

**PRESENTS** 

# BERTHEUUS CE

North Hollywood Spring 2025
AUDITION PACKET





#### About The Show:

It's our show now, kid! The ghost-with-the-most comes to the stage in Beetlejuice JR., the frightfully funny musical based on the beloved motion picture turned Broadway phenomenon. Lydia Deetz is a strange and unusual teenager, still grieving the loss of her mother and obsessed with the whole "being dead thing." Lucky for Lydia, she and her father move to a new house haunted by a recently deceased couple and Beetlejuice, a delightful demon with a real zest for life. When Lydia calls on Beetlejuice to scare away anyone with a pulse, this double-crossing specter shows his true stripes, unleashing a (Nether)world of pandemonium.

With music and lyrics by Tony Award-nominee Eddie Perfect and a book by Tony Award-nominated pair Anthony King and Scott Brown, Beetlejuice was nominated for eight 2019 Tony Awards including Best New Musical. A viral "sucks-yes" on social media, this musical struck a chord with young theatre lovers who adored its unabashed humor and emotional honesty.

#### Characters:

#### Lydia Deetz

Whip-smart, grieving fifteen- year-old whose dark sense of humor helps her cope with the loss of her mother, Emily. Lydia is unfazed by Beetlejuice's antics and easily holds her own against both him and all things Netherworld.

#### Charles Deetz

Lydia's father. He wants to help her get over the loss of her mother, although the ways he tries to "help" aren't really what Lydia needs. Charles is under a lot of pressure between his concerns over Lydia, his secret relationship with Delia, his professional life, and his own grief (which he tries to ignore).

#### Beetlejuice

The dead guy of the hour! This titular character is zany, spooky, and absolutely hilarious. Though Beetlejuice exists in a morally gray area, he's more of a trickster than

a malevolent threat. He's happy to align his interests with others, but ultimately, he's looking out for himself.

#### Adam Maitland

Devoted husband of Barbara, just can't catch a break. While life's stresses were getting to him – renovation of the house, financial difficulties, and the decision about having a child – he certainly wasn't ready for death.

#### Barbara Maitland

Barbara's stresses align with her husband's, in life and death, although Barbara is a bit more adventurous than Adam. She is very kind but also strong-willed and a quick thinker. Barbara immediately bonds with Lydia.

#### Delia Schlimmer

Hopelessly (sometimes maniacally) optimistic. She believes fully in her guru, Otho, and considers herself a life coach, though underneath her façade she's quite fragile and desperately wants to fit in with the Deetzes. Delia loves Charles and genuinely cares about Lydia's well-being, even if her attempts to connect are somewhat misguided.

#### Maxie Dean

The business tycoon whom Charles hopes to impress.

#### Sky

An eager girl scout with a very unfortunate heart condition.

#### Miss Argentina

Former beauty queen, greets the recently dead in the Netherworld. She leads "What I Know Now".

#### Maxine Dean

Maxie's fourth (or fifth) wife.

#### Otho

Delia's guru and occasional exorcist.

#### Juno

Beetlejuice's mother, runs the recently dead intake with an iron fist. She has "a voice like road tar" and no sympathy for anyone.

#### **Ensemble:**

Other characters in the show Include the **Priest**, The Recently Deceased (**Parachute Jumper**, **Death by Toaster**, **Dead Cheerleader**, **Death by Fireworks**, **Cigar Mobster**, **Dead Jockey**, **Machete Groom**, **Dead Drill Team**, and **Hunter with a Shrunken Head**), **Mourners**, **Movers** (Mover #1, Mover #2), **Lawyers**, **Girl Scouts**, **Caiter-Waiter**, **Beetlejuice Clones** (Clone #1, Clone #2), **Cheerleaders**, **Studio Audience**, **Sandworm**.

#### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Please note: All email communications will be coming from **ontheaterla@gmail.com**. Be sure to check your spam folder to be sure you haven't missed anything!

- Saturday, January 25, 2025 Auditions 12:30pm to 2:30pm
- Saturday, February 1st, 2025 Rehearsal 12:30pm to 3:30pm
- Saturday, February 15th, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, March 1st, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, March 8th, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, March 15th, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, March 29th, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, April 5th, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Monday, April 7th, 2025 Rehearsal 4pm-7pm
- Saturday, April 26th, 2025 Rehearsal 10am to 1pm
- Monday, May 5th, 2025 Rehearsal 4pm to 7pm
- Monday, May 12th, 2025 Rehearsal 4pm to 7pm
- Monday, May 19th, 2025 Rehearsal 4pm to 7pm
- Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 Tech Rehearsal at Show Venue 4pm to 7pm
- Thursday, May 29th, 2025 Tech Rehearsal at Show Venue 4pm to 7pm
- Friday, May 30th, 2025 Tech Rehearsal at Show Venue 4pm to 7pm
- Saturday, May 31st, 2025 Show Day Performances at 1pm & 5pm (cast call time TBD)

\*Performance venue is currently TBD. Announcement coming soon!

#### **DROP-OFF & PICK-UP**

Please refer to the map below for specific directions on where to pick-up and drop-off your performer on most rehearsal days.

#### Harmony Toluca Lake 4301 Cahuenga Blvd, Toluca Lake, CA 91602

Harmony Toluca Lake is located at the Northwest side of the intersection of Cahuenga and Whipple. Please enter the drop-off driveway line off of Whipple. After your child exits the vehicle in our back driveway, you can proceed north to exit onto Woodbridge.



#### WHAT TO BRING TO REHEARSAL

- Water
- Ssnack
- Closed-toe-shoes
- Your script (once you receive it) & pen/pencil, highlighter
- Please note that cell phones and any other devices are not permitted <u>during</u> rehearsal time with the exception of breaks, etc.

#### **AUDITION MATERIALS**

Auditions for all participants will be held on our first program day.

All cast members must prepare (ONE) of the included monologues AND (ONE) of the included song excerpts. All materials are included in this packet. Audition songs should be sung acapella (without music). Memorization is strongly encouraged. Being off-book frees up your hands to express yourself, and frees up your face and eyes so we can connect to you emotionally (instead of you looking at the sides). Performers should perform their songs and scenes with confidence, personality, and CHARACTER.

Our audition day may also include a cold dance audition where participants will take place in a brief choreography workshop to demonstrate their skill and comfort level (as an ensemble, not individually).

We want this process to be as fun and stress free as possible. Every single role matters. If you know you don't want a big singing part, let us know! Do what works best for you.

Please note that cast behavior, attitude, work ethic, and respecting fellow performers during auditions also factors into our casting decisions. Please complete the cast contract prior to auditioning at <u>openingnighttheater.com/castcontract</u>.

#### CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE AUDITION MUSIC TRACKS.

THESE TRACKS ARE FOR PRACTICING ONLY. AUDITIONS SHOULD BE SUNG ACAPELLA (WITHOUT MUSIC).

#### **SONG SELECTIONS**

"Say My Name" (Beetlejuice)

"Dead Mom" (Lydia)

"Home" (Lydia)

"Ready, Set, Not Yet" (Adam/Barbara)

"No Reason" (Delia)

"What I Know Now" (Miss Argentina)

"Girl Scout" (Sky)

# Beetlejuice JR. **Synopsis**

The show begins with music from offstage (*Prologue: Invisible*). In a graveyard, a **PRIEST** and **MOURNERS** attend the funeral of Emily Deetz, wife of **CHARLES** and mother of **LYDIA**.



Beetlejuice meets the Maitlands. Theatre Macon; Macon, GA

The crowd parts to reveal BEETLEJUICE (The Whole "Being Dead" Thing), who has a plan to bring himself back to life involving ADAM and BARBARA MAITLAND (Ready, Set, Not Yet). Their house has faulty electricity, and they are accidentally electrocuted. Beetlejuice produces The Handbook for the Recently Deceased and intercepts Adam and **CHEERLEADERS** Barbara. Beetlejuice explain the Maitlands' situation (The Whole "Being Dead" Thing - Part 2): MOVERS have arrived, and unless Beetlejuice teaches Adam and Barbara to scare other people, they'll lose everything. The Maitlands agree (The Whole "Being Dead" Thing - Part 3).

Charles and **DELIA**, a self-

proclaimed life coach, plan to turn the Maitlands' old house into a flagship model home. They are hiding their relationship from Lydia, Charles's daughter, who is still mourning. Charles reveals to Lydia that he's selling their old house and forcing everyone to move forward from her mother's death (Let's Clean Up). Lydia struggles with her grief and feels abandoned by her dad (Dead Mom). In the attic, Beetlejuice explains to Adam and Barbara that they must get the new people in the house to say "Beetlejuice" three times in a row.



Lydia sings "Dead Mom." Theatre Macon; Macon, GA

Delia tries to connect with Lydia, giving her a yellow dress and explaining that Lydia needs a new perspective (No Reason). Delia exits, and Adam and Barbara arrive to scare Lydia... who isn't scared at all (Ghosts). The three become friends and hatch a plan to scare Charles.



As Charles is proposing marriage to Delia, Lydia, Adam, and Barbara try to scare them. However, Charles and Delia can't see the ghosts. Lydia, upset, goes up to the roof, where she encounters Beetlejuice (Invisible – Reprise). He tries to convince her that, instead of jumping off the roof, she should help him. He demonstrates his powers, including possession, on Adam and Barbara (Say My Name). Lydia pushes Beetlejuice off the roof, vowing to teach her dad a lesson with Adam and Barbara.

At dinner that evening, **MAXIE DEAN** and his model-wife **MAXINE** arrive with a group of **LAWYERS**. Lydia wears the yellow dress and invites Delia to make a toast. As Delia speaks, she is suddenly overcome by song, and the phenomenon spreads to the others (*Day-O - The Banana Boat Song*). Rather than being put off, Maxie Dean is thrilled.



Lydia and her camera. Theatre Macon; Macon, GA

Lydia's plan has failed, so she uses her last resort: Beetlejuice. The guests scatter in terror (Showtime!).



Beetlejuice reads from
The Handbook for the Recently Deceased.
Theatre Macon: Macon. GA

Later, **SKY** and a few **GIRL SCOUTS** approach the house *(Girl Scout)*. Beetlejuice, Lydia, and his **CLONES** scare them away *(That Beautiful Sound)*. Lydia takes the Handbook from Beetlejuice, intent on finding her mom. He reveals to his clones that for him to become a living person, he needs to convince Lydia to marry him – but don't worry, it's just a "green card thing."

In the attic, Lydia, Adam, and Barbara follow instructions from the Handbook to go to the Netherworld, but Barbara stops them, claiming the book is dangerous. Lydia vows to do it herself.

Meanwhile, in the living room, Delia's guru, **OTHO**, has arrived to perform an exorcism with a device called "The Soul Box." Beetlejuice tells Lydia that the box can be used to bring her mom back – but when

Lydia tries, Barbara is put in danger. To save her, Lydia agrees to marry Beetlejuice. A door appears to send the Maitlands to the Netherworld, but Lydia leaps through instead, with Charles running after her.

In the Netherworld, **MISS ARGENTINA** and a group of **DECEASED** RECENTLY try convince Lydia and Charles to go back before JUNO finds them (What I Know Now). Lydia rushes deeper into the Netherworld, searching for her mom (Home - Part 1). Charles follows her, and the two finally have a conversation about their grief (Home - Part 2). They decide to go back home, where the house has been

turned into a demonic game show. Lydia enters from the Netherworld wearing a red wedding dress and agrees to marry Beetlejuice, with Charles giving his blessing.

They bring Beetlejuice back to life only to immediately kill him, since, as one of the recently deceased, he'll be instructed to go directly to the Netherworld. Juno, who is Beetlejuice's mother, sends him to the Wasteland, but he returns on a giant sandworm just in time to save everyone else. Beetlejuice returns to the Netherworld, and Charles, Delia, Lydia, and the Maitlands decide to live in the house together (Jump In The Line).



Juno invades the world of the living! Theatre Macon; Macon, GA

# BEETLEJUICE JR.

#### **AUDITION MONOLOGUES**

#### LYDIA DEETZ #1

I don't have a home. Mom was my home. She was my whole world! And she left us. And you won't even say her name. I know you've been trying to build a new world for us, but there's no one in it. We left each other behind. And now...we're all alone. And I'm scared that I'm going to forget her. Promise I won't forget her? Promise we can talk about her?

#### LYDIA DEETZ #2

My mom would've loved this. I mean - REAL ghosts! We used to make these haunted houses in the garage. One year, we tried to do a "classic horror" theme. Mom was "The Ghost of Edgar Allan Poe." I thought she was terrifying, but no one knew who she was. People don't read. (ADAM and BARBARA laugh.) Sorry. I didn't mean to bore you guys talking about my mom. But hey, maybe we can help each other. You want your house back, right? That's what I want too. So let's scare my dad. Once he realizes this house is haunted, we'll HAVE to leave.

#### **BEETLEJUICE #1**

Thank you. Thank you. That's an old Scandinavian folk song. Like to think I put my own spin on it. But what's the point!? Everyone looks right through me. I'm invisible. I'm a dead guy stuck in the world of the living. All I want is for someone, anyone, to look my way and say: (group therapy) "I SEE you. I ACCEPT you. I FEAR FOR MY SAFETY around you." Here's the good news: I found a way to make EVERYONE see me. All I gotta do is get a living person to say my name three times. And I got a plan. See that house over there?

#### **BEETLEJUICE #2**

If you wanna get those people out of your house, you have to learn to <u>scare</u> them. Here's the problem — right now, no matter what I do, I cannot affect the world of the living. But you two <u>can</u>. And after you scare 'em, you make 'em say this (hands them a business card with his name on it). My name. Three times. Well, my middle name. My first name's Lawrence. And it doesn't matter if <u>you</u> say it. THEY HAVE TO BE ALIVE. And if you guys can't do it, well, this just won't work out. Don't text me in the middle of the night saying, "You up?" 'Cause NEW PHONE WHO DIS?!

#### ADAM MAITLAND & BARBARA MAITLAND

Well I know we can't just stay in the attic, but what other choice do we have? There are <u>people</u> downstairs. Strangers. I didn't like strangers when I was alive (notices the bed sheets). But if we want our house back, we have to fight for it. We're GHOSTS, gosh darn it! Let's...haunt this house!

#### **CHARLES DEETZ**

You're right...You know your mother knew this was going to happen. I mean, not this. I don't think anyone could have predicted this. But a few nights before she... before the end...Emily took my hand and she said, "I know you want to fix it...but we just have to hold onto each other and live through it." I thought she was talking about us...but I think she was talking about (he gestures to Lydia) us.

#### **DELIA**

Lydia. I know I am paid to care about you. But I'd like us to be real friends. Look! I got you a new dress for your father's business dinner. (pulls out a yellow dress) It says, "I'm warm, I'm friendly, and I think about death only a normal amount." Lydia, right now you are "redirecting anger" and "deflecting pain" and "other terms I learned in my training." What you need..is a new perspective!

#### **JUNO**

REPORT FOR PROCESSING! All recently deceased individuals...FORM A LINE! My name is Juno. It is my job to help EASE your transition OUT of the OVERWHELMING EMOTION OF LIFE...and IN-to the soothing solitude that awaits you in THE NETHERWORLD. Also: No liquids! DRINK IT OR THROW IT OUT!

#### LYDIA

What?

#### **BEETLEJUICE**

Please don't make me beg. I will. I just really don't want to— (drops to his knees)

Okay I'm begging! Please! I am so tired of being invisible. And you—! You can change that.

#### LYDIA

I can't change anything. That's why I'm jumping. When I'm dead, my dad'll be sorry—

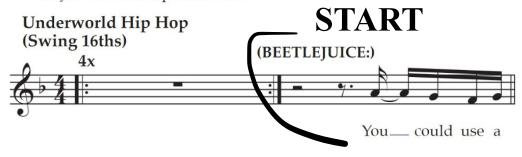
#### BEETLEJUICE

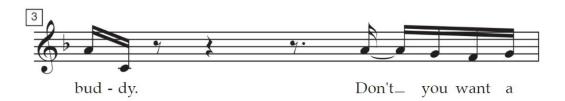
Whoa, whoa, whoa! No he won't. You'll just be dead.

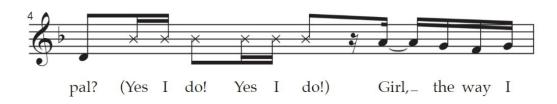
(#23 - SAY MY NAME begins.)

# SAY MY NAME

(BEETLEJUICE:) (getting an idea) Hey. I get it. We're not that different. You don't like your dad? I don't like my mom. She is a DEMON. Point is... maybe we can help each other.

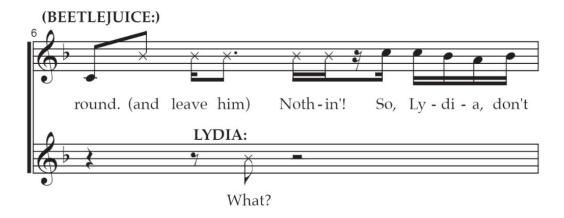








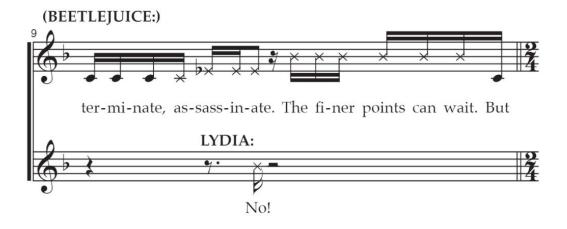
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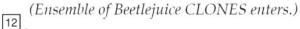




# **BEETLEJUICE:** Could I get some help here?

#### (BEETLEJUICE:)







jump, but that\_ won't stop\_ him. Here you got a



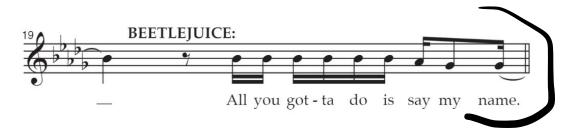


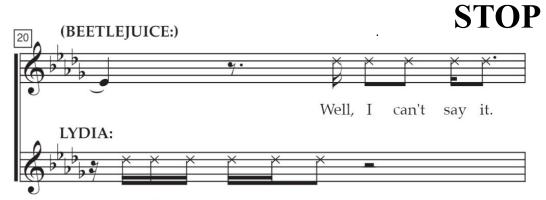












But I don't know your name.

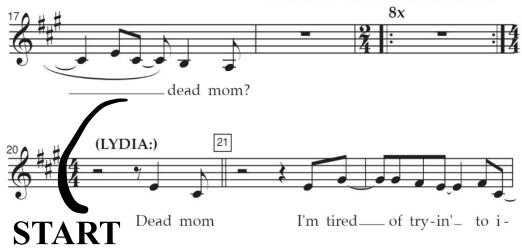
### "DEAD MOM" - LYDIA







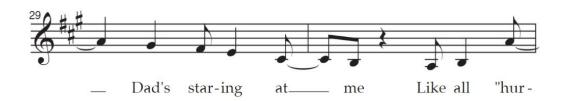
(She pulls a camera out of the box and crosses over to the weird sculpture.)
(LYDIA:) This is the oldest house I've ever seen. (snaps a photo – Flash!) You would have loved it... Dead Mom.













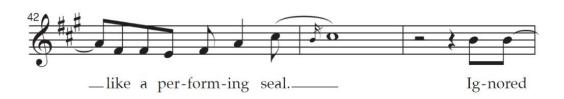




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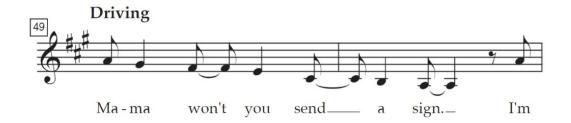
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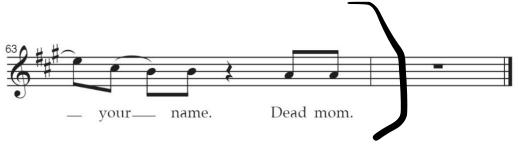












**SCENE 3: THE ATTIC** 

**STOP** 

(#14 – THE ATTIC begins. BEETLEJUICE holds forth. BARBARA and ADAM listen.)

#### **BEETLEJUICE**

If you wanna get those people out of your house, you have to learn to <u>scare</u> them.

#### **BARBARA**

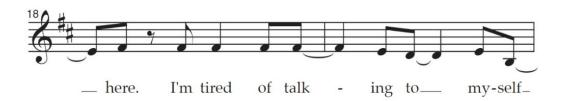
Can't you just... scare the people for us?

# **HOME (PART 1)**

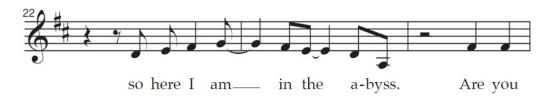
(And we cross-fade to — **Scene 12: DEEPER INTO THE NETHERWORLD.** LYDIA bolts deeper into the Netherworld: an echoing void of kaleidoscopic emptiness, dizzying, vertiginous — literally breathtaking.)



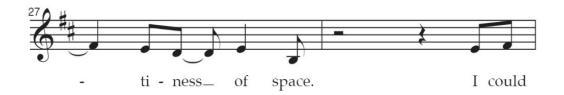








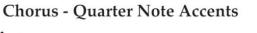














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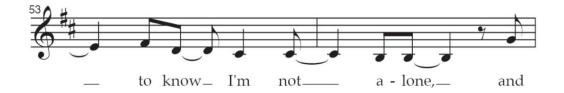


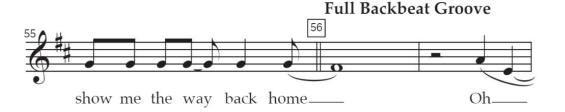




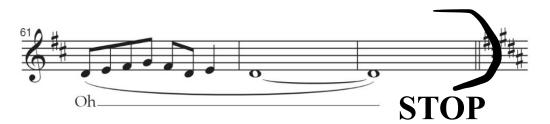


Speak to me and I'll un-der-stand one lit - tle word









(CHARLES rushes on.)

**CHARLES:** Lydia! We have to go home.

LYDIA: I don't have a home.

CHARLES: Look, I know things have been difficult—

LYDIA: She was my whole world! And she left us. And you won't

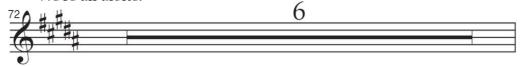
even say her name.

CHARLES: (erupting) BECAUSE IT HURTS TOO MUCH!



**(CHARLES):** (and then... a confession) She was my world too, Lydia. That's why I've been trying so hard to build a new one.

LYDIA: But Dad, there's no one in it. We left each other behind. We're all alone.

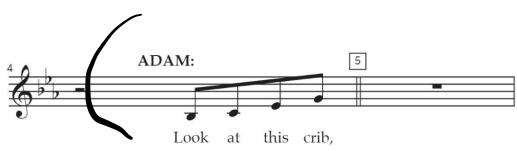


# SECTION #1 - Adam / SECTION #2 - Barbara

# **READY, SET, NOT YET**

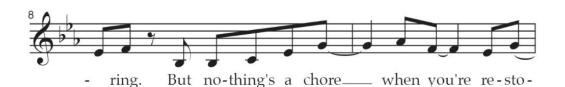
**BEETLEJUICE:** Finished? Adam. We're just getting started. (BEETLEJUICE heads off. ADAM lovingly examines the crib, equipped with an old-fashioned electric mobile, little Burtonesque toys hanging off a rotating parasol. An old chunky power cord dangles.)



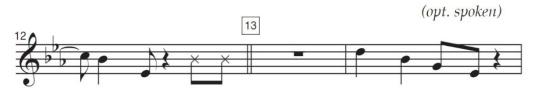


# **START Section #1 (Adam)**









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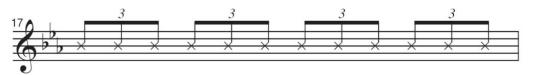
Folks say: "A-dam...



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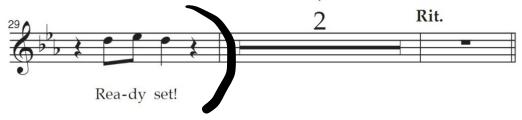
you are not men-tal-ly pre-pared to make room for a







(*The lights in the house buzz and flicker.*) **(ADAM:)** Ah, wouldja look at that? Jeez Louise.



# **STOP Section #1 (Adam)**

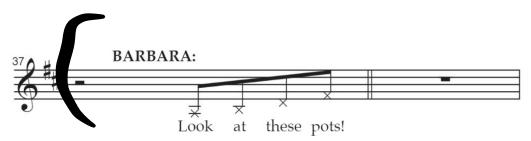
(BEETLEJUICE enters, followed by BARBARA carrying handmade pottery.)

**BARBARA:** Fuse box again? **ADAM:** I'll call Howard.

(ADAM exits.)

**BEETLEJUICE:** Spoiler alert: Howard can't stop what's coming.





# START Section #2 (Barbara)

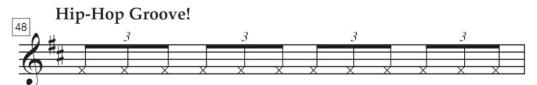




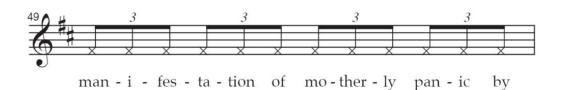








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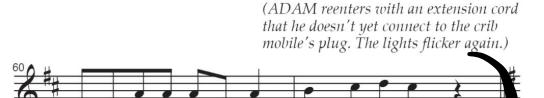
ma-king ma-ter-nal mis-takes in-to clay



hi-ding a-way so you don't have to face be-ing a bad







wil-lin' to take\_ the next step? Rea-dy set!

# STOP Section #2 (Barbara)

# "NO REASON" - DELIA



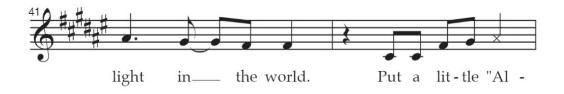
(DELIA:) Life coaching! NAILING it.



# **START**









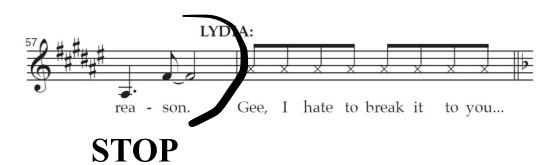










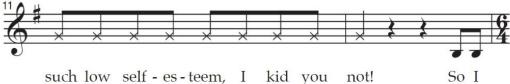


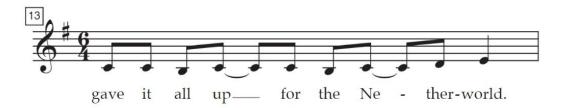
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# WHAT I KNOW NOW

MISS ARGENTINA: Everyone here would go





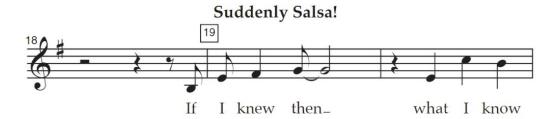


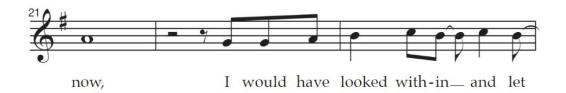


I've been here for-e-ver, girl. If I was more cle-ver, girl.

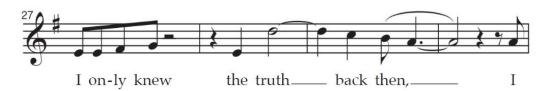


I would have stuck it out know-ing what life's a-bout.











# SCENE 8: SOMETIME LATER, OUTSIDE THE MAITLANDS' HOUSE

(#28 – GIRL SCOUT begins.)

# **GIRL SCOUT**



