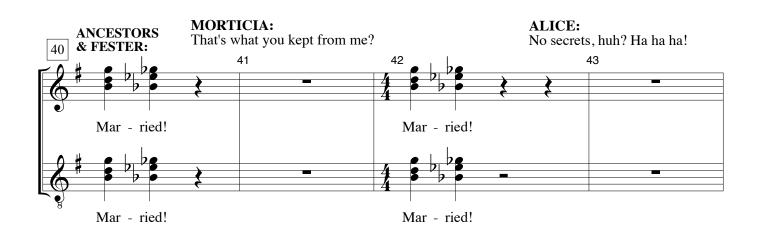
MAL: We're simple people, Mr. Addams. We're not used to your 'sophisticated New York life style'. So with your permission, we're gonna go back to the *real* America. Full disclosure. Lucas, help your mother off the table.



WEDNESDAY: You were right, Lucas.
LUCAS: Right about what?
WEDNESDAY: Thanks anyway, Daddy.
MORTICIA: Thanks for what?
WEDNESDAY: We should have just told her.
MORTICIA: Told me what?
WEDNESDAY: It doesn't matter. [MUSIC OUT]

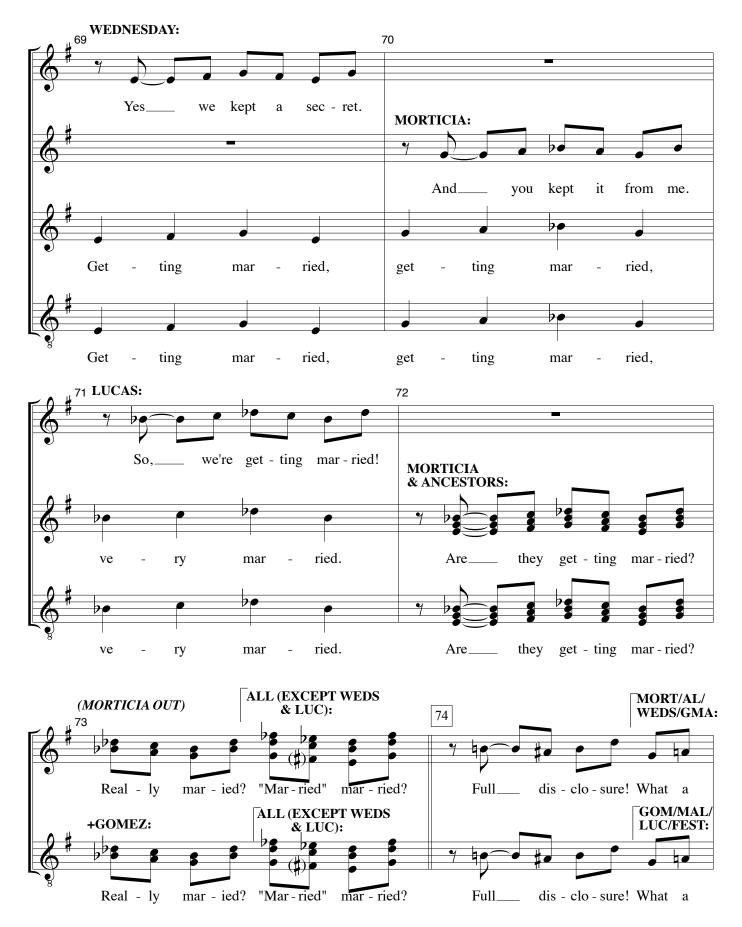
WEDNESDAY: (*cont.*) Lucas and I love each other and we're getting married. MORTICIA: What? [GO ON]

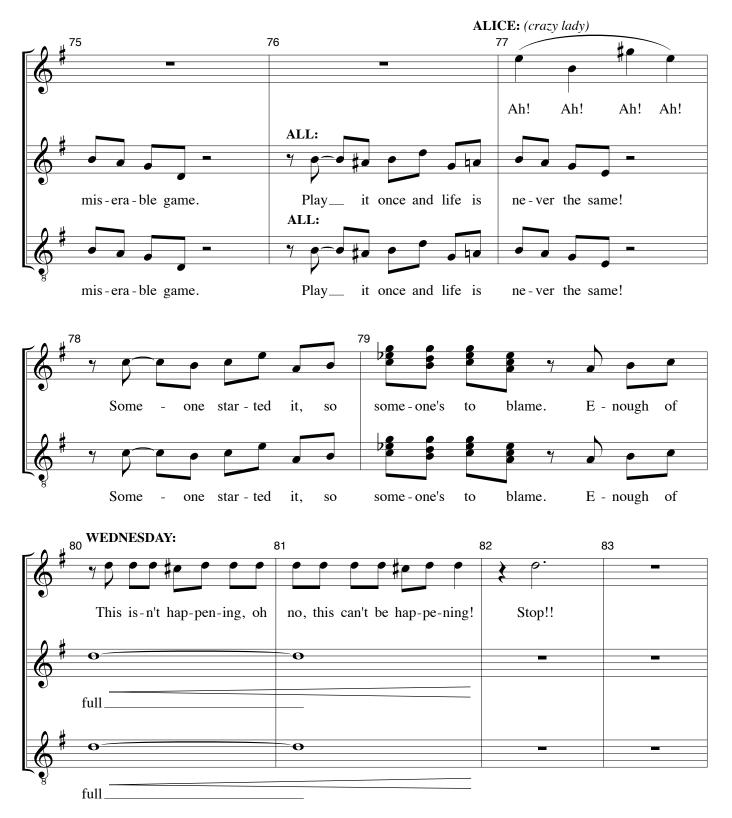




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FESTER: Never fails. You let nature take its course - chaos. I mean, is this any way to end an act? Actually - yes. But it'd be better for everyone if the guests couldn't leave just yet, dontcha think?

ANCESTORS: Yeah!

FESTER: OK, dead people, gimme some weather!

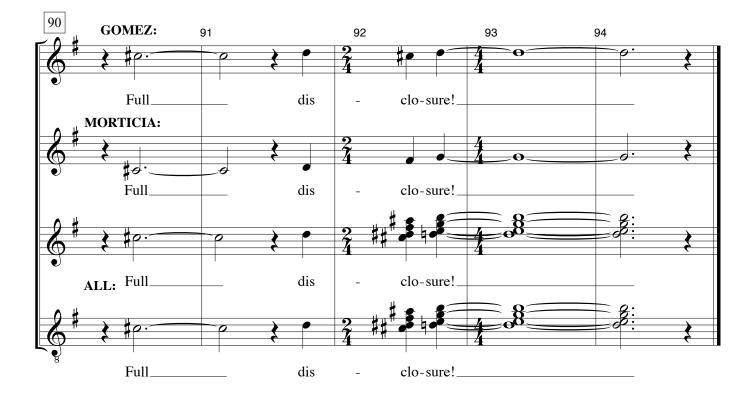
MAL: "It's a hurricane! We'll never make it out of the park alive!" **GOMEZ:** Well, Beinekes - looks like you'll be spending the night.

GRANDMA: (Cackles!)

GOMEZ: That's what happens when you play...

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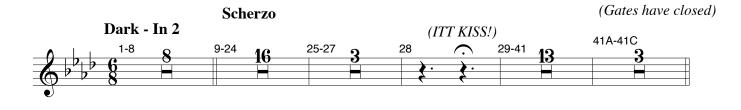


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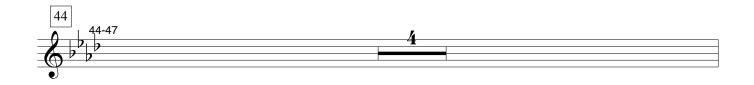
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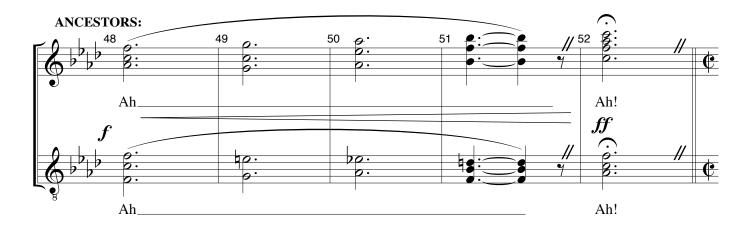


LUCAS: Wait, wait! We have to talk this over for a minute. WEDNESDAY: Talk what over? LUCAS: We can't just run away and get married. You said it was important that everybody got along. WEDNESDAY: And you said it didn't matter! LUCAS: Yeah, but they wanna kill each other! You want that hanging over our heads? WEDNESDAY: Boy, you sound just like your father. The root doesn't fall far from the tree, does it? LUCAS: What? WEDNESDAY: Forget it. **LUCAS:** The *apple*. The *apple* doesn't fall far from the tree. WEDNESDAY: God, you're annoying. LUCAS: You know what I think? You don't really wanna get married. You just said that to stick it to your mother. WEDNESDAY: Don't psychoanalyze me, Lucas. It's a deep dark hole and you don't wanna go there. Come on. **LUCAS:** What'll we do for money? WEDNESDAY: Stop being so scared of everything. ANCESTORS: Yeah. LUCAS: Right, like you're not scared. WEDNESDAY: I eat scared for breakfast, honey. ANCESTORS: Yeah. LUCAS: Let's go back in the house and make some rational decisions. **ANCESTORS:** No. (cont. next page) WEDNESDAY: I don't want rational decisions! I want dangerous, impulsive, crazy decisions! ANCESTORS: Yeah. WEDNESDAY: Are you coming or not? LUCAS: Look - I - I can't run away like this. It's too crazy. I'm sorry. WEDNESDAY: Not as sorry as you're gonna be when you wake up and you're forty-six and working for your father! (WEDNESDAY storms away.) LUCAS: I can be impulsive. I just have to think about it first! [GO ON to ms. 44]



[G.P.]





FESTER: There you are: Secrets exposed. Marriages threatened. Delicious anarchy. What happens now? Can this be repaired? (*cont.*)



FESTER: Or do you all leave in an hour feeling vaguely depressed? Let's find out, shall we?





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MORTICIA: Well, I'm not going to end up like your mother.
GOMEZ: My mother? I thought she was your mother. No, seriously.
MORTICIA: You lied to me, I can't live with that.
GOMEZ: Here, cara. I feel the urge to take you in my arms.
MORTICIA: Not. Today.
GOMEZ: But cara MORTICIA: Out!" (*He turns to leave.*)
[MUSIC]



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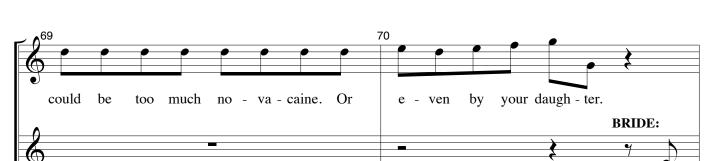


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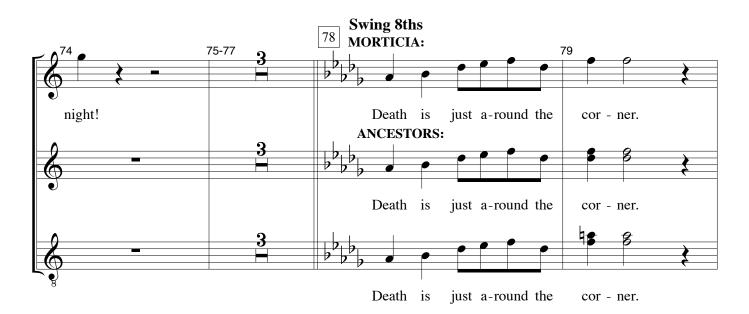






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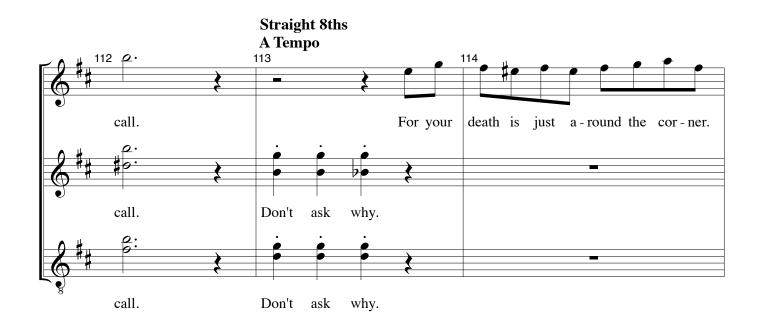


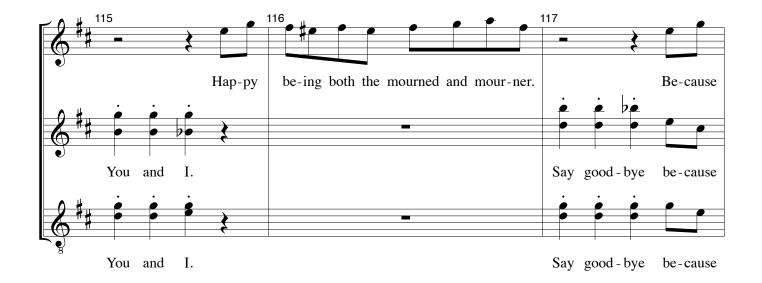


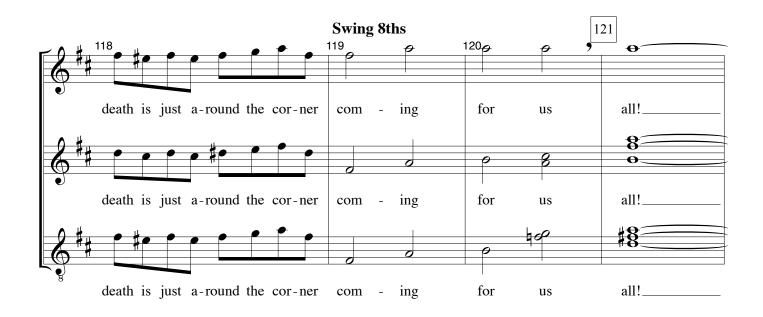
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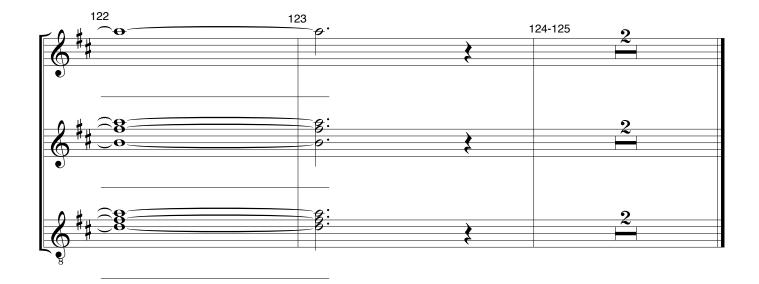


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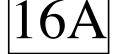






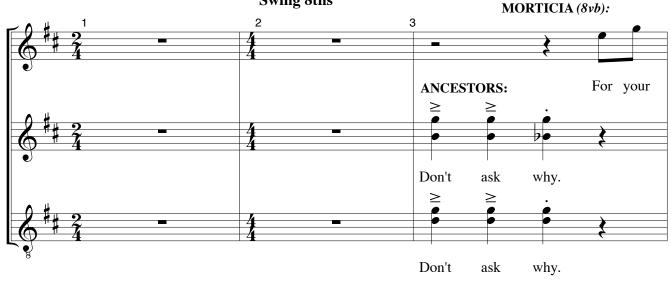


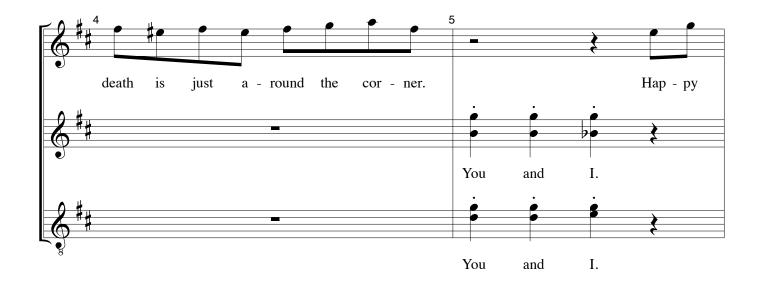


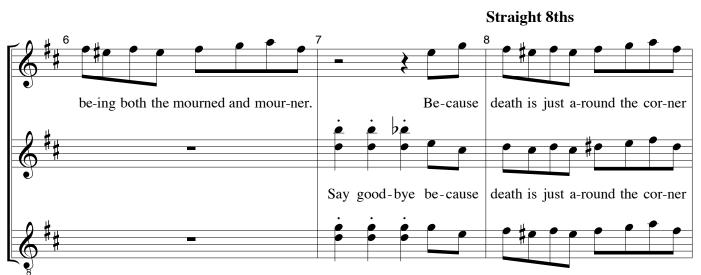


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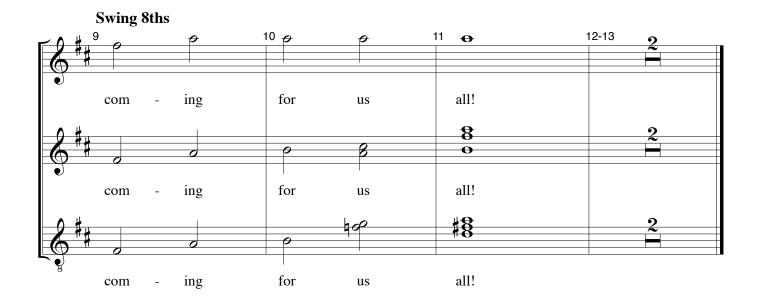


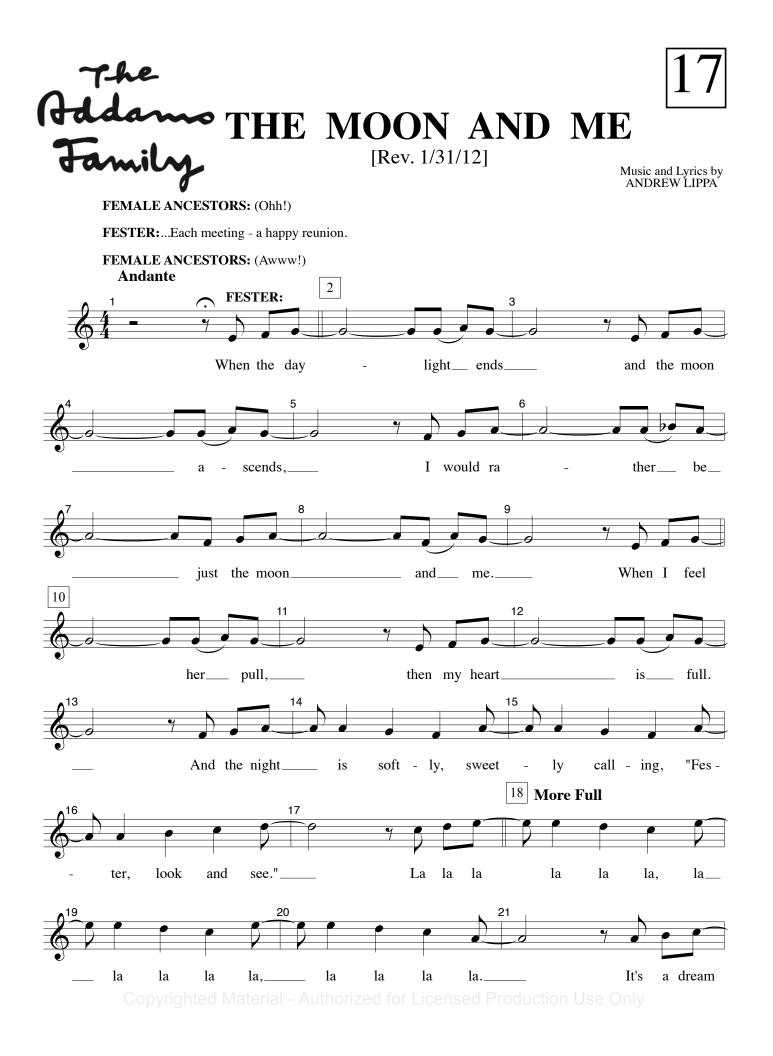




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Say good-bye be-cause death is just a-round the cor-ner











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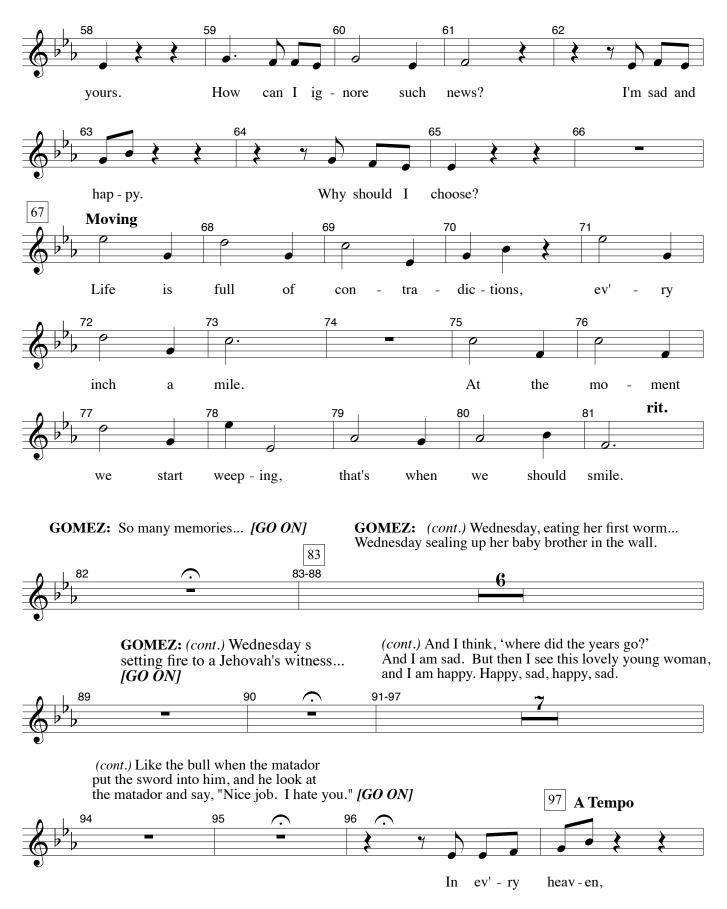
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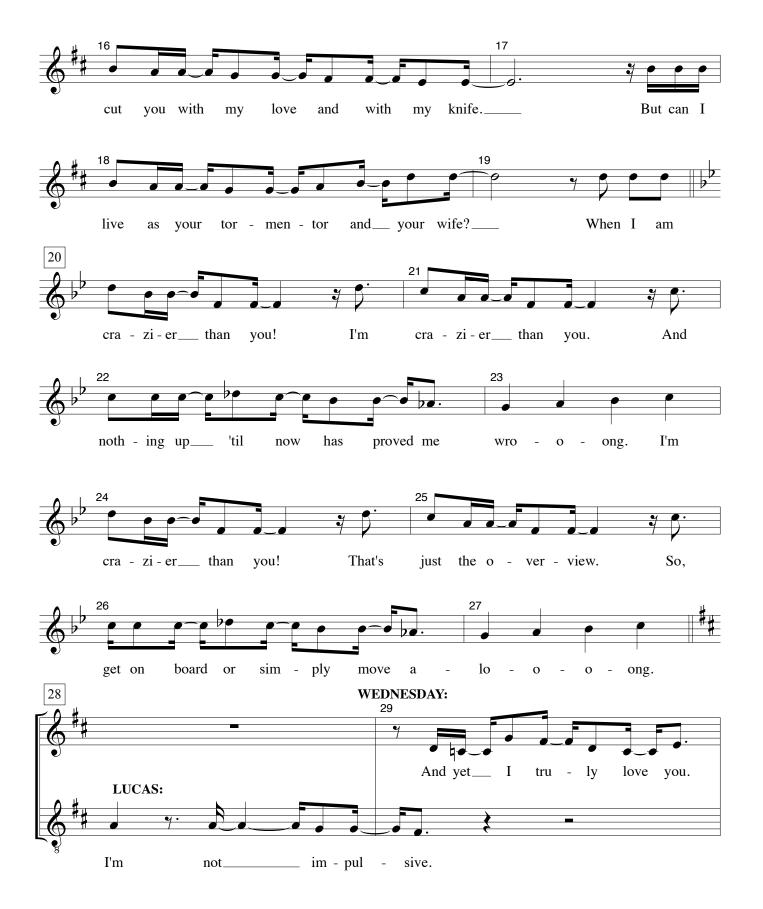


The Idamo CRAZIER THAN YOU [Rev. 1/14/12]

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LUCAS: No, but see--the lover always comes back. Ulysses. Tristan. Romeo. WEDNESDAY: Listen, I'm home-schooled. What's your point? LUCAS: I'd rather die than live without you. WEDNESDAY: Ok. Prove it! LUCAS: What. WENDESDAY: Prove it. [MUSIC] LUCAS: Where'd you--WEDNESDAY: Put this apple on your head and go stand against the tree. LUCAS: Wait - you're gonna--? WEDNESDAY: Uh-huh. LUCAS: You're crazy. WEDNESDAY: And you're not crazy enough. That's the problem. [GO ON]

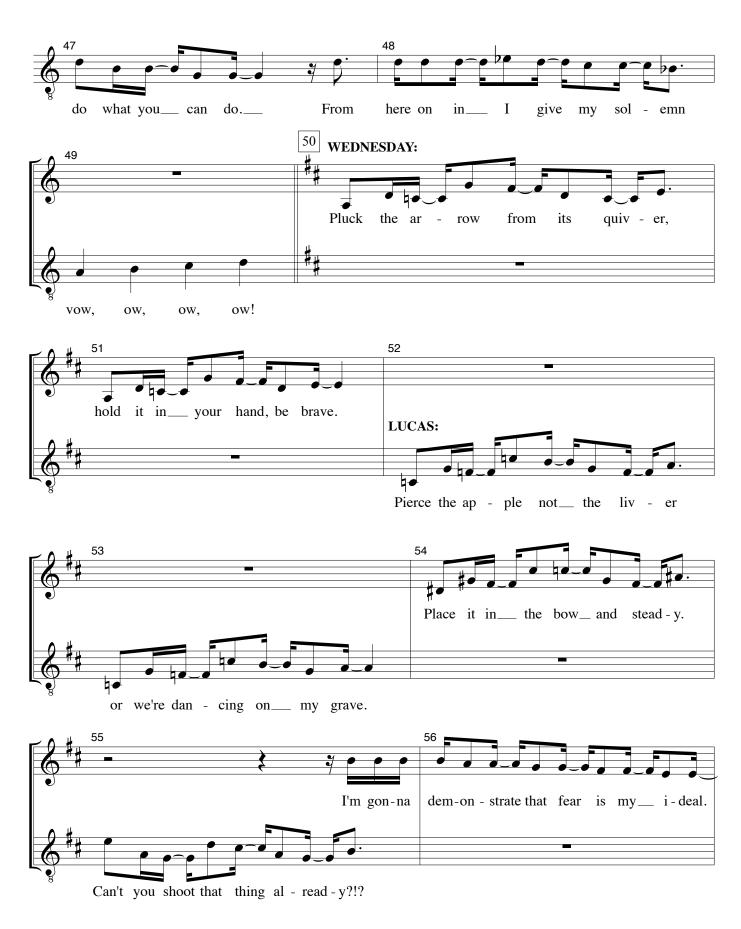


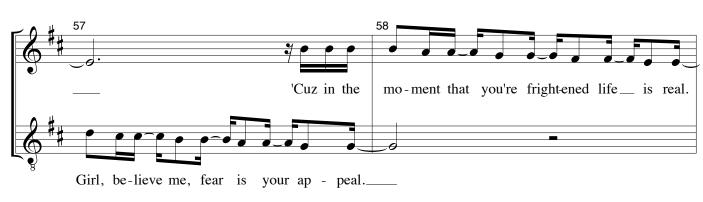






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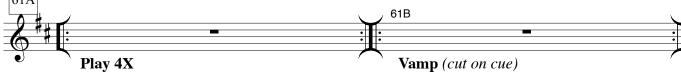




LUCAS: No, no, no, wait! OK, OK! You want crazy - here's crazy. WEDNESDAY: OK. Now it's getting interesting. Aren't you afraid? LUCAS: No! You know why? Because I will guide the arrow! I'll guide it with my love. 61A 61B

WEDNESDAY: How does that work exactly? LUCAS: We're connected, see? We're destined to be together! So nothing bad can happen! WEDNESDAY: Yeah, but what if I miss?



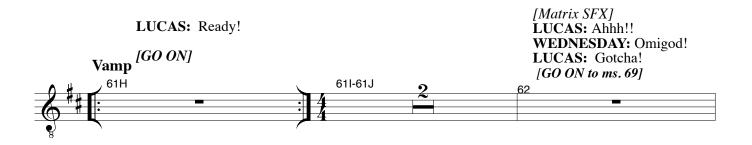


LUCAS: Then you'll be the last thing I ever see.

WEDNESDAY: That is so hot.







LUCAS: Now will you marry me? WEDNESDAY: Oh, yes, Lewis. A thousand times yes. LUCAS: Lucas. Lucas. WEDNESDAY: Gotcha! (THEY exit as MAL appears.)

Play 3X



FESTER: Did you hear that? The boy was willing to die for love. Hard to believe he's your son. **MAL:** He was so happy.

FESTER: Remember that? Being happy?

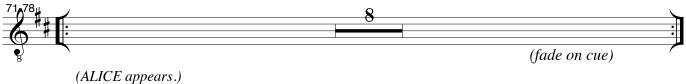
MAL: Yeah, what happened?

FESTER: You've turned into an unfeeling, rigid, selfish control freak.

MAL: Fester, you're a wise person. How can I fix this? What do I do?

FESTER: Don't worry, it will come to you.

MAL: I wasn't always this way. I was happy-go-lucky once. I told jokes and played the guitar and slept until noon. But then you get a wife and a kid and a mortgage... [MUSIC FADES]

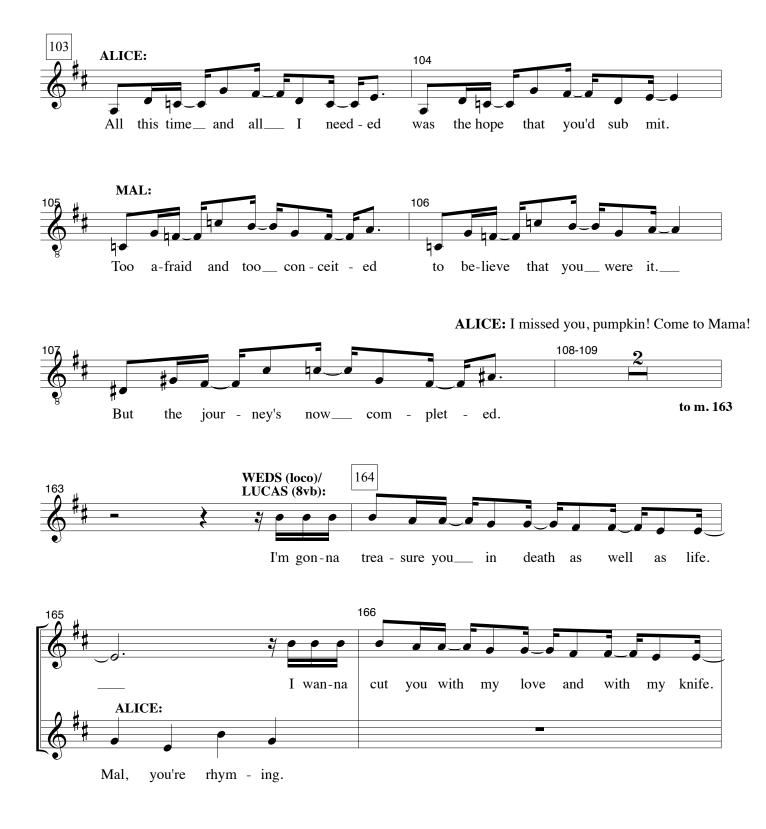


(ALICE appears.)
FESTER: Keep going.
MAL: But what do I say?
FESTER: Just remember how you felt the first time you saw her.
[CUE BELL TREE in PERC.]
MAL: Alice. It's Mal.
ALICE: I know.
MAL: No, the old Mal.
ALICE: The old Mal? With the guitar and the T-shirt?
MAL: And the head-band.
ALICE: Omigod. The head-band. You were pretty crazy back then, you know that?
MAL: I guess I got stuck, Alice--More than most men. But mama, I swear I'll be crazy again.
ALICE: Mal, you're rhyming.
[GO ON to m. 81]



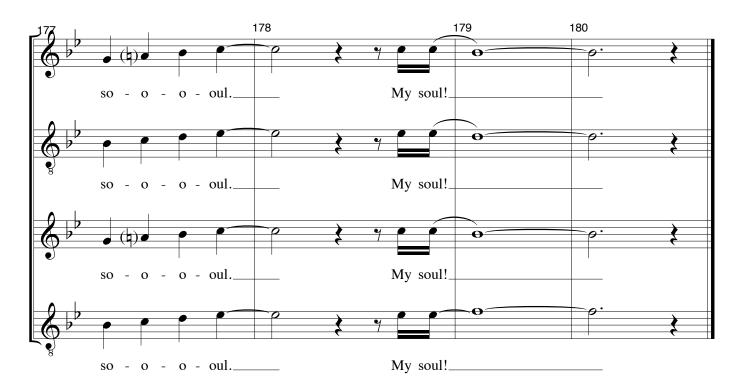












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GOMEZ: Where's that hotel guide? Ah! Hotel Merde. Rue de Toilette. Condemned six times by the Board of Health. Not enough. Voila! Hotel Nosferatu. Rating: minus three stars. No windows. No towels. No staff. Bingo! [MUSIC] (cont.) The worst hotel in Paris! Get them on the line! Hurry, this is the final round, my friend! **A Driving Tempest** 3 **GOMEZ:** Did Ι ev - er once be-lieve this day would come? 6 Did I ev - er once ex-pect the worst? Did I ev - er dream that I could 10 g feel this way? Di - os mi - o, no! This is the first. 11 12 13 I'm a lat-in man and lat-in men are smart. Ev'-ry-thing we do is muy sin -15 Lead - ing with a sword as much as _____ with a heart, cere. 19 18 Ο "Not nev - er once was I pre-pared hear. to-day!" She to





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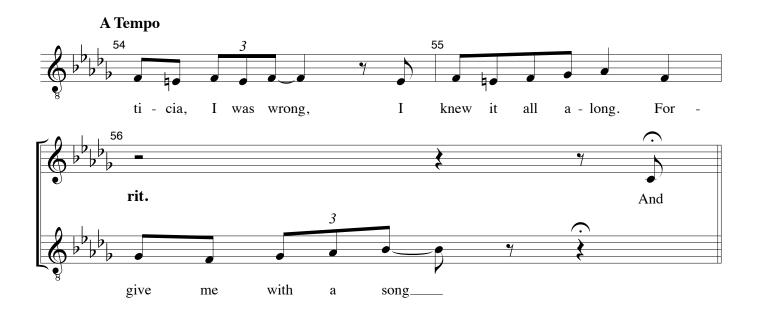
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MORTICIA: That's different. My mother was condescending, judgmental, and withholding, and loved nothing more than stirring up trouble. GOMEZ: Uh-huh. MORTICIA: Oh God, I've turned into my mother. GOMEZ: And Wednesday is you. Isn't it wonderful? **MORTICIA:** You did that like a lawyer. [MUSIC] **GOMEZ:** No, just a husband and a father. Not so easy. In fact, very difficult. [GO ON]**Colla Voce** Swing 8ths 1 3 **GOMEZ:** Let's live be - fore we die. Let's Play 2X A Tempo 3 5 6 **rit.** (2x only) If hold each o-ther tight and dance. Let's laugh be-fore we cry. 8 It's Ι have caused you pain, to ex - plain. Come, ea - sy 11 10 and dance. My love, my wife, for fill me with de-light 2-7 13 12 2 e-ver you will be. But Wednes - day's life, too is part of me. Two that 15 16 Let's wo-men I a-dore and swore to suf-fer for.___ end this tug of war and

GOMEZ: What I lack in depth I make up for in shallowness. 18 19-21 dance. **MORTICIA:** You really think you can sway me with a joke? **GOMEZ:** It's the last thing I try before the chloroform. 22-24 3 slight accel. 26 **MORTICIA:** 27 25 20 • То in rain-y, gay Par-ee.___ mor-row I may be_ **GOMEZ:** Please 29 30 28 I'm who not a cas-ta-net. and dance. stay right where you are 31 32 33 2-0 The clicks with no re-gret. 2 You're more than that by far so dance.

MORTICIA: Mother told me to beware of clever men with silver tongues.



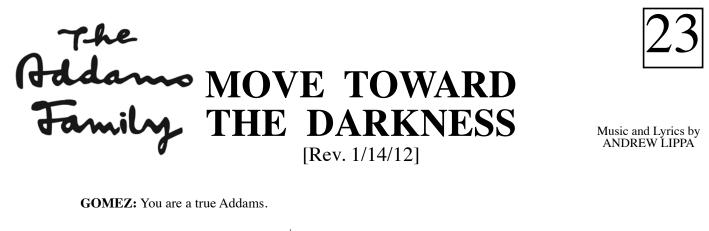


#22 Tango De Amor

GOMEZ: *Mi Amor*. Creature of constant surprises. You have legs! MORTICIA: Ladies--[GO ON]



*The rest of song #22 is a dance.





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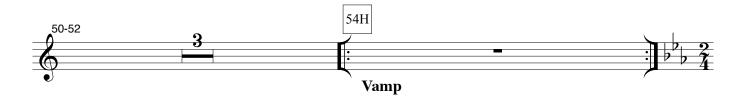
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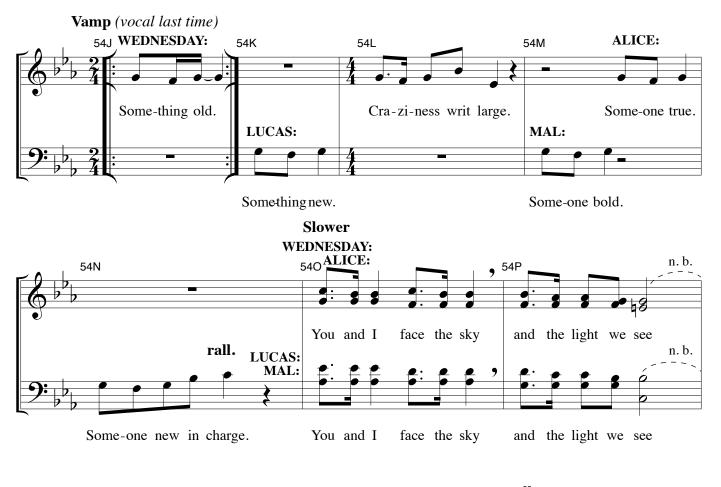
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GOMEZ: Fester, Fester - What are you doing? **FESTER:** I'm embracing the unknown! I'm moving toward my darkness! **MORTICIA:** *Au revoir*, Fester. May you find your bliss.

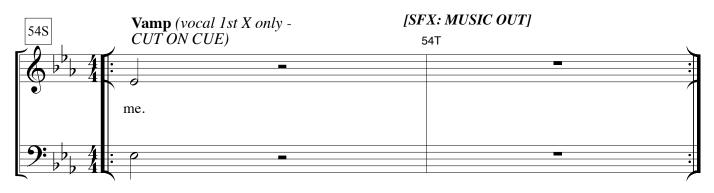
ALICE: Excuse me, Fester, but where are you going? FESTER: To the moon, Alice. [GO ON to ms. 54I]







FESTER: Pugsley, will you do the honors? I'm coming, my love. Stay full!

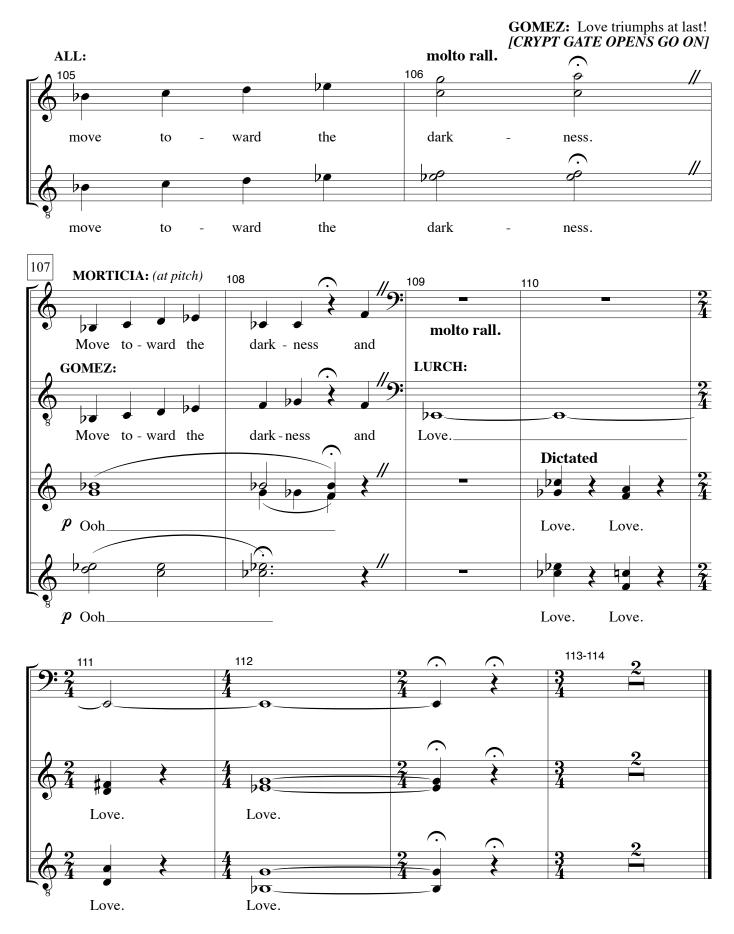




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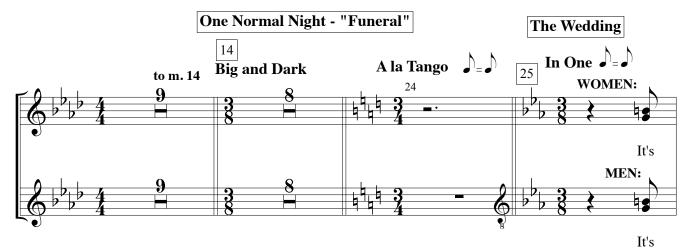
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