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Libretto

ACT ONE

1. The Avenue Q Theme

The sun is shining,
It's a lovely day,
a perfect morning
for a kid to play,
but you've got lots
of bills to pay --
what can you do?

You work real hard
and the pay's real low
and ev'ry hour
goes oh, so slow
and at the end of the day
there's nowhere to go
but home to Avenue Q!
You live on Avenue Q!
Your friends do too.
You are twenty-two
and you live on Avenue Q!
You live on Avenue Q
You live on Avenue Q!

2. What Do You Do With a B.A. in English? / It Sucks to Be Me

PRINCETON

What do you do with a B.A. in English?
What is my life going to be?
Four years of college
and plenty of knowledge
have earned me
this useless degree.
I can't pay the bills yet,
'cause I have no skills yet.
The world is a big
scary place...
But somehow I can't shake
the feeling I might make
a difference
to the human race!

(spoken)

KATE MONSTER

Morning, Brian!

BRIAN

Hi, Kate Monster.

KATE MONSTER

How's life?

BRIAN

Disappointing!

KATE MONSTER

What's the matter?

BRIAN

The catering company laid me off.

KATE MONSTER

Oh, I'm sorry!

BRIAN

Me too! I mean, look at me! I'm ten years out of college, and I always thought --

KATE MONSTER

What?

BRIAN

No, it sounds stupid.

KATE MONSTER

Aww, come on!

(sung)

BRIAN

When I was little I thought I would be...

KATE MONSTER

What?

BRIAN

A big comedian on late night t.v.
But now I'm thirty-two and as you can see
I'm not.

KATE MONSTER

Nope!

BRIAN

Oh well,
it sucks to be me.

KATE MONSTER
Nooooo.

BRIAN
It sucks to be me.

KATE MONSTER
No!

BRIAN
It sucks to be broke and unemployed
and turning thirty-three.
It sucks to be me.

KATE MONSTER
Oh, you think your life sucks?

BRIAN
I think so.

KATE MONSTER
Your problems aren't so bad!
I'm kinda pretty, and pretty damn smart.

BRIAN
You are.

KATE MONSTER
Thanks!
I like romantic things like music and art.
And as you know I have a gigantic heart.
So why, don't I have a boyfriend?
Fuck! It sucks to be me!

BRIAN
Me too.

KATE MONSTER
It sucks to be me.

BRIAN
It sucks to be me.
It sucks to be Brian...

KATE MONSTER
And Kate...

BRIAN

To not have a job!

KATE MONSTER
To not have a date!

BOTH
It sucks to be me.

(spoken)

BRIAN
Hey, Rod, Nicky, can you settle something for us?
Do you have a second?

ROD
Ah, certainly.

KATE MONSTER
Whose life sucks more? Brian's or mine?

(sung)

NICKY AND ROD
Ours!

ROD
We live together.

NICKY
We're as close as people can get.

ROD
We've been the best of buddies...

NICKY
Ever since the day we met.

ROD
So he knows lots of ways to make me really upset.
Oh, every day is an aggravation.

NICKY
Come on, that's an exaggeration!

ROD
You leave your clothes out.
You put your feet on my chair.

NICKY
Oh yeah? You do such anal things

like ironing your underwear.

ROD

You make that very small apartment we share
a hell.

NICKY

So do you.
That's why I'm in hell too!

ROD

It sucks to be me!

NICKY

No, it sucks to be me!

KATE MONSTER

It sucks to be me!

BRIAN

It sucks to be me!

ALL

Is there anybody here it doesn't suck to be?
It sucks to be me!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Why you all so happy?

NICKY

Because our lives suck!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Your lives suck?

I hearing you correctly? Ha!

I coming to this country for opportunities.

Tried to work in Korean deli,

but I am Japanese.

But with hard work I earn two Master's Degrees
in social work!

And now I a therapist!

But I have no clients!

(smacking Brian)

And I have an
unemployed fiance!

And we have lots
of bills to pay!

It suck to be me!

It suck to be me!
I say it
Sucka-sucka-sucka-sucka-
sucka-sucka-sucka-sucka-
sucka-sucka-sucka-sucka-
suck!
It suck to be me.

(spoken)

PRINCETON
Excuse me?

BRIAN
Hey there.

PRINCETON
Sorry to bother you, but I'm looking for a place to live.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Why you looking all the way out here?

PRINCETON
Well, I started at Avenue A, but so far everything is out
of my price range. But this neighborhood looks a lot cheaper!
Oh, and look -- a "For Rent" sign!

BRIAN
You need to talk to the superintendent. Let me get him.

PRINCETON
Great, thanks!

BRIAN
Yo, GARY!

GARY COLEMAN
I'm comin'! I'm comin'!

PRINCETON
Oh my God! It's Gary Coleman!

GARY COLEMAN
Yes I am!

(sung)

I'm Gary Coleman
from TV's Diff'rent Strokes
I made a lotta money
that got stolen by my folks!

Now I'm broke and
I'm the butt of everyone's jokes,
but I'm here --the superintendent!
On Avenue Q --

ALL
It sucks to be you.

KATE MONSTER
You win!

ALL
It sucks to be you.

BRIAN
I feel better now!

GARY COLEMAN
Try having people stopping you to ask you
"What you talkin' 'bout, Willis?"
It gets old.

ALL
It sucks to be you.
On Avenue Q.
(sucks to be me)
On Avenue Q.
(sucks to be you)
On Avenue Q.
(sucks to be us)
But not when
we're together.
We're together
here on Avenue Q!
We live on Avenue Q!
Our friends do too!
'Til our dreams come true,
we live on Avenue Q!

PRINCETON
This is real life!

ALL
We live on Avenue Q!

NICKY
You're gonna love it.

ALL
We live on Avenue Q!

GARY COLEMAN
Here's your keys!

ALL
Welcome to Avenue Q!

3. If You Were Gay

(spoken)

ROD
Aah, an afternoon alone with my favorite book, "Broadway Musicals of the 1940s." No roommate to bother me. How could it get any better than this?

NICKY
Oh, hi Rod!

ROD
Hi Nicky.

NICKY
Hey Rod, you'll never guess what happened to me on the subway this morning. This guy was smiling at me and talking to me --

ROD
That's very interesting.

NICKY
He was being real friendly, and I think he was coming on to me. I think he might've thought I was gay!

ROD
Ahem, so, uh, why are you telling me this? Why should I care? I don't care. What did you have for lunch today?

NICKY
Oh, you don't have to get all defensive about it, Rod...

ROD
I'm NOT getting defensive! What do I care about some gay guy you met, okay? I'm trying to read.

NICKY
Oh, I didn't mean anything by it, Rod. I just think it's something we should be able to talk about.

ROD
I don't want to talk about it, Nicky! This conversation is over!!!

NICKY
Yeah, but...

ROD
Over!!!

NICKY
Well, okay, but just so you know --

(sung)

If you were gay
that'd be okay.
I mean 'cause, hey,
I'd like you anyway.

Because you see,
if it were me,
I would feel free
to say that I was gay
(but I'm not gay).

ROD
Nicky, please! I am trying to read...
What?!

NICKY
If you were queer
I'd still be here,
year after year
because you're dear
to me.
And I know that you
would accept me too,
if I told you today
"Hey! Guess what,
I'm gay!"
(But I'm not gay)

I'm happy
just being with you.
So what should it
matter to me
what you do in bed
with guys?

ROD
Nicky, that's GROSS!

NICKY

No, it's not!
If you were gay
I'd shout hooray!
And here I'd stay,
But I wouldn't get
in your way.
You can count on me
to always be
beside you every day,
to tell you it's okay,
you were just born
that way,
and, as they say,
it's in your DNA,
you're gay!

ROD
But I'm not gay!

NICKY
If you WERE gay.

ROD
Argh!

4. Purpose

PRINCETON
Purpose,
it's that little flame
that lights a fire
under your ass.
Purpose,
it keeps you going strong
like a car with a full
tank of gas.
Everyone else has
a purpose
so what's mine?

Oh look! Here's a penny!
It's from the year I was born!

It's a sign!
Ba-ba-ba-ba
Doo-doo-doo-doo-doo
I don't know how I know,
but I'm gonna find
my purpose.
Gotta find out,

don't wanna wait!
Got to make sure that my
life will be great!
Gotta find my purpose
before it's too late.

I'm gonna find my purpose
could be far, could be near
could take a week,
a month, a year

At a job, or smoking grass
maybe at a pottery class!

Could it be?
Yes it could!
Something's coming,
something good!
I'm gonna find my purpose
I'm gonna find my purpose

I'm gonna find it!
What will it be? Where will it be?
My purpose in life is a mystery
Gotta find my purpose
Gotta find me.

5. Everyone's a Little Bit Racist

PRINCETON
Say, Kate, can I ask you a question?

KATE MONSTER
Sure!

PRINCETON
Well, you know Trekkie Monster upstairs?

KATE MONSTER
Uh huh!

PRINCETON
Well, he's Trekkie Monster, and you're Kate Monster.

KATE MONSTER
Right.

PRINCETON
You're both Monsters.

KATE MONSTER

Yeah.

PRINCETON

Are you two related?

KATE MONSTER

What! Princeton I'm surprised at you! I find that racist!

PRINCETON

Oh, well, I'm sorry! I was just asking.

KATE MONSTER

Well, it's a touchy subject. Now, now all Monsters are related.

What are you trying to say, huh? --

That we all look the same to you? Huh, huh, huh?

PRINCETON

No, no, no, not at all. I'm sorry, I guess that was a little racist.

KATE MONSTER

I should say so. You should be much more careful when you're talking about the sensitive subject of race.

PRINCETON

Well, look who's talking!

KATE MONSTER

What do you mean?

PRINCETON

What about that special Monster School you told me about?

KATE MONSTER

What about it?

PRINCETON

Could someone like me go there?

KATE MONSTER

No, we don't want people like you --

PRINCETON

You see?!

(sung)

You're a little bit racist.

KATE MONSTER

Well, you're a little bit, too.

PRINCETON

I guess we're both a little bit racist.

KATE MONSTER

Admitting it is not an easy thing to do...

PRINCETON

But I guess it's true

KATE MONSTER

Between me and you, I think

BOTH

Everyone's a little bit
racist, sometimes.

Doesn't mean we go around committing
hate crimes.

Look around and
you will find,
no one's really
color-blind.

Maybe it's a fact
we all should face.

Everyone makes
judgments...
based on race.

(spoken)

PRINCETON

Not big judgments, like who to hire or who to buy a newspaper from --

KATE MONSTER

No!

PRINCETON

No, just little judgments like thinking that Mexican busboys
should learn to speak goddamn English!

KATE MONSTER

Right!

(sung)

BOTH

Everyone's a little
bit racist -- today,
so, everyone's a little
big racist -- okay!

Ethnic jokes might
be uncouth,
but you laugh because
they're based on truth.
Don't take them as
personal attacks.
Everyone enjoys them --
so relax!

(spoken)

PRINCETON

All right, stop me if you've heard this one.
There's a plane going down and there's only one parachute.
And there's a rabbi, a priest...

KATE MONSTER

... and a BLACK guy!

GARY COLEMAN

Whatchoo talkin' about Kate?

KATE MONSTER

Uh --

GARY COLEMAN

You were telling a BLACK joke!

PRINCETON

Well, sure, Gary, but lots of people tell black jokes...

GARY COLEMAN

I don't.

PRINCETON

Well, of course you don't -- you're black!
But I bet you tell Polack jokes, right?

GARY COLEMAN

Well, sure I do. Those stupid Polacks!

PRINCETON

Don't you think that's a little racist?

GARY COLEMAN

Well, damn, I guess you're right.

(sung)

KATE MONSTER

You're a little bit racist.

GARY COLEMAN

Well, you're a little bit, too.

PRINCETON

We're all a little bit racist.

GARY COLEMAN

I think that I would have to agree with you.

PRINCETON & KATE MONSTER

We're glad you do.

GARY COLEMAN

It's sad, but true!

Everyone's a little bit racist -- all right!

Bigotry has never been exclusively white --

ALL

If we all could
just admit
that we are racist
a little bit,
even though we all
know that it's wrong,
maybe it would help
us get along!

(spoken)

PRINCETON

Christ, do I feel good!

GARY COLEMAN

Now there was a fine upstanding black man!

PRINCETON

Who?

GARY COLEMAN

Jesus Christ!

KATE MONSTER

But Gary, Jesus was white!

GARY COLEMAN

No, Jesus was black.

KATE MONSTER

No, Jesus was white!

GARY COLEMAN

No, I'm pretty sure Jesus was black!

PRINCETON

Guys -- Jesus was Jewish!

BRIAN

Hey guys, what are you laughing about?

GARY COLEMAN

Racism!

BRIAN

Cool.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Brian! You come back here! You take out lecycuraburs!

PRINCETON

What's that mean?

BRIAN

Um. Recyclables.

(Everyone laughs)

Hey, don't laugh at her! How many languages do you speak?

KATE MONSTER

Oh, come off it, Brian!

(sung)

Everyone's a little bit racist.

BRIAN

I'm not!

PRINCETON

Oh, no?

BRIAN

Nope! How many oriental wives have you got?

CHRISTMAS EVE

What? Brian!

PRINCETON

Brian, buddy,

where you been?

The term is Asian-American!

CHRISTMAS EVE

I know you are
no intending to be,
but calling me
oriental -- offensive to me!

(spoken)

BRIAN

I'm sorry honey, I love you.

CHRISTMAS EVE

And I love you.

BRIAN

But you're racist, too.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Yes, I know.

(sung)

The Jews have all
the money
and the whites have
all the power
and I'm always in
taxi-cab with driver
who no shower!

PRINCETON

Me too!

KATE MONSTER

Me too!

GARY COLEMAN

I can't even get a taxi!

ALL

Everyone's a little bit
racist, it's true.
But everyone is just about
as racist as you!
If we all could just admit
that we are racist a little bit,
and everyone
stopped being so P.C.,
maybe we could
live in -- harmony!

CHRISTMAS EVE
Ev'lyone's a ritter bit lacist!

6. The Internet is For Porn

KATE MONSTER
(spoken)
Finally! I get to teach a whole lesson all by myself!
And I'm gonna teach something relevant, something
modern -- the internet!

(sung)

The internet is really really great.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn!

KATE MONSTER
I got a fast connection so I didn't have to wait.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn!

KATE MONSTER
There's always some new site.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn!

KATE MONSTER
I browse all day and night.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn!

KATE MONSTER
It's like I'm surfing at the speed of light.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn!

KATE MONSTER
(spoken)
Trekkie!

TREKKIE MONSTER
(sung)
The internet is for porn! The internet is for porn!

Why do you think the net was born?
Porn! Porn! Porn!

KATE MONSTER
(spoken)
Trekkie! What are you doing?

TREKKIE MONSTER
Hello, Kate Monster.

KATE MONSTER
You are ruining my song.

TREKKIE MONSTER
Oh, me sorry. Me no mean to.

KATE MONSTER
Well, if you wouldn't mind, please, being
quiet for a minute so I can finish?

TREKKIE MONSTER
Okey-dokey.

KATE MONSTER
Good.

(sung)

I'm glad we have this new technology.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn. (oop!)

KATE MONSTER
Which gives us untold opportunity.

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn. (ooops, sorry!)

KATE MONSTER
Right from your own desktop...

TREKKIE MONSTER
For p----.

KATE MONSTER
You can research, browse and shop...
Until you've had enough and you're ready to stop!

TREKKIE MONSTER
For porn!

KATE MONSTER
Trekkie!

TREKKIE MONSTER
The internet is for porn!
The internet is for porn!
The internet is for porn!
Me up all night honking me
horn to porn, porn, porn!

KATE MONSTER
(spoken)
That's gross! You're a pervert!

TREKKIE MONSTER
Ahh, sticks and stones, Kate Monster.

KATE MONSTER
No, really, you're a pervert! Normal people
don't sit at home and look at porn on the internet!

TREKKIE MONSTER
Ohhhhh?

KATE MONSTER
What?

TREKKIE MONSTER
You have no idea. Ready, normal people?

BRIAN
Ready!

GARY COLEMAN
Ready!

ROD
Ready!

TREKKIE MONSTER
Lemme hear it!

(sung)

GUYS
The internet is for porn.

PRINCETON
Sorry, Kate!

GUYS

The internet is for porn.

PRINCETON

I masturbate!

TREKKIE MONSTER

All these guys unzip their flies for...

GUYS

Porn! Porn! Porn!

(spoken)

KATE MONSTER

The internet is not for porn!

Hold on a second!

TREKKIE MONSTER

Wha?

KATE MONSTER

Now, I happen to know for a fact that you, Rod, check your portfolio and trade stocks online.

ROD

That's correct.

KATE MONSTER

And Brian, you buy things on Amazon.com!

BRIAN

Sure.

KATE MONSTER

And Gary, you keep selling your possessions on eBay!

GARY COLEMAN

Yes, I do!

KATE MONSTER

And Princeton, you sent me that sweet online birthday card.

PRINCETON

True.

TREKKIE MONSTER

But Kate... what you think he do after, hmmm?

PRINCETON

Yeah.

KATE MONSTER
Ewww!

(sung)

GUYS
The internet is for porn.
The internet is for porn.
Grab your dick and double click
for porn! Porn! Porn!
Pooooorn!
Pooooorn!
The internet is for,
internet is for,
internet is for porn!

KATE
(spoken simultaneously)
Gross! I hate porn! I hate men!
I'm leaving! I hate the internet!

7. Mix Tape

KATE MONSTER
Princeton...
He likes me.
I think he likes me
But does he "like me"
like me
like I like him?
Will we be friends,
or something more?
I think he's interested,
but I'm not sure.

(spoken)

Come in!

PRINCETON
Hiya Kate!

KATE MONSTER
Princeton! Hi!

PRINCETON

Hi! Listen, I was going through my CDs yesterday,
and I kept coming across songs I thought you'd like
so I made you this tape.

KATE MONSTER

Oh, that's so sweet! Can I get you a drink? Or a snack?

PRINCETON

Actually, do you mind if I use your bathroom?

KATE MONSTER

Go right ahead.

PRINCETON

Thank you!

KATE MONSTER

(sung)

A mix tape.

He made me a mix tape.

He was thinking of me,

which shows he cares!

Sometimes when someone

has a crush on you

they'll make you a mix tape

to give you a clue.

Let's see...

"You've Got a Friend"

"The Theme from 'Friends'"

"That's What Friends Are For"

Shit.

Oh, but look!

"A Whole New World"

"Kiss the Girl"

"My Cherie Amour"

Oh, Princeton! He does like me!

"I Am the Walrus"

"Fat-Bottomed Girls"

"Yellow Submarine"

What does this mean?!

PRINCETON

(spoken)

Hey Kate, you might wanna not go in there for awhile.

KATE MONSTER

Princeton, thank you for this tape, I was just looking at side A. Great songs!

PRINCETON

Oh, well, did you get to side B yet?

KATE MONSTER

Not yet.

PRINCETON

Oh, it's great. Check it out. Right here...

(sung)

KATE MONSTER

"Stuck on You"

PRINCETON

"Love Me Do"

KATE MONSTER

"My Heart Will Go On"

I loved Titanic!

PRINCETON

Uhh, it was all right.

"She's Got a Way"

KATE MONSTER

"Yesterday"

PRINCETON

"Goodnight Saigon"

From the Russia concert!

KATE MONSTER

Great.

"Through the Years"

PRINCETON

"The Theme from 'Cheers'"

KATE MONSTER

"Moving Right Along"

Nice tape.

PRINCETON

There's one more...

"I Have to Say I Love You in a Song"

KATE MONSTER

(spoken)

Princeton, that's so sweet! I've never gotten such a nice present from a guy.

PRINCETON

Awww. Well, I'm glad you like it. But I have to go now. I'm gonna make one for Brian and Christmas Eve, and Gary and Nicky and Rod, and Trekkie Monster, and everyone!

KATE MONSTER

Oh.

PRINCETON

Oh, and uh --

KATE MONSTER

Yes?

PRINCETON

What are you doing tonight?

KATE MONSTER

Grading term papers. But it's kindergarten so they're very short. Why?

PRINCETON

Everyone's going to hear this singer at the Around the Clock Cafe. Do you want to go with me?

KATE MONSTER

Like, a date?

PRINCETON

Sure! A date. It'll be a blast.

KATE MONSTER

I'd love to come!

PRINCETON

Okay! Well, I'll see you then.

KATE MONSTER

Okay!

PRINCETON

Okay, bye.

KATE MONSTER

Bye!

He likes me!

8. I'm Not Wearing Underwear Today

BRIAN

I'm not wearing underwear today.
No, I'm not wearing underwear today.
Not that you prob'ly care
much about my underwear,
still, nonetheless, I gotta say --
that I'm not wearing underwear to-daaaay!

(spoken)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Get a job!

BRIAN

Thank you -- honey. So -- here's the woman you all came to see --
The Around the Clock is proud to present -- fresh from her world tour,
headlining in Amsterdam, Bangkok, and Celebration, Florida --
please give a warm hand to the star of "Girls Gone Wild"
parts two, five and seven -- Lucy the Slut!

9. Special

LUCY

I can make you feel
special.
When it sucks to be you.
Let me make you feel
special.
For an hour or two.

Your life's a routine
that repeats each day.
No one cares who you are
or what you say.
And sometimes you feel
like you're nobody,
but you can feel like
somebody with me.

PRINCETON

Wow!

LUCY

Yeah, they're real.

When we're together
the earth will shake
and the stars will fall
into the sea.

So come on, baby,
let down your guard.

When your date's in
the bathroom,
I'll slip you my card.

I can tell just by looking
that you've got it hard

For me! For me!

For me! For me!

For me! For me!

I can tell just by looking
that you are especially
hard for me!

10. You Can Be as Loud as the Hell You Want (When You're Making Love)

(spoken)

BAD IDEA BEAR #1

Take her home!

BAD IDEA BEAR #2

She's wasted!

BAD IDEA BEARS

Yaaaayyy!

KATE MONSTER

My God, Princeton! Right there! Right there!

That's the spot -- that's the spot! -- okay,

a little lower -- okay, now to the left --

no, my left -- ohhhhhhhh!

PRINCETON

Oh, my God, Kate, no one's ever touched me

like this before -- you can't put your finger there --

Ooh, put your finger there!

BOTH

Oh yeah!

(they dive under the covers. Lights up on Gary Coleman who's listening in)

(sung)

GARY COLEMAN

You can be as loud as
the hell you want
when you're making love.
You can be as loud as
the hell you want
when you're making love.
You can be as loud as
the hell you want
when you're making love.

GARY AND BEARS

You can be as loud as
the hell you want...

KATE MONSTER

(Screaming in pleasure)
Aaaaaahhh!

PRINCETON

Yaaaaaaahhh!

(a phone rings, Gary picks it up)
(spoken)

Gary Coleman.

You hear what? -- Hell no, I won't tell them to quiet down!

(Princeton and Kate pop up from under the covers)

KATE MONSTER

Are we being too loud?

PRINCETON

Yeah, are we bothering someone?

GARY COLEMAN

Oh, no, not at all, kids.
You keep doing what you're doing.

BAD IDEA BEARS

Yeah! Louder!

(sung)

GARY COLEMAN

You're not allowed to
be loud at the library,
at the art museum or
at a play

But when you and
your partner are doin' the nasty
don't behave like you're
at the ballet!
'Cause you can be as loud
as the hell you want
when you're making love.
You can be as loud
as the hell you want
when you're making love.

Don't let the neighbors
stop you from havin' fun,
they'll have peace and
quiet when you're
good and done.

ALL
Be as loud as
the hell you want
when you're making love!
(heavy breathing)
Loud as the hell you want...

KATE MONSTER
Faster, Princeton!

CHRISTMAS EVE
Brian, slow down! This not a race!

ALL
Loud as the hell you want...

PRINCETON
Oh, YEAH!

BRIAN
Who's your daddy?

CHRISTMAS EVE
What?? Brian!!

ALL
Loud as the hell you want...
Loud as the hell you want...

GARY COLEMAN

Smack it and lick it and rub
it and suck it!

ALL

Loud as the hell you want...

CHRISTMAS EVE

Yes! Work your mama!

ALL

Loud as the hell you --

KATE MONSTER

Oh yeah, that's it!

BRIAN

Ooh, babe!

TREKKIE MONSTER

(enjoying himself) Uuuuuhh!

ALL

Loud as the hell you... (x7)
want!

11. FANTASIES COME TRUE

(Rod is awake in bed, while Nicky snores)

(spoken)

ROD

It sure can get lonely at night. Nicky, you awake?

NICKY (asleep)

Is that a unicorn?

ROD

Oh, he's talking in his sleep again.

NICKY

No, I'll wear the purple shoes. Who painted the kitten?

ROD

Maybe I should just shake him.

NICKY

I love you, Rod.

ROD
What did you say?

NICKY
I love your little laugh.

ROD
Nicky, are you awake?

NICKY
Take off your shirt.

ROD
Oh Nicholas -- have you been shy all this time?
Have we been hiding from each other? I wonder --

(sung)

All those night I lay in bed,
thoughts of you
running through my head...

NICKY
I know -- put my earmuffs on the cookie...

ROD
But I never thought the things in my head
could really happen in my bed.

NICKY
You look like David Hasselhoff...

ROD
All those years
I missed the signs,
couldn't read
between the lines.
Who'd have thought
I would see the day
where I'd hear you say
what I heard you say?
And now I find
what was always in my mind
was in your mind, too.
Fantasies come true!

And now I see that what I've always
dreamed of was meant to be...
you and me, me and you!
Fantasies come true!

You and me lived in fantasy,
but soon we'll be a reality.

(spoken)

PRINCETON

Kate, that was amazing.

KATE MONSTER

You're amazing.

PRINCETON

I want you to have this. It's a penny I carry around with me for good luck.
It's from the year I was born -- see? Who knows, maybe it'll bring
you good luck. It did for me! -- I found you.

(sung)

I want you to know
the time that we've spent,
how great it's been,
how much it's meant.

KATE MONSTER

Gosh, I don't know

what to say.

I'm really glad you feel

that way.

'Cause I'm afraid that

I like you more than I ever

liked any guy before.

ROD AND KATE

'Cause now, my love,

I'm getting what I've

always been dreaming of!

ROD

So are you!

KATE MONSTER

OH, baby!

ROD AND KATE

Fantasies come true!

And now I swear that

when you want me,

I'm gonna be right there

to care for you...

KATE MONSTER

That's what I'm gonna do...

ROD AND KATE

And make your fantasies
come true...

ROD

Fantasies come true.

(Rod awakens, Nicky is poking him)

NICKY

Hey, Rod buddy! You were talking in your sleep.

ROD

I thought you were talking in YOUR sleep!

NICKY

No, I just came to bed. You were dreaming, is all.

ROD

Oh.

NICKY

It sounded like a nice dream, though.

ROD

Yes. It was a nice dream.

NICKY

Good night.

ROD

Good night, Nicky.

12. My Girlfriend, Who Lives In Canada

ROD

Ohhhhh.....

I wish you could meet my
girlfriend, my girlfriend
who lives in Canada.

She couldn't be sweeter,
I wish you could meet her,
my girlfriend who lives
in Canada!

Her name is Alberta,
she lives in Vancouver.

She cooks like my mother
and sucks like a Hoover.

I e-mail her every single
day, just to make sure
that everything's okay.
It's a pity she lives so
far away, in Canada!

Laaaaaast week she was
here, but she had the flu.
Too baaaaaad
'cause I wanted to introduce her to you.
It's so saaaaaaaad --
There wasn't a thing that she could do
but stay in bed,
with her legs up over her head!
Oh!

I wish you could meet
my girlfriend,
but you can't,
because she is in Canada.
I love her, I miss her,
I can't wait to kiss her,
so soon I'll be off to Alberta!
I mean Vancouver!
Shit! Her name is Alberta,
she lives in Vancou--

She's my girlfriend!
My wonderful girlfriend!
Yes, I have a girlfriend,
who lives in Canada!!

(spoken)

And I can't wait to eat her pussy again!

13. There's a Fine, Fine Line

KATE MONSTER
There's a fine, fine line
between a lover, and a friend.
There's a fine, fine line
between reality, and pretend;
And you never know 'til you reach the top
if it was worth the uphill climb.

There's a fine, fine line
between love,
and a waste of time

There's a fine, fine line
between a fairy tale, and a lie.
And there's a fine, fine line
between "you're wonderful" and "goodbye".
I guess if someone doesn't love you back
it isn't such a crime

But there's a fine, fine line
between love,
and a waste of your time

And I don't have the time to waste on you anymore.
I don't think that you even know what you're looking for.
For my own sanity I've got to close the door
And walk away...
Oh...

There's a fine, fine line
between together,
and not.
And there's a fine, fine line
between what you wanted,
and what you got.
You gotta go after the things you want
while you're still in your prime.

There's a fine, fine line
between love,
and a waste of time.

ACT TWO

14. There is Life Outside Your Apartment

(spoken)

BRIAN
Princeton!

PRINCETON

Yeah.

BRIAN

Listen, buddy, nobody's seen ya for two weeks. What's up with that?

PRINCETON

I went to work for a temp agency, and they fired me for being too depressing on teh phone. I maxed out my cards. I'm two months behind in rent. I totally messed up my personal life. Oh, and Brian -- I still haven't found my purpose!

BRIAN

All right. Get off your ass and stop worrying! Everyone's getting together to mess around the city today.

PRINCETON

Have fun.

BRIAN

When I say "everyone", that includes you!

(sung)

There is life outside your apartment
I know it's hard to conceive,
but there's life outside your apartment,
and you're only gonna see it if you leave.
There is cool shit to do,
but it can't come to you.
And who knows, dude,
you might even score!
There is life outside your apartment,
but you've got to open the door!

(spoken)

PRINCETON

No, thanks, I'm staying in.

BRIAN

Don't tell me I gotta force you.

PRINCETON

Sorry!

BRIAN

All right everyone! He's resisting!

(Christmas Eve, Trekkie Monster, Gary and Nicky pick Princeton up and drag him outside)

(sung)

ALL BUT PRINCETON

There is life outside...

there is life outside...

there is life outside...

there is life outside...

your apartment!

There's a pigeon squashed on the street.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Eww.

BRIAN

There's a girl passing by

NICKY

No, I think it's a guy

ALL BUT PRINCETON

And a homeless man who only wants

to buy something to eat!

Sorry! Can't help you!

(they enter the subway)

ALL BUT PRINCETON

We could go to the zoo!

TREKKIE MONSTER

Pick up girls at NYU!

BRIAN

We could sit in the park smoking pot!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Or not!

ALL BUT PRINCETON

There is life outside your apartment

PRINCETON

Well, I guess I'll give it a shot!

(*gunshot*, everyone screams and runs)

ALL

There is life outside your apartment

I know --

(*loud jackhammer* -- they cover their ears and swear)

There is life outside your apartment

(they look up in horror)

OFFSTAGE VOICE

I'm gonna jump!

ALL

Don't do it!

OFFSTAGE VOICE

Okay!

ALL

There is cool shit to do
but it can't come to you
So come on --

(*car screeches to a halt*)

OFFSTAGE VOICE

Get out of the way asshole!

PRINCETON

Fuck you!

ALL

There is life outside your apartment!
Oh, you never know what's around the bend.
You could win the lotto or make a friend...

(Lucy enters, the guys eye her and turn to Princeton)

GUYS

Take her home to see your apartment...

LUCY

Do you wanna feel special?

GUYS

Special!

LUCY

I can see that you do.

GUYS

Ooooh-wah!

LUCY

Well, I can make you feel... special

if you let me feel you.

GUYS

She'll feel you!

LUCY

Where's your pad?

PRINCETON

Not too far!

GUYS

We could call you a car!

PRINCETON

We'll be fine, thank you! See ya!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Hope you don't get gonorrhoea!

ALL

There's life outside your apartment...

PRINCETON AND LUCY

But now it's time to go home!

GROUP

There is life outside your apartment...

PRINCETON

It's time to go home!

GROUP

There is life outside your apartment...

LUCY

I can make you feel special...

GROUP

There is life outside your apartment...

ALL

But now it's time to go home

TREKKIE MONSTER

For porn!

15. The More You Ruv Someone

(spoken)

KATE MONSTER

Why can't people get along and love each other, Christmas Eve?

CHRISTMAS EVE

You think getting along same as loving? Sometimes love right where you hating most, Kate Monster.

KATE MONSTER

Huh?

(sung)

CHRISTMAS EVE

The more you love someone,
the more you want to kill 'em.
The more you love someone
the more he make you cry.

Though you are try
for making peace
with them and loving,
that's why you love
so strong you like to
make him die!

The more you love someone
the more he make you crazy.
The more you love someone
the more you wishing him dead!

Sometime you look at
him and only see fat and lazy.
And wanting baseball bat
for hitting him on his head!

Love...

KATE MONSTER

Love...

CHRISTMAS EVE

And hate...

KATE MONSTER

And hate...

CHRISTMAS EVE

They like two brothers...

KATE MONSTER
Brothers...

CHRISTMAS EVE
Who go on a date.

KATE MONSTER
Who... what?

CHRISTMAS EVE
Where one of them goes,
other one follows.
You inviting love
he also bringing sorrows.

KATE MONSTER
Ah, yes.

CHRISTMAS EVE
The more you love someone,
the more you want to kill 'em.
Loving and killing
fit like hand in glove!

So if there someone
you are wanting
so to kill 'em,
you go and find him,
and you get him,
and you no kill him,
cause chances good...

CHRISTMAS EVE AND KATE MONSTER
He is your love.

16. Schadenfreude

GARY COLEMAN
Right now you are
down and out and
feeling really crappy

NICKY
I'll say.

GARY COLEMAN
And when I see how
sad you are
it sort of makes me...
happy!

NICKY
Happy?!

GARY COLEMAN
Sorry, Nicky, human nature --
nothing I can do!
It's...
schadenfreude!
Making me feel glad
that I'm not you!

(spoken)

NICKY
Well that's not very nice, Gary!

GARY COLEMAN
I didn't say it was nice! But everybody does it!

(sung)

D'ja ever clap when a
waitress falls and drops
a tray of glasses?

NICKY
Yeah...

GARY COLEMAN
And it ain't it fun to
watch figure skaters
falling down on their asses?

NICKY
Sure!

GARY COLEMAN
And don'tcha feel all
warm and cozy,
watching people
out in the rain!

NICKY
You bet!

GARY COLEMAN
That's...

GARY AND NICKY
Schadenfreude!

GARY COLEMAN
People taking pleasure in your pain!

(spoken)

NICKY
Oh, schadenfreude, huh? What's that, some kinda Nazi word?

GARY COLEMAN
Yup! It's German for "happiness at the misfortune of others!"

NICKY
"Happiness at the misfortune of others." That IS German!

(sung)

Watching a vegetarian
being told she just
ate chicken

GARY COLEMAN
Or watching a
frat boy realize
just what he put his dick in!

NICKY
Being on an elevator
when somebody shouts
"Hold the door!"

GARY AND NICKY
"NO!"
Schadenfreude!

GARY COLEMAN
"Fuck you lady, that's what stairs are for!"

NICKY
Oooh, how about...
Straight-A students getting Bs?

GARY COLEMAN
Exes getting STDs!

NICKY
Waking doormen from their naps!

GARY COLEMAN
Watching tourists reading maps!

NICKY
Football players getting tackled!

GARY COLEMAN
CEOs getting shackled!

NICKY
Watching actors never reach

GARY AND NICKY
The ending of their Oscar speech!
Schadenfreude!
Schadenfreude!
Schadenfreude!
Schadenfreude!

GARY COLEMAN
The world needs people like you and me
who've been knocked around by fate.
'Cause when people see us,
they don't want to be us,
and that makes them feel great.

NICKY
Sure! We provide a vital service to society!

GARY AND NICKY
You and me! Schadenfreude!
Making the world a better place...
Making the world a better place...
Making the world a better place...
to be!

GARY COLEMAN
S-C-H-A-D-E-N-F-R-E-U-D-E!

17. I Wish I Could Go Back to College

(Kate is on the observation deck of the Empire State Building)

KATE MONSTER

I wish I could go back to college.
Life was so simple back then.

(Nicky appears on a dark corner, shivering)

NICKY

What would I give to go back and live
in a dorm with a meal plan again!

(Nicky and Kate sigh. Lights rise on Princeton, at the hospital,
sitting next to Lucy's bed)

PRINCETON

I wish I could go back to college.
In college you know who you are.
You sit in the quad
and think, "Oh my God!
I am totally gonna go far!"

ALL

How do I go back to college?
I don't know who I am anymore!

PRINCETON

I wanna go back to my room and find
a message in dry-erase pen on the door!
Ohhh...
I wish I could just drop a class...

NICKY

Or get into a play...

KATE MONSTER

Or change my major...

PRINCETON

Or fuck my T.A.

ALL

I need an academic advisor to point the way!
We could be...

Sitting in the computer lab,
4 a.m. before the final paper is due,
cursing the world 'cause I didn't start sooner,
and seeing the rest of the class there, too!

PRINCETON

I wish I could go back to college!

ALL

How do I go back to college?!

Ahhhhhhh....

PRINCETON

I wish I had taken more pictures.

NICKY

But if I were to go back to college,

think what a loser I'd be --

I'd walk through the quad, and think

"Oh my God..."

ALL

"These kids are so much younger than me."

18. The Money Song

(spoken)

NICKY

Help the homeless!

Help the homeless!--

Oooh! Hey Princeton!

(sung)

Give me a quarter!

Here in my hat!

Come on, Princeton,

it's as easy as that!

Helping others brings

you closer to God,

so give me a quarter...

PRINCETON

I don't have any change.

NICKY

Hmmm.

Okay, give me a dollar.

PRINCETON

That's not what I meant.

NICKY

Give me a five!

PRINCETON

Are you kidding?

NICKY

The more you give
the more you get.

That's being alive!

All I'm asking you

is to do what Jesus Christ
would do:

He'd give me a quarter --
why don't you?

(spoken)

PRINCETON

All right, all right, here you go.

(he puts money in Nicky's hat)

NICKY

Ahh, thanks!

PRINCETON

Take care. Whoa!

NICKY

What's the matter?

PRINCETON

I feel -- generous!

I feel -- compassionate!

NICKY

You do?

PRINCETON

Yeah! I feel like a new person -- a good person!

Helping other people out makes you feel fantastic!

NICKY

That's what I've been trying to tell you --

PRINCETON

All this time I've been running around thinking about
me, me, me -- and where has it gotten me!

I'm gonna do something for someone else!

NICKY
Me?

PRINCETON
No -- Kate! I'm going to raise the money to build that stupid
Monster School she's always talking about!

(sung)

Give me your money!

NICKY
What?!

PRINCETON
I need it for Kate!

NICKY
I need it to eat!

PRINCETON
Come on, Nicky!

NICKY
Aww, get lost!

PRINCETON
It'll make you feel great!

NICKY
So would a burger!

PRINCETON
When her dream comes true,
it'll all be partly
thanks to you, so
give me your money!

NICKY
I'd like to, but I can't!

PRINCETON
Give me your money!

NICKY
I'd like to, but I need it!

PRINCETON
Give me your money!

NICKY

I'd like to, but I'm homeless!
I can't! I need it! I'm homeless!
I can't! I need it! I'm homeless!
I can't! I need it! I'm homeless!

(Princeton slaps Nicky)

NICKY

Okay, here ya go.

PRINCETON

Thank you!

NICKY

Suddenly, I am feeling
closer to God.
It's time to stop begging!
It's time to start giving!
What can I give to Rod?

Something he'll like so much he'll take me back.
Ooh, I know! I'll find him a boyfriend!

PRINCETON

That's the spirit!

PRINCETON AND NICKY

When you help others,
you can't help helping yourself!
When you can't help others,
you can't help helping yourself!

(spoken)

GARY COLEMAN

Hey boys, what's the hat for?

NICKY

Ooh, we're collecting money!

PRINCETON

It's for Kate! We're raising money to build her dream school!

(sung)

Give us your money!

NICKY

You'll be glad that you did!

GARY COLEMAN

That's just what my parents
told me when I was a kid!
Shit!

NICKY

But giving feels so great...

GARY COLEMAN

And I bet it wouldn't hurt your chances with Kate.

PRINCETON

Well, that too.

GARY COLEMAN

I'll give you a dollar.

PRINCETON

You're a gentleman and a scholar!

(spoken)

CHRISTMAS EVE

We so happy! We just exchange all your wedding gifts for cash!

BRIAN

Honey, don't tell them that!

CHRISTMAS EVE

We get about two thousand bucks!

BRIAN

Uh, yeah. So -- thanks, everybody!

CHRISTMAS EVE

We rich!

(sung)

PRINCETON

Give us your money!

NICKY

Give us your money!

GARY COLEMAN

Give us your goddamned money!

PRINCETON

Give us the dough!

GARY AND NICKY
Give us the dough!

PRINCETON, GARY AND NICKY
We're raising money for
a monster school,
but we've got a ways to go!

PRINCETON
Sounds like you've got
money to burn...

NICKY
And it's not like money that
you had to earn...

PRINCETON, GARY AND NICKY
So give us your money --

(spoken)

CHRISTMAS EVE
A Monster School?

BRIAN
Sounds like a good cause.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Give me your wallet.

PRINCETON
Oh my gosh! I don't know how to thank you guys.
I mean, Kate will be so grateful... that kind of money
is such a great start...

(she hands Gary some cash)

GARY COLEMAN
Yeah! Fifteen dollars!

PRINCETON
Fifteen dollars?

CHRISTMAS EVE
Every little bit help!

NICKY
Looks like we're gonna have to ask MORE people!

(they turn to the audience and pass the hate)

(sung)

ALL
Hey!
Give us your money!
All that you've got!
Just fork it on over...

GARY COLEMAN
Or some puppets will get shot!

PRINCETON
Hey!

ALL
It's time to pass the hat

GARY COLEMAN
And there's nothing you can do 'bout that.

ALL
So
Give us your money!
Give us your money!
Give us your money!
When you help others,
you can't help helping yourself!
When you help others,
you can't help helping yourself!
Every time you do good deeds
you're also serving your own needs.
When you help others,
you're really helping yourself!
When you give to a worthy cause,
you'll feel as jolly as Santa Claus.
When you help others,
you can't help helping yourself!

19. School For Monsters/ The Money Song reprise

(Princeton counts the money).

(spoken)

CHRISTMAS
How much do we get?

PRINCETON

Boy, it's not very much at all, is it?

BRIAN

Never say never, Princeton,
there's still one more person
we have to hit up!

(Trekkie pops out of his window)

TREKKIE MONSTER

No! No! No! Go away. Me busy.

CHRISTMAS EVE

But it for good cause!

TREKKIE MONSTER

What in it for me? Go away!

PRINCETON

I guess Kate'll never get her school for Monsters.

TREKKIE MONSTER

What you say?

BRIAN

Kate wants to open a school for Monsters.

TREKKIE MONSTER

School for Monsters? Me never hear of that!

(sung)

School for Monsters!
School for lonely little Monsters!
When me little,
going to school,
other children
think me not cool,
poking and pulling
at me fur...
Now we have therapist,
and work on this with her.
But me no need me therapy
if Monster School a reality!

(spoken)

Here! Me give you ten million dollars!

PRINCETON

Trekkie! Where did you get all that money?!

TREKKIE MONSTER

In volatile market, only stable investment is porn!

(sung)

ALL

When you help others,
you can't help helping yourself!

When you help others,
you can't help helping yourself!

Every time you do

good deeds,

you're also serving your

own needs!

When you help others,

you can't help helping yourself!

20. There's a Fine, Fine Line / What Do You Do With a B.A. in English

(spoken)

KATE MONSTER

(looking at her building)

The Monsterssori School. I don't even know where to start!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Do you know who get idea and collect all the money
and buy building for you?

KATE MONSTER

Was it you?

CHRISTMAS EVE

No. It Princeton.

KATE MONSTER

Princeton? For me?

PRINCETON

You said you couldn't make you dreams come true by yourself,
so I shot for the stars.

(sung)

You've got to go after
the things you want
while you're still in
your prime...

KATE MONSTER
There's a fine, fine line
between
love...

(spoken)

Thank you, Princeton.

PRINCETON
So will you take me back, Kate?

KATE MONSTER
I'll be so busy now, with all of the contractors, and
inspections, and hiring teachers and choosing textbooks...

PRINCETON
Well, I could help you.

KATE MONSTER
Can we take it one day at a time?

(Gary hangs up the "For Rent" sign. A young optimistic-looking puppet
appears)

NEWCOMER
What do you do
with a B.A. in English?
Oh, look! A "For Rent" sign!
Oh my God!
You're Gary Coleman!

GARY COLEMAN
Yes I am!

NEWCOMER
Say, can you tell me where to find the super?

GARY COLEMAN
I am the super.

NEWCOMER
Well, listen -- I wanna ask you about the apartment for rent?

GARY COLEMAN
Oh, sure!

PRINCETON
Wait a minute!
Wait a minute! That's it!

KATE MONSTER
What?

PRINCETON
My PURPOSE!
Look at this kid, here, all fresh-faced and new and not knowing anything!
He has no idea what he's in for! He thinks the hard part's over, but it's
not!
And maybe he needs a little help! Maybe my purpose is to take
everything I'm learning and put it -- put it into a show!

BRIAN
Are you high?

NEWCOMER
And I'm not some young kid who doesn't know anything. Fuck you!

21. For Now

PRINCETON
Why does everything have to be so hard?

GARY COLEMAN
Maybe you'll never find your purpose.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Lots of people don't.

PRINCETON
But then -- I don't know why I'm even alive!

KATE MONSTER
Well, who does, really?

(sung)

Everyone's a little bit unsatisfied.

BRIAN

Everyone goes 'round a little empty inside.

GARY COLEMAN

Take a breath, look around.

BRIAN

Swallow your pride.

KATE MONSTER

For now...

BRIAN, KATE, GARY AND CHRISTMAS EVE

For now...

NICKY

Nothing lasts,

ROD

Life goes on.

NICKY

Full of surprises.

ROD

You'll be faced
with problems
of all shapes and sizes.

CHRISTMAS EVE

You're going to have
to make a few
compromises...
for now...

ALL

But only for now! (for now)
Only for now! (for now)
Only for now! (for now)
Only for now!

LUCY

For now we're healthy.

BRIAN

For now we're employed.

BAD IDEA BEARS

For now we're happy...

KATE MONSTER
If not overjoyed.

PRINCETON
And we'll accept the things
we cannot avoid, for now...

GARY COLEMAN
For now...

TREKKIE MONSTER
For now...

KATE MONSTER
For now...

ALL
But only for now! (for now)
Only for now! (for now)
Only for now! (for now)
Only for now!

Only for now!
(For now there's life!)
Only for now!
(For now there's love!)
Only for now!
(For now there's work!)
For now there's happiness!
But only for now!
(For now discomfort!)
Only for now!
(For now there's friendship!)
Only for now (for now)
Only for now!

Only for now! (Sex!)
Is only for now! (Your hair!)
Is only for now! (George Bush!)
Is only for now!

Don't stress,
relax,
let life roll off
your backs
except for death
and paying taxes
everything in life is
only for now!

NICKY

Each time you smile...

ALL

... Only for now

KATE MONSTER

It'll only last a while.

ALL

... Only for now

PRINCETON

Life may be scary...

ALL

... Only for now

But it's only temporary.

Ba-dum ba-dum,
ba-dum ba-dum
ba-dum ba-dum
ba-da da da da
ba-da da-da da da-da
ba-dum ba-da, ba-dum
ba-da, ooooooh --

PRINCETON

Everything in life is only for now.

THE END