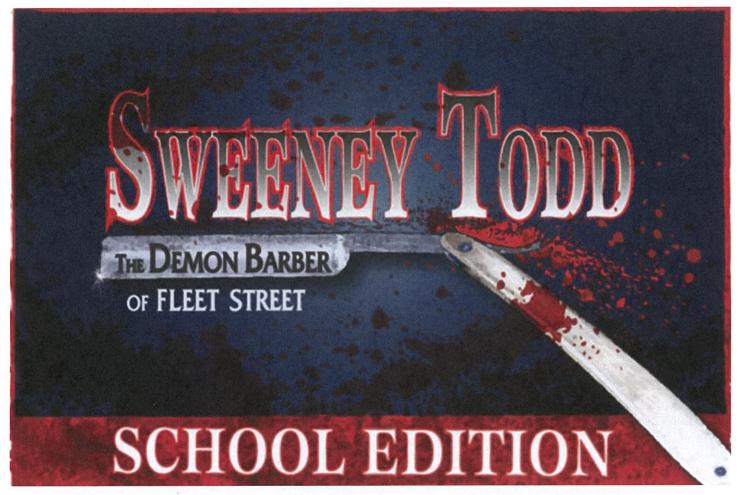
Devonshire Playhouse Teen Performers' Auditions





September 5 / 6-9P & September 6 / 6-7:30P Callbacks-September 6 / 7:30-9 Ages 12-17

Production fee if cast is

\$227-Residents \$284-Non-Residents

Performances: Saturdays, November 16 & 23 / 7P

Sundays, November 17 & 24 / 3P

Devonshire Cultural Center 4400 Greenwood Street -Skokie,

IL 60076

For audition appointment, email rhhorwitz@skokieparks.org

The Devonshire Playhouse – Teen Performers Audition Notes for *Sweeney Todd-School Edition*

Welcome to the Skokie Park District Devonshire Playhouse auditions for *Sweeney Todd School Edition*. Auditions are open to ages 12-18. Auditions are by appointment but walk-ins will be accepted as time allows.

Music Auditions

Prepare 16-32 bars of a song that is in the style or spirit of Sweeney Todd. Choose a piece that showcases your vocal range and ability to convey emotion and character. Please have your sheet music or backing tracks prepared. An accompanist and a digital player will be provided.

Scenes

Prepare a 1-minute monologue. This should highlight your acting skills and ability to portray complex characters. We look forward to seeing you and discovering the talent that will bring this dark, thrilling story to life! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Artistic Director, Tyler Skafgaard for assistance via email to RHHorwitz@SkokieParks.Org

Dance Auditions

No dance auditions are needed.

Callbacks

If needed, these will be conducted on September 6 from 7:30-9P. Not receiving an invitation to callbacks does not mean that you will not be cast. It only means that we need a second look at certain actors together, in order to make final decisions. For callbacks, auditionees will sing music and read sides from the show. Copies of music being used in callbacks are included in this packet. Scene sides will be distributed at callbacks.

Rehearsal Schedule & Potential Conflicts

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Role Offers

We will send role offers out starting Saturday, September 7 and will complete the process by Sunday, September 8. Actors respond to cast offerings as soon as possible.

Social Media Cast Announcements

Please refrain from posting any roles offered until the official cast list is released. The release will be emailed to the entire cast.

Performance Dates

Saturdays November 16 & 23 with Actors' call at 5:30P and performance beginning at 7P. Plus Sundays, November 17 & 24 with Actors' call at 1:30P and performance at 3P.

Strike

Those who are cast should plan to assist with strike following the final performance.

Production Heads

Production Supervisor Robin Horwitz Artistic Director/Stunt Choreographer/Set Design Tyler Skafgaard Rebecca Goldberg Musical Director Kayleah Wilson Choreographer/Stage Manager Technical Director/Sound/Set Construction **Evans Poulos** Adam Browne Lighting Designer Patty Mueller Costume Designer Costumer Assistant Carlie Casas **Evans Poulos** Props Designer Makeup Design Andrea Collins Jim Bottorff Marketing House Maintenance Alvin Sampath Katherine Robinson **Box Office**

Staff can be contacted through message left with the Devonshire Cultural Center main Number: 847-674-1500 ext. 2400 or by reaching out to Production Supervisor, Robin Horwitz at 847-929-7420 or rhhorwitz@skokieparks.org

Production Fees

If cast, you should be prepared to pay a production fee of \$227-Residents/\$284-Non Residents. This fee helps to underwrite the total cost of costumes, sets, script/music purchase and/or rental, and props.

You would register as a cast member at our front desk by the first rehearsal and make the production fee payment at that time. All cast members receive 2 complimentary tickets, a show poster and digital photographs of the show. If two members of a household are cast, then the $2^{\rm nd}$ family member receives a 15% discount on their production fee. The third household member would receive a 25% discount. Production Fees are due by the end of the first rehearsal week on Monday, September 16.

Fees and Costs You Will/Might Incur

Production Fee \$227-Residents/\$284-Non Residents
Replacement of Rental Script if lost or damaged
Charge if pencil marks in script are not erased
*Costumes \$10-\$50
Tickets: \$18 - Students/Seniors
\$23 - Adults

*We make every effort to use costumes that we have in stock, but at times, actors may be asked to bring something in from home or to purchase items that are natural for them to keep (i.e. hose/tights, shoes, socks, some hair pieces, etc.) Our costumer works with the cast to produce the best look for the production at the lowest possible cost to the actor.

Character Breakdown for Sweeney Todd School Edition

Sweeney Todd (Benjamin Barker)

Sweeney Todd is a barber who returns to London after being wrongfully imprisoned for 15 years. He is filled with anger and a desire for revenge against those who ruined his life, particularly Judge Turpin. Sweeney is dark, brooding, and driven by his obsession with vengeance. His character reflects themes of justice, retribution, and the consequences of unchecked anger.

Anthony Hope

Anthony Hope is a young, kind-hearted sailor who rescues Sweeney Todd at sea and befriends him. He is in love with Johanna, Sweeney Todd's daughter, and is determined to save her from the clutches of Judge Turpin. Anthony is the epitome of youthful idealism and hope.

Beggar Woman (Lucy Barker)

The Beggar Woman is a mysterious, ragged figure who wanders the streets of London. She appears to be mentally unstable, often mumbling incoherently and begging for alms. Unbeknownst to most characters, she is actually Lucy Barker, Sweeney Todd's wife, who was driven to madness after Sweeney was wrongfully imprisoned.

Mrs. Lovett

Mrs. Lovett is a resourceful and pragmatic woman who owns a failing pie shop. She becomes Sweeney Todd's accomplice after discovering a profitable way to dispose of his victims by baking them into her meat pies. Mrs. Lovett is both humorous and morally ambiguous, as she harbors a romantic obsession with Sweeney Todd.

Judge Turpin

Judge Turpin is the corrupt and hypocritical judge who is responsible for Sweeney Todd's wrongful imprisonment. He is obsessed with Johanna, whom he has taken as his ward, and plans to marry her despite her objections. Judge Turpin represents the abuse of power and moral corruption, hiding his vile nature behind a façade of respectability.

The Beadle

The Beadle is Judge Turpin's loyal enforcer and accomplice. He is smarmy, self-serving, and enjoys the power that comes with his position. The Beadle assists Judge Turpin in his schemes, including the wrongful imprisonment of Sweeney Todd and the pursuit of Johanna. He is both a figure of authority and a symbol of the corrupt system.

Iohanna

Johanna is the beautiful and innocent daughter of Sweeney Todd, who was taken in by Judge Turpin after her mother's downfall. She is kept under strict control by the Judge, who intends to marry her. Johanna longs for freedom and is the love interest of Anthony Hope. Her character symbolizes the innocence and purity that is threatened by the dark world around her.

Tobias Ragg

Tobias is a young boy who initially works as an assistant to Pirelli, the fraudulent barber. After Pirelli's death, he becomes an apprentice to Mrs. Lovett, forming a strong bond with her. Tobias is loyal, eager to please, and gradually becomes aware of the gruesome reality of Sweeney Todd and Mrs. Lovett's operations. His character arc is one of innocence lost, leading to a tragic conclusion.

Adolfo Pirelli

Pirelli is a flamboyant and arrogant barber who claims to be the best in London. He is a con artist, actually an Irishman named Daniel O'Higgins, who tries to blackmail Sweeney Todd after recognizing him as Benjamin Barker. Pirelli's over-the-top persona and deceitful nature make him a comic, yet ultimately doomed, character.

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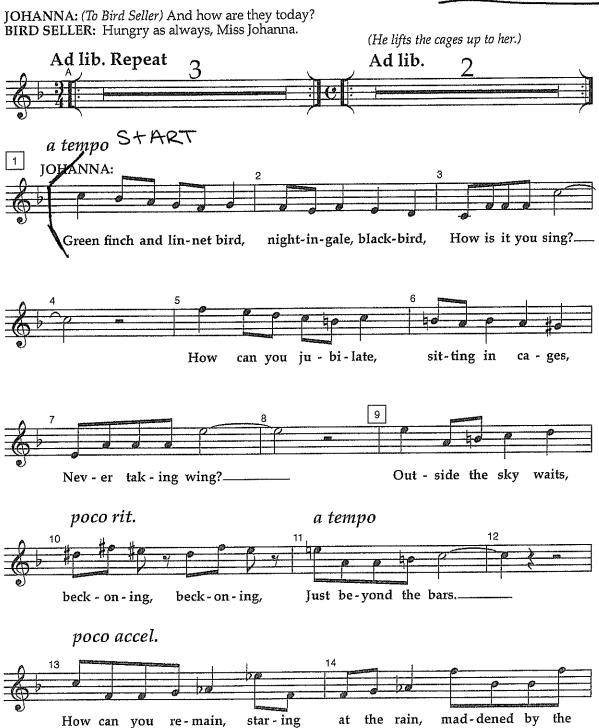
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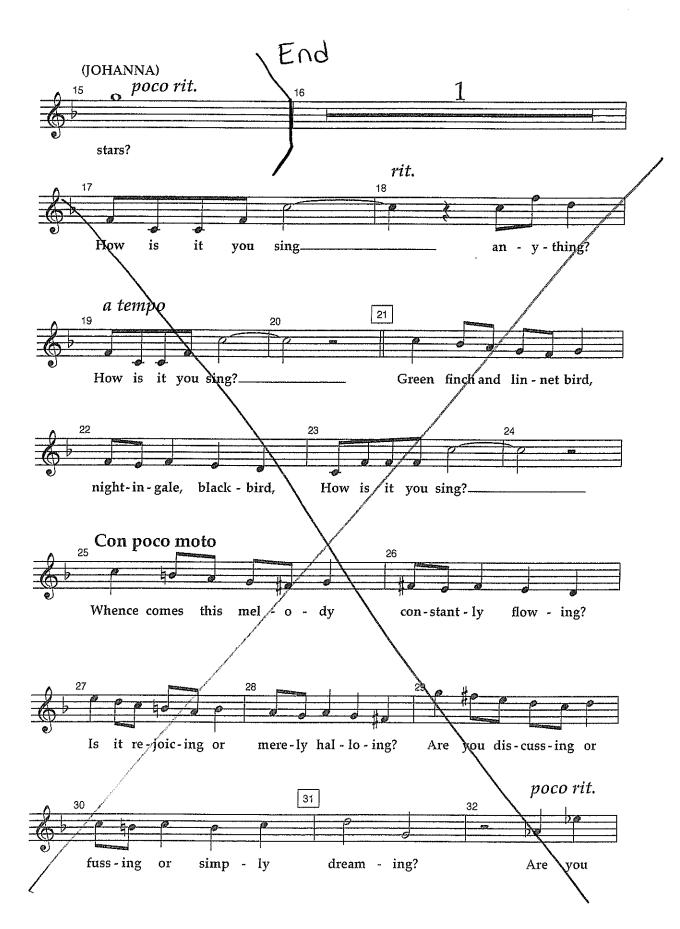
Sweeney Todd-School Edition Song Sides

#8	Green Finch & Linnet Bird	Johanna
#10	Johanna (Part 1)	Anthony
#14	The Contest	Pirelli
#22	Ladies In Their Sensitivities	Beadle
#26	Pretty Women	Sweeney Todd
#34	By The Sea (Part II)	Mrs. Lovett
#38	Nothings Gonna Harm You	Tobias
#45	Searching	Beggar Woman

Green Finch and Linnet Bird

Johanna



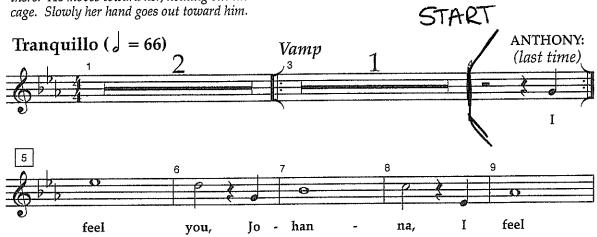


#8-Green Finch and Linnet Bird

Johanna (Part I)

Johanna reappears at the window. Anthony holds the cage up as a present, beckening her down. She hesitates, smiles, nods, disappears into the house. He waits. Shyly, almost furtively, she slips out of the door and stands there. He moves toward her, holding out the cage. Slowly her hand goes out toward him.

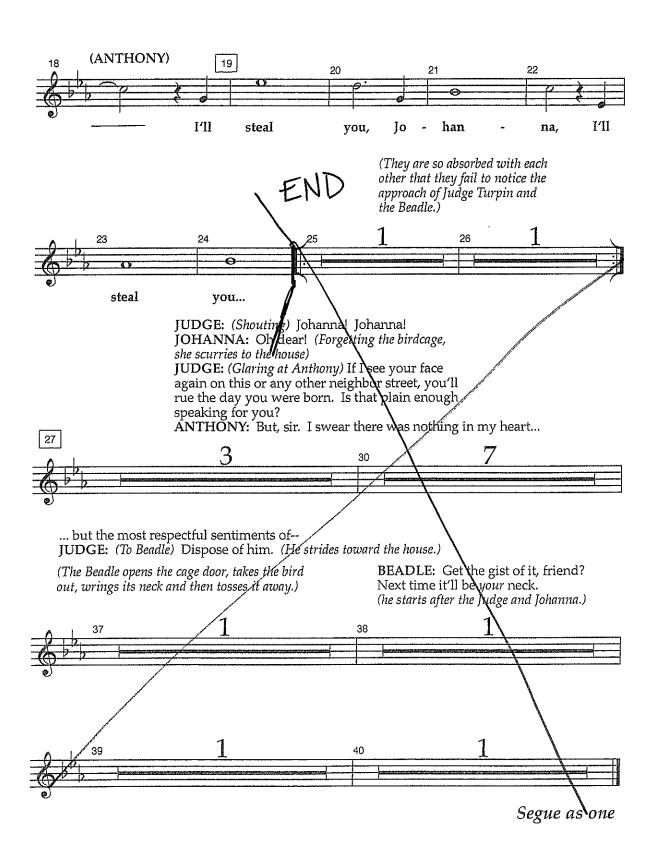
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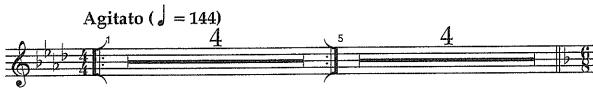
The Contest

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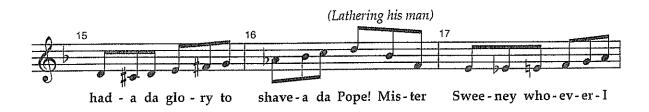
BEADLE: The fastest, smoothest shave is the winner. (*He blows his whistle*)

PIRELLI

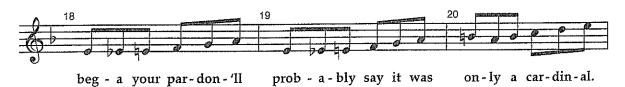
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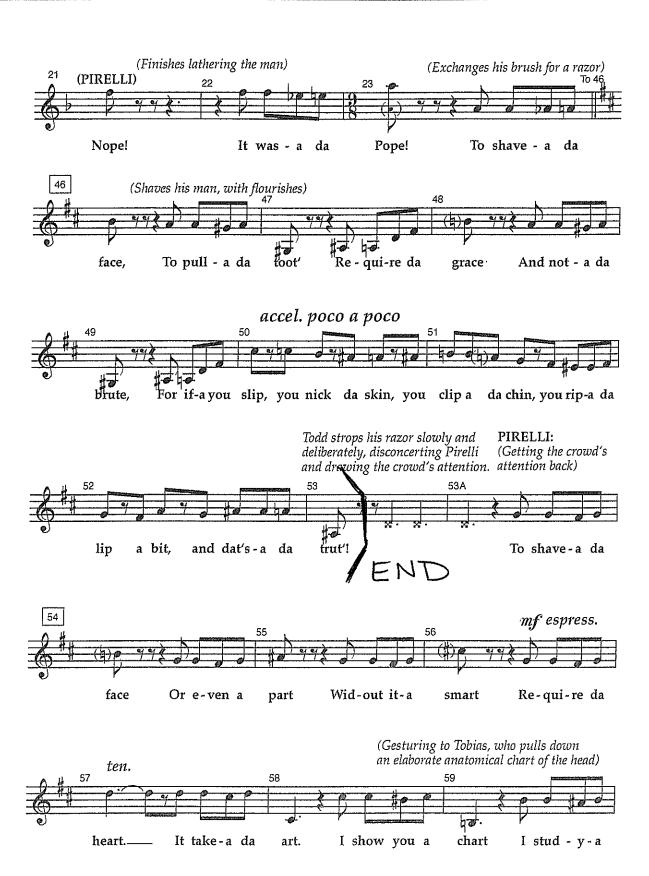


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(To the customer, as he accidentally lathers his nose)



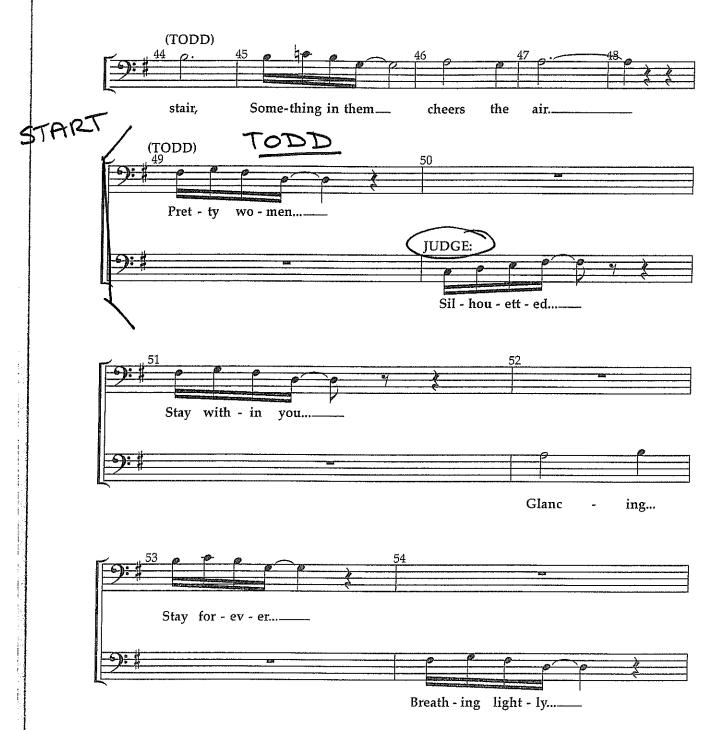


22 Ladies in Their Sensitivities

Beadle



PRETTY Women





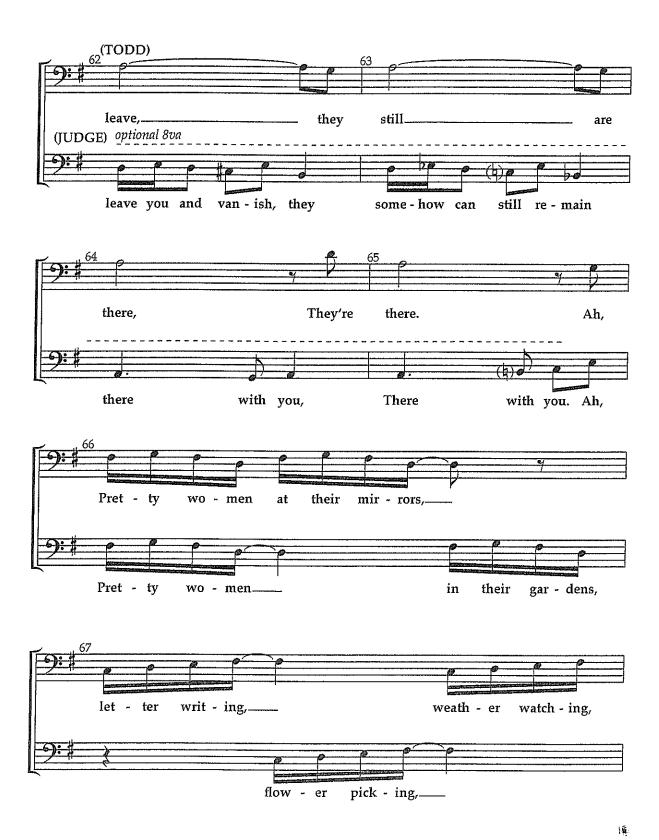
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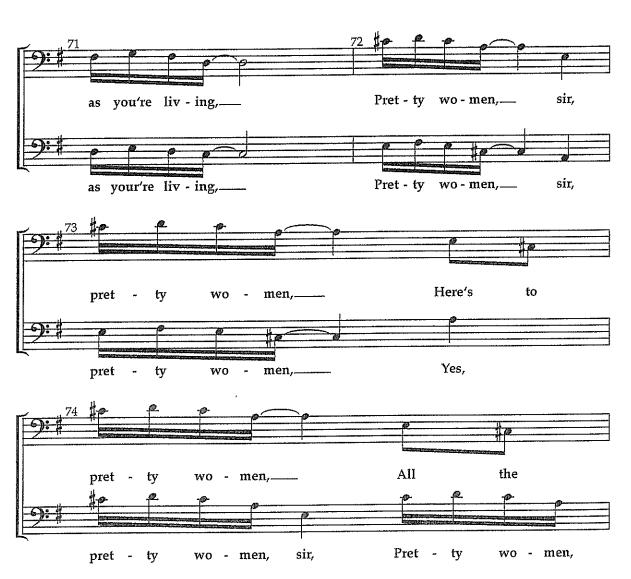
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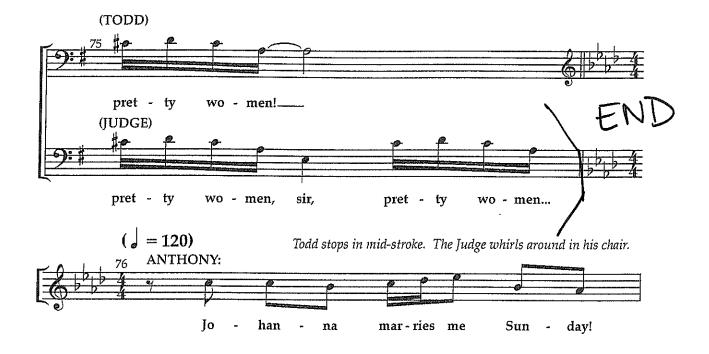
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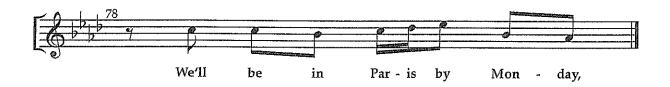




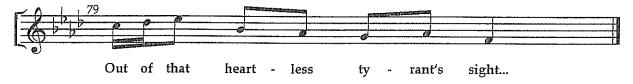
Todd raises his arm in a huge arc and is about to slice the razor across the Judge's throat when Anthony bursts in.



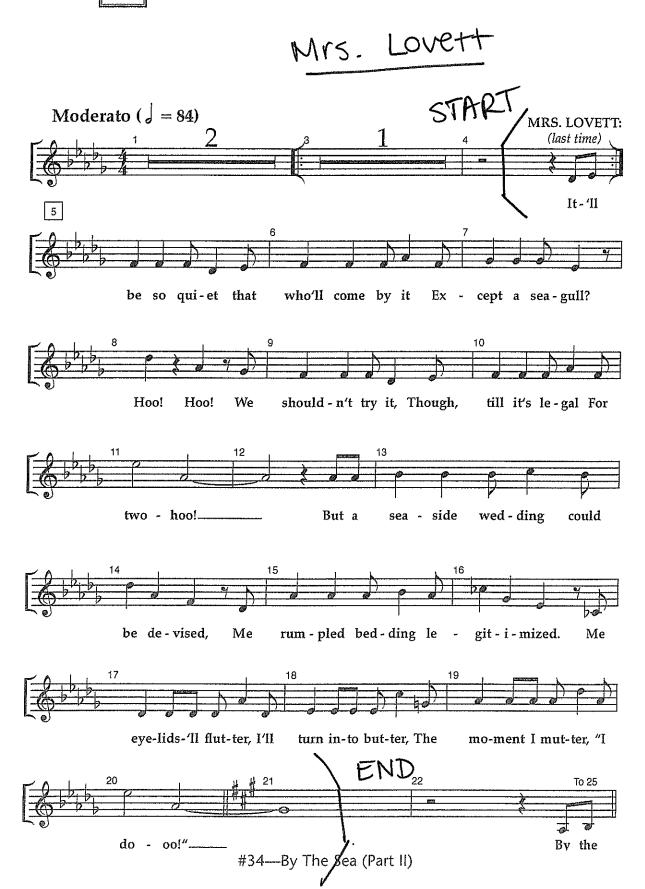




The Judge jumps up, spilling the basin and knocking the razor from Todd's hand.



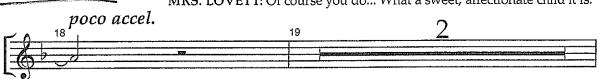
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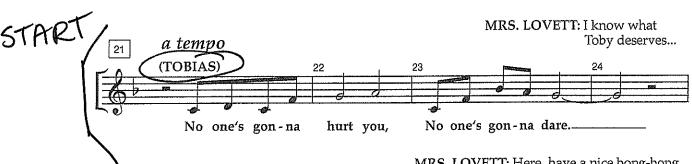


Nothings Gonna Harm you

TOBIAS

MRS. LOVETT: Of course you do... What a sweet, affectionate child it is.



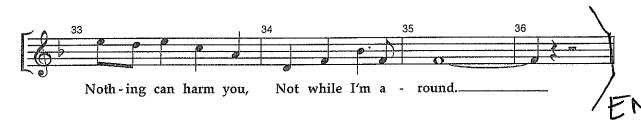


MRS. LOVETT: Here, have a nice bong-bong. (Starts to reach for her purse, but Tobias stays her hand in adoration)

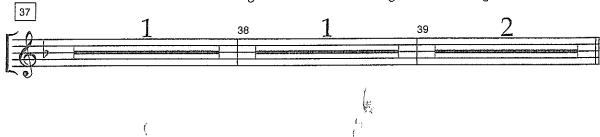


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MRS. LOVETT: What is this foolishness? What are you talking about? TOBIAS: Little things wot I've been thinking and wondering about...

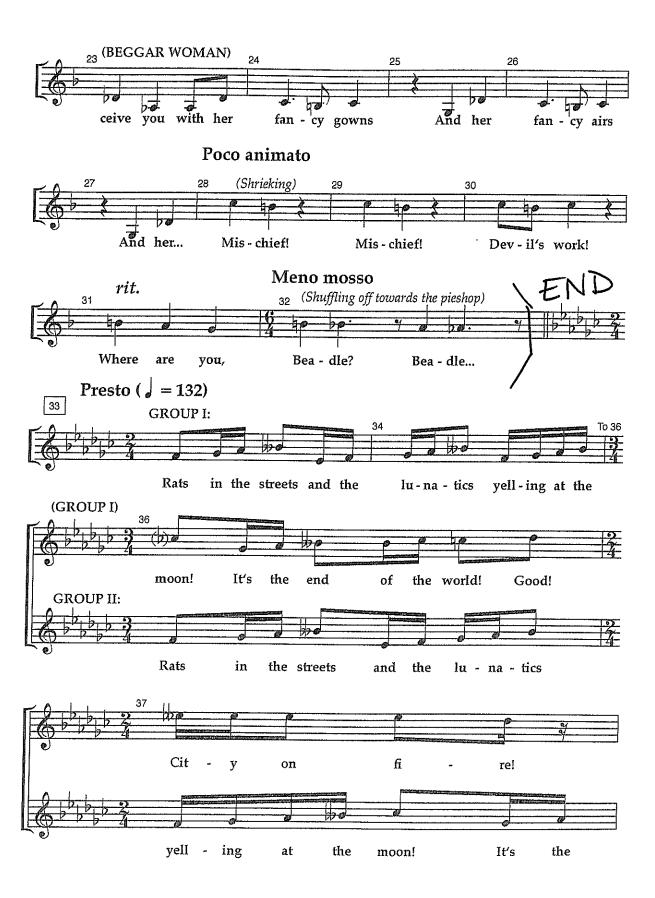


#38-Not While I'm Around

Searching



#45—Searching (Part I)



#45—Searching (Part I)

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Sweeney Todd/School Edition - Audition Application

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Would you accept another role if offere	ed? (circle one)	Yes	No
What vocal part are you?	vocal range if kno	own	
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Please state any conflicts that you may have with the rehearsal schedule on the attached show calendar

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Please attach a resume and picture if you have one \mathbf{OR} complete pages 2 and 3 of this application

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Performance ExperiencePlease list other plays, dance, and vocal performances here or attach a performance resume.

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Educational Performing Experience Please list workshops and classes in theatre, vocal, and dance training

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