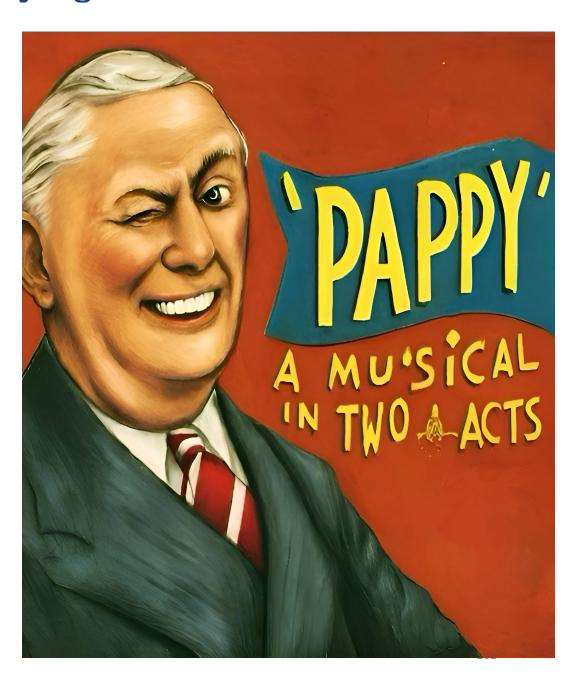
# What happens when a popular radio star runs for governor?



# PAPPY!

#### A Musical in Two Acts

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**DICK ELAM** (1928-2023) has been a reporter, a TV station manager, a sailboat racing skipper, a cruising skipper, a Naval Reservist, an oilfield pilot, a political consultant, a university professor, acrylic artist, and author.

The literary pull became apparent at an early age when Elam served as a proofreader at his hometown Abilene Reporter-News at the age of 14.

He is the author of several novels and other works, a weekly blog, plus numerous scholarly articles.

In the 1970s he started writing a historical fiction about the 1938 Texas governor's election which became a three-act play and ultimately the two-act musical, "Pappy." In 2022 he asked Yates to write songs for the musical.

#### For further reading:

- https://www.dickelam.com
- https://www.dickelambooks.com

**RON YATES** (b.1947) has been a musician, composer/ arranger/band leader, a songwriter, a university professor, a carpenter, a software applications engineer, and business owner.

His family always stressed the importance of the arts (his father was an artist), and began music lessons at age seven and by age13, he had started a band with classmates where he began to arrange music. In high school and college he arranged and composed music for various groups, and continues to this day. He has been a member of ASCAP since 1977.

Yates has written hundreds of songs and arrangements for bands with dozens of concert pieces that are performed and broadcast around the world regularly. His music is published by Southern Music Company.

#### For further reading:

• <a href="https://www.ronyates.com">https://www.ronyates.com</a>



#### **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

(In Order of Appearance)

ANNOUNCER Male; off-stage, radio announcer style voice over PA system;

no singing

PAPPY W. Lee 'Pappy' O'Daniel; Male Lead; Playing Age: 50+;

baritone; sings and dances; successful businessman and charismatic, smooth-talking Texas radio host, although from

Ohio.

CHORUS Ages: playing 60+; sing and dance; Mixed SATB chorus of

"STILL AROUND SINGERS" senior citizens who travel with Pappy to events.

LEON Male Comic Relief; Playing Age 40+; Tenor/Baritone; Band

leader & singer, fiddle player, and jokester.

TOM DRUGGER Male Romantic Lead; Age: Playing age 25-35; Baritone; sings

and dances; Pappy's speech writer hired by political supporters,

not a Texan.

MOLLY O'DANIEL Female Romantic Lead; Playing Age: 18-30; Ingénue;

Soprano; sings and dances; Pretty daughter of Pappy who sings

at events.

CATHY Female Comic Relief; Playing Age 40+; Chorus member;

Mezzo Soprano/Alto; struggling while trying to seem older to

be in the old timers' chorus.

TIM Male; Playing Age 40+; Head Roadie; baritone; African-

American father of JESSE; plays baritone sax and sings.

JESSE Female; Playing Age 16-25; Roadie; Mezzo Soprano; African-

American daughter of Tim, at first she poses as a boy so she

can work; plays alto sax and sings.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS Female: A

Female; Ages: Any; Women's vocal trio; SSA

CHALKBOARD OPERATOR Male; Playing age 40+; speaking and improvised singing

#### **SYNOPSIS**

*PAPPY!* is an original, historical, fiction musical with book written by Dick Elam with music composed by Ron Yates, (ASCAP) set in the last few days of the 1938 political campaign of W. Lee 'Pappy' O'Daniel, a radio star, band leader/singer and advertising man, running for for Governor of the State of Texas.

#### INTRODUCTION

Let us look again at this word "retired." Nowhere in my dictionaries do I find: "put new wheels on old driving machine." Nor, "you just thought you were 'tired....wait for an older age."

At the old folk's boarding house where I live, some use canes and walkers. Others have battery-driven wheelchairs. Some need some wheelchair pushing.

Some are still inspired—-after teaching the young their skill—-to compose music. Such a man is Ron Yates. Who wrote arrangements for his weekend dance orchestra for forty years. Weekly job: teaching college students musical theory.

We hooked up. Told him I had written words for a musical, but had looked since 1977 for a composer. We are a couple of Ph.Ds who have "retired." Now collaborating on my words, his words and music, and a musical script called "Pappy."

Musical puts new wheels on older vehicle. Now, beginning to look for players who want to replay our version of the 1938 Texas Governor's nomination won by "Pappy" -- W. Lee O'Daniel.

-- Dick Elam, 2023

## MUSICAL NUMBERS



(Open mp3 audio)

#### **ACT I**

SONG 01	PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY	STILL AROUND SINGERS
SONG 02	OLD AGE PENSIONS	PAPPY
SONG 03	TEXAS TWO-STEP	LEON & DANCERS
SONG 04	40 ACTING 60	CATHY
SONG 05	AGREE TO DISAGREE	TOM & MOLLY
SONG 06	MY OWN MAN	PAPPY
SONG 07	WE SHALL OVERCOME (INSTRUMENTAL)	JESSE & TIM (SAXES)
SONG 08	AGREE TO DISAGREE (REPRISE)	TOM & MOLLY
SONG 09	THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW	COMPANY

#### **INTERMISSION**

SONG 10	ON YOUR BALLOT (RADIO JINGLE)	RECORDED
SONG 11	TEXAS FOOD (INSTRUMENTAL)	RECORDED
SONG 12	BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS	RECORDED

#### **ACT II**

SONG 13	AGREE TO AGREE	MOLLY & TOM
SONG 14	WILL THERE EVER BE?	MOLLY, CATHY & JESSE
SONG 15	TEXAS FOOD	LEON, TIM & TOM
SONG 16	GLORY IN THE GLORY	TIM
SONG 17	HELLO, HELLO	TELEPHONE OPERATORS
SONG 18	AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF	COMPANY
SONG 19	PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY (REPRISE)	COMPANY

#### **ACT I**

**Setting:** 

Fort Worth stage rehearsal

Time:

Fall of 1938

(Music vamp begins with announcer)

#### ANNOUNCER

Ladies and Gentlemen, and now, in person, the man you have heard every week on the radio, advertising his flour products, across our Lone Star State, here's

(Curtain opens)

PAPPY, our W. Lee O'Daniel, who wants your vote in the Democratic primary that will choose your next Governor, Pappy's Still Around Singers and Dancers, and LEON and his radio band you hear every week.

Now... Play it pretty, LEON

(music builds)

#### STILL AROUND SINGERS

#### **SONG 01 PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY**

PAPPY!
PAPPY!
PASS THE BUTTER DISH PAPPY
PASS THE HONEY POT PAPPY

WE'VE BEEN SENDING MONEY TO WASHINGTON SINCE THE DAY WE STARTED TO GO TO WORK WE BEEN PAYING TAXES MIGHTY REGULAR AND WE NEVER THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD SHIRK

NOW WE SIT AND GROW OLD AND CHEW OUR SNUFF WORN THREADS WITH OUT GOLD, JUST AIN'T GOOD ENOUGH WE BEEN SENDING MONEY LONG BEFORE THESE YEARS

# STILL AROUND SINGERS (CONT.) TIME THAT CONGRESS SHARED WITH THESE OLD DEARS

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NOW THAT WE GROW OLD, CONGRESS HAS IT MADE! WE GOTTA HAVE THE MONEY, 'CAUSE WE CAN'T TAKE IT ON TRADE PAPPY!

HOW ABOUT A TEXAS OLD AGE PENSION? TIME TO PASS THE BISCUITS! PAPPY! PAPPY! PAPPY!

(Music ends)

#### **PAPPY**

Good. You 'old folks' still got it. One problem. CATHY, if you are going to try and pass yourself as old, you need to rinse your hair gray.

Good rehearsal. Thanks. Want to add a word, Leon?

#### **LEON**

We will do a short run through in Houston. Got to do our best because people vote the next day.

(Chorus exits. TOM joins PAPPY and LEON)

**PAPPY** 

What do you think of our song, TOM?

#### **TOM**

Plenty peppy, Mister O' Daniel. Words make good argument for a state old age pension.....but wonder if you don't need to add a speech and tell voters where you stand on other issues such as a sales tax?

#### **PAPPY**

TOM, I'm sure you wrote some customary speeches for Republican Congressmen in Washington. Bet you told where they stood on several pressing issues.

Way I see it, you and LEON and I might agree on two, pressing issues but not three. But you may feel strongly for that third "pressing issue." So strong that you wouldn't vote for me if I didn't agree with you. Why would I want to lose your vote? Better, just one pressing issue?

(Music begins)

#### **SONG 02 OLD AGE PENSIONS**

KEEP THE MESSAGE SIMPLE.

For example, I don't just sell flour, I sell the yummy taste that your Ma's biscuit will give you.

**OLD AGE PENSIONS** 

ALSO APPEAL TO YOUNG

VOTERS WHO KNOW

THEY'LL BE OLD SOMEDAY.

#### PAPPY (Cont.)

AND THEIR PARENTS
KNOW THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE
CARE OF THEIR GRANDPARENTS.
AND, OF COURSE, OLD FOLKS DON'T
WANT TO BE A BURDEN ON THEIR CHILDREN.
GOOD SOLUTION OLD AGE PENSION.
AND REMEMBER WHERE YOU HEARD IT!

(Pappy Dances)

OLD AGE PENSIONS
MAKE YOUR APPEAL TO BOTH
YOUNG AND OLD AND THEN
SELL IT YOUR WAY.
IF THE NEWSPAPERS ATTACK YOUR GREAT IDEA
DEFEND, AGAIN, THE ALAMO
AND DON'T FORGET TO REPEAT THE NAME
THAT ALL THE VOTERS SEE ON THEIR BALLOTS
GOOD SOLUTION OLD AGE PENSION.
AND REMEMBER WHERE YOU HEARD IT!
RIGHT HERE! TODAY!

(Music ends)

Don't think I don't appreciate your speech words, Tom. You have been the good, experienced secretary. Glad the big money boys in Houston hired you to help our campaign.

And when we win this election, and I'm Governor, I want you to think about being my press secretary.

#### TOM

Thank you, sir. Would be an honor. This Yankee is getting to like the "Beautiful Texas" you wrote about in your song.

(TOM sees MOLLY coming on stage to practice.)
Excuse me, sir, I've got to go practice. LEON has recruited me to waltz to your melody.
(TOM goes to MOLLY. PAPPY says parting word to LEON.)

#### **PAPPY**

Play my waltz pretty, LEON. Maybe when MOLLY and TOM are dancing they will stop Democrat and Republican arguing, and quit fighting the Civil War. One thing, for sure, legislatures can't pass a bill that creates "love."

#### **LEON**

That's right, PAPPY. But if they could create "love" legislature would figure out how to tax it.

#### **MOLLY**

LEON, before we practice waltzing and I sing Dad's "Beautiful Texas", I promised TOM I would teach him the Texas Two-Step. Do what you can to make it pretty, LEON.

(Music begins)

#### **LEON**

#### **SONG 03 TEXAS TWO-STEP**

TEXAS TWO-STEP, IT'S DANCING, IT'S A COWBOY WALTZ.
PLAYED BY A WESTERN BAND.
TEXAS TWO-STEP. IT'S SHUFFLING, ON YOUR POLISHED BOOTS.
WITH A PRETTY GAL ON HAND.

TEXAS TWO-STEP DANCING IT'S A COWBOY WALTZ. TEXAS TWO-STEP IT'S FIDDLING AND SOME GUITARING PLAYED BY A WESTERN BAND.



(Dancers including CATHY. MOLLY and TOM dance with chorus during during song.)

LOUISIANA FIVE-STEP?

DANCERS

NO! NO!

**LEON** 

OKLAHOMA FOUR?

**DANCERS** 

NO!

**LEON** 

NEW MEXICO THREE-STEP?

DANCERS

NO!

**LEON** 

ARKANSAS TWO-STEP?

WHAT?

#### DANCERS (CONT.)

NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

LEON

TEXAS TWO-STEP IT'S DANCING IT'S A COWBOY WALTZ. PLAYED BY A WESTERN BAND. TEXAS TWO-STEP IT'S SHUFFLING

ON YOUR POLISHED BOOTS.
WITH A PRETTY GAL ON HAND.
TEXAS TWO STEP DANCING
IT'S A COWBOY WALTZ.
TEXAS TWO STEP IT'S FIDDLING
AND SOME GUITARING
PLAYED BY A WESTERN BAND.

(Music ends)

**CATHY** 

(To dancers rhetorically and breathlessly, at end of dance) That dancing took my breath away.

(music begins)
Where did you old folks learn ...

#### **SONG 04 40 ACTING 60**

HE SAYS "KEEP UP! CATHY!"
HE SAYS, "KEEP UP! YOU'RE GETTING BEHIND!"
I'M JUST FORTY. ACTING SIXTY!
I HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH YOU!

WHERE DID YOU FOLKS
Y'ALL LEARN HOW TO DANCE THIS FAST?
I COULD KEEP UP IF YOU SLOW DOWN!
THESE OLD HOOVES AIN'T KEEPIN' UP WITH YOU!

I AM MUCH, TOO YOUNG TO BE SO UNSTRUNG!

I'M JUST FORTY. ACTING SIXTY!
I HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH YOU!

KEEP UP! KEEP UP! KEEP UP! CATHY! KEEP UP! KEEP UP! KEEP UP! FASTER! KEEP UP! KEEP UP! KEEP UP!



#### CATHY (CONT.)

I WILL TRY IT AGAIN.
I'M JUST FORTY, BUSTIN' SIXTY!
I HAVE TROUBLE KEEPIN' UP WITH YOU!
I'M JUST FORTY. BUSTIN' SIXTY
I HAVE TROUBLE KEEPIN' UP WITH YOU!
(Music ends)

(Chorus leaves stage. TOM and MOLLY move together front center stage.)

#### **MOLLY**

(with scorn) Almost forgot you are a Yankee, Republican carpetbagger. Crying because Hoover lost. Shouldn't expect you to appreciate we Texans. Let's don't argue any politics, again.

#### **TOM**

MOLLY. MOLLY. Beautiful MOLLY. Don't you see?

(Music begins)

#### **SONG 05 AGREE TO DISAGREE**

I LEARN MORE WHEN I HEAR YOUR SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT, AS WELL YOU LEARN WHEN I GIVE YOU MY TAKE. WE CAN DEBATE—WITHOUT HATE IF WE JUST AGREE TO DISAGREE, THEN AGREE, AGAIN.

LET'S AGREE TO DISAGREE
WHAT MATTERS IS WE'RE TALKING
NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE DO THAT:
SEE IF WE CAN DO THAT, TOO.
IF WE MAKE A SUPPOSITION
THAT OUR PROPOSITION'S TRUE
WE CAN MAKE A START TODAY!
TROUBLE GOES AWAY

WHEN I SEE YOUR POINT OF VIEW MY DAYDREAM IS ASTOUNDING NOT TOO MANY MEN CAN SEE THAT. I WILL DO THAT JUST FOR YOU!

MOLLY AND TOM
IF WE MAKE A SUPPOSITION THAT OUR PROPOSITION'S TRUE
WE WILL MAKE A START TODAY! THINGS WILL GO OUR WAY.

**MOLLY** 

YOU AND I MAY DISAGREE OUR JOURNEY'S ONLY STARTING.



MOLLY (CONT.)

IF I REALLY GET TO KNOW YOU, MAYBE I SHALL SEE IT, TOO.

WHEN I LOOK INTO YOUR EYES, I SEE A MAN I COULD ADORE. ONLY HELP ME FIND A WAY TO THE STARS ABOVE!

PEOPLE ONLY DISAGREE
WHEN EYES ARE CLOSED OR BLINDED.
WE ARE DIFFERENT, YES I KNOW THAT, OPEN UP YOUR EYES TO ME!

MOLLY AND TOM
IF WE MAKE A SUPPOSITION, THAT OUR PROPOSITION'S TRUE.
WE WILL MAKE A START TODAY! THINGS WILL GO OUR WAY!
(music ends)

**TOM** 

Perhaps now we can talk about agreements, not disagreements.

(TOM bows slightly to MOLLY then exits.)

**LEON** 

(to MOLLY)

That Yankee can sure waltz, can't he, MOLLY? Think he may have swept you off your toes.

#### **MOLLY**

Uh-huh, He's a good dancer. Tells me well-to-do Northern boys, like him, learn in their academies. Hook up with Republican politicians who sent them south to learn how to be carpetbaggers. That's how he got the job writing speeches for Dad.

(PAPPY enters)

Some rich Houston political machine that's backing Dad, wants to outdo another political machine that's running the state.

Dad reads Tom's spellbinding words, but talks 'friends and neighbors' on the radio each week.

#### **PAPPY**

(Music begins)

I won't take orders from big city money.

#### **SONG 06 MY OWN MAN**

I PLAN TO BE MY OWN MAN! MY OWN MAN! I'M MY OWN MAN, I PLAN TO BE MY OWN MAN!



PAPPY (CONT.)

I PLAN TO BE MY OWN MAN! IN AUSTIN! MY OWN MAN! YES, I CAN! I'M MY OWN MAN, I PLAN TO BE MY OWN MAN!

I WON'T I WON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM BIG CITY MONEY, DON'T WANT THEIR MONEY, NEVER CAN TELL IF I TAKE ORDERS FROM BIG CITY MONEY, DON'T WANT THEIR MONEY, EVER!

MY OWN MAN! MY OWN MAN!
I'M MY OWN MAN, I PLAN TO BE MY OWN MAN!
I PLAN TO BE MY OWN MAN! IN AUSTIN!
MY OWN MAN! YES, I CAN! I'M MY OWN MAN,
I'M MY OWN MAN, I PLAN TO BE
MY OWN MAN!

(music ends)

(LEON nods agreement)

MOLLY, before you join on the small town campaign bus, would you do me a favor. One of my band told me someone told him that Jessie, Tim's son, went into the women's rest room. Would you, please, check the women's room and make sure nothing's missing. Talk to TIM, but don't help his son Jessie load the band equipment. That's too much heavy work for a girl.

**LEON** 

(MOLLY walks offstage, right)

**MOLLY** 

(from offstage, shouting)

Jessie, you're a girl!

(Mollie backs back unto stage (corner right. Jessie and TIM follow carrying their Saxophone cases.)

TIM

Oh, Miss MOLLY. Now you know. But don't tell your Dad. He's our man. Going to vote in the Democrat primary, just for him.

**MOLLY** 

You're not a Democrat?

TIM

No, Mam....Republican, like your man TOM.

(MOLLY looks surprised)

Everyone can tell, Miss MOLLY, he's your man.

And yes, Mam he's a Republican, But so are most of my people.... we celebrate Juneteenth when Lincoln freed the slaves, ....and we're Voting. For PAPPY ....he's a businessman, conservative like we Republicans. We don't count with the people who run Texas government. Segregate us. We 'colored folks' haven't got a government Post Office jobs since President Hoover left office. Your father is both practical and political. Practical because he picked a good product trying sell......old age pensions And he's a businessman who knows if you don't have much else to sell, you better sing and dance. People in show business already know that. And, someday, Jessie and I will get to play our saxophones on stage. You see Miss MOLLY, I have a college degree in music. From Tuskegee. I teach music in that part of town people call "the colored section". And Jessie is my best pupil.

#### **MOLLY**

TIM, I see you've got your sax cases. I've got a few minutes before I report to Dad's blue bus and make our courthouse stops on the way to Houston, Would you play something for me?

#### TIM

Yes, Mam. How about Jessie and I wail you an old spiritual we 'colored folks' worship.

#### JESSE AND TIM

(music begins)

#### SONG 07 WE WILL OVERCOME (INSTRUMENTAL - SAX DUET)

(music ends)

**MOLLY** 

Beautiful.



#### TIM

Thanks, Miss MOLLY. Now you need to get on that blue bus and sing your way to Houston. JESSIE and I got the equipment loaded on the band bus. And we, and the chorus and band, will see you in Houston, the night before election day.

(MOLLY heads stage right. TOM comes from stage right. They walk together toward stage right.)

#### **TOM**

They sent me to find you, get you on Pappy's blue bus. We're headed to Houston.

MOLLY

You're on the bus, too?

#### **TOM**

No, I'm driving ahead of your bus stops. Visiting the weekly newspaper editors. Your Dad's idea. Big City Machine press agents just talk to daily editors.

TOM (Cont.)

(music begins)

#### **SONG 08 AGREE TO DISAGREE (REPRISE)**

MOLLY, I THINK WE CAN AGREE,
YOUR DAD'S ON NO SPREE,
HE VISITS COUNTY SQUARES, FARMER FAIRS,
THAT'S WHERE THE OVERLOOKED VOTERS ARE
PAPPY HAS TRIED A WAY
THAT MAY OVERCOME
BIG CITY POLITICAL KINGS
I HOPE THAT'S ONE THING
UPON WHICH WE AGREE



**MOLLY** 

I AGREE, THAT'S GETTING EASIER FOR YOU AND ME. (music ends as bus becomes visible)

(People begin boarding the bus and music begins.)

**COMPANY** 

#### SONG 09 THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW

BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS
FRIENDLIEST STATE THAT I KNOW.
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY,
"PAPPY ALL OF THE WAY. AND REMEMBER THE ALAMO!"
FORT WORTH TO HOUSTON THEN AUSTIN.
WE KNOW PAPPY WILL LEAD ALL THE WAY!
HERE IN BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS
IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW

**SOLOIST** 

BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS

**SOLOIST** 

WITH BLUEBONNETS WHO NEEDS A ROSE?

**SOLOIST** 

WE'RE NEVER UNSURE IT'S ALL OF THE WAY

**SOLOIST** 

YOU'RE YOU DAMN RIGHT, 'CAUSE PAPPY KNOWS!



**SOLOIST** 

ONWARD THROUGH BEAUTIFUL TEXAS

**SOLOIST** 

TO HOUSTON WE ALL KNOW THE WAY!

SOLI

HERE IN BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW

**COMPANY** 

BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS
FRIENDLIEST STATE THAT I KNOW.
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY,
"PAPPY ALL OF THE WAY. AND REMEMBER THE ALAMO!"
FORT WORTH TO HOUSTON THEN AUSTIN.
WE KNOW PAPPY WILL LEAD ALL THE WAY!
HERE IN BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS
IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW

**SOLOIST** 

TEXAS HAS SO MANY CITIES

SOLOIST

THERE'S PARIS AND ATHENS AND RHOME!

**SOLOIST** 

LAREDO'S MY HOME BUT OLD SAN ANTONE'

SOLOIST

I'LL NEVER GO BACK TO ALONE!

**SOLOIST** 

THERE'S KARNAK AND KERMET AND MULESHOE,

**SOLOIST** 

NEW BOSTON, OLD AUSTIN AND MORE!

**SOLI** 

NACOGDOCHES, CORSICANA, AMARILLO, VAN HORN, THEN THROCKMORTON, SWEETWATER,

**SOLOIST** 

ALSO ENCANTA EL RANCHITO

**COMPANY** 

EL CALIBOZ, TEXAS!

#### COMPANY (CONT.)

(opt dance)

BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS

FRIENDLIEST STATE THAT I KNOW.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY,

"PAPPY ALL OF THE WAY. AND REMEMBER THE ALAMO!"

FORT WORTH TO HOUSTON THEN AUSTIN.

WE KNOW PAPPY WILL LEAD ALL THE WAY!

HERE IN BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS

IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW

**SOLOIST** 

SAILING TO EUROPE THROUGH TEXAS

**SOLOIST** 

FROM DUBLIN, NEW LONDON, AND PAST.

TO NAPLES, NEW BRAUNFELS AND TROY!

**SOLOIST** 

THERE'S ATHENS, ODESSA, AND OLD EDINBURG.

SOLOIST

**SOLOIST** 

GENEVA, NEW CASTLE AND OLD LIVERPOOL

SOLOIST

IN SCHOOL YOU MAY LEARN THEY ARE ALL FAR AWAY,

#### **COMPANY**

AND MORAVIA MAY BE JUST A JUST A BIT OF A CHORE! BUT WHAT'S MORE IS THAT TEXAS HAS THEM ALL! AND MORE!

(end opt dance)

BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS

FRIENDLIEST STATE THAT I KNOW.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY,

"PAPPY ALL OF THE WAY. AND REMEMBER THE ALAMO!"

FORT WORTH TO HOUSTON THEN AUSTIN.

WE KNOW PAPPY WILL LEAD ALL THE WAY!

HERE IN BEAUTIFUL BLUE BONNET TEXAS

IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE

IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE

IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE

IT'S THE FRIENDLIEST STATE

I KNOW.

(music ends)

#### ACT I CURTAIN



#### **INTERMISSION**

RECORDED MUSIC

SONG 10. ON YOUR BALLOT (RADIO JINGLE) SONG 11. TEXAS FOOD (INSTRUMENTAL) SONG 12. BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS





#### **ACT II**

#### **Setting:**

Houston stage - Texas state Democratic primary election voter count

#### Time:

One week later

#### ANNOUNCER

(Voice over. Curtain closed)

Welcome to our election party. Our show from this stage last night...broadcast on radios all over Texas...alerted democratic gubernatorial primary voters for W. Lee O'Daniel. Soon, we will hear returns from all over Texas.

Now, here's W. Lee O'Daniel. PAPPY, tell us what to expect tonight.

(Curtain open. All begin applause. Stage left, Old Folks chorus—the Still Arounds in a row, seated stretching to stage rear. Where sits the large blackboard...atop a landing...turned sideways so the audience cannot see chalked returns. See side view of chalker.

In front of chorus, telephone operators seated, in a row facing chorus. A dance floor is created behind the phone operators. Leon's musicians, also seated front to back, have their backs to the left side of the stage. Closest to audience sit TIM and JESSE(a girl now, dressed same as other musicians), with their instruments.

Dancing space creates a center stage area for development. PAPPY stands front center. Waves to acknowledge applause. Applause slowly ends.)

#### **PAPPY**

Folks, thanks for joining us as we receive returns from today's election. We have set up a bank of telephones. When counties call in results, we will post them on our tally boards.

Early reports say that we are running at the top with the former General who runs the State's railroad and oil and gas division. We expect big cities votes went his way.

But this is the general primary election that says who is Governor. If a candidate wins with more than 50 per cent of the votes, there won't be a runoff.

(Music starts as MOLLY and TOM enter.)

#### PAPPY (CONT.)

But folks, here comes my daughter MOLLY and TOM. Think they've got news about selection—not election.

(MOLLY and TOM present themselves in front of PAPPY and Shes shows PAPPY her engagement ring.)

#### **SONG 13 AGREE TO AGREE**

WE AGREE TO AGREE
LIFE HAS ONLY STARTED
HERE ARE JUST TWO PEOPLE
WANTING TO BE FREE.
NOW A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION
ENDS IN ADORATION TRUE T
SHE, HE KNOWS JUST WHAT TO SAY
TROUBLE DOES NOT STAY.
WALTZING HERE NOW WITH YOU,
MY HEART KNOWS YOU ADORE ME.
WHEN I LOOK INTO THOSE EYES, I ADORE THEE.



IF WE MAKE A SUPPOSITION, IF WE THAT OUR PROPOSITION'S TRUE. WE WILL MAKE A START TODAY! THINGS WILL GO OUR WAY!

**MOLLY** 

Dad, TOM and I have agreed on two things. We want to be married.

**TOM** 

And sir, we want your blessing.

#### **PAPPY**

TOM, MOLLY, you betcha. Of course you know MOLLY that your mom will want a church wedding. TOM, you can't run off with our daughter....That's another no runoff I have in mind.

(PAPPY and MOLLY hug and he returns to stand near the operators. After TOM and MOLLY hug, TOM walks over to LEON and TIM, who shake his hand and pat his back. MOLLY walks to center stage where she is joined by JESSE and MOLLY.)

#### **CATHY**

Congratulations! You and TOM make a beautiful couple. (JESSE nods her head in agreement.)

#### **MOLLY**

Thank you. We're excited. JESSE you look beautiful tonight. No need to hide in men's clothing just to play your sax. I predict you'll be playing on stage soon. You're starting new paths for women everywhere.

#### **JESSE**

Hmm. Wonder just how far a woman can go...

#### MOLLY, JESSE & CATHY

#### SONG 14 WILL THERE EVER BE?

WILL THERE EVER BE A WOMAN AS PRESIDENT?

WILL THERE EVER BE A BLACK WOMAN PRESIDENT?

WE'RE ALL GIRLS, HOMEMAKING PEARLS.

ASK ANY CANDIDATE.

WOULD A MAN VOTE FOR A GIRL, A GIRL?

COULD A FELLA VOTE FOR?

WOULD HE EVEN CARE?

WOULD HE VOTE A GIRL FOR PRESIDENT?

MY DADDY KNOWS, YOU'VE GOTTA' PASS THE WAFFLE, MOMMA.

GOTTA' PASS THE WAFFLE, MOMMA. DADDY ALWAYS KNOWS!

MY DADDY KNOWS, YOU'VE GOTTA', GOTTA' PASS THE WAFFLE, MOMMA.

PASS THE GOTTA' PASS WAFFLE, MOMMA. DADDY ALWAYS SAYS!

WILL THERE EVER BE A WOMAN AS PRESIDENT?

WILL THERE EVER BE A BLACK WOMAN PRESIDENT?

WE'RE ALL GIRLS, HOMEMAKING PEARLS.

ASK ANY CANDIDATE.

WOULD A MAN VOTE FOR A GIRL, A GIRL?

COULD A FELLA VOTE FOR?

WOULD HE EVEN CARE?

WOULD HE VOTE A GIRL FOR PRESIDENT?

WILL THERE EVER BE A WOMAN AS PRESIDENT?

WILL THERE EVER BE A BLACK WOMAN PRESIDENT?

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ASK ANY CANDIDATE.

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COULD A FELLA VOTE FOR?

WOULD HE EVEN CARE?

WOULD HE VOTE A GIRL FOR PRESIDENT?

COULD A FELLA VOTE FOR?

WOULD HE EVEN CARE?

WOULD HE EVER, SHOULD HE EVER,

COULD HE EVER VOTE A GIRL FOR PRESIDENT?

BAKE YOUR WAFFLES, MOMMA!

(Music ends, CATHY returns to the chorus, JESSE returns to the band and MOLLY to

TOM)



LEON II.1 Page

So you and MOLLY are getting married. Congratulations! Good match even if you are a carpetbagger Yankee (*smiling*). Now remember, when you join up with MOLLY and Mr. O'Daniel, you also get the entire state of Texas as part of the package. Texas can be different.

Are you ready for the change?

LEON and TIM

(Music begins)

#### **SONG 15 TEXAS FOOD**

RATTLESNAKE TEA AND ARMADILLO PIE NOTHING SAYS "TEXAS" LIKE FOOD! ONCE YOU TRY IT THEN YOU'LL KNOW NOTHING COMPARES, JUST TAKE IT SLOW. DON'T EAT TOO MUCH IT COULD GIVE YOU AN ITCH, PEOPLE HAVE SAID IT'S QUITE RICH!



**TOM** 

Well. if they're anything like those mountain oysters Molly gave me last night, it will be delish!

LEON and TIM

(Leon & Tim smile and agree. etc.)

BETTER THAN THOSE

**TOM** 

They were so sweet ...

LEON and TIM

JUICIER TOO

**TOM** 

Hard to believe!

LEON and TIM

SUCCULENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH

TOM

With just a touch of...

LEON and TIM

JUST ENOUGH SALT

**TOM** 

Something...something that...

LEON and TIM

**ROLL 'EM AROUND** 

**TOM** 

(Puzzled)

I don't know?

LEON and TIM

THEY'LL GIVE YOU SOME CHEW!

**TOM** 

Reminds me of ...

LEON and TIM

RATTLESNAKE TEA AND ARMADILLO PIE,

TOM

(Smiling, suddenly remembering, shouts)

College!

LEON and TIM

MAKES ME ALL TINGLY INSIDE. YOU WILL LOVE IT! WE ALL DO! YOU WILL LOVE TEXAS FOOD!

(music ends)

**TOM** 

(laughs)

I'm ready. (*looking around*) Glad to see JESSE playing as a woman tonight. She's opening new doors for women. Hopefully the first of many doors Mr. O'Daniel will open.

(TOM walks back to MOLLY.)

**LEON** 

TIM, he's right. We've come a long way from where we started and I believe Mr. O'Daniel is going to help us open more doors.

TIM

(Music starts)

#### **SONG 16 GLORY IN THE GLORY**

IN THE SHADOWS OF OPPRESSION'S NIGHT THEY FLEW.
THERE THEY FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND RIGHT!
HUMAN RIGHTS WERE YET UNTOLD, THE PEOPLE ROSE WITH HEARTS
SO BOLD, THEIR STORIES MUST BE TOLD.

HALLELUJA, VOICES RAISED HIGH!
HALLELUJA, HALLELUJA!
GLORY, GLORY HALLELUJA!
SO BOLD, THEIR STORIES MUST BE TOLD.

NOW WE JOIN TOGETHER HAND IN HAND WE STAND. BROTHERS AND AS SISTERS WE'LL MAKE THIS RIGHTEOUS STAND. EVERY CREED AND COLOR, FOR EVERY GIRL AND BOY, WE'LL SPREAD THE LIGHT OF LOVE AND JOY!

TIM (Cont.)

HALLELUJA, VOICES RAISED HIGH!
HALLELUJA, HALLELUJA!
GLORY, GLORY HALLELUJA!
SO BOLD, THEIR STORIES MUST BE TOLD.

LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING TAKES US ON OUR WAY.
PEACE AS OUR COMPANION, WILL BRING A BRIGHTER DAY,
UNITY AND HARMONY, WILL MAKE THE DARKNESS FLEE,
OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM ALL TO SEE!

HALLELUJA, VOICES RAISED HIGH! HALLELUJA, HALLELUJA! GLORY, GLORY HALLELUJA! SO BOLD, THEIR STORIES MUST BE TOLD.

LET THIS GOSPEL ECHO, A BEACON IN THE NIGHT.
TESTAMENT TO COURAGE, WE'LL FIGHT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT!
HUMAN RIGHTS WE HONOR YOU, IN EVERY WORD WE SAY,
TOGETHER, JUSTICE LIGHTS OUR WAY!

HALLELUJA, VOICES RAISED HIGH! HALLELUJA, HALLELUJA! GLORY, GLORY HALLELUJA! SO BOLD, THEIR STORIES MUST BE TOLD.

(Music ends)
(Telephone operators begin to receive calls)

TELEPHONE OPERATORS

(Music starts)

#### SONG 17 HELLO, HELLO, HELLO

HELLO, HELLO. HOW VOTES YOUR COUNTY? HELLO, HELLO, HELLO HOW DID YOUR COUNTY VOTE?

HELLO COUNTY SEAT IN HEREFORD.
HOW DOES PAPPY SOUND IN DEAF SMITH COUNTY?
HELLO, HELLO DEAF SMITH COUNTY.
HOW DID PAPPY SOUND?



#### TELEPHONE OPERATORS (Cont.)

HELLO, HELLO. HOW VOTES YOUR COUNTY? HELLO, HELLO, HELLO HOW DID YOUR COUNTY VOTE?

HELLO BEEVILLE, IS BEE COUNTY BUZZING? HELLO BEEVILLE, HOW DID YOU VOTE? HELLO BEEVILLE, HOW DID YOU VOTE? HOW WAS PAPPY BUZZING ALONG?

HELLO, HELLO. HOW VOTES YOUR COUNTY? HELLO, HELLO, HELLO HOW DID YOUR COUNTY VOTE?

HELLO HELLO IN ARCHER CITY.
BULL'S EYE IN ARCHER CITY?
BULL'S EYE HOW DID ARCHER CITY VOTE?
ARCHER CITY, HOW DID YOU VOTE?

HELLO, HELLO.
HOW VOTES YOUR COUNTY?
HELLO, HELLO, HELLO
HOW DID YOUR COUNTY VOTE?
(Music ends)

(Telephone operators pass notes to chorus, who take the return numbers to the chalkboard operator. PAPPY talks to some who call in, then dances two-step, in turn with telephone operators. Dancing stops abruptly when chalkboard operator yells.)

#### CHALKBOARD OPERATOR

PAPPY nears a million votes, 900 thousand for the General, he's closest.

(Dancing ends. Apprehension in faces of all cast.)

#### CHALKBOARD OPERATOR

(singing)

PAPPY just got over one million.

(Band wails happy note)

#### **CHORUS**

No runoff? (louder) No runoff? (full voice) Looks like there ain't gonna be no runoff.

(CHORUS sings. Other players dance when Leon's Band takes up the song.)

#### CHALKBOARD OPERATOR

The General has met his Waterloo. There ain't gonna be no runoff.

(Music begins)

#### **COMPANY**

#### **SONG 18 AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF**

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF, RUNOFF
AFTER THIS ELECTION DAY!
AIN'T NO DEMOCRAT STANDING STANDING,
AFTER THIS ELECTION DAY!
JUST THE DEMOCRAT PRIMARY BUT YOU KNOW THE TRUTH
TODAY REPUBLICANS VOTED, VOTED
IN THEIR TELEPHONE BOOTH!

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF RUNOFF BECAUSE WE WIN THE TOSS. HEADS! PAPPY'S GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR TAILS, OTHERS LOST THE TOSS!

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF RUNOFF BECAUSE WE WIN THE TOSS! HEADS! PAPPY'S GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR TAILS, OTHERS LOST THE TOSS!

HEADS! PAPPY'S GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR TAILS, OTHERS LOST THE TOSS!

HEADS!PAPPY'S GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR TAILS, OTHERS LOST THE TOSS!

#### **CONGA LINE!**

(Conga line forms. The Line snakes around stage - and possibly through the theater - ending back on stage)

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF! PAPPY IS GOVERNOR, PAPPY! AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF! PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY!



#### COMPANY (Cont.)

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF!

PAPPY IS GOVERNOR, PAPPY!

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF!

PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY!

PASS THE BISCUITS PAPPY! HOORAY! PAPPY!

PASS THE BISCUITS PAPPY! PAPPY! PAPPY!

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF!

PAPPY IS GOVERNOR, PAPPY!

AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF!

PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY!

PASS THE BISCUITS PAPPY! HOORAY! PAPPY!

PASS THE BISCUITS PAPPY! PAPPY! PAPPY!

#### PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY! PAPPY!

(All dance. Come forward towards front of stage. Lift PAPPY on two men's shoulders— possibly TOM and TIM shoulders.)

(Music ends)

**COMPANY** 

And now, PAPPY you can pass the biscuits.

(Music begins)

#### SONG 19 PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY (REPRISE)

PAPPY!

PASS THE BUTTER DISH, PAPPY.

PASS THE HONEY POT PAPPY.

HOW ABOUT A TEXAS OLD AGE PENSION?

TIME TO PASS THE BISCUITS!

PAPPY! PAPPY!

PAPPY! PAPPY!

PAPPY!

(Music ends)



#### **ACT II**

# (BOWS)

#### FINALE (BOWS)

#### Final Note:

Ushers will pass tally sheets of the voting as the audience leaves. Chart shows PAPPY with more than million voters, more than other candidates total.

#### Democratic primary results[1][2][3]

Party	Candidate	Votes	0/0
Democratic	W. Lee O'Daniel	573,166	51.41
Democratic	Ernest O. Thompson	231,630	20.78
Democratic	William McCraw	152,278	13.66
Democratic	TOM F. Hunter	117,634	10.55
Democratic	Karl A. Crowley	19,153	1.72
Democratic	P.D. Renfro	8,127	0.73
Democratic	Clarence E. Farmer	3,869	0.35
Democratic	James A. Ferguson	3,800	0.34
Democratic	Marvin P. McCoy	1,491	0.13
Democratic	Thomas Self	1,405	0.13
Democratic	S.T. Brogdon	892	0.08
Democratic	Joseph King	773	0.07
Democratic	James A. Ferguson	667	0.06

# APPENDIX A MUSICAL SCORES

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INTERMISSION					
A65 A67 A97	10. ON YOUR BALLOT (RADIO JINGLE) 11 TEXAS FOOD (INSTRUMENTAL) 12.BEAUTIFUL BLUEBONNET TEXAS	RECORDED RECORDED RECORDED			
ACT II					
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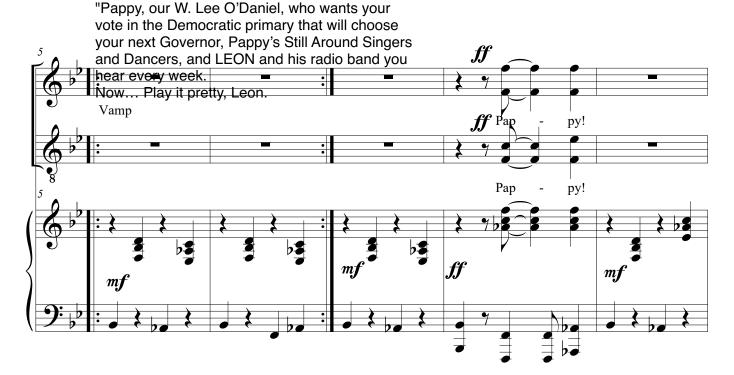
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(Announcer)

"Ladies and Gentlemen, and now, in person, the man you have





















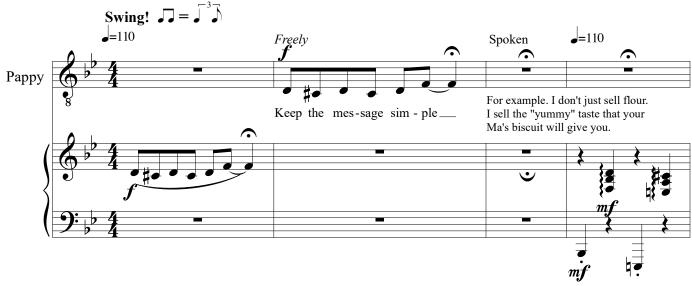
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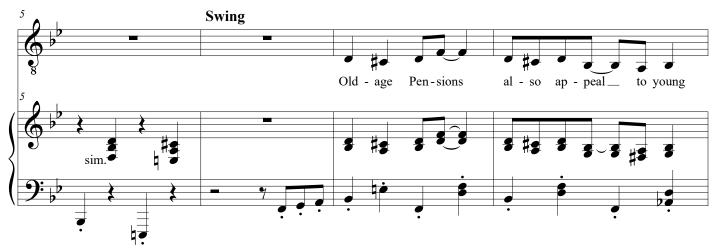
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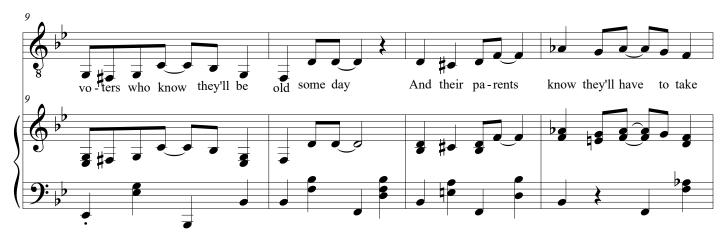
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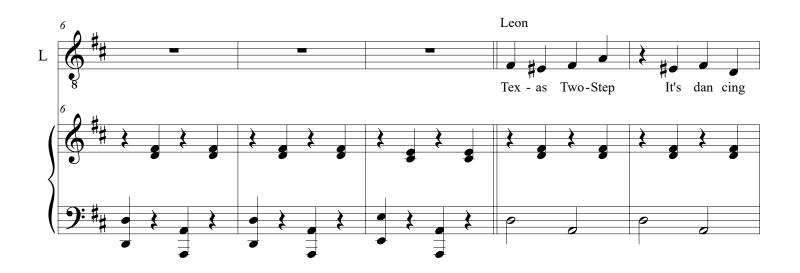
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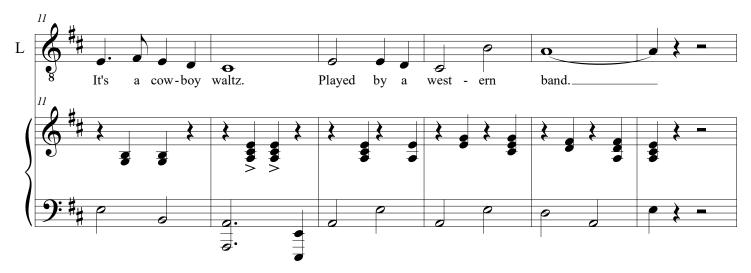


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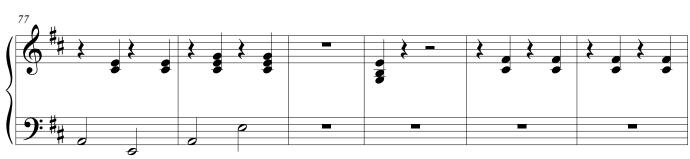
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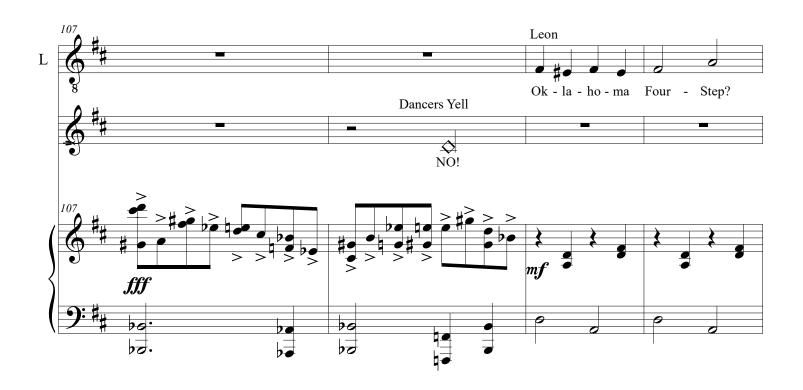


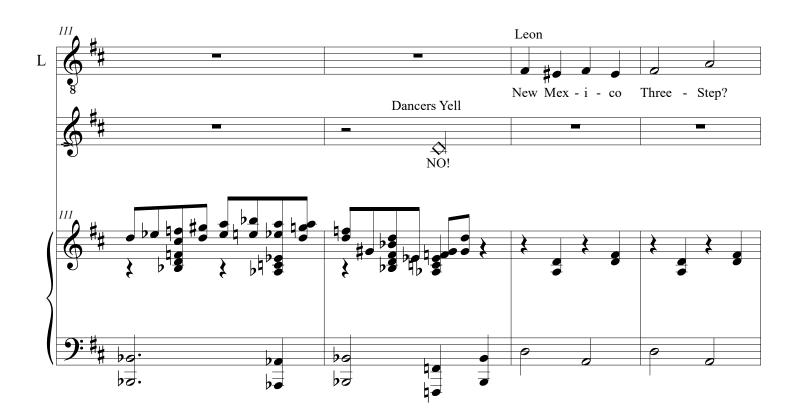


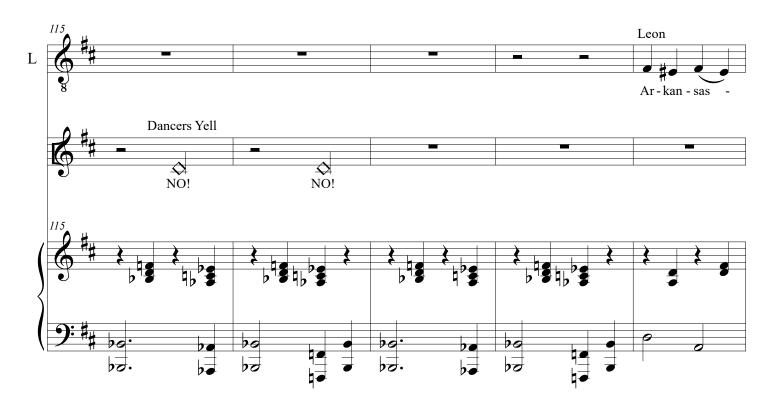


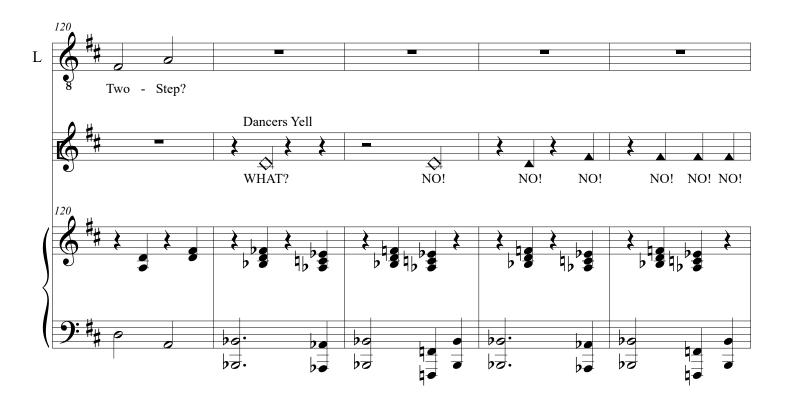




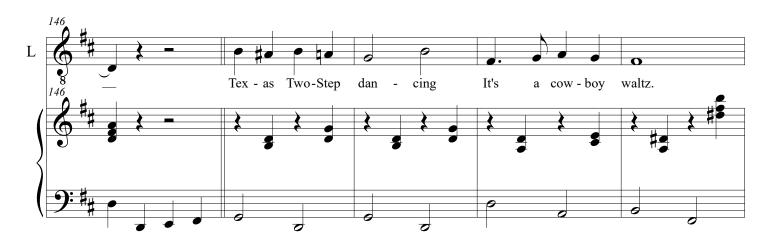




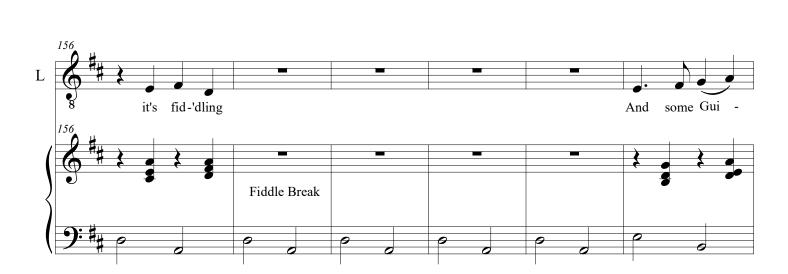










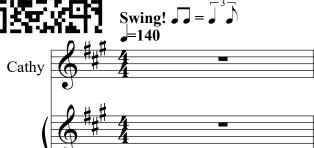


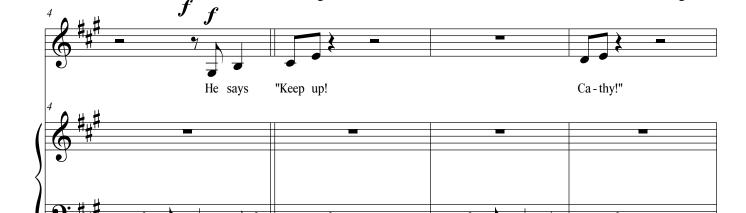


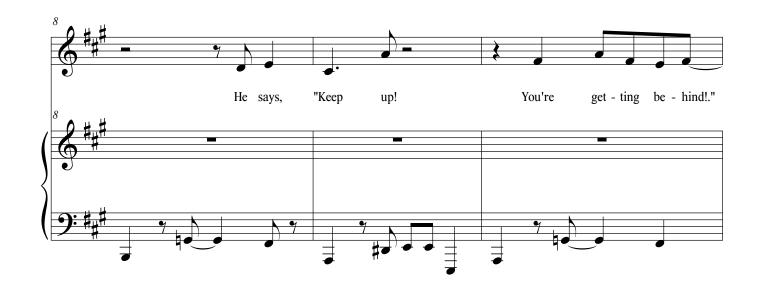
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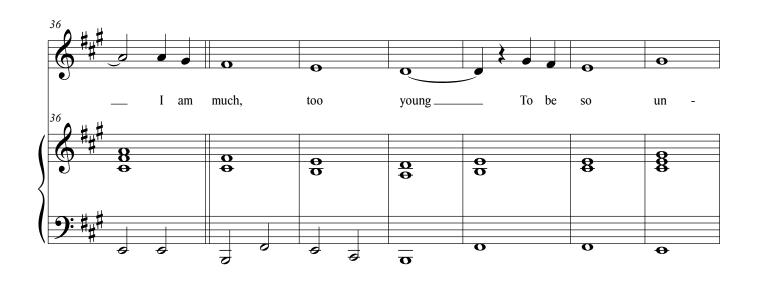




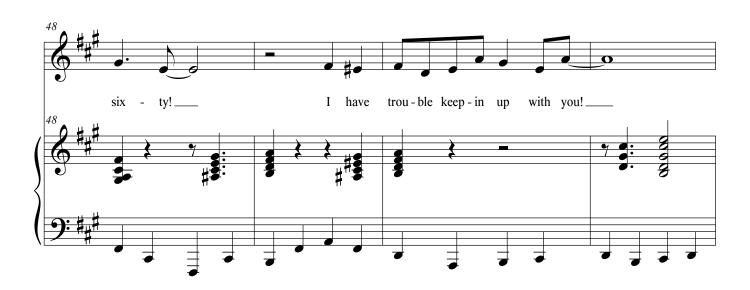






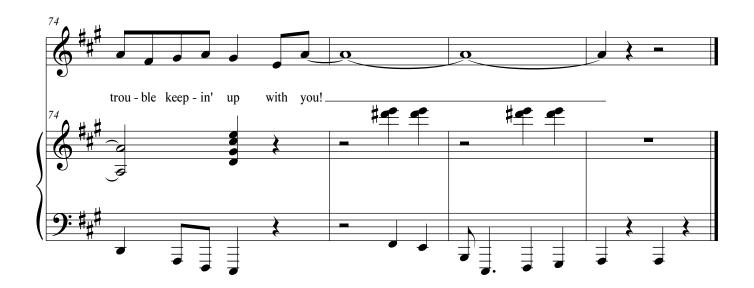












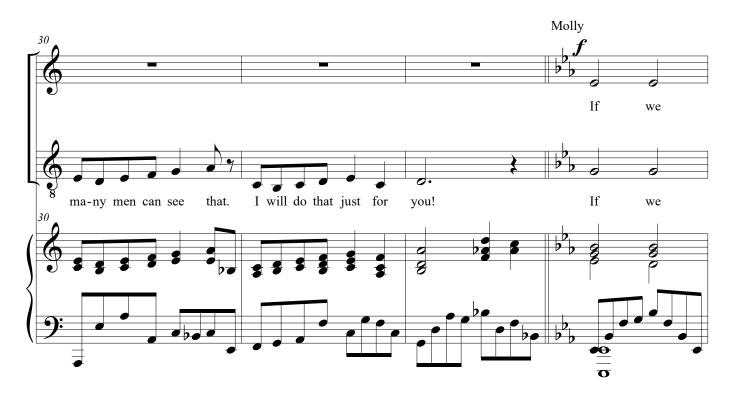
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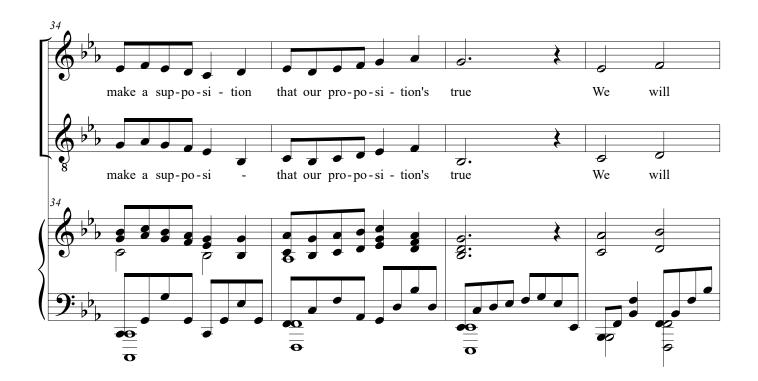
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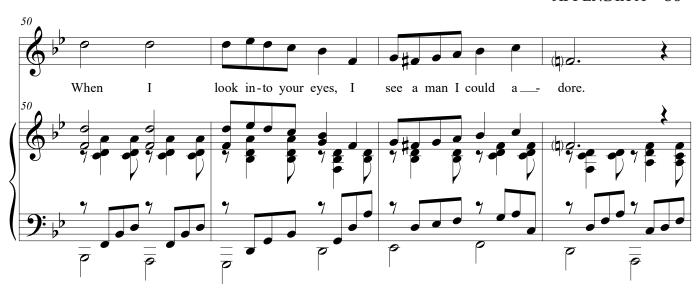


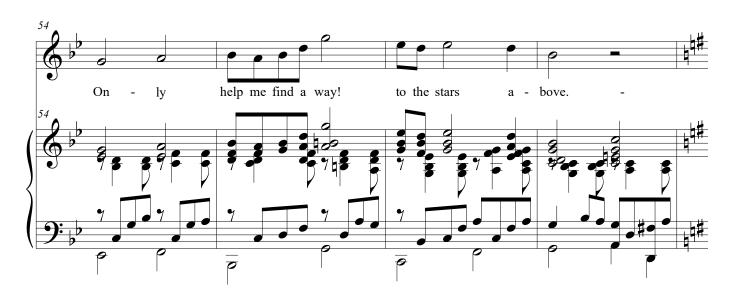


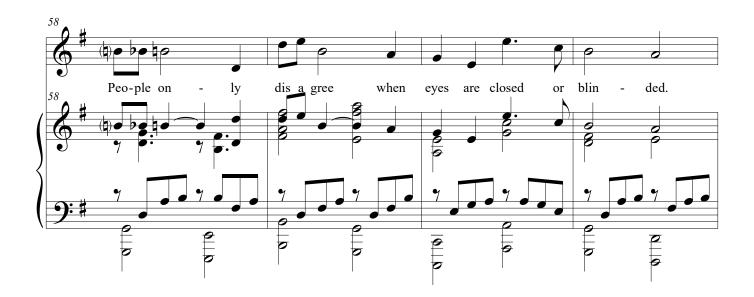














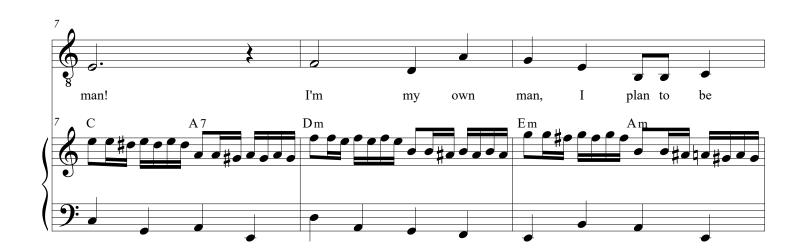


## <u>06. MY OWN MA</u>

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## 07. WE SHALL OVERCOME

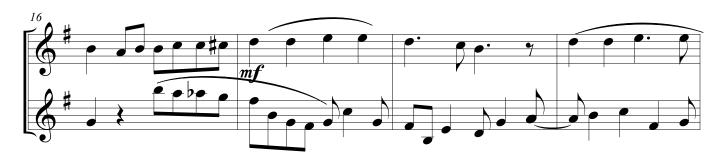
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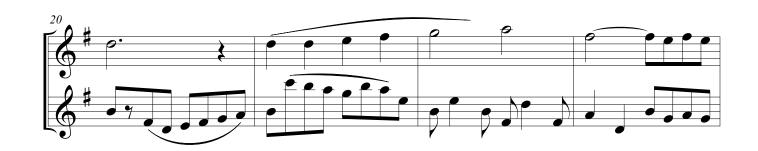
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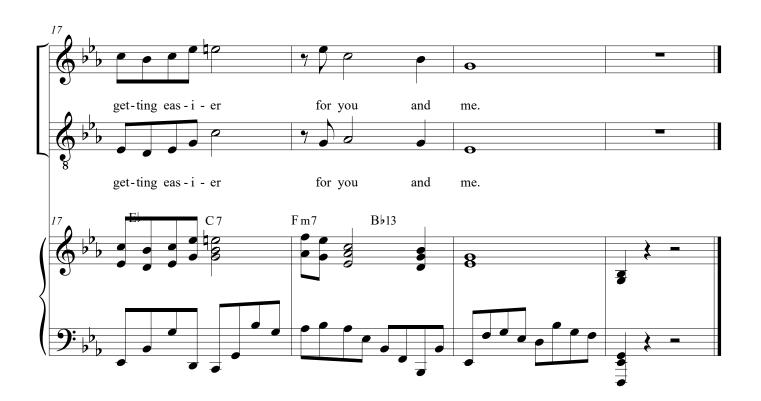
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# <u>09.THE FRIENDLIEST STATE I KNOW</u>

Vocal Score Chorus with Soloists

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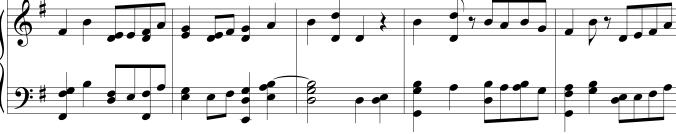


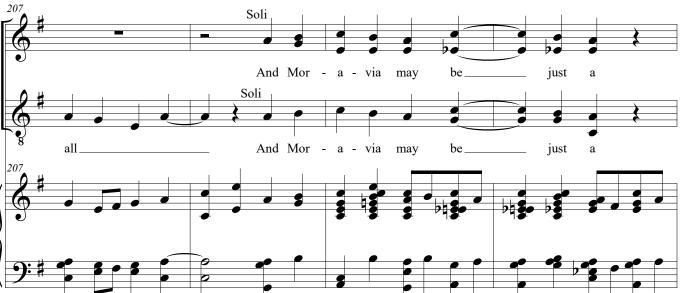


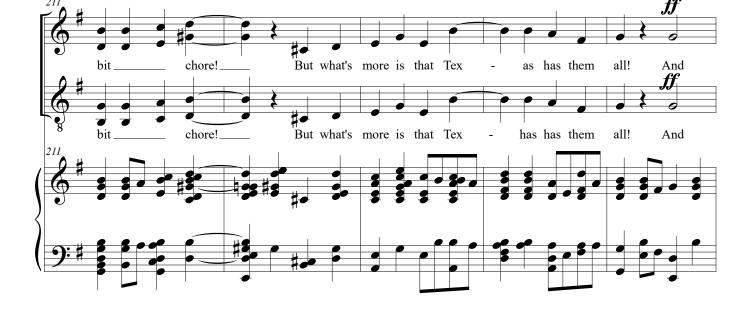
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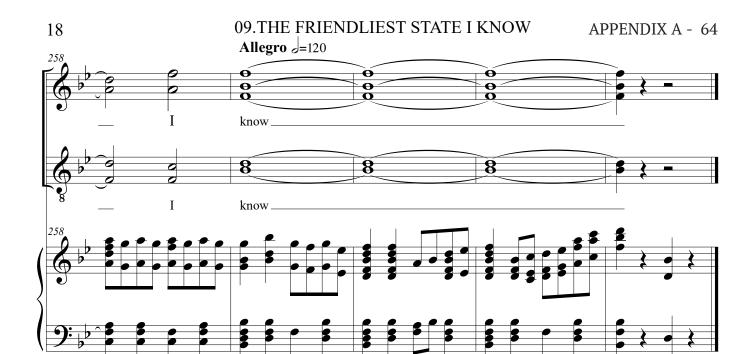










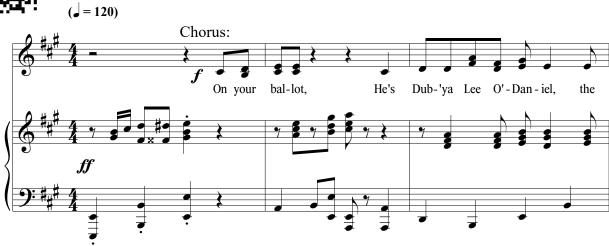


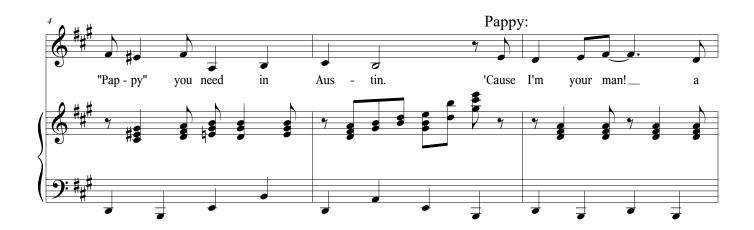
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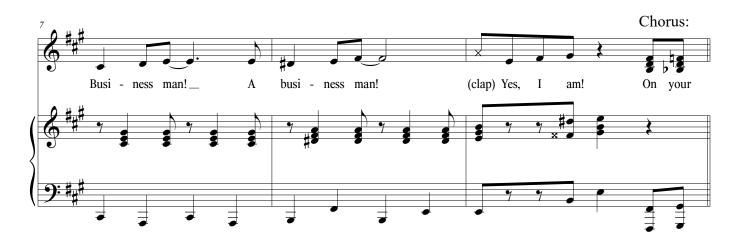
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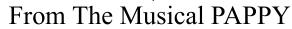
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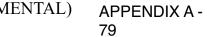








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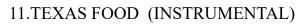
























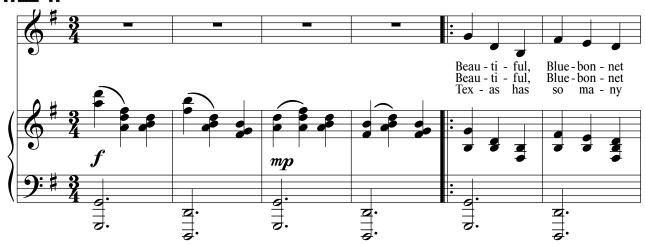
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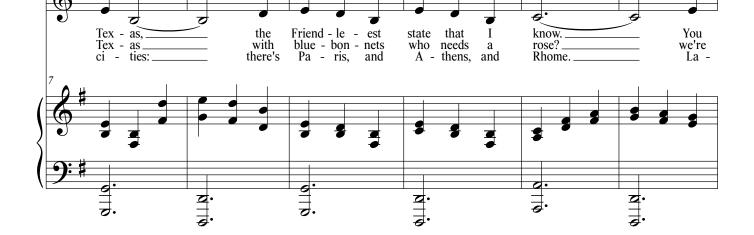
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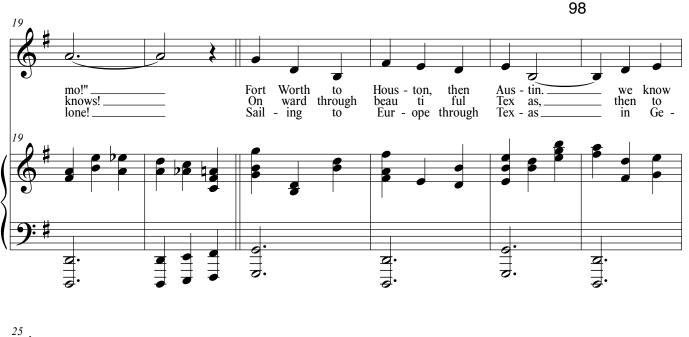


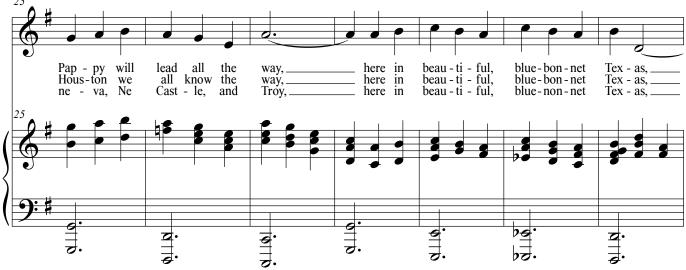




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#### Vocal Score Tom and Molly

# 13.AGREE TO AGREE

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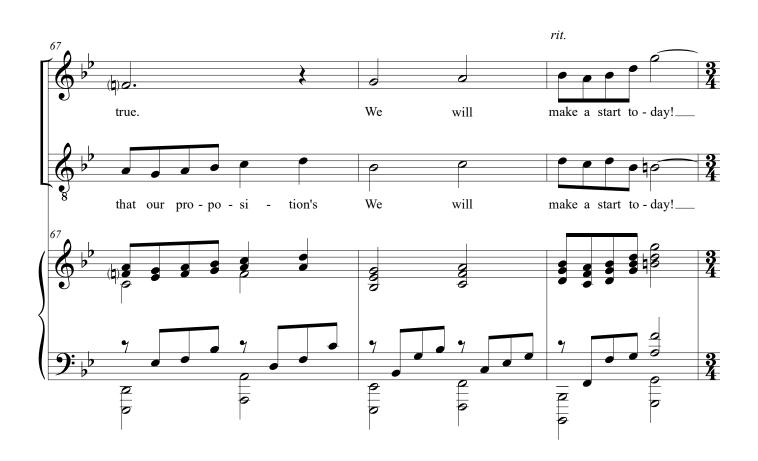
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Vocal Score Trio

## 14. WILL THERE EVER BE?

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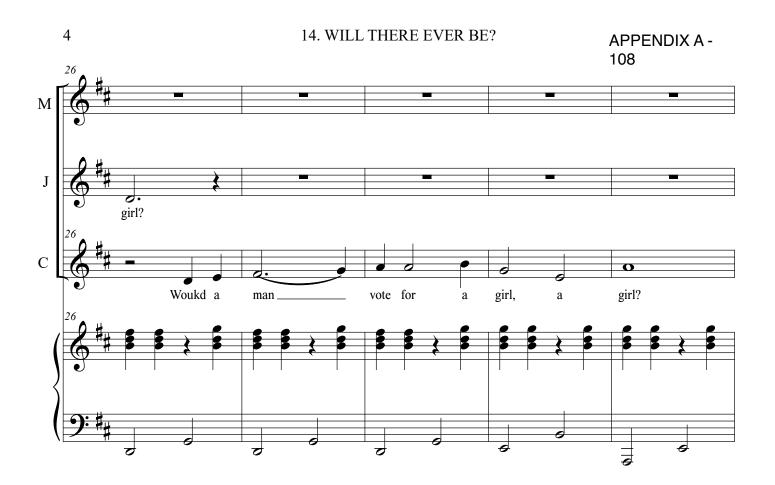








































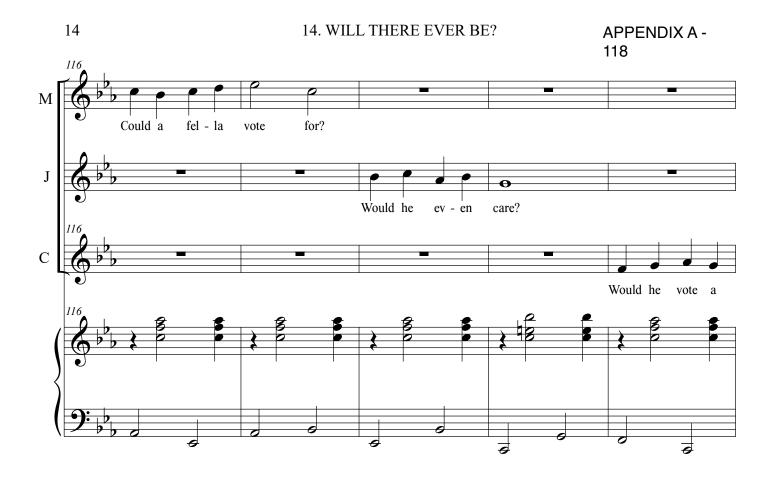




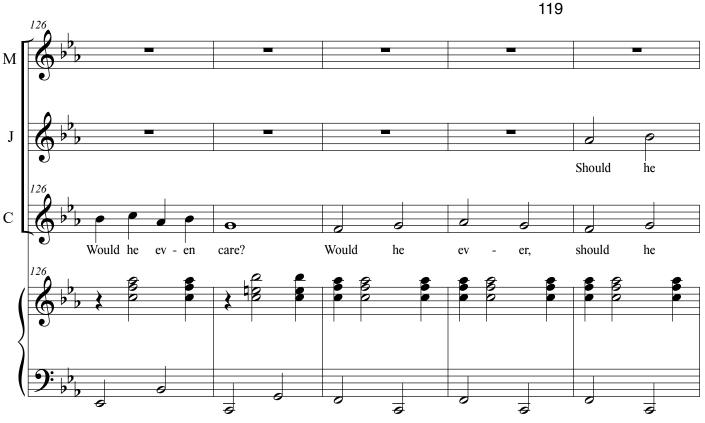
pearls.



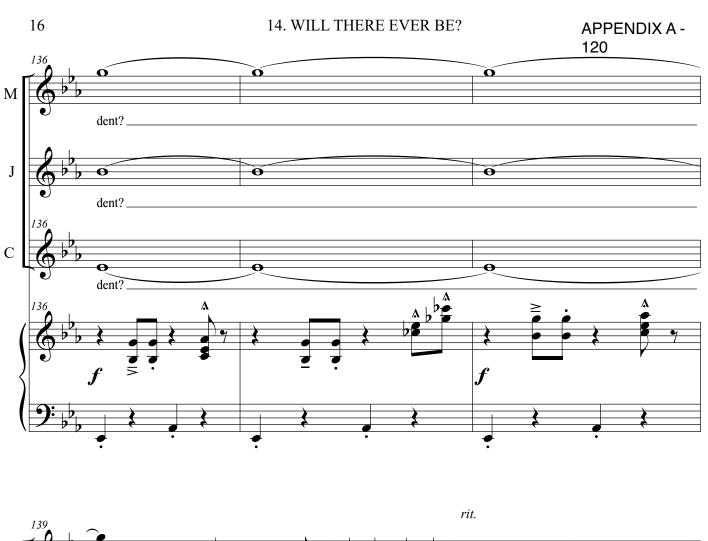














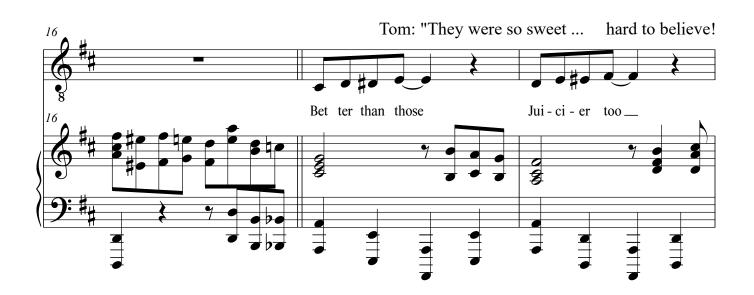
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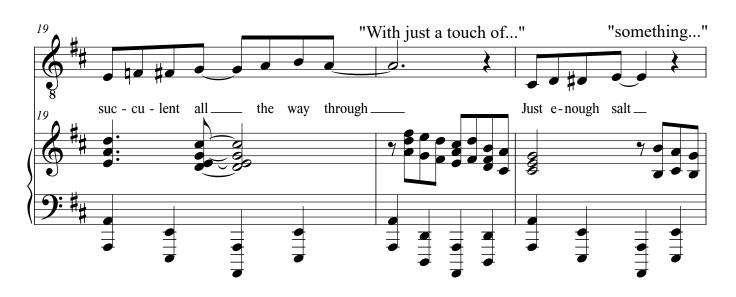




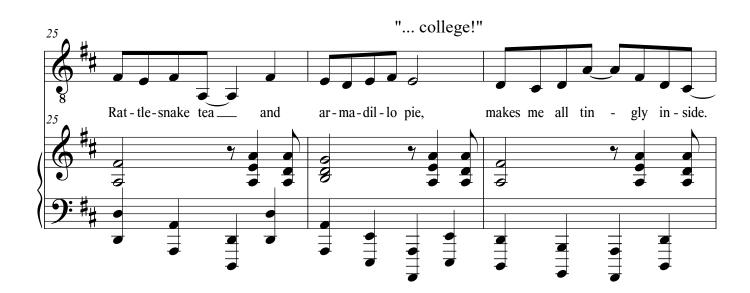
Tom (spoken) "Well. if they're anything like those mountain oysters Molly gave me last night, It will be delish!" (Leon & Tim smile and agree. etc. )











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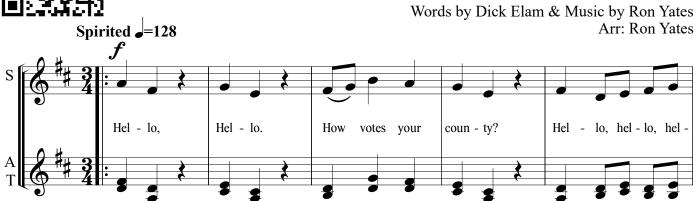
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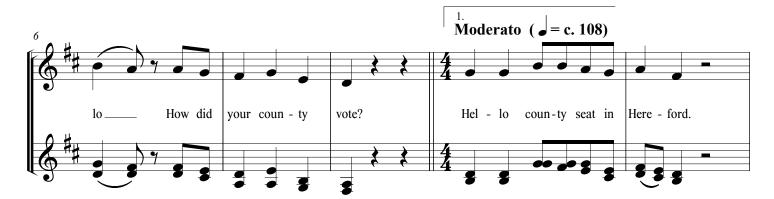
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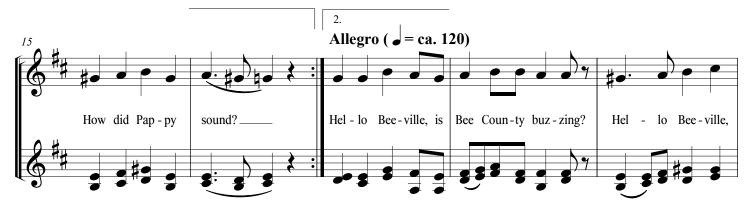




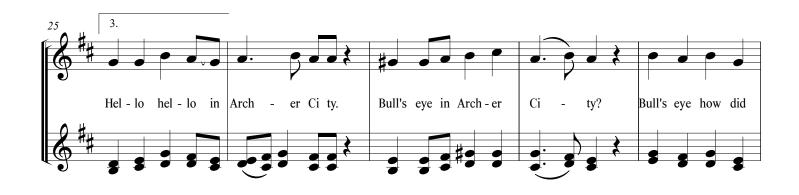


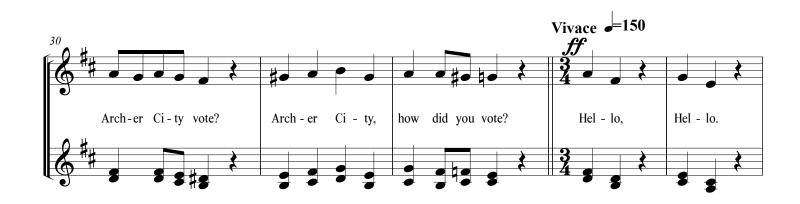














Vocal Score APPENDIX A -

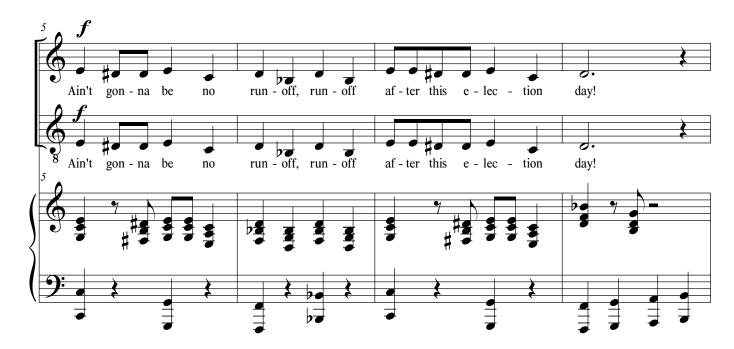
### 18. AIN'T GONNA BE NO RUNOFF!

From The Musical PAPPY



Words by Dick Elam & Music by Ron Yates
Arr: Ron Yates













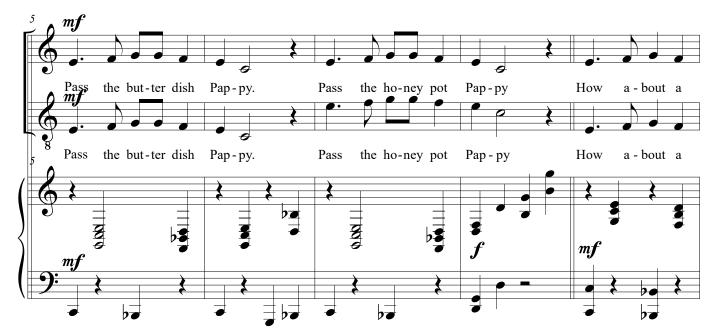


## 19. PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY (REPRISE)

From The Musical PAPPY

Words by Dick Elam & Music by Ron Yates Arr: Ron Yates







#### 19. PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY (REPRISE)



