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# Cast of Characters

**Phil Conners** 

Rita Hanson

Larry

Ned Ryerson / Healer

**Nancy Taylor** 

Mrs. Lancaster

Chubby Man/Priest

Mr. Cleveland / Elder

Mrs. Cleveland/Piano Teacher/Scientologist

Freddie / Psychiatric Pharmacologist

Debbie

Ralph

Gus/Bartender Billy

Doris / AA Person

Buster

Sheriff

Deputy

Lady Storm Chaser / Naturopath

Storm Chaser / Elder / Old Jenson

Joelle / Nurse

Ensemble (Director, Townspeople, Clock Radio Voices, Jeff, Groundhog Guy, Ticket Man)

# #0-Phanphare for the Common Groundhog

(We see PHIL CONNORS in a TV studio, against a green screen.)
DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Okay, Phil, one more time.
PHIL Paully?
Really?
DIRECTOR (O.S.)
"Hoping for an early spring."
PHIL
Fine.
DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Here we go. Three, two,—
PHIL
Hoping for an early spring? Well, tomorrow is Groundhog Day, and the good folks in Punxsutawney are already gathering in a snowy field waiting for the dawn. Why? Because they're morons.
DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Cut!
(Another take.)
PHIL
Will he see his shadow? Won't he see his shadow? Civilization once again hangs in the balance.
DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Cut.
(PHIL in front of green screen, making inappropriate hand gestures.)

**PHIL** 

As you know we've been following this blizzard thing—

# **DIRECTOR (O.S.)**

Damn it, Phil. **PHIL** This blizzard thing. Come on! DIRECTOR (O.S.) Let's move on to the tag, please. (Another take.) **PHIL** (over the top smarmy) I'm Phil Connors and that's good weather. (Another take.) (italian accent) And that's a good a weather! (Another take.) (like Oprah) That's good weatheeeeeeeee! You get a groundhog! You get a groundhog! DIRECTOR (O.S.) Okay, we're done here. **PHIL** I'm just warming up. **DIRECTOR (O.S.)** Bye. **PHIL** I'll do it again. DIRECTOR (O.S.)

You can quit stalling.

	PHIL
I'm not.	
	DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Have fun in Punxsutawney.	
	PHIL
What? I can't hear you.	
	DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Phil—	
	PHIL
Hello? Is this on?	
	DIRECTOR (O.S.)
For heaven's sake. It's one nigl	
	PHIL
That's what you say every yea	
	DIRECTOR (O.C.)
Phil, just get in the van.	DIRECTOR (O.S.)
· )	
The van? You mean the limo, 1	PHIL
The van: Tou mean the milo, i	igitt:
III	DIRECTOR (O.S.)
Uh, no. You're riding in the va	in.
	PHIL
With the cameraman?	
	LARRY (O.S.)
Hey!	
	PHIL
Great.	
(PHIL reluctantly takes of	f his mic.)

### **PHIL**

Now I'm riding in "a van."

# DIRECTOR (O.S.)

See you tomorrow.

### PHIL

It just better be a big van.

(TV studio disappears.)

(The stage is dark and filled with mist. The Elders and Townspeople gather for the festivities.)

# #1 - Opening

ELDERS TOWNSPEOPLE

I WAS BORN MMM...
IN A PUNXSUTAWNEY DAWN MMM...
AT SUNRISE ON A SUNLESS DAY MMM...
AND I LEARNT ME A SAYIN' MMM...
THAT FOLKS 'ROUND HERE ALWAYS SAY: MMM...

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

YOU CAN CURSE, CAST SPELLS OR CRY

OFFER YOUR PRAYERS TO THE UNFEELING SKY

THE SPRING WILL ARRIVE WHEN THE WINTER IS DONE

AND IF IT'S NOT TOMORROW

THEN TOMORROW, OR TOMORROW

THERE WILL BE SUN.

TOMORROW SPRING WILL COME, AND THEN

THERE WILL BE BLUE SKIES, MY FRIEND

BRIGHT EYES AND LAUGHTER

TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SUN

BUT IF NOT TOMORROW,

PERHAPS THE DAY AFTER.

### FRED & DEBBIE

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

OH IF I COULD I'D WILL THESE CLOUDS MMM...

AWAY MY LOVE

### MRS. LANCASTER & CHUBBY MAN

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

I'D WAVE MY HAND, REVEAL THE STARS MMM...

NANCY, DEPUTY, RALPH

OH IF I COULD I'D HOLD THE TIDE AT BAY

MY LOVE OOOH...

**ALL SWEETVOICES** 

BUT CLOUDS WILL COME OOOH...

AND TIDES WILL TURN

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

MMM...

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

AND ALL I HAVE TO OFFER IS
TOMORROW SPRING WILL COME AND THEN
THERE WILL BE BLUE SKIES MY FRIEND
BRIGHT EYES AND LAUGHTER
TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SUN
BUT IF NOT TOMORROW
PERHAPS THE DAY AAAAAAAAAAAA

### —Day One Wakeup and Journey—

(A clock radio sounds its wakeup alarm. Lights up on a bedroom set, bed, window, bedside table with the clock radio and a phone. Lying in bed is PHIL.)

# #2-Day One - Small Town USA

### **CLOCK RADIO**

WHO IS THAT? WHO IS THAT?
EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW?
WHO CAN SEE TODAY
WHAT WE WON'T SEE UNTIL TOMORROW?
SHAMAN OF THE SHADOWS!

DJ1

**CLOCK RADIO** 

Springer of the spring. Come on! SPRINGER OF THE SPRING

DJ 1 & DJ 2

Is it a squirrel? Is it a beaver?

IS IT A SQUIRREL? IS IT A BEAVER?

DJ 2

Kind of both but not quite either!

KIND-A BOTH, BUT NOT QUITE EITHER!

DJ1

That's right, woodchuck chuckers!

It's—

ALL THE METEROLOGISTS THE

DJ 1 & DJ 2

Groundhog Day!

WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

(Improv Groundhog Noises)

(Phil starts to get dressed.)

DJ 1

We're here live from Gobbler's Knob talking about everything. Weather,

DJ 2

Predictions,

	DJ 1
Temperature,	
	DJ 2
The weather,	
	DJ 1
It's just nuts!	
(Phone rings)	
	DJ 2
Totally wacky.	
SFX wacky sounds.	
	DJ 1
But that's our town on February second	d.
(Phone rings)	
	DJ 2
I mean what could be crazier than Gro	undhogs in February?
(Phone rings)	
(PHIL answers phone)	
1	PHIL
(into phone)	
Thank you. Yeah, happy Groundhog D	Day.
	DJ 1
Nothing! But we love it.	
	DJ 2
Love it! I loves me some groundhog!	
	DJ 1
By the way, that's a great hat you're w	earing.

DJ 2 Thanks! I made it myself! (Hat squeak.) **PHIL** LUMPY BED, UGLY CURTAINS POINTLESS ERECTION. DJ 1 Now, is that supposed to be a hollow log? DJ 2 On my head! DJ 1 I hope it's warm enough. DJ 2 Yes, it's very important to wear a warm hat. DJ 1 You know there's talk of a blizzard. DJ 2 Well, it's cold enough. DJ1 How cold would you say it is? **PHIL** DRIED FLOWERS, DAMP TOWELS, NO RECEPTION DJ 2 Oh, I'm no good at science. DJ1 Or English, or math. DJ 2

Besides, it's not how cold it is, it's how cold you feel.

### DJ 1

You know, you lose up to 80 percent of your body heat through your head.

# DJ 2

True fact. I learned that in High School.

PHIL DJ 1

SMALL TOWNS, That's the value of a good

TINY MINDS, education.

BIG MOUTHS,

SMALL IDEAS.

Punxsutawney High!

### DJ 1 & DJ 2

Go-o-o Chucks!

PHIL DJ 1

SHALLOW TALK, Ha. That was a good time.

DEEP SNOW

COLD EPONES

DJ 2

COLD FRONTS,

BIG REARS. I'm still hungover.

DJ 1

Let's change the subject.

DJ 2

Good.

**PHIL** 

Now, how cold was it last year?

DJ 2

In Degrees?

DJ1

I heard they don't even use degrees in Europe.

DJ 2

That's a good point.

DJ 1

Great point!

DJ 2

A lot of mysteries out there.

PHIL DJ 1

ONE BAR, Yeah, stuff we just don't

understand no matter how much

ONE STORE, we read.

ONE CLOCK.

The great mysteries of the

ONE DINER, universe.

DJ 1

ONE BANK, Mysterious things. But right now

the question on everyone's lips—ONE COP.

DJ 2

.

Chapped lips!

DJ1

-do you think Phil will see his shadow? What's your prediction?

PHIL

I MEAN, WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE
IN A QUAINT LITTLE PLACE LIKE THIS?
WHO DOESN'T DIG A CROCHETED
PILLOWCASE LIKE THIS?

WATERCOLORS OF BUCOLIC VISTAS
PAINTED BY OCTOGENARIAN SPINSTERS
AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE JUST GETTING TOGETHER
FOR RELENTLESS ANALYSIS OF THE WEATHER
THEIR DUMB SUPERSTITIONS AND VACUOUS CHAT

I'M SURE THERE WAS A PACK OF XANAX IN THIS JACKET

PHIL TOWNSPEOPLE

YOU COULDN'T PAY ME TO STAY HERE YOU –

ONE MORE NIGHT

### **PHIL**

SWEAR THAT THERE IS NO CHECK YOU COULD WRITE THAT MIGHT

**PHIL** 

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

TEMPT ME TO STAY

OOH-

AND WAKE UP IN THE MORNING IN-

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PUNXSUTAWNEY!
BA-DA-BUP
BUP BA-DA-DUP BA-DUP!

### PHIL

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DEPRESSING THAN SMALL TOWN, U.S.A.
AND SMALL DON'T COME MUCH SMALLER THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG DAY.

(PHIL, now dressed, exits his room. The CHUBBY MAN greets him.)

### **CHUBBY MAN**

Good morning! Off to see the groundhog?

### **PHIL**

Why, is there anything else? Maybe a tractor pull? Cow tipping contest?

### **CHUBBY MAN**

I don't think so. Hey, think it'll be an early spring?

### **PHIL**

I'm predicting March twenty-first.

# **CHUBBY MAN**

Good guess. I think that actually is the first day of spring.

### **PHIL**

I THINK I'M GOING TO LOSE IT ALL TOGETHER IF ONE MORE PERSON TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER IF ONE MORE PERSON TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER IF ONE MORE PERSON TALKS ABOUT THE —

(PHIL continues to the PARLOR.)

### MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, Mr. Connors! Looks like a storm coming, don't you think?

**PHIL** 

You don't say.

MRS. LANCASTER

How about this weather! Did you sleep well?

PHIL

I slept alone.

MRS. LANCASTER

Aww. Would you like some coffee?

**PHIL** 

Do you have any cappuccino, or espresso?

MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, I don't-

PHIL

-speak Italian. This is fine.

MRS. LANCASTER

I hope you like it. Sometimes it goes a little rogue.

(*She bangs the coffee pot.*)

(Two guests, MR. CLEVELAND and MRS. CLEVELAND enter.)

MRS. CLEVELAND

Good morning!

MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, hi!

MR. CLEVELAND

I heard there's talk of a blizzard.

### **PHIL**

God.

(MRS. CLEVELAND sneezes.)

### MRS. CLEVELAND

We're all going to turn into popsicles!

### **PHIL**

Relax. All this warm air from the south is mixing with the cold air from the north, pushing off the Alleghenies and landing in Altoona.

### MR. CLEVELAND

We're from Cleveland.

**PHIL** 

(Turning to leave)

And that's a wrap.

### MRS. LANCASTER

Oh Mr. Connors, will you be staying an extra night?

**PHIL** 

Chance of departure... one hundred percent.

### MR. CLEVELAND

Have a great day!

(PHIL exits the B and B and enters THE TOWN.)

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

BA-DA-BUPBUP BA-DA-DUP BA-DUP!

PHIL TOWNSPEOPLE

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DEPRESSING PUNXSUTAWNEY,

THAN SMALL TOWN U.S.A. PENNSYLVANIA,

AND SMALL DON'T COME U.S.A.

MUCH SMALLER THAN — AH—

### PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG DAY!

### **DEBBIE**

Hey, it's Phil Connors, from –

### FRED & DEBBIE

Good Weather with Phil Connors!

PHIL

Thanks for watching.

**DEBBIE** 

Get a picture!

**FRED** 

Sheriff?

**SHERIFF** 

You bet.

(FRED hands the camera to the Sheriff.)

(PHIL squeezes in with Fred and Debbie.)

**PHIL** 

I'VE NOT A BAD WORD TO SAY, ABOUT SMALL TOWNS PER SE THEY'RE NICE FOR AN HOUR OR, AT A STRETCH, HALF A DAY

AND THEY'RE PERFECT FOR A STOP-OFF ON YOUR WAY,
ON YOUR WAY TO SOMEWHERE ELSE
PRETTY MUCH ANYWHERE ELSE

AND I'VE NO QUALM AT ALL
WITH YOUR SMALL TOWN PEOPLE
I ADMIRE THEIR BALLS GETTING OUT OF BED AT ALL
TO FACE ANOTHER DAY IN A SHIT-HOLE THIS SMALL
ALL HAYSTACKS AND HORSES
WHERE THERE SHOULD BE GOLF COURSES.

AND-

(PHIL continues his journey to the Knob.)

### (PHIL)

ONE BAR, ONE STORE, ONE CLOCK...

(The SHERIFF returns the camera. His loose holster falls and he picks it up.)

**SHERIFF** 

Damn holster!

PHIL

ONE DINER, ONE BANK, ONE COP

(OLD JENSON approaches Phil and begs for money.)

**OLD JENSON** 

Change, Mister?

**PHIL** 

Not today, buddy.

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil!

(Enter NED RYERSON)

**NED RYERSON** 

Phil? Phil Connors?

**PHIL** 

Thanks for watching.

**NED RYERSON** 

Don't tell me you don't remember me cause I sure as heckfire remember you.

**PHIL** 

I'm sort of in a hurry.

**NED RYERSON** 

Ned Ryerson! Needlenose Ned. Ned the Head. Come on, buddy. Case Western High, Ohio? I see those wheels turning. Click click. Click click...

Ned Ryerson?	PHIL
Bing!	NED RYERSON
2116.	
From high school.	PHIL
Bing!	NED RYERSON
	PHIL
And now	FHIL
	NED RYERSON
I sell insurance Phil.	
	PHIL
Insurance.	
	NED RYERSON
Bing! What do you need, old frie	end?
SINGLE? BLANKET	? WHOLE TERM?
	PHIL
Gotta go.	
	NED RYERSON
You've heard our jingle, of cour	se.
	PHIL
Jingle?	

**NED RYERSON** 

DEATH WILL COME TO EV'RYONE
YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE,
YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE,
GOTTA LOVE LIFE...
INSURANCE!

### **PHIL**

Bye now.

### **NED RYERSON**

God! It is so good to see you! What are you doing for dinner?

### **PHIL**

Something else.

(The GROUNDHOG GUY passes, his homemade sun on a stick resting on his shoulder. He turns abruptly and unknowingly smashes Phil in the face with the sun.)

### **NED RYERSON**

Whoa! I've got a policy for that!

### **PHIL**

HOW CAN THEY BEAR IT TO LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? SEPARATE FROM THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE LIKE THIS ONE LITTLE STORE SELLING PLAID SHIRTS AND RAKES, AND IT'S HUNTIN' AND FISHIN' AND HALF-POUNDER STEAKS AND IF I HAVE A HOPE OF A BETTER CAREER THAN THIS THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M BROADCASTING HERE, JESUS

I HAVE BEEN FORECASTING TOO MANY YEARS
TO BE TALKING TO HICKS ABOUT MAGICAL BEAVERS
WHEN I'M DONE, GONNA CALL UP THE STATION
AND TELL THEM I'M THROUGH WITH THIS CRAP
AND NEVER AGAIN WILL I WAKE IN THE MORNING IN...

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PUNXSUTAWNEY IS A LITTLE TOWN
WITH A HEART AS BIG AS ANY TOWN
AS ANY SMALL TOWN IN THE U.S.A.
AND THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER
THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG DAY

PHIL

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

TOMORROW I'LL WAKE AND I'LL CALL UP

THE STATION AND TELL THEM I'M NOT

COMING BACK

AH-

AΗ

AH-

AND NEVER AGAIN WILL I WAKE

IN THE MORNING IN

EV'RY MORNING I WAKE TO THE

DAWNING OF

NEVER AGAIN WILL I WAKE IN THE

MORNING IN

PUNXSUTAWNEY! PUNXSUTAWNEY!

IS A LITTLE TOWN WITH A HEART AS BIG

AS ANY TOWN

THERE'S NOTHING MORE

DEPRESSING THAN SMALL TOWN U.S.A. AS ANY SMALL TOWN IN THE U.S.A.

AND THERE IS NO SMALLER THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER

THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY

ON GROUNDHOG A HEART AS BIG AS ANY TOWN

**PHIL** 

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DEPRESSING AS ANY SMALL TOWN

THAN SMALL TOWN U.S.A. AND IN THE U.S.A.

THERE IS NO TOWN SMALLER THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER

THAN-

PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

PUNXSUTAWNEY ON PUNXSUTAWNEY ON

PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG

**PHIL** 

Just kill me now.

PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

DAY!

# -Gobbler's Knob, Day 1-

(Gobbler's Knob.)

(PHIL enters the excited crowd. RITA stands with LARRY who holds a tv camera.)

# #3-Day One - Punxsutawney Phil

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Phil! Phil! Phil! Yay!

### **RITA**

Phil! Phil! Over here. No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs, and funny hats, dancing to stay warm, I'm—

**PHIL** 

Larry, let's start with a tight closeup.

**LARRY** 

How tight?

**PHIL** 

I don't want to see any of this.

**RITA** 

How was the B and B? You're in their best room.

**PHIL** 

Who are you again?

**RITA** 

Sorry. I'm Rita. We actually worked together on the flood story.

**PHIL** 

Oh, great. They didn't even send me a real producer.

**RITA** 

I'm a real producer. Well, Associate Producer.

# **PHIL** See? **RITA** Either way if there's anything you need that you don't – (NANCY walks past Phil.) **PHIL** Oh. **NANCY** Sorry. **PHIL** Now that's what I'm talking about. Hi! **RITA** Hey, Stud. **PHIL** What? **RITA** Anything that you need, just ask. **PHIL** Really? Anything? **RITA** Work related, Phil. (Clock-tower chimes) **LARRY** Here we go.

RITA

Okay. It's groundhog time.

(Airhorn.)

	PHIL	
Fine. Larry. On me in three		
	LARRY	
Okay. We're on in five.		
	PHIL	
What? Hey Rhonda?	THIL	
Ž		
"Rita."	RITA	
Mta.		
	LARRY	
Four.		
	PHIL	
Two.		
	LARRY	
Three.		
	DIIII	
He always does this.	PHIL	
The universe deces that		
_	LARRY	
Two.		
	PHIL	

Once a year, the eyes of the nation turn to this tiny hamlet in western Pennsylvania to watch a master at work. The master? Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous weatherman, a groundhog who, as legend has it, can predict the coming of an early spring. So, what's it going to be this year? Will he see his shadow? Won't he see his shadow? Is it snowplows or sunscreen? The real question we have to ask ourselves today is, "Does Phil feel lucky?"

### **BUSTER**

EVERY YEAR FOR A HUNDRED YEARS WE'VE BENT OUR HEADS AND LENT OUR EARS TO LISTEN TO HIS FAMED PROGNOSTICATION

(All cheer)

### (BUSTER)

LUCKY FOR YOU I SPEAK WITH EASE
BOTH ENGERLISH AND GROUNDHOG-ESE
PLEASE STAND-BY FOR IMMINENT TRANSLATION

### **ELDERS**

THIS BROWN LOG CONTAIN-ETH
ONE GROUNDHOG THE FAMOUS
PHILLIP OF PUNXSUTAWNEY
THE GIFTED SNIFFER OF FUTURE MORNINGS

(BUSTER pulls the real groundhog from the stump. TOWNSPEOPLE cheer!)

### **BUSTER**

Punxsutawney Phil, seer of seers, prognosticator of prognosticators, has declared in Groundhog-ese that he did indeed see his shadow! Six more weeks of winter!

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Awwwwww! Yaaaaaay!

### ALL

WHO IS THAT? [PHIL! WHO IS THAT?]
EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW?
WHO CAN SEE TODAY
WHAT WE WON'T SEE UNTIL TOMORROW?
SHAMAN OF THE SHADOWS, SPRINGER OF THE SPRING,
IS IT A SQUIRREL? IS IT A BEAVER?

### BUSTER

KINDA BOTH, BUT NOT QUITE EITHER!

### **ALL**

ALL THE METEOROLOGISTS
THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN
CANNOT MATCH THIS LITTLE GUY'S UNCANNY SKILL
WE CAN GUESS, BUT WE WON'T KNOW
IF WE SHOULD DRESS FOR SUN OR SNOW
UNTIL WE HEAR IT FROM OL' PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL!

### **PHIL**

This is one time that television really fails to capture the true excitement of a large squirrel predicting the weather. From Punxsutawney, this is Phil Connors. So long.

### **RITA**

Really, Phil? Want to try it again without the sarcasm?

### **PHIL**

You kidding? I nailed it. That's a wrap. I'll meet you at the diner.

### **LARRY**

He's always like this.

# **PHIL**

Hey, have the van ready.

(PHIL comes face to face with the Groundhog.)

### **PHIL**

What are you looking at?

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

ALL THE METEOROLOGISTS
THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN
CANNOT MATCH THIS LITTLE GUY'S UNCANNY SKILL
WE CAN GUESS BUT WE WON'T KNOW
IF WE SHOULD DRESS FOR SUN OR SNOW
UNTIL WE HEAR IT FROM OL' PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL

(Lights down on Gobbler's Knob.)

# —Diner, Day 1—

(Lights up on the Diner. PHIL sits at a table with his coffee. RITA enters.)

**PHIL** 

There you are.

**RITA** 

Hey.

Where's Larry?	PHIL
He's loading the van.	RITA
Still? How long does that take?	PHIL
I suppose you could give him a hand.	RITA
No, no, I respect the union too much.	PHIL Check, please.
Hey –	RITA
What?	PHIL
I just got here.	RITA
So? We'll get yours to go.	PHIL
Settle down. I want to try the sticky by	RITA
	PHIL
What about what I want?  (The SHERIFF and his DEPUTY)	enter the diner.)
Solution Could I have everyone's attention.	HERIFF
D Listen up for the Sheriff!	EPUTY

# **SHERIFF**

Well, folks, it looks like they closed down the highway.
PHIL
What?
RITA
Why?
MRS. LANCASTER
What's going on?
DEPUTY
It's that "blizzard thing."
PHIL
Wait. No.
RITA
I'd better call the station.
(RITA and everyone else pull out their cell phones, realize that there's no signal, and return the phones.)
PHIL
No. Don't listen to them.
FRED
Still no signal.
DORIS
I'll put on more coffee.
Well—
DEBBIE So, everything's shut down?  SHERIFF Well—

What about the one-nineteen?	JEFF
	SHERIFF
That's closed.	PHIL
No.	TIIL
Three-ten?	BUSTER
Closed.	SHERIFF
How about the Colonel Drake High	<b>DEBBIE</b> way?
I'm telling you, it's all around us.	SHERIFF
Like a blizzard doughnut.	DEPUTY
(1 1: C1 :(C (C )	JEFF
(handing Sheriff coffee) Here you go, Pop.	
Thanks, son.	SHERIFF
West Chariff Thorn is no bliggered th	PHIL
Wait. Sheriff. There is no blizzard th	SHERIFF
Hey, don't you watch the weather?	
Hey, I make the weather!	PHIL

RITA
Phil, let me take care of this.
FRED
Sheriff! That's Phil Connors from—
FRED & DEBBIE
Good Weather with Phil Connors!
DIII
PHIL  Thanks for watching. All this warm air from the south is mixing with the cold air
from the north, pushing off the Alleghenies and landing in Altoona.
SHERIFF
Not this time.
FRED
So we got the whole day off!
DEBBIE
Snowball fight!
(JEFF drops a tray which clatters to the floor.)
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JEFF
Jeepers, Debbie.
SHERIFF
Well, we'll let you folks know if anything changes.
(The SHERIFF moves to the door.)
PHIL
Wait. Sheriff – Sheriff, I can't be stuck here. Isn't there a fast lane, for emergencies, or celebrities?
DEPUTY
Which one are you?
PHIL

Both. I'm a celebrity in an emergency. Phil Connors.

**SHERIFF** Phil-**DEPUTY** Like the groundhog. **BUSTER** Punxsutawney Phil! **DEPUTY** Look out for your shadow, pal. (Laughter all over.) **PHIL** What is wrong with you god damned people! (PHIL exits with determination into the blizzard.) **CROWD** Heeeey -**RITA** (to crowd) Sorry! Sorry. PHIL (O.S.) Larry! Start the van!

# #4-Day One - Blizzard

(We see PHIL attempt to leave town only to be thwarted by the blizzard doughnut.)

# -Hotel Bar, Day 1-

(LIGHTS UP on HOTEL BAR)

(RITA sits at the bar rubbing her cold toes. BUSTER is peering at his caged groundhog.)

### **BUSTER**

Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! And yet, there's a hint of sadness. I guess we're off to the Banquet. Anyone else?

**RITA** 

Maybe when my toes thaw out.

**BUSTER** 

That's what the dancing is for!

**BARTENDER BILLY** 

See you, Buster.

(BUSTER exits.)

(PHIL enters, freezing, covered with snow)

**RITA** 

Phil! We were getting ready to send out a search party. My god, what were you doing out there? You're freezing. Come and sit down.

**PHIL** 

The roads are closed.

**RITA** 

I know but thanks for checking.

**PHIL** 

All of them. The one-nineteen. The three-ten. The Colonel Drake Highway.

(She rubs his shoulders and back.)

**RITA** 

You need to warm up.

**PHIL** 

Oh, yeah. That's good. Thanks, Rhoda.

**RITA** 

Rita.

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Rita, Rhonda, Rhoda. Your room's upstairs, right?
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### **RITA**

I already rebooked you at the bed and breakfast.

### **PHIL**

You know, calling it a bed and breakfast doesn't mean it's not sleeping at some old lady's house. Could we go back to the rubbing thing? That was good for me.

### **RITA**

How 'bout we keep things professional.

### **PHIL**

I could pay you. Kidding. But seriously, we're not working now. It's a snow day!

### **RITA**

Oh, you're looking for a little winter fling?

**PHIL** 

What do you think?

**RITA** 

Yeah. I think Larry's available.

**PHIL** 

Look, kid, you'll never have –

**RITA** 

"Kid"?

**PHIL** 

It's an expression.

**RITA** 

I'm thirty-six.

**PHIL** 

Just saying you'll never have an opportunity even half as good –

**RITA** 

Can't you ever just have a, a normal—?

**PHIL** 

Right. Got it. Never mind.

**RITA** 

Oh, sit down, Phil. We can have a drink together.

**PHIL** 

That's clearly pointless. You know, you're doing a terrible job of keeping the talent happy.

(PHIL encounters STORM CHASER and LADY STORM CHASER.)

### LADY STORM CHASER

Greetings, greetings!

STORM CHASER

Happy Groundhog –

**PHIL** 

Shut up. Hey – have the van outside my room at 7 A.M.

**RITA** 

You're going to miss the groundhog dinner.

**PHIL** 

Forget it. I had groundhog for lunch.

(PHIL leaves the Bar.)

(RITA pulls out her journal, begins writing.)

# #5 - Day One - Diary

**RITA** 

FEBRUARY SECOND: FIRST REMOTE BROADCAST. G-H-D IN PUNX. P.A.

### **RITA**

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

UNEXPECTED WEATHER SEEMS WE'RE TOMORROW SPRING WILL COME

STAYING HERE FOR ANOTHER NIGHT AND THEN

WHICH IS KIND OF FINE – IT'S A SWEET THERE WILL BE BLUE SKIES

TOWN AND PEOPLE ARE KIND AND— MY FRIEND

THE BARTENDER'S KIND OF HOT

### **BARTENDER BILLY**

Drink, Miss?

### **RITA**

What?

### **BARTENDER BILLY**

Cocktail?

### **RITA**

Sure. Why not. I'll have a sweet vermouth on the rocks. With a kiss. Twist. Twist, please.

(She mouths "fuck.")

RITA TOWNSPEOPLE

**TOMORROW** 

HOPEFULLY TOMORROW

THE ROADS WILL BE CLEARED THERE WILL BE SUN

AND WE CAN GO HOME

WORKING WITH PHIL CONNORS AND IF NOT TOMORROW

THEY ALL TOLD ME

HE WOULD BE AN ASSHOLE PERHAPS THE DAY AAAAAAAA —

AND HE IS.

LUCKILY HE'S FUNNY. ISH.

THINKS HE'S TOO GOOD FOR THIS.

### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

TOMORROW SPRING WILL COME,

AND THEN THERE WILL BE BLUE SKIES MY FRIEND

BRIGHT EYES AND LAUGHTER

TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SUN

AND IF NOT TOMORROW

PERHAPS THE DAY AAAAAAAA...

# —Day 2 Wakeup And Journey—

(A clock radio sounds its wakeup alarm.)

(Lights up on the bedroom set. Lying in bed is PHIL, everything exactly as before.)

# #6-Day Two - Small Town USA

#### **CLOCK RADIO**

WHO IS THAT,
WHO IS THAT EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW,
WHO CAN SEE TODAY
WHAT WE WON'T SEE UNTIL TOMORROW?
SHAMAN OF THE SHADOWS!
SPRINGER OF THE SPRING!...

DJ 1

Springer of the spring. Come on!

DJ 1 & DJ 2

Is it a squirrel? Is it a beaver?

DJ 1

Kinda both

DJ 1 & DJ 2

but not quite either!

DJ 1

That's right woodchuck chuckers it's...

DJ 1 & DJ 2

Groundhog Day!

(Improv Groundhog Noises)

**PHIL** 

IDIOTS. YOU'RE PLAYING YESTERDAY'S TAPE.

(PHIL starts to get dressed.)

# DJ1

We're here live from Gobbler's Knob talking about everything. Weather,

DJ 2

Predictions,

DJ 1

Temperature,

DJ 2

The weather,

DJ 1

It's just nuts!

**PHIL** 

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DEPRESSING THAN -

(Phone rings.)

DJ 2

Totally wacky.

SFX wacky sounds.

DJ 1

But that's our town on February second.

DJ 2

I mean what could be crazier than Groundhogs in February?

DJ 1

By the way, that's a great hat you're wearing.

(PHIL answers the phone.)

PHIL

(into phone)

Hello? Yeah, I didn't set a wake-up call. Happy Groundhog D— How many days is this holiday?

DJ 2 Thanks! I made it myself! DJ1 Really nice hat. Oh, I hope it's warm enough. You know, there's talk of a blizzard. How cold would you say it is? DJ 2 Oh, I'm no good at science. DJ 1 You know, you lose up to 80 percent of your body heat through your head. **PHIL** BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH YOU'RE SO FIRED DJ 2 True fact. I learned that in high school. DJ 1 That's the value of a good education. DJ 2 Punxsutawney High! DJ 1 & DJ 2 Go Chucks! PHIL Go Chucks! DJ 1 Ha, that was a good time. DJ 2 I'm still hung over! **PHIL** 

GOD DAMNED AMATEURS.

DJ1

But right now the question on everyone's lips.

**PHIL** 

Chapped lips!

DJ 2

Chapped lips!

DJ 1

Do you think Phil will see his shadow?

**PHIL** 

Yes, he did.

DJ1

What's your prediction?

**PHIL** 

I predict your unemployment!

DJ 2

I predict a whole day of celebration! Cause they love it!

**PHIL** 

THERE'S NOTHING MORE DEPRESSING THAN SMALL TOWNS, TINY MINDS

(Hat squeak.)

I'LL TELL LARRY TO TAKE THE 210
VIA BEYER AND KEYSTONE LAKE
IF WE HURRY I'LL BE DRINKING DECENT COFFEE BY NINE
OR EVEN HALF PAST EIGHT
AND NEVER AGAIN WILL I WAKE IN THE MORNING IN
PUUUUUU—

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

PUNXSUTAWNEY! BA-BA-BA-BA-BA-

**PHIL** 

BA-BA-BA-BA-

#### (PHIL)

SUCK MY BALLS, I'M OUT.

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA U.S.A. AAAAAAAAAAAAH—

(PHIL, now dressed, exits his room. Exactly as before the CHUBBY MAN greets him.)

#### **CHUBBY MAN**

Good morning! Off to see the groundhog?

**PHIL** 

Excuse me?

**CHUBBY MAN** 

Off to see the groundhog?

**PHIL** 

Didn't we do this yesterday?

**CHUBBY MAN** 

I don't know what you're talking about.

**PHIL** 

Don't mess with me pork-chop. What day is this?

**CHUBBY MAN** 

It's February 2nd! Groundhog Day!

**PHIL** 

No, that was yesterday.

**CHUBBY MAN** 

Okay.

**PHIL** 

I THINK I'M GONNA LOSE IT ALL TOGETHER
IF, I THINK I'M GONNA LOSE IT ALL TOGETHER

(PHIL continues to the PARLOR.)

#### MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, Mr. Connors! Looks like a storm coming, don't you think?

**PHIL** 

Weird.

MRS. LANCASTER

Did you sleep well?

**PHIL** 

Probably not.

MRS. LANCASTER

Would you like some coffee?

**PHIL** 

Yes please.

MRS. LANCASTER

I hope you like it. Sometimes it goes a little rogue.

(She bangs the pot.)

**PHIL** 

What?

(*The CLEVELANDS enter.*)

MRS. CLEVELAND

Good morning!

MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, hi!

MR. CLEVELAND

I heard there's talk of a blizzard.

(MRS. CLEVELAND sneezes)

#### MRS. CLEVELAND

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We're all	$\sigma \cap m \sigma$	to	furn	1nto	popsicles!
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**PHIL** 

Do you ever have déjà vu?

MRS. LANCASTER

I don't think so. But I could check with the kitchen.

**PHIL** 

You know, could you hold my bag for me?

MRS. LANCASTER

Of course. Will you be staying an extra night, Mr. Connors?

**PHIL** 

Chance of departure, eighty percent.

MR. CLEVELAND

Have a great day!

(PHIL exits the B and B and enters THE TOWN.)

**DEBBIE** 

Hey, it's Phil Connors, from

FRED & DEBBIE

Good Weather with Phil Connors!

**DEBBIE** 

Get a picture!

**FRED** 

Sheriff?

**SHERIFF** 

You bet.

(FRED hands the camera to the SHERIFF. PHIL squeezes in with Fred and Debbie.)

#### **PHIL**

OKAY,

ONE: I'M STILL SLEEPING AND THIS-

I'M JUST DREAMING IT

TWO: IT'S A PRANK AND EVERYONE'S IN ON IT.

THREE: IT'S A FLASHBACK FROM WHEN I WAS TWENTY -

AND ATE MAGIC MUSHROOMS

AND THOUGHT I WAS AQUAMAN

(SHERIFF takes picture and returns the camera. PHIL continues his journey to the Knob.)

FOUR: IT'S SOME KIND OF REALITY SHOW
ABOUT FORECASTERS, BAD BED AND BREAKFASTS
AND SNOW

(The SHERIFF'S holster falls and he picks it up.)

#### **SHERIFF**

Damn holster!

#### PHIL

FIVE: I'VE HAD A STROKE AND LOST MY MEMORY OF THE YEAR SINCE LAST GROUNDHOG DAY.

(OLD JENSON begs PHIL for money)

#### **OLD JENSON**

Change, Mister.

PHIL

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

COME ON PHIL WAKE UP,

**GET IT TOGETHER** 

IT MUST BE THE WEATHER

IT MUST BE THE STRESS PUNXSUTAWNEY!

I JUST NEED A MOMENT BA-DA-BUP BUP BA-DA-DUP BA DUP!

I JUST NEED A REST I JUST... (PHIL! PHIL! PHIL!...)

(Enter NED RYERSON)

**NED** 

Phil?

PHIL
Oh, crap.
NED
Phil Connors? Don't tell me you don't remember me, because I sure as heckfire remember you.
PHIL
Ned Ryerson?
NED
Bing! First shot right out of the box! How's it going, old buddy?
PHIL
Actually, I'm not feeling so great.
NED
It's funny you should mention your health. You will never guess what I do now.
PHIL
Insurance?
NED
Bing again! You are sharp as a tack today!
PHIL
I gotta go.
NED
Of course, sharp tack today, Alzheimer's Care Unit tomorrow, and that's expensive. Am I right or am I right? Right?
PHIL
Bye, Ned.
NED RYERSON
You've heard our jingle, of course.
PHIL

Jingle?

#### **NED RYERSON**

DEATH WILL COME TO EVERYONE
YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE,
YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE,
YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE...
INSURANCE!

**PHIL** 

I'm leaving.

**NED** 

God! It is so good to see you! What are you doing for dinner?

**PHIL** 

Busy!

**NED** 

After dinner?

**PHIL** 

Busy!

(The GROUNDHOG GUY enters, his sun on a stick resting on his shoulder. He turns abruptly and unknowingly smashes PHIL in the face with the sun.)

#### **NED RYERSON**

Whoa! I've got a policy for that!

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PUNXSUTAWNEY IS A LITTLE TOWN
WITH A HEART AS BIG AS ANY TOWN,
AS ANY SMALL TOWN IN THE USA
AND THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER
THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY
ON GROUNDHOG,
GROUNDHOG,
GROUNDHOG

# #7-Day Two - Punxsutawney Phil

# -Gobbler's Knob, Day 2-

(PHIL enters the excited crowd. RITA stands with LARRY who holds a to camera.)

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Phil! Phil! Phil!	Phil! Yay	7!
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**RITA** 

Phil! Phil! Over here. No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs, and funny hats, dancing to stay warm, I'm—

PHIL
You're Rita.

RITA
You remembered. How nice.

PHIL
Larry,

LARRY
Yeah.

PHIL
Quick. I need a good, hard slap in the face.

LARRY

Slap? Oh, I don't normally...

**PHIL** 

Fine. Whatever. Rita.

**RITA** 

No, I'm not going to—

**PHIL** 

Hit me!

(Without hesitation she slaps him. Hard.) **RITA** Was that good? **PHIL** Very professional. **RITA** Thank you. Is something wrong? **PHIL** Yes. Everything's wrong. **RITA** Can you be more specific? **PHIL** It's just... Very, very – **RITA** Look, just get through the... (NANCY walks past PHIL.) **PHIL** Oh. **NANCY** Sorry. **PHIL** Now that's what I'm—Hi there. **RITA** Hey Hasselhoff, let's just get through the segment and we'll sort it out later, okay?

**PHIL** 

Sure.

RITA	
You with me?	
(The clock-tower chimes.)	
LARRY	
Here we go.	
RITA	
Okay, it's groundhog time.	
(Airhorn blast and a cheer as the Elders in their top ha	ts take the stage.)
PHIL	
Hey – do I get paid per broadcast?	
RITA	
What?	
PHIL	
Fine. Larry. On me in three	
LARRY	
Okay, we're on in five—	
PHIL	
What? Rita?	
LARRY	
Four.	
PHIL	
Two.	
LARRY	
Three.	
PHIL	
He always does this.	

#### **LARRY**

Two.

#### **PHIL**

It's Groundhog Day. Again. That must mean we're on the Knob, on Gobbler's Knob, here, waiting for the famous forecast, Phil's forecast, brought to you by the world's most groundhog weatherman, Punxsutawney Phil, who's about to tell us how much more winter we can expect.

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

ALL THE METEOROLOGISTS
THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN
CANNOT MATCH THIS LITTLE GUY'S UNCANNY SKILL
WE CAN GUESS BUT WE WON'T KNOW
IF WE SHOULD DRESS FOR SUN OR SNOW
UNTIL WE HEAR IT FROM OL' PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL!

# -Diner, Day 2-

PHIL

(*Lights up on the Diner.*)

(PHIL sits at a table with his coffee. RITA enters.)

RITA
Phil.

PHIL
There you are.

RITA
Hey.

PHIL
Where's Larry?

RITA
He's loading the van.

That's right. And I could help.

RITA
You could help.
PHIL
But I didn't. So I better not. That could mess with the space-time continuum.
RITA
Are you drunk or something?
PHIL
No. Drunk is more fun. Can we go now?
RITA
I just got here. Let my toes warm up. Besides, I heard the sticky buns are terrific.
PHIL
What's with you and the sticky buns?
(The SHERIFF and his DEPUTY enter the diner.)
SHERIFF
Could I have everyone's attention.
PHIL
No.
DEPUTY
Listen up for the Sheriff!
PHIL
No.
SHERIFF
Well, folks, looks like they closed down the highway.
RITA
Why?
MRS. LANCASTER

What's going on?

# **DEPUTY** It's that blizzard thing. **RITA** I'd better call the station. (RITA and everyone else pull out their cell phones, realize that there's no signal, and return the phones.) **FRED** Still no signal. **DORIS** I'll put on more coffee. **DEBBIE** Everything's shut down? **SHERIFF** Well-**JEFF** What about the one-nineteen? **SHERIFF** That's closed. BUSTER Three-ten? **SHERIFF** Closed. **DEBBIE**

SHERIFF

How about the Colonel Drake Highway?

I'm telling you, it's all around us.

DEPUTY
Like a blizzard doughnut.
JEFF
(handing Sheriff coffee)
Here you go, Pop.
SHERIFF
Thanks, son.
RITA
(to Phil)
I thought it was hitting Altoona.
PHIL
It was. Remember? All this warm air from the south is mixing with the cold air from the north, pushing off the Alleghenies —
SHERIFF
Not this time.
PHIL
Listen, buddy—
RITA
Phil, let me take care of this.
FRED
Sheriff! That's Phil Connors from
FRED & DEBBIE
Good Weather with Phil Connors!
PHIL
Thanks for watching.
FRED
So we got the whole day off?

# **DEBBIE**

Snowball fight! (JEFF drops a tray which clatters to the floor.) **JEFF** Jeepers, Debbie. **SHERIFF** Well, we'll let you folks know if anything changes. **RITA** Where are you going? **PHIL** Back to bed. **RITA** Should I call someone? **PHIL** With what? A Dixie cup? (PHIL pushes past the SHERIFF and wanders in a daze out the door.) **RITA** Maybe I can help. Phil? **SHERIFF** Phil. **DEPUTY** Like the groundhog. **BUSTER** Punxutanwney Phil! (Everyone laughs.)

**DEPUTY** 

Look out for your shadow, pal.

# #8-Day Two - Diary

# —Rita's Diary #3—

#### **RITA**

FEBRUARY SECOND
FIRST REMOTE BROADCAST
GHD IN PUNX PA
THEY ALL TOLD ME HE WOULD BE AN ASSHOLE

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

TOMORROW SPRING WILL COME
AND THEN THERE WILL BE BLUE SKIES MY FRIEND
BRIGHT EYES AND LAUGHTER
TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SUN
AND IF NOT TOMORROW
PERHAPS THE DAY AAAAAAAAA

# —Day Three Wakeup—

(The clock radio sounds its wakeup alarm.)

(Lights up on the bedroom set, all as before.)

(Lying in bed is PHIL.)

# #9-Day Three

# **CLOCK RADIO**

WHO IS THAT,
WHO IS THAT EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW,
WHO CAN SEE TODAY
WHAT WE WON'T SEE UNTIL TOMORROW?
SHAMAN OF THE SHADOWS! ...

DJ 1

SPRINGER OF THE SPRING.

Come on!

DJ 1 & DJ 2

IS IT A SQUIRREL, IS IT A BEAVER

DJ 1
Kinda both
DJ 1 & DJ 2
but not quite either!
DJ 1
That's right woodchuck chuckers it's
DJ 1 & DJ 2
Groundhog Day!
(Improv Groundhog Noises)
PHIL
No, no, no!
(A panicked PHIL struggles to get out of bed, tripping and falling, stumbling into his clothes.)
DJ 1
We're here live from Gobbler's Knob talking about everything. Weather,
DJ 2
Predictions,
DJ 1
Temperature,
DJ 2
The weather,
PHIL
Don't ring! Don't –
DJ 1
It's just nuts!
(Phone rings)

	DJ 2
Totally wacky.	
(Phone rings)	
SFX wacky sounds.	
(Phone keeps ringing. PHIL throw	es on his clothes quickly.)
	DJ 1
But that's our town on February secor wearing.	nd. By the way, that's a great hat you're
	DJ 2
Thanks! I made it myself!	
	DJ 1
You know, there's talk of a blizzard.	
	DJ 2
Well, it's cold enough.	
	DJ 1
You know, you lose up to 80 percent o	of your body heat through your head.
	1 & DJ 2
Go Chucks!	
	DJ 1
Ha, that was a good time.	
	DJ 2
I'm still hung over.	
	DJ 1
But right now the question on everyor	ne's lips.
	DJ 2
Chapped lips!	

# DJ1

Do you think Phil will see his shadow? What's your prediction?

DJ 2

I predict a whole day of celebration!

DJ1

I guess we'll just have to wait for Punxsutawney Phil, so stay tuned!

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

AAH – PUNXSUTAWNEY!
BA-DA-BUP BUP, BA-DA-DUP BA-DUP
BA-DA-BUP BUP, BA-DA-DUP BA-DUP

(PHIL grabs his shoes and hurries out the door. The CHUBBY MAN passes.)

#### **CHUBBY MAN**

Good morning!

**PHIL** 

Ehh!

**CHUBBY MAN** 

Off to see the -

**PHIL** 

Bzzt!

**CHUBBY MAN** 

Hey – think it'll –

**PHIL** 

Aaahh!

(PHIL continues to the Parlor.)

#### MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, Mr. Connors! Looks like a storm coming –

# **PHIL** Stop it! MRS. LANCASTER Oh. Did you sleep well? PHIL No! MRS. LANCASTER Well, how about some coffee? **PHIL** I don't want any coffee. (MRS. LANCASTER bangs the pot.) (The CLEVELANDS enter.) (PHIL struggles into his shoes as he hops toward the door.) MRS. CLEVELAND Good morning! MRS. LANCASTER Oh, hi! MR. CLEVELAND I heard there's talk of a blizzard. (MRS. CLEVELAND sneezes.) MRS. CLEVELAND We're all going to turn into popsicles! **PHIL** Get me out of here! MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, Mr. Connors, will you be staying –?

**DEBBIE** 

Hey, it's Phil Connors from...

(PHIL rushes out of the B and B and into THE TOWN.)

PHIL
Leave me alone!
FRED
What a dick.
(PHIL continues toward the knob. The SHERIFF drops his holster.)
SHERIFF
Damn holster!
PHIL
Again with the gun.
(He encounters OLD JENSON, who begs for money.)
OLD JENSON
Change, Mister?
PHIL
I said no!
(Enter NED RYERSON)
NED RYERSON
Phil? Phil Connors?
PHIL
Ambulance!
NED RYERSON
Wait. Phil? Don't tell me you don't remember me cause I sure as heckfire remember you.
PHIL
I need some tests done. I need –

#### **NED RYERSON**

Ned Ryerson! Needlenose Ned. Ned the Head. Come on, buddy. Case Western High, Ohio?

**PHIL** 

What's happening to me?

#### **NED RYERSON**

DEATH WILL COME TO EVERYONE YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE, YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE, YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE...

**INSURANCE!** 

(The GROUNDHOG GUY enters, turns abruptly, and unknowingly smashes PHIL in the face with the sun.)

**PHIL** 

AAAH! God damn it!!

**NED RYERSON** 

Whoa! I've got a policy for that!

**CROWD** 

Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil!

Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil!

Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil!

PHIL

Help me!!

(PHIL finds himself on an examination table.)

**PHIL** 

Hello? Can anyone help me?

# #10 - Stuck

(A succession of EXPERTS enter and attend to PHIL.)

**HEALER** 

I HAVE A DEGREE

**PHIL** 

That's nice

**HEALER** 

IN ALTERNATIVE THERAPY

PHIL

Ok.

**HEALER** 

TOOK AN ONLINE COURSE FOR A WEEK OR TWO

**PHIL** 

Maybe we should –

**HEALER** 

I THINK WE SHOULD BEGIN WITH A NICE BIT OF REIKI

**PHIL** 

Reiki?

**HEALER** 

UNBLOCK YOUR CHI

**PHIL** 

What's Chi?

**HEALER** 

IT'S DOO BE DOO BE TRA LA LA,
IT'S HOLISTIC THERAPY

PHIL

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

#### **HEALER**

IT'S ENERGY. VIBRATIONS AND SOMETHING MAGNETS AND DO BE DIDDLY POM POM, NOW PISS.

**PHIL** 

What?

**HEALER** 

PISS.

**PHIL** 

I just –

**HEALER** 

PISS INTO THIS.

**PHIL** 

I don't want -

**HEALER** 

I'LL ANALYZE YOUR ISOTOPES
AND SOMETHING SOMETHING QUANTUM QUANTUM

**PHIL** 

I'M STUCK I'M JUST -

**NATUROPATH** 

I THINK YOU'RE ALLERGIC TO GLUTEN,

**PHIL** 

STUCK, I'M... IT'S LIKE,
I FEEL LIKE I'M TRAPPED IN A LOOP,
LIKE I'M UNSTUCK IN TIME

**NATUROPATH** 

WELL I THINK CUTTING OUT GLUTEN

**PHIL** 

I'M...

**NATUROPATH** 

IS THE SMARTEST SOLUTION

**PHIL** 

FINE

**NATUROPATH** 

THAT OR A DIET OF SOUP

PHIL

Soup?

**NATUROPATH** 

MADE OF MONKEY FORESKIN.

**PHIL** 

I THINK I'VE LOST MY MIND,

**NATUROPATH** 

HOW ABOUT

**PHIL** 

I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND MY WAY OUT OF...

**NATUROPATH** 

AN ENEMA!

**PHIL** 

What?

**NATUROPATH** 

WOULD YOU LIKE AN ENEMA?

PHIL

EXISTENTIALLY, I'M-

**NATUROPATH** 

SOME ESSENTIAL OILS.

**PHIL** 

 ${\it ESSENTIALLY, I'M-}$ 

**NATUROPATH** 

ORGANIC TEAS.

**PHIL** 

WHO NEEDS ENEMAS WITH FRIENDS LIKE -?

#### NATUROPATH & HEALER

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I BELIEVE WHAT I'M SAYING
THIS GUY IS CLEARLY NUTS,
BUT HE IS DESPERATE AND HE'S PAYING
STATISTICALLY, HE MIGHT AS WELL BE SITTING HOME
AND PRAYING FOR ALL THE GOOD THAT I CAN DO,
I DON'T HAVE A FRICKIN CLUE WHAT I'M DOING
THOUGH THERE ARE THINGS
THAT WE JUST DON'T KNOW
IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE
GIVING AN ANSWER A GO

#### **NATUROPATH**

NOW OPEN YOUR BUTTOCKS A WEE BIT

#### PHIL

I'M NOT SURE HOW THIS WILL HELP

#### NATUROPATH & HEALER

I JUST WANT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT

#### PHIL

I'M STUCK I'M JUST STUCK

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

I HAVE A PHD

PHIL

Finally.

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

IN PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGY,

PHII.

Right.

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

I SPECIALIZE IN MENTAL ILLNESS -

**PHIL** 

OH GOOD

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

IN COWS

#### **PHIL**

WHAT?

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

LET'S TREAT YOUR DEPRESSION WITH A COURSE OF FLUOXITAL

PHIL

I'M NOT DEPRESSED

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

YOU'RE NOT?

PHIL

NO

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

YOU MUST BE DELUSIONAL
SO TAKE SOME ACEPROMAZINE
AND A COUPLE OF CLOCAPRAMINE
AND QUIETLY I'D ADVISE YA TO TRY THIS TRANQUILIZER
ALTHOUGH MAYBE YOU SHOULD JUST TAKE HALF,

**PHIL** 

Okay.

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

IT SAYS WHOLE ONES FOR COWS

**PHIL** 

I'm not a...

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

AND HALF FOR CALFS.

#### NATUROPATH, HEALER, & PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I BELIEVE WHAT I'M SAYIN'

**PHIL** 

I'm-

# NATUROPATH, HEALER, & PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

THIS GUY IS CLEARLY NUTS,
BUT HE IS DESP'RATE AND HE'S PAYIN'

#### PHIL

-stuck.

#### NATUROPATH, HEALER, & PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

STATISTIC'LY, HE MIGHT AS WELL BE SITTIN' HOME AND PRAYIN' FOR ALL THE GOOD THAT I CAN DO, I DON'T HAVE A FRICKIN' CLUE—

#### **SCIENTOLOGIST**

IN MY MEDICINE CUPBOARD
THERE'S A BUNCH OF L. RON HUBBARD.

#### **AA PERSON**

THERE ARE ONLY TWELVE STEPS
AND THEY SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG

#### **NATUROPATH**

WE JUST NEED A SAMPLE
OF YOUR STOOL AND YOUR SEMEN

#### **PRIEST**

YOU HAVE SATAN WITHIN YOU WE MUST EXORCISE YOUR DEMONS

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

TAKE THIS PILL

#### **SCIENTOLOGIST**

READ THIS BOOK

#### **NATUROPATH**

EAT YOUR VEG'TABLES UNCOOKED

#### **HEALER**

IT'S YOUR KARMA!

#### **NATUROPATH**

IT'S JUST TOXINS!

#### PSYCHIATRIC PHARMACOLOGIST

IT'S FOR CONSTIPATED OXENS

# **ALL EXPERTS**

# WELL THAT OUGHT TO LOOSEN YOU UP.

PHIL	EXPERTS		
I AM STUCK!	I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I BELIEVE WHAT		
OKAY ONE: I'M STILL SLEEPING	I'M SAYING, THIS GUY IS CLEARLY NUTS,		
AND THIS I'M JUST DREAMING IT	BUT HE IS DESPERATE AND HE'S PAYING		
TWO: IT'S A PRANK	STATISTICALLY, HE MIGHT AS WELL BE		
AND EVERYONE'S IN ON IT	SITTING HOME AND PRAYING FOR ALL		
THREE: IT'S A FLASHBACK	THE GOOD THAT I CAN DO,		
FROM WHEN I WAS TWENTY	I DON'T HAVE A FRICKIN CLUE WHAT		
AND ATE MAGIC MUSHROOMS	I'M DOING THOUGH THERE ARE THINGS		
AND THOUGHT I WAS AQUAMAN	THAT WE JUST DON'T KNOW IT DOESN'T		
FOUR: IT'S SOME KIND OF REALITY SHOW	MEAN YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE GIVING AN		
FIVE: IT'S AMNESIA	ANSWER A GO		
SIX: IT'S A STROKE	YOU JUST HAVE TO OPEN YOUR MIND		
I THINK I AM LOSING MY	THAT'LL BE 500 BUCKS		
PHII			
What the			
what the			
PRIES	T		
A CHECK IS FINE.			
PHII			
	-		
Fine.			
HEALI	ER		
KARMA			
AA PERS	SON		
TOXINS			
NATURO!	DATH		
	rain		
ENEMA			
PSYCHIATRIC PHAI	RMACOLOGIST		
OXEN			
PRIES	T		
PRIES	· 1		

**JESUS** 

#### **SCIENTOLOGIST**

**XENU** 

(Lights up on Dive Bar.)

#### **GUS & RALPH**

AL-CO-HOL!

(GUS, RALPH, and PHIL sit on barstools. Plunky Country Blues plays in the background.)

# #11-Nobody Cares

**GUS** 

Six more weeks of winter.

**RALPH** 

Yep.

(Beat)

That's a long time.

(The men drink and ponder.)

**GUS** 

Now, did you actually SEE the groundhog see his shadow?

**RALPH** 

Well, his eyes were open.

**GUS** 

Yeah. But you know how you can look at something but your mind is somewhere else?

**RALPH** 

So, you think he was daydreaming?

**GUS** 

Or you know, kind of planning out his schedule.

(The men drink and ponder.)

#### (GUS)

Did you know that in Punxsutawney they got only one word for "snow?"

(Beat)

#### **RALPH**

What is it?

(PHIL chugs the rest of his drink.)

**GUS** 

Hey, take it easy buddy.

#### **RALPH**

Whatever happened, it can't be that bad.

#### **PHIL**

Really? How would you like it if you were stuck in one place and every day was exactly the same and nothing that you did made any difference?

(GUS and RALPH look up from their drinks.)

#### **GUS**

I WAKE UP HUNGOVER,
I GO TO BED SMASHED,
LIKE AN ALCOHOLIC HAMSTER
ON ONE OF THOSE LITTLE WHEELY THINGS
EV'RY EVENING, THE SAME
EV'RY MORNING, THE PAIN
I START DRINKIN' AT TEN
AND BY NOON I'M NOT FEELIN' THINGS
NOBODY CARES WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT

#### **RALPH**

OOH-

(BURP)

-OH SHIT, I JUST GONE THROWN UP IN MY MOUTH

#### **GUS**

SWALLOW IT MAN, JUST SWALLOW IT Y'OPINIONS OR Y'VOMIT

#### (GUS)

#### EITHER WAY THEY DON'T WANT IT

GUS	RALPH
AND I THINK I HAD A POINT THERE	WHAT IS YOUR POINT?
BUT THE POINT IS, IT DON'T MATTER	WHAT IS YOUR
COS IT'S POINTLESS HAVING POINTS	POINTLESS HAVING POINTS ANYWAY
ANYWAY NOBODY CARES WHAT I SAY	NOBODY CARES WHAT I SAY
NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO	NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BOTHERING	
IF NO ONE ELSE IS BOTHERED	NO ONE ELSE IS BOTHERED
I WAS BORN IN THIS TOWN	BORN IN THIS TOWN
AND I'M GONNA DIE HERE TOO.	AND I'M GONNA DIE HERE TOO.

#### **GUS & RALPH**

I WAKE WITH A HEADACHE I TAKE A PISS I OFTEN MISS I OFTEN GIT A LITTLE BIT ON THE FLOOR

#### **RALPH**

I EAT A PIECE OF -

#### **GUS & RALPH**

TOAST THAT I FOUND TOASTED IN THE TOASTER THEN I GOES TO GET MY JACKET BY THE RACK BY THE BACK DOOR.

#### **RALPH**

AND THEN I GET INTO MY-

#### **GUS & RALPH**

TRUCK AND DRIVE A BLOCK TO RALPHIE'S SHOP IT'S ALWAYS SHUT, HE PICKS ME UP (I PICK HIM UP) AND DRIVE US UP TO RUNNING ROCK AND SHOOT SOME CANS AND CRACK SOME CANS AND SHOOT THE BREEZE ABOUT THE WEATHER OR A SPORTS TEAM OR A CAR. AND AFTER THAT, THE BAR.

#### **RALPH**

Gus? I think we should call it a night.

Yeah.

# GUS

Yeah, yeah. I can barely walk. I'll get the truck. Where's my keys?		
PHIL		
How do I make it stop? No matter what I do, every day is today. Even tomorrow.		
GUS		
Tomorrow is today?		
PHIL		
It will be tomorrow.		
RALPH		
Then today is already tomorrow.		
GUS		
Other way around.		
RALPH		
So when's yesterday?		
GUS		
It's today, Ralph.		
RALPH Oh. So if yesterday is today then there is no tomorrow tomorrow.		
PHIL Exactly. There's no tomorrow tomorrow.		
GUS See!		
(Begin percussion, upbeat.)		
PHIL		
With no tomorrow we could eat anything and never get fat.		
GUS		

**RALPH** Like flapjacks! **PHIL** We could drink anything. **GUS** Wait -**PHIL** And never get hung-over. **RALPH** Go on. **PHIL** No cholesterol. No lectures. No limits. No rules. We could do whatever we want. **GUS & RALPH** We could do whatever we want! (They get into a truck.) **PHIL** I'm driving.

#### GUS, RALPH, & PHIL

I WAKE WITH A HEADACHE, I TAKE A PISS
I OFTEN MISS, I OFTEN GIT A LITTLE BIT ON THE FLOOR
I SOMETIMES TRY TO CLEAN THE MESS
I MAKES FROM MY MISTAKES
BUT FOR WHOSE SAKE AM I MAKING ALL THIS
EFFING EFFORT FOR?
I WAKE UP EACH—

#### GUS, RALPH, PHIL, & TOWNSPEOPLE

-MORNING TO THE SAME DAMN DAY!
THERE SEEMS TO BE JACK SHIT THAT I CAN DO OR SAY!
I GOT NO VOICE, I GOT NO VOTE,
I GOT NO WAY TO CHANGE A GODDAMN THING.

(Distant wail of police siren.)

**GUS** 

I THINK THAT'S THE PIGS!

**PHIL** 

WHO GIVES A FIG?

**ALL** 

NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO
NOBODY CARES IF I'M ALIVE
UTTERLY UN-INFLUENTIAL
NO REGRETS AND NO POTENTIAL
EVE'Y TURN INCONSEQUENTIAL

**PHIL** 

FUCK IT DUDE, LET'S DRIVE

**ALL** 

NOBODY CARES WHAT I SAY

PHIL, GUS, & RALPH

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

NOBODY CARES ABOUT MY LIFE

NOBODY GIVES A FLYING F'-

ALL

UTTERLY UN-INSTRUMENTAL NO INSURANCE, NO INTENT,

**RALPH** 

WELL ACTUALLY, I'VE GOT DENTAL.

**GUS** 

OKAY, WELL, THAT'S NICE.

You sure we won't get in trouble?

**PHIL** 

Who cares? Don't you guys get it? I'm free! Tomorrow nobody's going to remember anything.

**RALPH** 

I don't even remember getting in the truck.

(Police light appears, a siren wails.)

**PHIL** 

For the first time there's no one telling me what to do.

**GUS** 

Uh, Mister?

**PHIL** 

Clean your room. Do your homework. Get a job. No, a better job.

**GUS** 

Uuuuh-

**RALPH** 

Hey, Mister?

**PHIL** 

Never cut in line. Never skip a payment. Never drive on the railroad tracks.

(Railroad tracks. A Train is heading towards them.)

**GUS & RALPH** 

(as if on tracks)

AAAAAAAAAAAAh.

(The train whistles its warning.)

**GUS** 

Uh, Mister...?

(Car going too fast. Train honking.)

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE POINT IS BUT THE POINT IS, IT DON'T MATTER

**PHIL** 

Yeah, I see it.

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

POINT IS IT DON'T MATTER

**PHIL** 

I think he's going to swerve first.

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

'CAUSE-

**ALL** 

NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO
NOBODY CARES IF I'M ALIVE
UTTERLY UN-INFLUENTIAL
NO REGRETS AND NO POTENTIAL
EVERY TURN INCONSEQUENTIAL

(Police car chase sequence)

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE POINT IS
BUT THE POINT IS IT DON'T MATTER
NOT SURE WHAT THE POINT IS
POINT IS IT DON'T MATTER, 'CAUSE

#### PHIL, GUS, & RALPH

**ENSEMBLE** 

NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO NOBODY CARES IF I'M ALIVE NOBODY CARES WHAT I DO

NOBODY GIVES A FLYIN' F'-

ALL

UTTERLY UNINFLUENTIAL
NO REGRETS AND NO POTENTIAL
EVERY TURN INCONSEQUENTIAL

PHIL, GUS, & RALPH

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

PHIL

UTTERLY REPERCUSSION-FREE

**GUS** 

THOUGH ARGUABLY, NOT FOR THAT TREE

#### **RALPH**

#### I THINK I POOPED MY DUNGAREE!

#### **ALL**

NO CONSEQUENCE AT ALL!

#### **DEPUTY**

(through bullhorn)

Step out of the truck, place your hands on your head.

PHIL

I'll handle this. Yes, hi, we'll have three cheeseburgers, three large fries...?

**SHERIFF** 

What?

**RALPH** 

And some flapjacks!

**SHERIFF** 

Let's go, buddy.

**PHIL** 

Fine. Hey, what about them?

**SHERIFF** 

Goodnight Gus. Goodnight Ralph.

**GUS & RALPH** 

Uncle Jack.

**SHERIFF** 

Goodnight, Wilbur.

**DEPUTY** 

See you tomorrow!

**RALPH** 

Actually there is no tomorrow tomorrow.

**GUS** 

Yeah. There wasn't one today.

PHIL

Sorry about the truck, guys.

**SHERIFF** 

Easy, there, buddy.

PHIL

Ow! These things are tight.

**SHERIFF** 

Come on. I've got a nice little cell for you.

(THEY exit. Sound of a cell door slamming shut.)

### -Phil-Andery-

# #12 - Strut (Philandering)

(Radio alarm sounds.)

(Lights up on PHIL'S bed.)

#### **CLOCK RADIO**

WHO IS THAT?

(WHO IS THAT?)

**EMERGING FROM** 

**EMERGING FROM** 

-MERGING FROM

MERGING, MERGING, MERGING

MER MER MER MER, MER MER MER MER,

MER MER MER MER, MER MER MER MER

#### **PHIL**

Yeah... I can do whatever I want!

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

WHO IS THAT? WHO CAN SEE?

(PHIL leaps to his feet and there follows a set piece sequence in which he jauntily gets dressed.)

(He enters the hallway and encounters the CHUBBY MAN.)

#### **CHUBBY MAN**

Good morning!

**PHIL** 

Yes it is!

**CHUBBY MAN** 

Going to see the -

**PHIL** 

Yes I am!

#### **CHUBBY MAN**

Hey, do you think it'll be—

**PHIL** 

No it won't! Have a long winter, Chubby.

(Lights up on the PARLOR.)

**PHIL** 

Good morning Mrs. Lancaster.

MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, Mr. Connors. Looks like a storm –

**PHIL** 

Did you see those storm clouds?

MRS. LANCASTER

-don't you think? Uh, did you -

**PHIL** 

Slept like a baby.

MRS. LANCASTER

-sleep well? Would you like-

**PHIL** 

Coffee would be wonderful.

(The CLEVELANDS enter.)

MRS. LANCASTER

-some coffee?

MRS. CLEVELAND

Good morning!

MRS. LANCASTER

Hi!

#### MR. CLEVELAND

I heard there's talk -**PHIL** There's a blizzard on the way. MR. CLEVELAND — of a blizzard. **PHIL** Popsicles! MRS. LANCASTER Will you be -**PHIL** Chance of departure – MRS. LANCASTER -staying an extra-**PHIL** -zero percent! (to MR.CLEVELAND) And you have a great day! (PHIL leaves B and B and enters THE TOWN. He begins strutting as "the town" passes by.)

# **CLOCK RADIO (ENHANCED)**

WHO IS THAT?

**MEN** 

EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW

**DEBBIE** 

Hey! It's Phil Connors, from –

FRED & DEBBIE

Good Weather with Phil Connors!

	PHIL
Hi! I'm Phil.	
	FRED
Hi! I'm Fred Kleiser.	
	PHIL
Freddie.	
	FRED
This is Debbie.	
	PHIL
Debbie.	
(PHIL kisses DEBBIE on the lips	for a long time.)
TOW	NSPEOPLE
WHO CAN SEE?	
IS IT A BEAVER?	
	FRED
I'm such a fan. Happy Groundhog Da	y.
(PHIL comes out of the kiss.)	
	PHIL
Happy Groundhog Day.	
	FRED
What a nice guy.	
1	DEBBIE
Yeah.	
(PHIL "draws" his finger as if it's holster.)	s a gun and shoots at the SHERIFF'S
(SHERIFF drops his holster.)	

#### **SHERIFF**

Damn holster!

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

WHO IS THAT?

(OLD JENSON begs.)

### **OLD JENSON**

Change, Mister?

(PHIL gives him the finger.)

**PHIL** 

BOOM!

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PHIL! PHIL! PHIL! PHIL!

(NED RYERSON enters.)

#### **NED RYERSON**

Phil? Phil Connors?

**PHIL** 

Ned Ryerson?

#### **NED RYERSON**

Bing!

(PHIL punches NED.)

(NED scrambles to recover his fallen wallet.)

(The GROUNDHOG GUY turns around as usual. PHIL ducks and avoids being struck by the sun.)

(Sounds from the Knob.)

#### TOWNSPEOPLE GROUP A

PUNXSUTAWNEY,

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE GROUP B**

PENNSYLVANIA,

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

# U.S.A. AND THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG DAY!

(On Gobbler's Knob, PHIL approaches RITA and LARRY.)

#### **RITA**

Phil? Phil! Over here. No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs, and funny hats, dancing to stay warm, I'm—

(PHIL wanders off.) What's he doing? (PHIL approaches NANCY.) **PHIL** Hi. **NANCY** Hi! **PHIL** What's your name? **NANCY** Uh, Nancy. Nancy Taylor. **PHIL** What High school did you go to? **NANCY** What? **PHIL** What High school? **NANCY** Lincoln High. Can I help you with -

**PHIL** Who was your English teacher? **NANCY** I'm sorry? PHIL English teacher? **NANCY** Mrs. Walsh. **PHIL** Right. Nancy Taylor. Lincoln High School. Mrs. Walsh. Thank you. **NANCY** Hey! (PHIL returns to RITA.) **RITA** Hey, can we do this now? **PHIL** Not today. **LARRY** Phil, where you going? **TOWNSPEOPLE** THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER THAN PUNXSUTAWNEY... (Transition/rewind. PHIL enters the scene as usual) **RITA** Phil? Phil! Over here. No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs, and funny hats, dancing to stay warm, I'm-(PHIL keeps walking past.)

# (RITA) Hey, where's he going? (PHIL approaches NANCY, "recognizes" her.) **PHIL** Nancy? Nancy Taylor? **NANCY** Uh-**PHIL** Phil Connors! **NANCY** Phil...? **TOWNSPEOPLE** BA DAP BA DA DUP BA DAP **PHIL** Lincoln High School. Mrs. Walsh's English class. **NANCY** Wow. **PHIL** Wow. **NANCY** You and I were the same year?

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

BA DAP

BA DA DUP BA DAP

**PHIL** 

Yeah, well I transferred from Canada. So you subtract.

NANCY	
Right. I was never good at math.	
PHIL	
I remember. Wow. You look amazing!	
NANCY	
Phil Connors!	
PHIL	
Listen I have to do this report —	
TOWNSPEOPLI	Ξ
BA DAP	
BA DA DUP BA DUP	
NANCY	
You're a reporter?	
PHIL	
Yeah, with the New York <i>Times</i> .	
TOWNSPEOPLE	Ξ
BA DAP	
BA DA DUP BA DAP	
BA DA BOW	
NANCY	
Wow!	
PHIL	
But maybe after we could —	
NANCY	
Yes! Definitely!	

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

BA-DAT DA-DOH (BA-DAT DA-DOH)

**PHIL** 

So, you'll wait right here?

#### **NANCY**

I will!

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

BA-DAT DA-DOH
BA-DA-DA-DA-DOH
DA-DOH

(PHIL returns to RITA.)

**RITA** 

Hey, can we do this now?

**PHIL** 

Wait your turn.

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

BA-DAT DA-DOH

**BA-DAT DA-DOH** 

**BA-DAT DA-DOH** 

BA-BA-BA-BA PUNXSUTAWNEY!

IT'S A LITTLE TOWN

WITH A HEART AS BIG AS ANY

THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER THAN

PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG...

(PHIL joins an excited NANCY and the two of them disappear behind Phil's hotel room door.)

NANCY (O.S.)

Oh, Phil! Oh, Phil! Oh, Phil!

PHIL (O.S.)

Oh, Mandy!

NANCY (O.S.)

Nancy.

PHIL (O.S.)

If you say so.

# NANCY (O.S.) Hey, is this some kind of one night stand? Phil? PHIL (O.S.) Ask me again tomorrow. NANCY (O.S.) What? PHIL (O.S.) Let's get married! NANCY (O.S.) Oh, Phil! PHIL (O.S.) Yes! NANCY (O.S.) Oh, Phil! PHIL (O.S.) Yes! NANCY (O.S.) Oh, Phil!!! PHIL (O.S.) All right. Good. See you round. (INSTRUMENTAL TRANSITION) (New Day, Punxsutawney. PHIL sits on a park bench.) **PHIL**

A gust of wind.

(We hear the wind gusting.)

**PHIL** 

A dog barks.

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(A dog barks.)
                                     (PHIL)
"Hey, Wilbur." Hey, Wilbur. "Hey, Jack."
     (SHERIFF enters, waves to the DEPUTY who enters.)
"Hey, Wilbur."
                                    SHERIFF
Hey, Wilbur.
                                      PHIL
"Hey, Jack."
                                    DEPUTY
Hey, Jack. Got the payroll back here.
                                    SHERIFF
I'll open up.
     (PHIL stands)
     (Choir sings "ooh" underneath scene)
                                      PHIL
Car.
     (We hear a car driving past.)
Clock.
     (A clock-tower chimes.)
     (DEPUTY carries in the payroll. SHERIFF fiddles with his keys, the
     DEPUTY sets down the payroll and exits. The SHERIFF'S gun falls from
      the holster and he bends to pick it up.)
Three, two, one.
                                    SHERIFF
Damn holster!
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(PHIL grabs the money unseen by the SHERIFF and walks off.)

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PHILLIP OF PUNXSUTAWNEY

**SHERIFF** 

Wilbur? Wilbur?

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

AH...

#### -New Day-

(RITA on the Knob, delivering Phil's broadcast, LARRY points the camera.)

#### **LARRY**

FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO...

#### **RITA**

So. Yeah. He saw his shadow, and a long winter it will be. And that's the way it is, February second in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Standing in for Phil Connors, who is, uh, on assignment.

(We see PHIL spending the stolen money on women, drink and drugs.)

#### -Date With Rita-

(*The busy DINER.*)

(PHIL is seated at the diner, dressed in all his pimpish finery. He drinks from a pot of coffee in front of a counter loaded with sticky buns.)

(RITA enters, spots PHIL and comes over.)

**RITA** 

There you are.

**PHIL** 

Hi, Rita.

**RITA** 

I'm Ri-Oh.

**PHIL** 

Phil. We met on the flood story. Have a seat.

**RITA** 

Are you okay? I mean, you missed the—what are you wearing?

**PHIL** 

What are YOU wearing? You should get into the festive spirit.

# RITA

So, what, did you oversleep or something? I left a wake-up call—	
V = 1.1 (1.42 The effect of 1.44 to 2.44	PHIL
You did that? The gift that keeps givi	ng.
Well?	RITA
rren.	
Well, what?	PHIL
	RITA
Not coming to work.	
It's just a thing I do with new produc	PHIL Paging
it's just a tilling I do with new produc	ers. A fittle flazifig.
Seriously?	RITA
Sellously!	
	PHIL
If you want I could get you on camer	a more. I mean, I know people.
	RITA
You put me in a very awkward –	
	PHIL
I bet you were great. Sticky bun?	
	RITA
No, thank you.	
	PHIL
Here, I'll split 'em with you.	
	RITA
I'm fine.	

PHIL
(to Doris)
More coffee, please.
PHIL
(to Rita)
Hey, did you hear they closed down the highway?
RITA I'm on it. I've rebooked the rooms just in case.
Thi of it. I ve rebooked the rooms just in case.
PHIL
It's kind of romantic, don't you think?
RITA
Romantic?
PHIL
Yeah, don't you think? A charming country village, blanketed with snow. Two lonely people marooned together.
PHIL
I'm not lonely.
PHIL
One lonely peopleOh, come on. Aren't you even curious?
RITA
No.
PHIL  We're both here, me dressed in all my finery, you in your practical attire.
vve te bout here, me dressed in an my miery, you m your practical actife.
RITA
I'll pass.
PHIL
Really? What high school did you go to?

RITA
What?
PHIL
High school? Your English teacher was?
RITA Why?
Why?
PHIL
Never mind. You'll come around.
RITA
You know, they warned me about you, Phil.
DUII
PHIL  Huh. They didn't say anything about you.
Train They drain tody any thing about your
RITA
You're incredible.
PHIL
Thank you.
RITA
You don't show up to your job and, and the food, and the coffee, and dressed like
a pet store –
PHIL
You know, Rita, you need to loosen up a little.
DITA
RITA Wait, you're telling me how to—
wait, you is tening he now to—
PHIL
You got a love life?
RITA
What?

Have you got a love life?	PHIL
	RITA
You can stop right now.	PHIL
So you do?	RITA
No, not that it's—	DITT
No? So you don't really like sex.	PHIL
Yes, of course, but—	RITA
Great!	PHIL
Oh no, no, no, Phil, not in a thousand	RITA 1-MILLION-
Oh God, don't tell me you're "waitin	PHIL g for love."
I'm not waitingBut ifIt's notI	RITA  I prefer to meet someone who —
(PHIL gets up to leave.)	
You seem confused. Tell you what, K	PHIL aid –
Kid?	RITA
	PHIL
I'm just going to take these –	

# **RITA** I'm thirty-six. (PHIL takes the entire tray of sticky buns.) **PHIL** -and you can chew on that-(PHIL tosses single bun onto RITA'S plate) - and I'll check in with you tomorrow. **RITA** What is wrong with you? **PHIL** Enjoy the sticky bun. **RITA** I don't want a sticky bun. **PHIL** Yes you do. (PHIL exits.) **RITA** What an asshole! **TOWNSPEOPLE** Heeeeey.

# #13 - One Day

I'm sorry!

#### **RITA**

**RITA** 

I WAS BROUGHT UP IN TAFFETA DRESSES AND TAUGHT TO BE PRETTY AND PRECIOUS AND SPENDING MY PLAYTIMES

#### (RITA)

WITH PLASTIC PRINCESSES WHO ALL HAD THESE BODIES! JUST UTTERLY LUDICROUS MINUSCULE WAISTS AND HUGE BOOBS, AND IT'S ALL NIPPLE-LESS AND NO PUBES AND NO CREASES I MEAN, JESUS, IT'S PRETTY CONFUSING ESPECIALLY AT SIX. IN THAT FAIRY-TALE WORLD ALL THE GIRLS END UP "HAPPY EVER AFTER" WOOING THEIR KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR BUT SOME NIGHTS DOWN THE TRACK YOU CAN BET THEY'LL BE TRAPPED SPENDING NIGHTS IN, SHINING ARMOR WHILE THEIR KNIGHTS SPEND THEIR NIGHTS AT A BAR OR AT A BALL WITH SOME HARLOT I'M NOT BITTER IT'S JUST BETTER THAT I DON'T FALL FOR ALL THAT ROMANTIC BULLSHIT NOW THAT I'M OLDER ALTHOUGH I DON'T MIND THE THOUGHT OF BEING TOSSED OVER A SHOULDER AND TROTTED OFF TO SOME MANSION BY A SOME RUGGEDLY HANDSOME MAN IN A FIREMAN HELMET AND HAVE HIM JUST USE ME FOR SEX AS I SAY, IT'S A LITTLE COMPLEX.

(The diner disappears and RITA remains in her head, eventually sitting at the Hotel bar.)

ONE DAY, SOME DAY, MY PRINCE MAY COME BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY
AND EVEN IF HE CAME AND HE LIKED ME
IT'S LIKELY HE'D BE NOT QUITE MY TYPE
SOME DAY, THEY SAY HE'LL COME RIDING UP
ON THE BACK OF A HORSE, BUT, OF COURSE,
I'M ALLERGIC TO HORSES
HOW WILL I TELL HIM?
HE'LL JUST HAVE TO SELL HIM.

#### -Hotel Bar 1-

(RITA sits at the bar rubbing her cold toes. BUSTER is peering at his caged groundhog.)

# **BUSTER**

Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! And yet there's a hint of sadness.

(PHIL enters.)	
PHI	IL
Rita —	
RIT	A
Hey, there you are.	
BUST	ER
I guess we're off to the banquet.	
BARTEND	ER BILLY
See you, Buster.	
(BUSTER takes the cage and exits thro	ugh the bar.)
RIT	A
What have you been up to all day?	
PHI	L
Just weather stuff.	
RIT	A
Isn't this town great? I'm actually kind of a weather museum?	glad we got a free day. Did you see the
PHI	L
Sure.	
RIT	A
The ice sculpture, the chili cookoff, the little	e carnival ride –
PHI	L
Oh, yeah. Hey, can I buy you a drink?	
RIT	A

Sure.

	PHIL
I'll have a Jim Beam, straight	up.
	BARTENDER BILLY

For you, Miss?

**RITA** 

Sweet vermouth on the rocks with a twist, please.

**PHIL** 

With a twist.

(A rewind)

#### -Hotel Bar 2-

(RITA sits at the bar rubbing her cold toes. BUSTER is peering at his caged groundhog.)

#### **BUSTER**

Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! And yet—

(PHIL enters.)

**PHIL** 

Rita -

**RITA** 

Hey, there you are.

**BUSTER** 

I guess we're off to the banquet.

#### **BARTENDER BILLY**

See you, Buster.

(BUSTER takes the cage and exits through the bar.)

#### **PHIL**

Isn't this place great? The weather museum, the ice sculpture, the chili cookoff, the little carnival ride —

**RITA** I know! **PHIL** Kind of glad we got a free day. **RITA** I was just thinking that. **PHIL** Wow, no kidding. Hey, can I buy you a drink? **RITA** Sure. **PHIL** I'll have a sweet vermouth, rocks with a twist, please. **BARTENDER BILLY** For you, Miss? **RITA** The same. That's my favorite drink. **PHIL** Mine, too! It always makes me think of Rome, the way the sun hits the buildings. A toast? **RITA** What shall we drink to? **PHIL** How about, to us. (RITA is unimpressed.)

# **RITA** I don't think so. How about "to the Groundhog." **PHIL** Really? **RITA** Punxsutawney Phil! **PHIL** Sure. To the Groundhog. (PHIL sips his drink – awful.) Oh dear Lord! (A rewind) -Hotel Bar 3-(RITA sits at the bar rubbing her cold toes. BUSTER is peering at his caged groundhog.) **BUSTER** Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! **PHIL** Rita! (PHIL enters.) **RITA** Hey, there you are. **BUSTER** I guess we're off to the banquet.

#### PHIL & BARTENDER BILLY

See you, Buster!

(BUSTER takes the cage and exits through the bar.)



#### **RITA**

(simultaneous)

Punxsutawney Phil!

#### **PHIL**

That's my name, too. What a sexy laugh you have. Why don't we take this upstairs?

#### **RITA**

I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH A GIRL I REMEMBER HER WELL, SHE WAS PRETTY SMART AND PRETTY AS HELL HER FOLKS HAD A FARM BUT SHE WOULDN'T STAY. OF COURSE. SHE WANTED PRINCE CHARMING SO SHE WENT TO L.A. OF COURSE. MANAGED TO SEDUCE A FAMOUS ACTOR OR PRODUCER, SHACKED UP IN A HOUSE IN THE HILLS WITH A CAT AND A JUICER AND A FANCY CAR AND A TENNIS COURT BUT THE GUY WASN'T QUITE THE CATCH SHE THOUGHT SHE'D CAUGHT HE TREATS HER LIKE TRASH AND THEN -YOU KNOW THE DRILL-TAKES HIS CAT AND HIS CASH AND FINDS SOME YOUNGER GIRL SO SHE'S LEFT WITH THIS STUPID CORVETTE AND AN EMPTY SWIMMING POOL WHICH SHE FILLS WITH REGRET. SMART GIRL, BUT KINDA OF DUMB AND I'D RATHER BE LONELY THAN SIT ON MY FANNY WAITING FOR MY PRINCE TO COME

#### (PHIL and the bar disappear.)

ONE DAY, SOME DAY HE'LL COME SWEEPING IN
AND SWEEP ME OFF OF MY FEET
AND SPEND THE NEXT FOUR DECADES
WANTING TO CHEAT ON ME
GETTING LESS HANDSOME
AND FIGHTING HIS DRAGONS.

# -Restaurant 1-

(PHIL and RITA are seated at a table for two. Phil pours Rita the last of the champagne.)

	RITA
Oh, a gentleman.	
P That's me. All over.	PHIL
R	RITA
You were saying?	
P  Just that I feel people place too much en	PHIL
that?	ripriasis of success. Success. What is
R	RITA
That's so true.	
	PHIL
I wish we could all live in the mountain	s at high altitude.
	RITA
I'm already a million miles from where	I started in college.
	PHIL
You weren't in broadcasting or journalis	sm?
	CITA
Believe it or not, I studied eighteenth ce	ntury French poetry.
P What a waste of time!	PHIL
	RITA
You're such a dick.	

PHIL
I mean for someone else, that would be an incredible waste of —
RITA
Just stop talking!
PHIL
Gah, so close.
(A rewind.)
—Restaurant 2—
(PHIL and RITA are seated at a table for two. Phil pours Rita the last of the champagne.)
RITA
Oh, a gentleman.
PHIL
That's me, all over.
RITA
You were saying?
PHIL
Just that I feel people place too much emphasis on success. "Success." "Success." mean, what is that anyway?
RITA
That's so true.
PHIL
I wish we could all live in the mountains at high altitude.
RITA
I'm already a million miles from where I started in college.
PHIL
You weren't in broadcasting or journalism?

#### **RITA**

Believe it or not, I studied eighteenth century French poetry.

**PHIL** "La fille que j'aimera sera comme bon vin qui se bonifiera un peu chaque matin." **RITA** You speak French. **PHIL** Oui. Voulez-vous faire un soixante-neuf avec moi? **RITA** "Soixante..." Ew! **PHIL** Really? **RITA** Just-**PHIL** Or missionary is good. **RITA** Stop already. **PHIL** You can be on top. **RITA** Oh, grow up. (RITA gets up and storms out of the restaurant.) (A rewind.)

# -Restaurant 3-

(PHIL and RITA are seated at a table for two. Phil pours Rita the last of the champagne.)

	RITA	
Oh, a gentleman.		
	PHIL	
That's me, all over.		
	RITA	
You were saying?		
	PHIL	
People place too much emphasis on mind. Can we just skip ahead?	. Blah, blah, yadda yadda yadda. Never	
	RITA	
What?		
	PHIL	
Just tell me. What do you like in a gu	Just tell me. What do you like in a guy?	
	RITA	
Phil—		
	PHIL	
Hypothetically. I'm interested. What a	are you looking for?	
	RITA	
I'm not looking.		
	PHIL	
But if you were.		
	RITA	
I don't have an image. I'm just going	to know it when I see it.	

**PHIL** You've never thought about it. **RITA** Well, sure, I've thought about it. **PHIL** See? One thing. **RITA** Good sense of humor? (PHIL laughs.) **PHIL** Huh? What else? **RITA** Modest. **PHIL** Yes. That's a great quality. For me modesty is second only to humility. My humility is legend! **RITA** HE'D KNOW WHAT TO WEAR, HE'D HAVE A FULL HEAD OF HAIR AND HIS EYES WOULD BE BROWN, OR BLUE, OR GREEN WELL, I DON'T CARE AND HIS BODY WOULD BE TONED WITH THOSE PECS LIKE YOU GET AT THE GYM.

WITH THOSE PECS LIKE YOU GET AT THE GYM.
BUT HE WON'T SPEND ALL HIS TIME AT THE GYM.
AND HE'LL LOVE READING BOOKS,
HE'LL BE AN EXCELLENT COOK HE'LL BE GOOD-LOOKING
BUT NOT TOO AWARE OF HIS LOOKS
HE'LL BE TENDER BUT TOUGH,
AND SMART, BUT NOT SMUG
AND ATTENTIVE BUT NOT FAWNING
AND HE'LL SMELL GOOD IN THE MORNING
AND HE'LL DANCE...

#### **PHIL**

This is a guy we're talking about, right?

# **RITA**

... AND LIKE HIKING AND BAKING AND BIKING I'M NOT PICKY I JUST ASK THAT HE LIKES ME, AND I LIKE HIM. AND I'D RATHER BE ALONE IF THE ONLY OTHER OPTION IS SUCCUMB AND SETTLE DOWN WITH SOME CONDESCENDING CLOWN WITH A GREAT RATING FROM SOME DATING SERVICE SOME SELF-PROFESSING MR. PERFECT ANOTHER NARCISSISTIC LEGEND MADE A MILLION OUT OF HEDGE FUNDS ANOTHER SEXUALLY INEFFECTUAL SELF-OBSESSING METROSEXUAL PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL GETTING DRUNK AND EXISTENTIAL EV'RY TIME THE STEELERS LOSE A GAME, THANKS, BUT PERHAPS SOME OTHER DAY.

#### PHIL

On it.

(PHIL exits. The restaurant disappears.)

#### **RITA**

ONE DAY, SOME DAY, MY PRINCE MAY COME
BUT I WON'T HOLD MY BREATH
THERE'S ONLY DIVORCEES AND WEIRDOS LEFT
AND WEIRD IS FINE, BUT NOT ALL THE TIME
ONE DAY, SOME DAY, MY PRINCE WILL COME
SO THE FAIRY TALES SAID THIRTY YEARS LATER
IT'S STILL IN MY HEAD, THAT IF I SCREW A FROG
I WILL WAKE IN A FOUR-POSTER BED.

#### —Snowball Fight 1—

(RITA stands outside in the snow. PHIL runs over to her.)

#### **PHIL**

Come on. Over here. This is the perfect spot.

(A snowball hits him in the face.)

What? An assassin!	(PHIL)
.,	RITA
Snowball fight!	
I'll protect you, Your Majesty.	PHIL
They're just kide	RITA
They're just kids.	
I shall die for you! You shall not take	PHIL her! Find cover, my lady!
Nice arm.	RITA
NICE arm.	
Thanks!	PHIL
Hey, watch this.	RITA
·	
Oooh!	PHIL
Got him!	RITA
Right in the noggin!	PHIL
I haven't done this since I was little.	RITA
	PHIL
Me, either. God, I love kids.	

	RITA
So do I.	
	PHIL
No kidding.	
	RITA
Yeah. No kidding. You're just full of shave planned for a more perfect day.	surprises. What a perfect day. You couldn't
	PHIL
No. That would be a lot of work.	
(Clock-tower chimes. It starts to s	snow.)
	PHIL
Wait –	
	RITA
Oh, wow.	
	PHIL
It's like, we're sharing a moment.	
	RITA
It's really, really nice.	
	PHIL
It's perfect. You're perfect. Rita. I love	
	RITA
You what?	MIA
	DIIII
I love you, Rita.	PHIL
	DVIII
You love me?	RITA
5. 10 . 0 1110 .	

**PHIL** Yes. Isn't it obvious? Plus, I just said it. **RITA** We don't even know each other. **PHIL** But I know you. Rita, you're everything I want. (PHIL leans in for a kiss.) **RITA** What are you doing? **PHIL** This is meant to be. **RITA** I don't know what ... Stop! (RITA slaps him.) **RITA** Grow up, Phil. **PHIL** Wait. Rita. Could you tell me where this went wrong? (A rewind.) —Snowball Fight 2— (RITA stands outside in the snow. PHIL runs over to her.) **PHIL** Here. This is the perfect spot. (PHIL is hit in the face with a snowball.)

# (PHIL)

Ow. Hey,	look! An	assassin!
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#### PHIL & RITA

Snowball fight!

# **PHIL**

I'll protect you, Your Majesty. I shall die for you! I haven't done this since I was a kid. You? Got him! God, I love kids. Aren't you going to throw any? I bet you'll get him right in the noggin. What's the matter?

**RITA** 

Something's weird.

**PHIL** 

No, no, this is fun. Isn't this fun? Come on, let's play in the snow! It'll be perfect, just like a snow globe on a wedding cake!

**RITA** 

What's with you?

**PHIL** 

I'm just having the best day of my life! Wait -

(Clock-tower chimes. It starts to snow.)

Isn't it perfect? Every detail! It's a perfect love!

**RITA** 

It's what?

**PHIL** 

Can't you feel it?

**RITA** 

It's not love, Phil.

**PHIL** 

Why not?

# **RITA**

Because	you	don'	t just	fall	in	love	in	one	day.	

# **PHIL**

Of course you do! It happens all the time. One day it's nothing and the next it's nothing but love.

**RITA** Goodnight. **PHIL** No. **RITA** Let's go. **PHIL** Let's dance! **RITA** Stop it! (HE goes to grab her. RITA pushes him and walks away.) **PHIL** No, wait. I can nail this! (She returns to slap him again.) **PHIL** Not the face. (SHE knees him in the groin.) Thank you. (SHE then slaps him in the face.)

Ow!

(RITA exits.)

See you tomorrow!

(JOELLE appears as a memory.)

PHIL

THERE WAS A DAY WITH A GIRL THERE WAS A DAY

I REMEMBER IT WELL HER NAME WAS WITH A GIRL JANINE, OR JANE-ANN, OR JOELLE IT'S JOELLE

WE DRANK PIÑA COLADAS,

WATCHED THE SUN SETTING WATCHED THE SUN SETTING

OVER THE BAY OVER THE BAY

WE MADE LOVE IN THE SAND,

AND WHEN WE WERE THROUGH

WE MADE LOVE IN THE SAND

WHEN WE WERE THROUGH

WE WENT BACK TO HER ROOM

AND WATCHED GHOSTBUSTERS II

GHOSTBUSTERS II

SMOKED HALF A JOINT SMOKED HALF A JOINT

AND ATE HALF A POUND OF PÂTÉ

IT WAS WAY TOO MUCH PÂTÉ

**JOELLE** 

WHY COULDN'T THAT BE MY ONE DAY?

(*Now the TOWNSPEOPLE start to appear*)

# **CHUBBY MAN**

ONE DAY, SOME DAY,
I'LL CUT DOWN ON FRIED CHICKEN TAKE-AWAY.
MY DOCTOR SAID ONE DAY
MY HEART WILL STOP TICKIN',
UNLESS I CUT DOWN ON THAT CHICKEN,
I WILL DO IT, ONE DAY.

#### **RALPH**

ONE DAY I'LL STOP DRINKING SO MUCH

#### **NANCY**

I'LL STOP DATING MEN WHO ARE TWENTY YEARS OLDER

#### **SHERIFF**

I'LL GET A NEW SAFETY CLIP FOR MY HOLSTER
IT OPENS TOO QUICK
I'LL DO IT NEXT WEEK

# MRS. LANCASTER

ONE DAY, I'LL GET A NEW COFFEE MAKER

#### **FRED**

SOME DAY I WILL BUY HER A RING

#### **NED**

ONE DAY DEATH WILL COME TO EV'RYONE!

#### **DORIS**

ONE DAY I'LL LEARN HOW TO SING!

# **RITA (TOWNSPEOPLE)**

ONE DAY, (ONE)

SOME DAY, (DAY)

MY PRINCE WILL COME

BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY.

(ONE DAY)

Phil, you brought me candy!

ONE DAY, (ONE) SOME DAY, (DAY)

I'LL WAKE IN THE ARMS

OF AN ACTUAL MAN

WHO WILL LOVE ME FOR ALL (ONE)

THAT I AM (DAY)

WITH ALL THAT HE IS

#### **LARRY**

OK, PHIL, WE'RE ON IN 5, 4, 3, 2,

OK, PHIL, WE'RE ON IN 5, 4, 3, 2,

OK, PHIL, WE'RE ON IN 5, 4, 3, 2,

#### **PHIL**

THESE ENDLESS FIRST DATES

THAT START WITH HER HATING ME

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY

THAT I'M GONNA GET HER TO LIKE ME

I brought you candies...

CAN I GET IN YOUR PANTIES NOW?

[Slap!]

ONE DAY,

IT'S NOT ENOUGH

I'VE HAD ENOUGH

I'M NOT ENOUGH!

I'M NOT YOUR FICTIONAL MAN

I'M JUST ME

I CAN'T BE ANY MORE THAN I AM

THIS IS ALL THAT THERE IS!

#### ALL

ONE DAY! ONE DAY!

ONE DAY! ONE DAY!

ONE DAY! ONE DAY!

#### LARRY

2...

# PHIL

What do you know. It's Groundhog Day.

#### **ALL**

TOMORROW SPRING WILL COME
AND THEN THERE WILL BE BLUE SKIES, MY FRIEND
BRIGHT EYES AND LAUGHTER

ALL ELDERS

TOMORROW, THERE WILL BE SUN. YOU CAN CURSE, CAST SPELLS OR CRY

OFFER YOUR PRAYERS

AND IF NOT TOMORROW TO THE UNFEELING SKY

THE SPRING WILL ARRIVE

PERHAPS THE DAY AAAAAAAAA WHEN THE WINTER IS DONE

#### **ENSEMBLE**

AND IF IT'S NOT TOMORROW, THEN TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW...

#### RITA

ONE DAY...

ONE DAY...

(Massive crescendo. Blackout. Beat.)

(A clock radio sounds its wakeup alarm.)

(Lights up on a bedroom set, bed, window, bedside table with the clock radio and a phone. Lying in bed is PHIL.)

# **CLOCK RADIO**

WHO IS THAT EMERGING FROM HIS-

(PHIL sits up, grabs the radio and smashes it.)

# **END OF ACT ONE**

### **ACT TWO**

(Gobbler's Knob, the crowd celebrating.)

# #14 - Entr'acte / Playing Nancy

#### **NANCY**

WELL, HERE I AM AGAIN THE PRETTY BUT NAIVE ONE,
THE PERKY-BREASTED, GIGGLY, ONE-NIGHT-STAND
IS IT MY DESTINY TO BE A BRIEF DIVERSION,
JUST A DETOUR ON THE JOURNEY OF SOME MAN?
I'M NOT REALLY ONE FOR ASKING
I'LL PLAY WHATEVER ROLE I'M CAST IN
WILL SMILE WITH PERFECT TEETH
AND GRIMACE UNDERNEATH
I LEARNED BACK IN MY TEENS: THERE'S NO POINT
IN PROTESTING IF YOU LOOK GOOD IN TIGHT JEANS
THAT'S WHAT THEY'LL WANT YOU DRESSED IN
ONCE YOU'RE KNOWN FOR LOW-CUT TOPS
IT'S PRETTY HARD TO STOP
IT ISN'T EASY TO BREAK FREE OF PLAYING NANCY

I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER,
BUT I GUESS I CHOSE TO BE HERE
I WASN'T QUITE AWARE
THAT I WAS PUT HERE TO BE STARED AT
BUT THIS WORLD I CHOSE TO LIVE IN
IS MOSTLY RUN BY MEN
SO YOU TAKE WHAT YOU ARE GIVEN
JUST TO FEEL THE LOVE AGAIN.
SO THROUGHOUT THE ENDLESS WEEK
AND ALL THROUGH THE WEEKEND
YOU WILL FIND ME HERE PLAYING NANCY

AND LOOK, I KNOW THIS PERSON FITS ME
I'M PRETTY GOOD AT BEING PRETTY
AND I'M GRATEFUL—I MEAN TO SAY—THERE ARE WORSE
ROLES YOU COULD PLAY
AND I'D RATHER BE UP DANCING
THAN SAT AGAINST THE WALL

# (NANCY)

IT'S BETTER TO BE LEERED AT
THAN NOT DESIRED AT ALL
WHO AM I TO DREAM OF BETTER?
TO DREAM THAT ONE DAY I WILL BE SOMETHING MORE
THAN JUST COLLATERAL IN SOMEONE ELSE'S BATTLE
I WILL BE SOMETHING MORE THAN NANCY

# **BUSTER**

Six more weeks of winter!

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Awwwwww! Yaaaaaay!

# #15-Punxsutawney Phil-Gun

(PHIL steps out to face the camera.)

#### **PHIL**

There you have it. Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow—for the last time. Now, let's watch Phil embrace the darkness. That's it for me. Live from Punxsutawney. Goodbye, Phil.

(PHIL brings the mic to RITA.)

RITA
Phil, we can't use that.

PHIL
Bye, Rita.

RITA
What?

PHIL

We had a beautiful day together once.

**RITA** 

What are you doing?

# **PHIL**

That's a wrap. (PHIL pulls a gun out of his jacket pocket and fires a warning shot into the air.) **RITA** Phil! **BUSTER** He's got a gun! (The SHERIFF tries to draw his own gun, realizes his gun is missing.) **SHERIFF** That's my gun! (Festivity stutters to a halt and the crowd panics.) (Someone SHRIEKS!) **PHIL** Give it to me! **BUSTER** No! **PHIL** Give it to me! (More SCREAMS!) **RITA** Phil! (PHIL grabs the Groundhog and shoots it.) (PHIL puts the gun against his own temple and pulls the trigger.) (Blackout.) (The noise is deafening, and then everything is quiet. A beat of silence. Another beat. Another.)

(The radio sounds its wakeup alarm.)

(SONG ON RADIO: PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL)

# **CLOCK RADIO**

WHO IS THAT, WHO IS THAT
EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW,
WHO CAN SEE TODAY
WHAT WE WON'T SEE UNTIL TOMORROW?
SHAMAN OF THE SHADOWS!
SPRINGER OF THE SPRING!

(Bedroom. PHIL sits up in bed.)

**PHIL** 

Really?

# **CLOCK RADIO**

IS IT A SQUIRREL?
IS IT A BEAVER?
KINDA BOTH BUT NOT QUITE EITHER.

# #16 **–** Hope

#### **PHIL**

THERE WILL BE MORNINGS
YOU'LL BE UTTERLY DEFEATED BY YOUR LACES,
DAYS WHEN EVERY LOOK LOOKS CONDESCENDING,
EMPTY SMILES IN EMPTY FACES
THE SAME OLD PLACES THIS STUNNING STASIS
JUST LET YOUR SPIRIT SLIP AWAY
LET ALL YOUR TROUBLES CRUMBLE AND DECAY
THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY OUT
IF AT THE END OF THE DAY
YOU'RE AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE.

#### -Suicide 1-

(A truck screeches and hits something.)

## **GROUNDHOG GUY**

**VOICE 1** 

Stop!

**VOICE 2** 

God!

**VOICE 3** 

Don't!

**VOICE 4** 

No!

(PHIL sits up in his bed.)

PHIL TOWNSPEOPLE

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

NEVER LET YOURSELF BE DEFEATED.

IF YOU TRIED IT ONCE,

YOU CAN TRY AGAIN

A NEW DAY WILL FOLLOW

THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW

NEVER LISTEN TO THE UNBELIEVERS NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

YOU'LL TAKE YOUR FALLS YOU'LL HIT YOUR WALLS

DON'T GIVE INTO SORROW THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW

# -Suicide 2-

(PHIL carries a toaster to his electrocution.)

# **PHIL**

AN EVERLASTING FARCICAL DISASTER,
YOU PLAY YOUR PART, YOU MARCH THE MARCH,
YOU DON'T COMPLAIN
YOU FIND YOUR WAY ANOTHER DAY
SURROUNDED BY A CAST OF HALF-WIT BASTARDS,
GRINNING MASKS AMIDST THE GREY
AND YET YOU STAY SANE, AND THROUGH THE PAIN,
THE FROZEN PANE OF GLASS
YOU STRAIN TO CAST YOUR GAZE UPON
THE PATH YOU HAVE TO TREAD
AND IN YOUR HEAD THAT LEADEN DREAD

# (PHIL)

THE FUCKING ROADS HAVE ALL BEEN TROD
AND THERE'S NO WAY AND THERE'S NO GOD AND,
GOD, OH GOD THIS GODDAMN WEATHER
WILL LAST FOREVER

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

BUT YOU MUST NEVER NEVER NEVER ...

(*Lights flicker at the B and B.*)

(PHIL sits up in his bed.)

#### **PHIL**

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE.

NEVER LET THE ODDS OVERWHELM YOU

WHEN THE GAME GETS HARD

DON'T THROW IN YOUR CARDS

A NEW DAY WILL FOLLOW

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW

#### **PHIL**

I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN,
I'VE DONE MY BEST AND I—
I TRIED SO HARD TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS MESS
BUT I—BUT I'M SO TIRED.
I SWEAR TO YOU I TRIED
AND SOMETIMES I JUST WANNA GIVE UP,
JUST GIVE UP AND STAY HERE AND LIVE
BUT I KNOW THERE'S NO POINT IN DENYING
THAT I WILL KEEP TRYING
I'M A LOT OF THINGS,
BUT I'M NOT A QUITTER.

#### -Suicide 3-

# (PHIL climbs a high ladder.)

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE, NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP,

# (PHIL)

NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP

## **TOWNSPEOPLE**

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

(PHIL'S body drops from above.)

(PHIL sits up in his bed.)

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#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP,
NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP,
NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP HOPE
NEVER GIVE UP HOPE
NEVER LET YOURSELF BE DEFEATED
NEVER LET YOURSELF BE DEFEATED
IF YOU TRIED IT ONCE,
YOU TRY IT ONCE, YOU TRY IT AGAIN
YOU'LL NEVER FOLLOW
A NEW DAY WILL FOLLOW

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

NEVER LISTEN TO THE UNBELIEVERS

IF IT ISN'T TODAY HAVE A LITTLE FAITH

THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW

(Hospital. RITA and LARRY stand in front of a body lying under a sheet.)

# **RITA**

Did he say anything to you, Larry?

#### **LARRY**

No, he seemed fine yesterday in the van. I mean, fine, not nice or anything. I mean, he could be nice. I saw him pet a dog once.

#### **RITA**

I didn't really know him, but he always seemed so confident to me. Like he could do anything.

#### LARRY

Poor guy. He didn't even like this holiday. Now it's going to be on his tombstone.

(The ORDERLY pushes the gurney away.)

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

NEVER GIVE UP HOPE NEVER GIVE UP HOPE NEVER GIVE UP HOPE NEVER GIVE UP HOPE

(PHIL enters, fully dressed.)

**PHIL** 

HOLD ON TO YOUR FAITH
YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY
AFTER ACID AND GAS AND GUNS AND RAZORS
AND ROPE YOU MAY WANNA LIVE,
BUT BABY DON'T GIVE UP HOPE.

-I'm A God-

(Diner. PHIL is seated at the counter.)

(RITA enters, spots PHIL and comes over.)

**RITA** 

Phil? There you are. I'm Rita. I'm producing this—are you okay? What are you doing?

PHIL

Nothing.

**RITA** 

Nothing?

**PHIL** 

Just thinking.

**RITA** 

So, what, did you oversleep or something? I left a wakeup call. What's going on with you?

**PHIL** 

You won't believe me.

RITA
Well, give me a chance.
PHIL
All right. I am a god.
RITA
You're God?
PHIL
Not THE God. Just A God. And this, apparently, is my dominion.
RITA
Okay.
PHIL
Hey, I didn't choose this life, but it's finally starting to make sense. I'm all knowing. I'm immortal.
RITA
Immortal. You can't be killed.
PHIL
No. I mean, yeah, technically I can, but then I'm resurrected. Just like you know who.
RITA
Oh brother.
PHIL
See? You don't believe me. But I forgive you.
RITA
Very cute.
PHIL
The thing is I know what I am $-a$ god, or maybe an alien with superpowers. I just don't know what I'm supposed to do.

# **RITA**

Tell you what. Why don't you and I go find Larry, get in the van, and go back to Pittsburgh.

**PHIL** 

We can't go back to Pittsburgh.

**RITA** 

Why not?

**PHIL** 

They closed down the highway.

**RITA** 

No they didn't.

(The SHERIFF and his DEPUTY enter.)

**SHERIFF** 

Could I have everyone's attention.

**DEPUTY** 

Listen up for the Sheriff!

**SHERIFF** 

Well, folks, it looks like they closed down the highway.

**RITA** 

Why?

MRS. LANCASTER

What's going on?

**DEPUTY & PHIL** 

It's that blizzard thing!

(Everyone else in the room pulls out their cell phones. They all realize that there is no signal and replace their phones.)

Ctill no cional	FRED & PHIL
Still no signal.	
I'll put on more coffee.	DORIS & PHIL
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So, everything's shut down?	DEBBIE & PHIL
	SHERIFF & PHIL
Well –	
	JEFF & PHIL
What about the one-nineteen?	
	SHERIFF & PHIL
That's closed.	
	BUSTER & PHIL
Three-Ten?	
	SHERIFF & PHIL
Closed.	
	DEBBIE & PHIL
How about the Colonel Drake l	Highway?
	RITA
Okay, stop it.	
	SHERIFF & PHIL
I'm telling you, it's all around t	18.
	DEPUTY & PHIL
Like a blizzard doughnut.	
	RITA
How did you do that?	

JEFF	
(handing SHERIFF coffee)	
Here you go, Pop.	
SHERIFF	
Thanks, son.	
RITA	
Is this some kind of trick?	
PHIL	
Yes! It's a trick. But maybe the real God uses tricks, too. Maybe he's no omnipotent. He's just been around so long he knows everything.	ot
RITA	
Well, you don't—	
FRED	
So we've got the whole day off.	
(PHIL takes JEFF'S tray so that it won't be knocked over.)	
DEBBIE	
Snowball fight!	
JEFF	
Debbie!	
(to PHIL)	
Hey.	
(PHIL hands the tray back to Jeff.)	
PHIL	
You're welcome.	
RITA	
You don't know everything.	

DORIS
Here's some coffee.
PHIL
Her name is Doris.
RITA
It's on her name tag.
PHIL
She's worked here since she was fourteen, and she dreams of being a singer but she can't really sing.
DORIS
How do you know that?
RITA
(to DORIS)
You've never met?
DORIS
No. How does he know about me?
RITA
He must have overheard something.
PHIL
That's Freddie Kleiser, that's Debbie Johnson, —
DEBBIE
Hey, it's Forecaster Phil!
PHIL Thanks for watching. They met on Groundhog Day four years ago.
DEBBIE Wow.

FRED
He's good.
PHIL
Debbie's waiting for a proposal but Fred keeps chickening out.
<b>DEBBIE</b> What?
vilat:
FRED
Well ever since your sister got a diamond –
DEBBIE
I don't want a diamond.
PHIL
She really does, Fred. That's Jeff. He's very clumsy, he's gay, and he always bets
against the Eagles.
SHERIFF
What?
TEEE
JEFF Wait —
SHERIFF
Jeff?
JEFF
Pop, I was going to tell you.
SHERIFF
Against the Eagles?
DEBBIE
(to FRED)
You think I'm that shallow?

#### **DORIS**

I don't sing that bad.

(The diner erupts into mini squabbles.)

**RITA** 

I don't know what you're trying to do here.

**PHIL** 

I'm not trying to do anything.

(PHIL exits and RITA hurries after Phil.)

# #17-I'm Not Trying (Scene Change)

(Outside.)

**RITA** 

Wait! Slow down. Phil? Stop. Please.

**PHIL** 

Just leave me alone.

**RITA** 

But Phil, what happened in there?

**PHIL** 

It doesn't matter. Nothing makes any difference.

# **RITA**

You've got to explain. I mean, you can't know everything about everybody. You don't know anything about me. You don't. I know you don't.

(A beat.)

# #18 - Everything About You

#### **PHIL**

YOU LIKE BOATS, BUT YOU DON'T LIKE DEEP WATER AND YOU ARE AFRAID OF CLOWNS,

# (PHIL)

AND THE END OF THE WORLD
AND YOU LIKE FILMS, BUT AS A RULE
YOU THINK THEY SHOULD BE 10 MINUTES SHORTER
AND WHEN YOU WERE 19 YOU KISSED A GIRL AND
DIDN'T PARTICULARLY LIKE IT.

#### RITA

Phil, you could be talking about almost anyone.

#### **PHIL**

AND YOU LOVE THE THIGHS
OF PERFECTLY ROASTED CHICKEN.

# **RITA**

Who doesn't?

#### **PHIL**

AND YOU SLEPT WITH THE LIGHT ON
UNTIL YOU WERE TWELVE BECAUSE YOU THOUGHT JESUS
WAS GOING TO APPEAR FROM THE DARK
AND GET ANGRY WITH YOU
FOR NOT HELPING YOUR MOM WITH HER MOM
OR WALKING YOUR DOG.
WHO YOU NAMED STEPHEN, BECAUSE ...
WELL, ACTUALLY YOU NEVER DID TELL ME WHY.
APART FROM THAT I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.

#### **RITA**

How are you doing this?

**PHIL** 

I KNOW EVERYTHING-

**RITA** 

I don't understand.

#### **PHIL**

I've seen it all before. More times than I can count. I wake up every day, right here in Punxsutanwney, and it's always February 2nd, and there's nothing I can do about it.

(Beat. She looks at him.)

#### **PHIL**

I can't stop it. It just keeps going and going. And this is everything I'll ever have. Just this. I'll never see the sun again. Never grow a beard. Or see the ocean. Eat Chinese food. Drink a good cup of coffee. I'll never get a raise. Or have a birthday. Just this one dark freezing—

(RITA gives him a hug.)

(PHIL breaks off the hug.)

Sorry. This is my – You can't help me.

#### **RITA**

Have I ever tried? I mean, in any of your other February 2nds. Have we ever done this before?

PHII.

No. This is a first.

#### **RITA**

Maybe I should spend the rest of the day with you. As an objective witness. Have I ever done that?

**PHIL** 

Not willingly.

# **RITA**

Would you like me to? We could get fudge. Don't gods like fudge?

PHII.

I bet the fat ones do.

# #19-If I Had My Time Again

# **RITA**

SOME TIMES, IT'S LIKE I'M STUMBLING FORWARD HUSTLED FORWARD, JOSTLED FROM BEHIND BY TIME AND SOME TIMES IT'S LIKE I'M BEING DRAGGED, YET ALWAYS LAGGING,

# (RITA)

TRYING TO KEEP IN TIME WITH TIME

BUT IF I COULD
STOP THE CLOCK FOR JUST ONE DAY...
IF I COULD FREEZE A MOMENT
FOR A MOMENT,
A REST BEFORE THE MEASURE'S OVER,
HOLD THE BEAT FOR JUST ONE DAY...

IF I COULD WIND IT BACK
AND START AFRESH,
JUST A DAY TO CATCH MY BREATH,
TO MAKE MISTAKES
AND SET THEM RIGHT,
DELAY THE COMING
OF THE NIGHT.

IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN
I WOULD DO IT ALL THE SAME,
THEY SAY, BUT THAT'S INSANE
WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO MAKE
A COUPLE OF CHANGES?

REGRETS?
I'D NOT EVEN HAVE A FEW
IF I COULD DO THIS THING
THAT YOU SAY YOU CAN DO

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

# AAAAAH

RITA	PHIL	TOWNSPEOPLE
I ALWAYS DREAMT OF		BA BA BA BA
LEARNING HOW TO		BA BA BA-AO
DANCE		
	SOME DAYS I GOT OUT	BA BA BA BA
	WITHOUT PANTS	BA BA BA-AO
IT'S SO EXCITING		BA BA BA BA
	I'VE SLEPT WITH NINETY	BA BA BA-AO

RITA	PHIL	TOWNSPEOPLE
A NEW BEGINNING		BA BA BA BA
	PERCENT OF WOMEN	BA BA BA-AO
EV'RY MORNING		BA BA BA BA
	IN PUNXSUTAWNEY	BA BA BA-AO
		BA BA BA BA
TO HAVE TIME TO STRIVE		BA BA BA-AO
FOR MORE	BETWEEN EIGHTEEN AND	BA BA BA BA
	EIGHTY FOUR,	BA BA BA-AO
	AND ONE DUDE WHEN I	
	WAS BORED	
IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN		
I'D TAKE THE PATH		
LESS TRODDEN		
AVOID THE CRAP		
I TROD IN		
READ A LOT OF BOOKS		BA BA BA BA
	I'VE STOLEN EIGHTEEN	BA BA BA-AO
AND I WOULD	MILLION BUCKS	BA BA BA BA
WORRY LESS ABOUT		BA BA BA-AO
MY LOOKS	AND I GUESS I'D DO IT	BA BA BA BA
	AGAIN	BA BA BA-AO
AND I WOULD BE A LOT		ООН
MORE ZEN		
RITA		PHIL
	WHEN	

WHEN

AND I WOULD PUNCH

A LOT OF MEN I

IF I HAD HAVE

MY TIME AGAIN MY TIME AGAIN

# **RITA**

IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN
I WOULD DO IT ALL THE SAME,
THEY CLAIM, BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS
SURELY YOU'D WANT TO MAKE A COUPLED OF FIXES?

ALL THOSE BOXES LEFT UNCHECKED,
ALL THE DREAMS YOU LEFT NEGLECTED:
YOU'D GO BACK AND PUT IT RIGHT

RITA	PHIL	TOWNSPEOPLE
I'VE ALWAYS FANCIED		AH-BA BA BA BA
LEARNING HOW TO CLIMB		BA BA BA-AO
	I ONCE MASTURBATED	BA BA BA BA
	SEVEN TIMES,	BA BA BA-AO
I'D STUDY MATH,		BA BA BA BA
	IN THE BATH,	BA BA BA-AO
AND SEARCH FOR		BA BA BA BA
MEANING	IN ONE EVENING	BA BA BA-AO
AND I'D RUN UP HILLS!		BA BA BA BA
	IT WASN'T FUN, BUT STILL,	BA BA BA-AO
AND LEARN TO PAINT		BA BA BA BA
	A MAN MY AGE	BA BA BA-AO
JUST TO KNOW I	IT'S NICE TO KNOW I	BA BA BA BA
CAN	CAN, IT'S NICE TO KNOW	BA BA BA BA-AO AH
IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN	I CAN	IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN

# **RITA**

I'D SAMPLE ALL THE SAMPLES,
LOOK AT THINGS FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES.
I WOULD NOT DO IT ALL THE SAME
IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN

**PHIL** 

Over there,

**RITA** 

Yeah?

**PHIL** 

- the duck pond? First time I ever went skinny dipping.

**RITA** 

Wait, it's frozen solid.

PHIL

Yeah, I didn't like it. And over there I learned to drive an 18 wheeler.

**RITA** 

Really?

**PHIL** 

**RITA** 

**RITA** 

**PHIL** 

# **PHIL** Yeah. Right there, through that store window. **RITA** It feels like you're showing me around your home town. **PHIL** Want to see the high school? **RITA** You didn't go to school here. **PHIL** I sat in on a couple of classes. Chemistry, girls' hockey – go Chucks! **RITA** You sure you don't like it here, maybe just a little bit? **PHIL** It's the only place I've got. **TICKET MAN** Tickets! **RITA** A Tilt-A-Whirl!

Really?

Come on!

I'm not a slug.

It'll be fun! Don't be such a slug!

# RITA & TOWNSPEOPLE

IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN

# **RITA**

THE THINGS I'D HANDLE BETTER...
I WOULD SEND MY UNSENT LETTERS

RITA	PHIIL	TOWNSPEOPLE
	I HAVE STARTED SEVEN	BA BA BA BA
	HUNDRED FIGHTS	BA BA BA-AO
IF I	AND IF YOU KNEW THE	BA BA BA BA
HAD	ENDLESS NIGHTS	
MY TIME	THAT I HAVE WASTED	BA BA BA-AO
AGAIN	GETTING WASTED,	
	CONTEMPLATING	BA BA BA BA
	DIFF'RENT WAYS TO	
	SUICIDE	BA BA BA-AO
I WOULD WRITE AND I		BA BA BA BA
WOULD RIDE	AND I HAVE TRIED EV'RY	
	FOOD AND EV'RY DRINK	BA BA BA-AO
	AND EV'RY CHEAT	BA BA BA BA
AND I	AND EV'RY CHOICE A	BA BA BA-AO
WOULD	THOUSAND TIMES	BA BA BA BA
BRNG JOY TO OTHER	AND I DAILY EAT ABOUT	BA BA BA-AO
PEOPLE'S LIVES	A DOZEN DONUTS AND I	BA BA BA BA
	DON'T KNOW WHY	BA BA BA-AO OOH
AND I WOULD LEARN	AND I DON'T KNOW	
PIANO	WHY	
AND I WOULD MAKE A		
LOT OF FRIENDS		
IF I HAD MY TIME		WHOA!
IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN	IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN	IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN
I'D OPEN ALL THE DOORS	AND I'VE OPENED ALL	
I NEVER LOOKED BEHIND	THE DOORS YOU NEVER	
BEFORE, AND OH, THE	LOOKED BEHIND BEFORE,	BA BA BA BA
THINGS I'D TASTE, THE	AND I	BA BA BA-AO
THINGS I'D TRY!	OH I WAS COMPLETELY	BA BA BA BA
	DEAD INSIDE	BA BA BA-AO
AND THE MISERY I COULD		BA BA BA BA
PREVENT		BA BA BA-AO

**RITA PHIL TOWNSPEOPLE** BUT TODAY I'M, LIKE, BA BA BA BA EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT BA BA BA-AO AND I WOULD MAKE A AΗ LOT OF FRIENDS, IF I HAD MY TIME AGAIN, I HAVE HAD IT, **AGAIN** I HAVE HAD MY TIME BA BA BA BA AGAIN BA BA BA-AO BA BA, IF I HAD MY TIME **AGAIN** -Late Night With Rita-(PHIL'S bedroom.) (RITA is looking at a Farmer's Almanac.) **RITA** Okay. How about wheat production? **PHIL** Four hundred thirty seven thousand bushells. **RITA** Right again. (RITA yawns.) RITA And the full moon – **PHIL** August thirteenth. **RITA** You really memorized the whole almanac. **PHIL** Well. It's the only book in the room.

# **RITA**

Hey, don't let me fall asleep. I want to watch you disappear.

**PHIL** 

I don't think it works like that.

**RITA** 

It doesn't?

**PHIL** 

No, I think you just wake up back in your room, like nothing happened.

**RITA** 

Cool. That means I don't have to walk home.

**PHIL** 

You still don't believe me, do you?

**RITA** 

Well, if it is really happening, then I think you're the lucky one. Every day you get to try new things. It's the rest of us who are stuck.

**PHIL** 

Well, you always have a really good day. Except when I mess it up for you.

**RITA** 

Today you messed it up pretty good.

**PHIL** 

Yeah, I did, didn't I? This was the best day I can remember. I thought I'd never feel good again. How did you do that?

**RITA** 

I'm a Producer.

(RITA falls asleep.)

**PHIL** 

Associate Producer.

# #20 - Everything About You (Reprise)

(PHIL)

AND YOU LIKE VOLTAIRE
AND THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS
AND WHEN YOU SMILE, YOU GET THIS LITTLE CREASE ON
YOUR NOSE AND I KNOW THAT YOU THINK
THAT I'M SHALLOW, BUT IF YOU KNEW JUST HOW DEEP
MY SHALLOWNESS GOES YOU'D BE SHOCKED
AND YOUR TOES GO NUMB
COS YOU WEAR INAPPROPRIATE SOCKS
I KNOW EVERYTHING...

**RITA** 

Did you say something?

**PHIL** 

Shhh. Goodnight, Rita.

# #21 – Getting the Hang of This

# —Phil-Osophy—

(A clock radio sounds its wakeup alarm.)

(Lights up on Phil's bedroom. PHIL is alone in the room, and is now almost finished getting dressed. PHIL exits to the hallway.)

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PUNXSUTAWNEY OOOHH AAAHH BA DA BA BA DA DA

# **CHUBBY MAN**

Good morning!

**PHIL** 

Hey, Tubby. Uh, Chubby. Jonathan.

# CHUBBY MAN Have we met? PHIL I'm Phil. CHUBBY MAN Like the groundhog! PHIL Sure. Have a great day. And you're not a porkchop.

**CHUBBY MAN** 

Back atcha.

(PHIL continues to the Parlor.)

# MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, Mr. Connors! Looks like a storm coming, don't you think?

PHIL

That's very perceptive. You know, I'm a weatherman.

MRS. LANCASTER

I know. Would you like some coffee?

**PHIL** 

Yes, please.

(The CLEVELANDS enter.)

MRS. CLEVELAND

Good morning!

MRS. LANCASTER

Oh, hi!

**PHIL** 

You know, there's a blizzard headed this way?

# MR. CLEVELAND

I heard that too.

MRS. CLEVELAND

We're all going to turn into

MRS. CLEVELAND & PHIL

Popsicles! Jinx!

**PHIL** 

You know, Mrs. Lancaster, this coffee is - remarkably drinkable!

MRS. LANCASTER

Why, thank you! Oh, will you be staying an extra night, Mr. Connors?

**PHIL** 

You guys have a great day!

(PHIL exits.)

MRS. LANCASTER

He sure has a spring in his step.

MRS. CLEVELAND

Yeah.

MRS. LANCASTER

And yet there's a hint of sadness.

(The Town.)

**DEBBIE** 

Hey, it's Phil Connors, from

FRED & DEBBIE

Good Weather with Phil Connors!

**PHIL** 

Hi guys. Want to get a picture?

# **FRED**

Sure. Sheriff?

#### **SHERIFF**

You bet.

(PHIL squeezes in and the SHERIFF snaps the picture.)

# **PHIL**

Everybody smile. Have fun today.

(to Sheriff)

Oh, you should really get this fixed.

# **SHERIFF**

Thank you.

(The SHERIFF exits and OLD JENSON approaches Phil.)

# **OLD JENSON**

Change, Mister?

(PHIL instinctively brushes past him, then hesitates.)

# **PHIL**

Hey, wait. Here.

(PHIL takes out his wallet, gives Jenson a bill, then gives him the whole wallet.)

# **PHIL**

Keep it.

(JENSON examines his surprise gift.)

(PHIL takes a deep breath, inhaling the morning.)

I may be getting the hang of this.

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

PHIL! PHIL! PHIL!

(Enter NED RYERSON)

# **NED RYERSON** Phil? Phil Connors? **PHIL** Ned Ryerson? **NED RYERSON** Bing! (PHIL slugs Ned.) Ow. Just like high school. (PHIL realizes he has slugged Ned.) **PHIL** Oh. Ned. Sorry. Bad habit. Let me help. **NED RYERSON** (cheerfully) No harm no foul. (Ned's wallet has fallen out and PHIL collects it. The accordion of photographs tumbles out.) **PHIL** Wow. This is your family? **NED RYERSON** Yeah, there's Jamey, Joey, Jack, Jasper, and little Mary. **PHIL** Nice. **NED RYERSON** And there's my beloved.

**PHIL** 

Ned, she's hot.

NED
It's true. It's true. She was. She passed.

PHIL
Oh.

NED
Yeah.

PHIL
I'm so sorry. Listen, I was going to grab some coffee. Wanna walk with me?

NED
Great! It's so good to see you!

PHIL
You too, Ned.

(PHIL casually moves Ned aside so the Groundhog's sun misses him.)
Sorry about the nose.

# **NED**

Ah! I've got a policy for that. On that topic, how are you fixed for auto... dental... flood —

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER
THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER
THAN PUNXUSTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG DAY

# #22 - Piano Lessons / Jenson

(The Knob.)

(PHIL enters carrying coffees and donuts.)

# **RITA**

Phil! Phil! Over here! No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs, and funny hats, dancing to stay warm, I'm—

PHIL  Pita Cood to see you again
Rita. Good to see you again.  RITA
You remembered! How nice.
PHIL Sticky bun?
RITA Thank you.
PHIL Larry? Danish, Croissant, Donut.
LARRY Donuts? Like, yeah!
PHIL  Larry, donuts. Got it. You know, we never talk.
LARRY
Sometimes I think you forget I'm here.
RITA Phil! You ready?
PHIL
Almost. No, Larry, come here, I need your opinion on something.
(grabbing the camera.)
I'll get that. So I was talking to Buster, the head honcho—
(NANCY walks by. She and LARRY collide.)
LARRY
Oh!
NANCY
Sorry!

LARRY
I'm so—
NANCY
No, I wasn't looking—
LARRY
I didn't see you.
(THEIR eyes meet.)
PHIL
Hey, Romeo—I was talking to Buster and he thinks we'd get the best shot right about here.
(NANCY smiles and exits.)
RITA
Do we have time?
PHIL
Larry, what do you think?
LARRY
Me, oh, uh, yeah. Let's do it.
PHIL
Look at you, Larry. You're clearly too handsome for behind the camera.
LARRY
I get that a lot.
(The clock-tower chimes. Airhorn.)
PHIL
All right, count it off.
LARRY
Okay. Ready in five, four, three, two

# **BUSTER**

EVERY YEAR FOR A HUNDRED YEARS
WE'VE BENT OUR HEADS AND LENT OUR EARS TO LISTEN
TO HIS FAMED PROGNOSTICATION

(All cheer)

BUSTER LUCKY FOR YOU I SPEAK WITH EASE
BOTH ENGLISH AND GROUNDHOG-ESE
PLEASE STAND-BY FOR IMMINENT TRANSLATION

(Blackout.)

-Piano, Old Jenson-

(A simple piano lesson plays, inaccurately.)

(Piano teacher's house. Phil sits at the piano next to the Piano Teacher.)

PIANO TEACHER

Is this your first lesson, Mr. –

**PHIL** 

Connors.

**PIANO TEACHER** 

Mr. Connors?

**PHIL** 

Uh huh.

PIANO TEACHER

You're doing fine. All it takes is repetition.

**PHIL** 

Thanks.

PIANO TEACHER

Repetition. Repetition.

PHIL

Good.

# **PIANO TEACHER**

Repetition. That's the key.

#### **PHIL**

I will try to remember that.

(The piano music continues.)

(Lights up on OLD JENSON on a bench. PHIL passes him.)

#### **PHIL**

Hey. Hey, Old guy. Come on inside—you're going to freeze out here. Hello? Hey—can you hear me? Mister?

(PHIL feels for a pulse, then realizes the man is dead.)

Jesus! Hey! Help! Somebody! Okay. Okay. Look, don't worry, pal. I got this.

# -Piano Beat 2-

(A simple piano lesson plays, slightly improved.)

(Piano teacher's house. PHIL sits at the piano next to the PIANO TEACHER.)

# PIANO TEACHER

This is your first lesson, Mister—?

**PHIL** 

Connors. Not technically.

# PIANO TEACHER

You've been at it for two hours. Sure you don't want a glass of water?

**PHIL** 

No, I want to get this right.

#### PIANO TEACHER

Get it right? That could take some time. People spend years on their technique.

#### PHIL

That's fine. I'm not going anywhere. Go ahead if you need a break.

# PIANO TEACHER

PIANO TEACHER
Maybe just a short one.
PHIL
Hi.
(Hospital. The NURSE approaches Phil.)
NURSE
You brought in Mister Jenson?
PHIL
"Jenson." Okay. Yeah. How is he?
NURSE
I'm afraid he just passed away. Are you a relative?
PHIL
Where is he?
NURSE
Sir –
PHIL
I'd like to see his chart. There must be an underlying problem.
NURSE
Sir. You did your best. It was just his time. People die.
PHIL
Wrong. Not on my watch.
—Piano Beat 3—
(A skillful niano lesson nlaus )

# (A skillful piano lesson plays.)

(Piano teacher's house. PHIL sits at the piano next to the PIANO TEACHER and a vase of flowers.)

# PIANO TEACHER

Thanks again for the beautiful flowers.

I just really appreciate the lesson.

#### **PIANO TEACHER**

That's excellent form, Mister –

#### **PHIL**

Connors.

# PIANO TEACHER

Mister Connors . Lovely positioning. Whoever taught you really knows their stuff.

# #23 - Night Will Come

#### **NED RYERSON**

ON AND ON AND ON YOU STUMBLE ON TOWARDS THE EVENING SUN SHE WAITS FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS YOU STARE RIGHT THROUGH HER

(OLD JENSON is sitting on a Park Bench.)

ON AND ON YOU FALL TOWARDS HER
COLD EMBRACE IN SHADOWED DOOR-WAY,
OFFERS NOTHING, STILL SHE DRAWS YOU EVER TO HER
ON AND ON AND ON YOU STUMBLE ON
TOWARDS THE SINKING SUN
TURN A BLIND-EYE, FIGHT OR RUN
REST ASSURED, THE NIGHT WILL COME.

# **PHIL**

Hey, Old Guy. I brought you some soup.

(PHIL sits down next to him, carrying a thermos. He unscrews it and hands it to Old Jenson, who gratefully sips the hot soup.On Park bench, Phil tries to hold Old Jenson up as he slips into death.)

Stay with me, fella. Come on, man. No, no, I need you to live!

# **NED RYERSON**

ON AND ON YOU GRASP AND GUESS
AND SEARCH FOR PATTERNS IN THE MESS

# (NED RYERSON)

OF WHAT HAS BEEN AND WHAT IS LEFT

TO YET ENDURE

THE JESTER SHRUGS AND PLAYS HIS PART

THE FEARFUL SEE ONLY DARK

THE PIOUS WITH THEIR HOPE-FILLED HEARTS

SING HALLELUJAH

ON AND ON AND ON YOU STUMBLE ON

TOWARDS THE COOLING SUN

TURN A BLIND-EYE, FIGHT OR RUN

REST ASSURED, THE NIGHT WILL COME.

(OLD JENSON dies. PHIL attempts CPR.)

#### **PHIL**

Come on, you stubborn old man! Breathe for me! Breathe! Breathe for me! Come on!

#### **NED RYERSON**

ALL THE LOVE AND ALL THE GOLD

ALL YOU'VE BUILT AND ALL YOU'VE SOLD

ALL THE POWER YOU MAY HOLD

YOU WON'T EVADE HER

(PHIL finally gives up resuscitating Old Jenson. PHIL covers him.)

(He sits down next to him and cries.)

ALL THE STEEL, ALL THE BRICKS

ALL THE MATH AND MAGIC TRICKS ALL THE CARROTS,

ALL THE STICKS WILL NOT DISSUADE HER

(*Phil wipes his tears.*)

ON AND ON AND ON YOU STUMBLE ON

TOWARDS THE FADING SUN

TURN A BLIND-EYE, FIGHT OR RUN REST ASSURED,

THE NIGHT WILL COME.

REST ASSURED, THE NIGHT WILL COME.

AS FOR THAT

THE REST IS JUST A TEST OF YOUR ENDURANCE

YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE

YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE

YOU GOTTA LOVE LIFE -

# -Gobbler's Knob, Final Day-

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Six more weeks of winter!

## **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Awwww. Yaaaaaaay!

(PHIL delivers his report to camera.)

## **PHIL**

February 2nd. Punxsutawney. Dawn. I'm feeling pretty good today. Excited, really. Six weeks of winter, at twenty four hours a day, seventy heartbeats a minute—more if you're a marmot. That's over four million heartbeats, ticking through this winter like a twelve hour clock, bounded yet infinite, leaping from beat to beat at the ratio one point six one eight, or Phi, every day an infinity of things to do, and change, and try, spiraling like a hurricane or the ovaries of an angelfish, or the same twelve notes repeating and recombining since even musical frequencies are based on Fibonacci ratios. (beat) And that's good weather.

# **LARRY**

Got it.

(PHIL brings Rita the microphone.)

**RITA** 

Well!

**LARRY** 

Wow, Phil!

**RITA** 

Very interesting.

**PHIL** 

Thanks, guys.

**RITA** 

Fibonacci?

	PHIL
I know –	
	RITA
I mean, it was –	
	PHIL
Kind of a flawed analogy, but I'm v	
	D.T.
No, good, just not what I expected. something before we head back in t	<b>RITA</b> Hey, maybe want to grab a cup of coffee or he van?
-	DITI
Oh.	PHIL
(A clock-tower chimes.)	
Uh−I'm not sure I have time.	
	RITA
No big deal.	
	PHIL
No, but thank you for asking. That	makes me very happy. Maybe another time?
	RITA
Sure.	
	PHIL
Good. See you later.	THIL
,	
Wait. Where you going?	RITA
wait. Where you going:	
	PHIL
I just have some errands to run.	
	RITA
Errands? Here?	

Why wait? Ou sont les neiges d'antan? Am I right?

# **RITA**

You know French poetry?

# #24 - Philanthropy

# —Philanthropy—

# **PHIL**

FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO...

(PHIL exits, in a hurry.)

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

ONE 2 3 4 5 6 SE-VEN 8

9 10 11 12

123456SE-VEN8

9 10 11 12

123456SE-VEN8

9 10 11 12

1234

5678

9876

5432

1234

5432

(PHIL performs timely acts of kindness and compassion around town.)

## -Bench Scene-

(RITA is seated on a park bench writing in her journal.)

#### **RITA**

FEBRUARY SECOND:
FIRST REMOTE BROADCAST
G.H.D. IN PUNX. P.A.
WORKING WITH PHIL CONNORS...

(PHIL enters carrying a bundled set of numbered cups.)

(HE is very out of breath.)

# **RITA**

Hey. There you are.

(PHIL is trying to speak.)

What is it? Here, sit down.

(PHIL hands her the chili.)

Chili? For me? You brought me chili? From the cookoff? Are you okay?

PHIL

I just can't seem to retain cardio fitness.

RITA

I read that if you do a little exercise every day –

**PHIL** 

Yeah, you'd think.

**RITA** 

Hey, I guess you heard about the blizzard.

**PHIL** 

Yeah, yeah. The roads are all closed.

# **RITA**

You know, I was looking for you. I thought I'd lost my weatherman.

No way. I'm not going anywhere.

(Clock-tower chimes.)

See ya.

**RITA** 

Now what?

(PHIL hurries away.)

**PHIL** 

Busy day. Careful with number four and number seven. Spicy!

**RITA** 

Phil? Thanks for lunch.

(HE exits.)

# —Running Errands, Afternoon Bits—

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

5! 4! 3! 2!

1, 1, 1, 1!

(PHIL continues to perform more timely acts of kindness and compassion around town.)

PUNXSUTAWNEY IS A LITTLE TOWN

WITH A HEART AS BIG AS ANY TOWN

PUNXSUTAWNEY IS A LITTLE TOWN

WITH A HEART AS BIG AS ANY TOWN IN THE U.S.A.

AND THERE IS NO TOWN GREATER THAN

PUNXSUTAWNEY ON GROUNDHOG GROUNDHOG

**GROUNDHOG** 

(PHIL encourages DORIS with her singing.)

#### **DORIS**

GROUNDHOG, GROUNDHOG DAY!

# **TOWNSPEOPLE**

**GROUNDHOG DAY!** 

# —Bar Scene, Final Day—

(RITA sits at the bar rubbing her cold toes. BUSTER is peering at his caged groundhog.)

# **BUSTER**

Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! Okay. I guess we're off to the Banquet. Anyone else?

**RITA** 

Maybe when my toes thaw out.

**BUSTER** 

That's what the dancing is for!

**BARTENDER BILLY** 

See you, Buster.

(BUSTER exits.)

(STORM CHASER and LADY STORM CHASER enter, passing by Rita toward the Banquet.)

LADY STORM CHASER

**Greetings!** Greetings!

STORM CHASER

Didn't you get his number?

LADY STORM CHASER

No. He just changed the tire and left.

STORM CHASER

Weathermen don't change tires.

LADY STORM CHASER

Well, this one did.

(FRED and DEBBIE enter.)

**RITA** 

Wait. Phil Connors?

He's like my best bud!

FRED
Oh, no way.
DEBBIE
What?
vviide.
FRED
No way!
DEBBIE
No way!
FRED & DEBBIE
Wrestlemania!
FRED
How'd he know?
DEBBIE
What do you mean? He's Forecaster Phil.
···
FRED & DEBBIE
Bye!
(FRED and DEBBIE exit to banquet.)
(LARRY enters with MRS. LANCASTER. She is holding a package.)
LARRY
Hey, Rita.
RITA
Larry. Have you seen—
MRS. LANCASTER
Rita? You're Rita? Perfect. He told me you'd be at the bar.
RITA
I'm sorry?

# MRS. LANCASTER

I'm Mabel Lancaster. Here. He asked me to bring this over to you. He's so nice. He fixed my coffee machine!

(Hands Rita the package.)

**RITA** 

You mean Phil Connors?

LARRY

Hey, Rita. Check it out. Phil helped me pick out this suit for the gala.

(Showing off his tacky tux.)

It's so me.

**RITA** 

Where is he?

# **BARTENDER BILLY**

You mean Phil Connors? I think he's already inside.

**RITA** 

He is?

# MRS. LANCASTER

Well, let's get this party started!

**LARRY** 

Let's go!

(ALL exit but Rita and Bartender Billy.)

(RITA opens her box. She pulls out a big fur-lined boot.)

**RITA** 

Incredible.

(Lights down.)

# —Groundhog Gala—

(Lights up on Ballroom.)

(A band rocks out to an R and B version of "Punxsutawney Phil." The Piano Teacher stands at the microphone, really belting it out. The piano accompaniment by the unseen player is killer.)

# #25 - Boots / Punxsatawney Rock

#### **PIANO TEACHER**

WHO IS THAT -

#### **GUESTS**

WHO IS THAT?

# PIANO TEACHER

-EMERGING FROM HIS BURROW? WHO CAN SEE TODAY WHAT WE WON'T-

#### PIANO TEACHER & TOWNSPEOPLE

SEE UNTIL TOMORROW?

#### **PIANO TEACHER**

SHAMAN OF THE SHADOWS SPRINGER OF THE SPRING IS IT A...

**CHUBBY MAN** 

SQUIRREL?

PIANO TEACHER

IS IT A...

MRS. LANCASTER

BEAVER?

# **PIANO TEACHER**

KINDA BOTH BUT NOT QUITE EITHER!
WE CAN GUESS BUT WE DON'T KNOW
IF WE SHOULD DRESS FOR SUN OR SNOW
UNTIL WE'VE HEARD FROM OLD PHIL
FROM PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL!

Forty!

(Crazy piano lead. It's PHIL!)

(Music ends to cheers and applause.)

# **PIANO TEACHER**

Phil Connors! Phil Connors, everybody! He tuned my piano!

# **BUSTER**

Okay! Wait, Phil, don't go anywhere. Time for the bachelor auction! Now, who wants to buy a dance with channel five weatherman Phil Connors!

J
DORIS
Five dollars!
BUSTER
Whoa! The bidding has begun at five dollars!
NANCY
Seven fifty.
DEBBIE
Ten dollars!
DORIS Fifteen dollars!
JEFF Twenty dollars!
NANCY
Twenty-six!
JEFF
Thirty!
DEBBIE
Thirty-six!
MRS. LANCASTER

**BUSTER** 

Mabel!

**NANCY** 

Forty-five!

BUSTER

I hear forty-five dollars. Any more?

**RITA** 

Three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and eighty-eight cents!

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

Whoaah!

(The CROWD parts to reveal RITA holding a wad of cash. She is wearing her new boots.)

# **BUSTER**

Now, Miss, you do understand you aren't actually buying this person. Phil Connors, one of your fans is waiting for a dance.

(leading chant)

Phil! -

# **BUSTER & TOWNSPEOPLE**

-Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil! Phil!

#26 - Seeing You

# **PHIL**

DROVE OUT OF TOWN, TOOK A RIGHT ONTO A NORTHBOUND HIGHWAY WAS IT REALLY ONLY YESTERDAY? IF I HAD KNOWN WHAT NOW I KNOW MAYBE I

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

OOH

WOULD HAVE TAKEN A MOMENT
MAYBE LOOKED OVER MY SHOULDER
MAYBE SHED A TEAR
NOW I'M HERE
A STORM BLEW IN, OVERWHELMED ME
SOME TIME LATE THIS MORNING

# PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

THINK I IGNORED THE WARNINGS

**PHIL** 

I'VE SPENT A LIFE TIME SEEKING SIGNS READING LINES

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

AΗ

**PHIL** 

TRYING TO FORECAST THE FUTURE ALWAYS STAYING A DAY AHEAD

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

AΗ

**PHIL** 

WELL

PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

THAT WAS THE IDEA

**PHIL** 

BUT I'M HERE.

PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN IT ALL,

**TOWNSPEOPLE** 

**BEFORE** 

**PHIL** 

WAS SURE BY NOW I KNEW THIS PLACE

PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

I SWEAR THAT I KNEW EV'RY HAIR

EACH LINE UPON YOUR FACE

# PHIL & TOWNSPEOPLE

I THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY TO BETTER

PHIL

DAYS WAS THROUGH TOMORROW

BUT I KNOW NOW THAT I KNOW

YES I KNOW NOW THAT I KNOW NOTHING

BUT I'M HERE

AND I'M FINE

AND I'M SEEING YOU

FOR THE FIRST TIME

I'M ALRIGHT

AND I'M SEEING YOU

FOR THE FIRST TIME

(PHIL and RITA meet on the dance floor and begin to dance together.)

(LARRY greets Nancy and asks her to dance.)

(PHIL and RITA stroll together outside onto a patio.)

# **PHIL**

And this is the observation deck. Soak in the view. Eighteen wheeler, parked over there. Public toilets.

**RITA** 

	RITA
Sweet.	
	PHIL
Guy vomiting.	
	RITA
No he isn't.	
	PHIL
Yeah, right there.	

Awwwwwwww.

True. I like today better.

# DRUNK GUY (O.S.)

	( - · - · )
Yaaaaaaay!	
	RITA
It's very romantic.	
	PHIL
Well, I want you to get your money's v	worth.
(It starts to lightly snow.)	
	RITA
Oh, wait. It's really really nice.	
	PHIL
•	expected. With this low pressure system in lke a dip along the Alleghenies bringing —
(On impulse she kisses him.)	
	RITA
Sorry. That was—	
	PHIL
Entirely unexpected.	
	RITA
Oh, god. Four hundred dollar dance as over me?	nd a kiss. All in one night. What's come
	PHIL
Yeah, slow down.	
	RITA
We hardly know each other.	
	PHIL
What do you mean? We did the flood	story.
	RITA

Me, too.

# **RITA & PHIL**

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN IT ALL BEFORE
I THOUGHT I KNEW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW

**RITA** 

ABOUT MEN LIKE YOU

**PHIL** 

AND I WAS SURE

# RITA, PHIL, FRED, & DEBBIE

I THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY TO BETTER

**RITA & PHIL** 

DAYS WAS THROUGH TOMORROW

**ALL** 

BUT I KNOW NOW THAT I KNOW YES, I KNOW NOW THAT I KNOW

(Snow starts to fall heavily. PHIL and RITA exit.)

THAT I'M HERE

AND I'M FINE

AND I'M SEEING YOU

FOR THE FIRST TIME

I'M ALRIGHT

AND I'M SEEING YOU

AAH

# —Waking Up, February 3rd—

(Lights up on a bedroom set, bed, window, bedside table with the clock radio and a phone.)

(Lying in bed is PHIL.)

(It is strangely silent.)

(PHIL sits up. Looks at the radio and the phone. Nothing.)

(PHIL notices and lifts Rita's boot from the floor.)

# #27 – Finale

(From the bathroom RITA enters.)

# **RITA**

Oh, you're awake. It's still early. Did you look out the window? It must've snowed all night. It's really pretty. Don't you love it when it's all quiet? Hey, I never thanked you for the boots. Good move. What? You're staring at me.

**PHIL** 

You're still here.

**RITA** 

Did you not want me to stay? I thought of leaving but that felt a little dickish.

**PHIL** 

You're really here.

**RITA** 

Yeah, I'm here, Phil.

**PHIL** 

It's impossible. It really happened.

(Beep beep of the Van.)

Larry! It's Larry. He's never here. Hey, Larry!

(PHIL throws the window open.)

# **LARRY**

Phil! They've cleared the roads so	we can head	out whenever	you want.	Hey, have
you seen Rita? I looked all over.				

**PHIL** Yeah. She's right here. **LARRY** In there? PHIL I am also surprised. **LARRY** Well, I'm not sure I approve, Phil. To be honest that's kind of unprofessional. **PHIL** (turning to Rita) Larry says the roads are clear. We can leave. We can just go. That's amazing. **RITA** I guess. I mean, do we have to? I was thinking it might be nice to spend the day together. Or are we through here? PHIL Through? We haven't even started. (PHIL hurriedly and playfully starts throwing shoes and a coat on RITA.) Come on. There's something I've got to see. **RITA** I'm**PHIL** Outside. Let's go. **RITA** Where are we going?

**PHIL** Hurry up. You're such a slow-poke. **RITA** Me? PHIL Yeah, quit dragging your feet? **RITA** I'm not! **PHIL** Come on! Shake a leg! **RITA** Wow. (PHIL grabs her hand and tugs her excitedly outside where the sun is rising over the town.) **PHIL** Look at that sun! (PHIL and RITA sit together on a park bench to watch the sunrise.) (Lights down)

# **THE END**

# #28 - Bows

#### **TOWNSPEOPLE**

TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SUN
AND IF NOT TOMORROW,
PERHAPS THE DAY AFTER
AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW,
AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW,
AND TOMORROW THERE WILL BE SUN!

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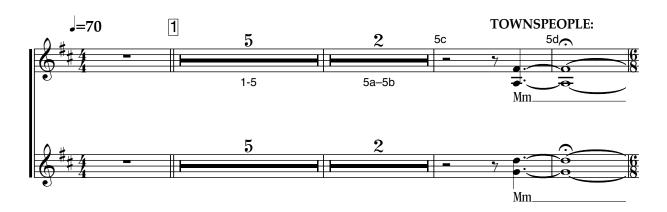
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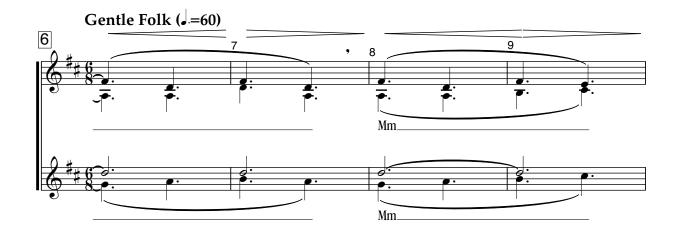
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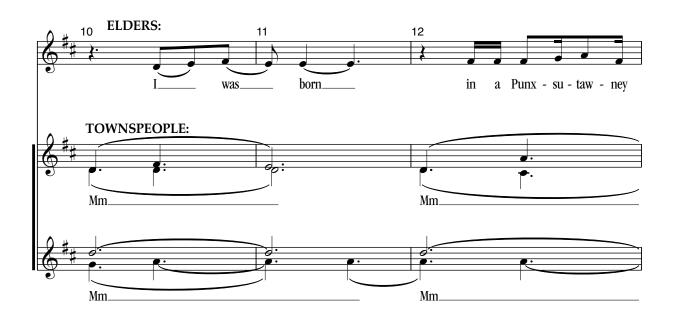
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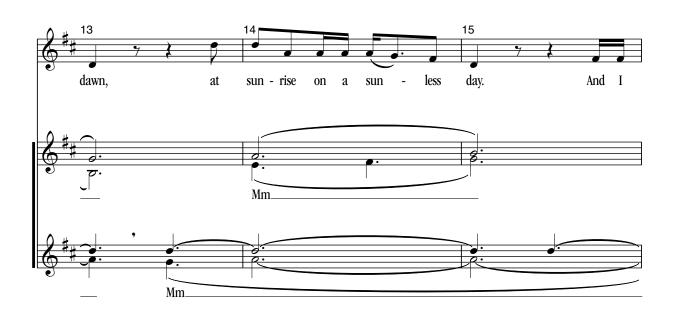
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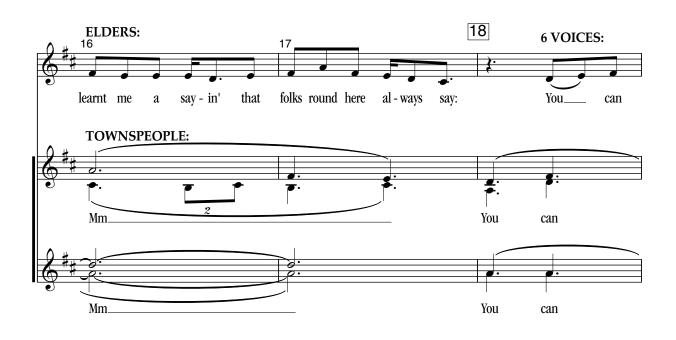


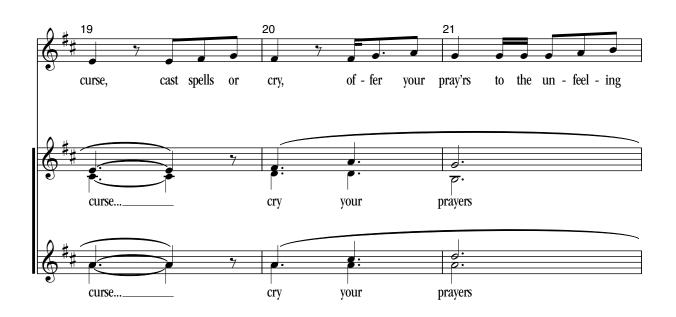






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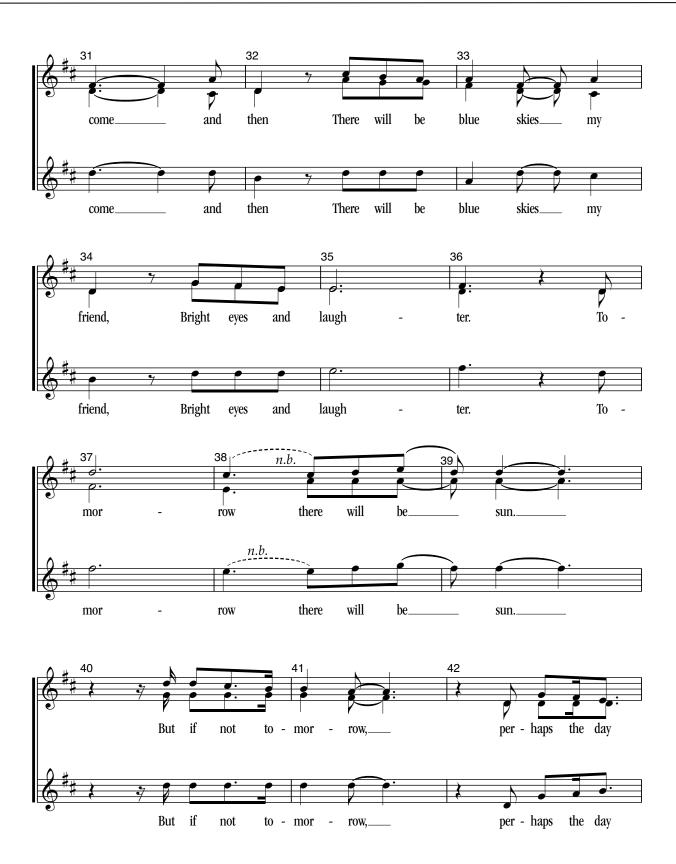




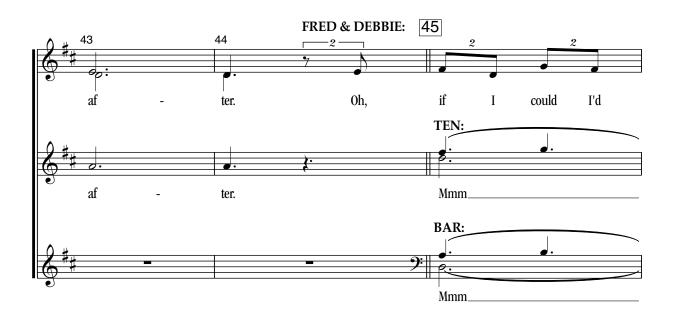


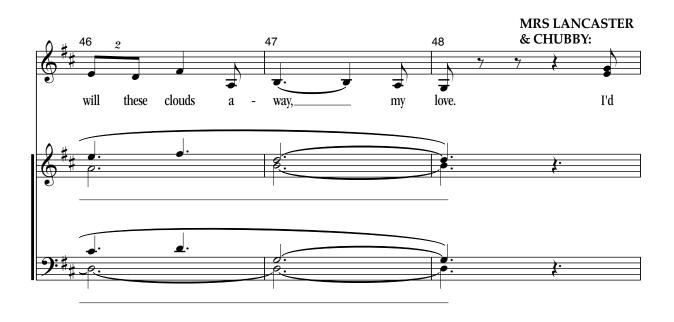


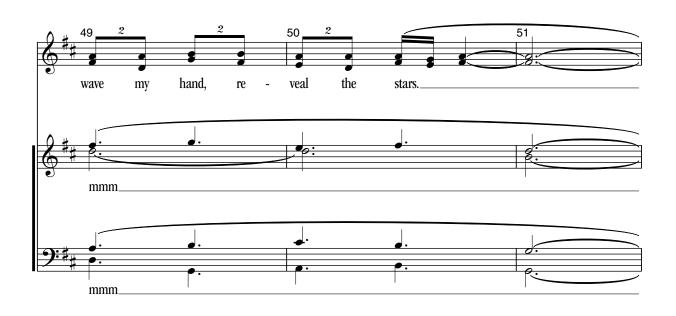
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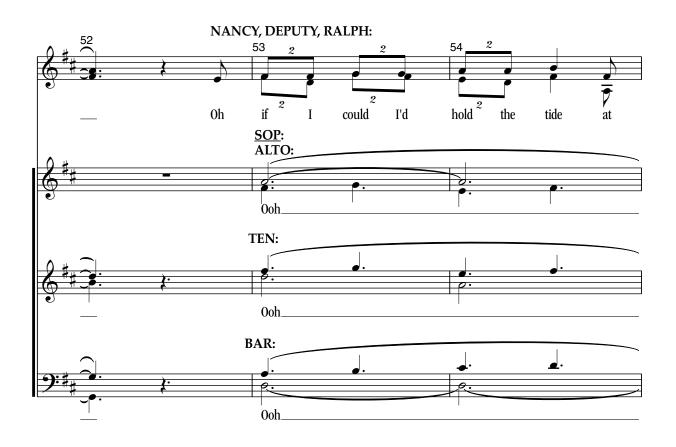


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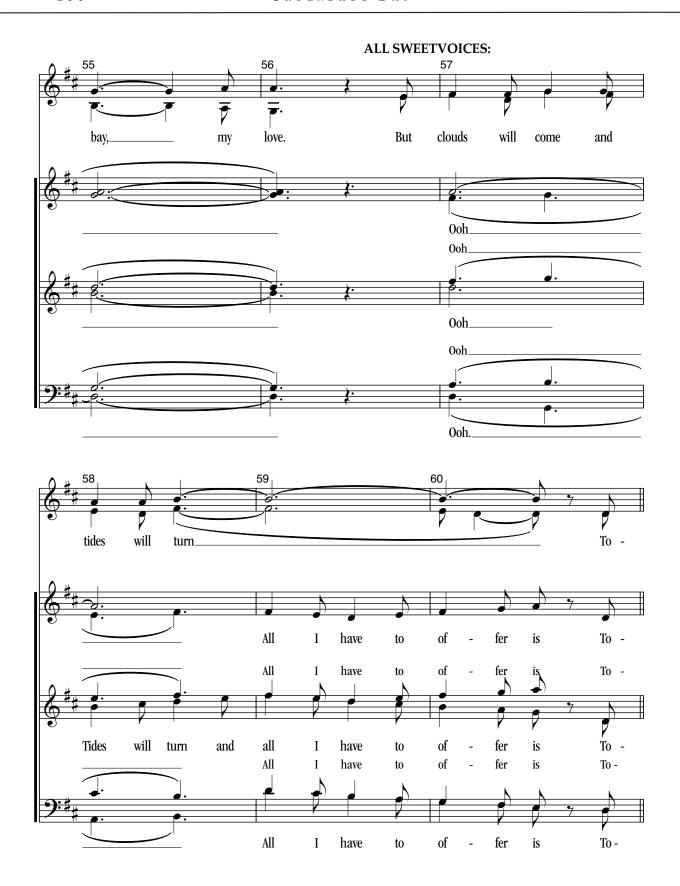




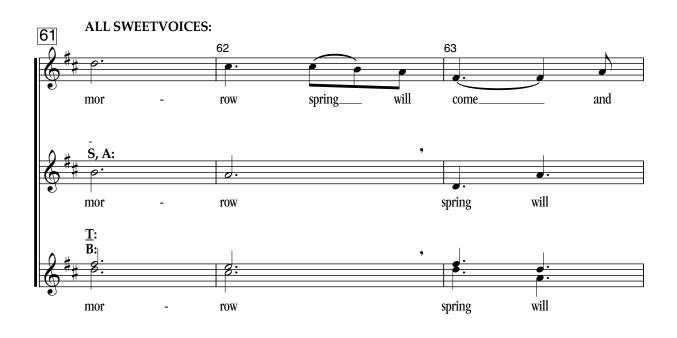


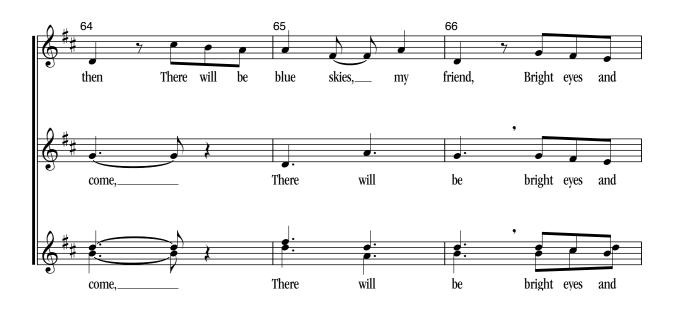


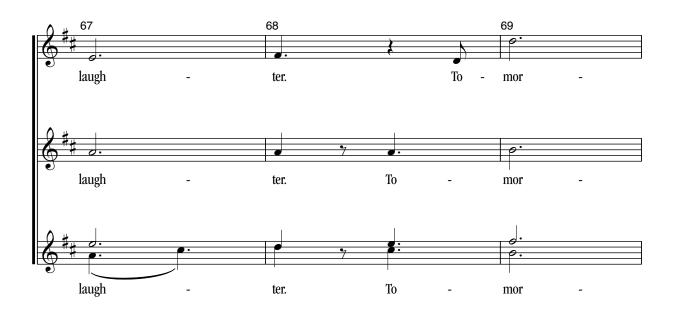
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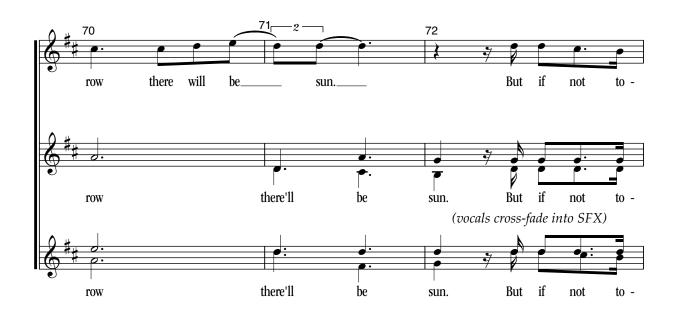


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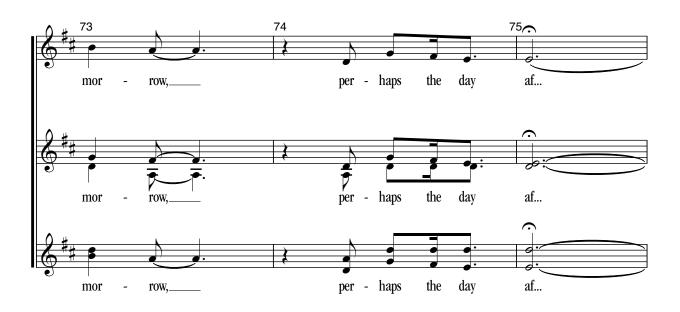


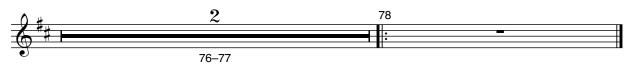






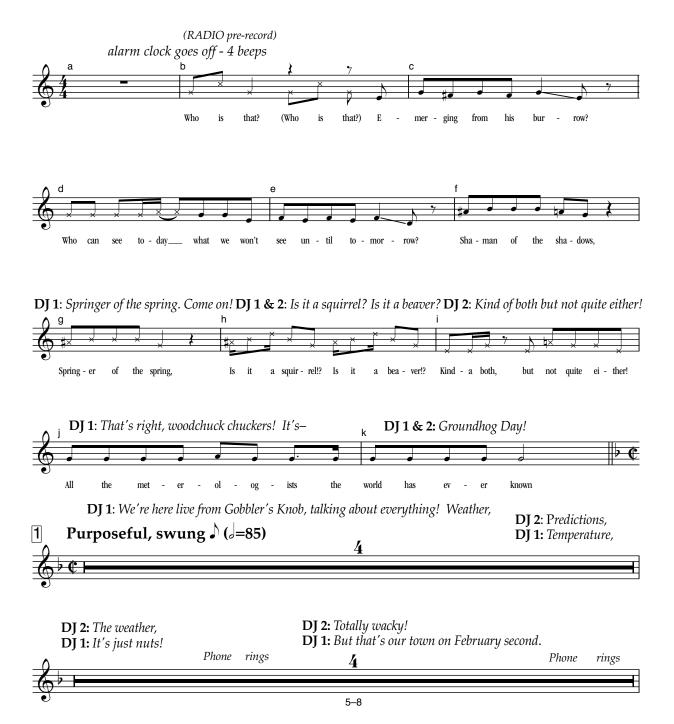
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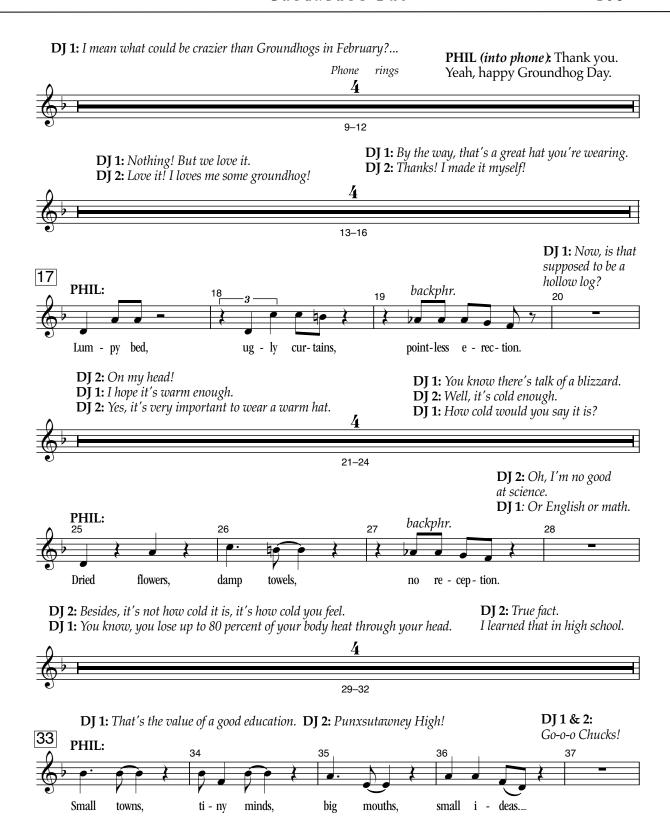




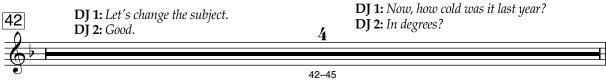
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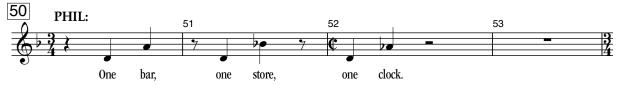






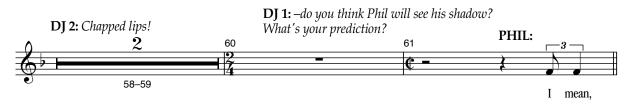


**DJ 1:** Yeah, stuff we just don't understand no matter how much we read. **DJ 2:** The great mysteries of the universe.



**DJ 1:** Mysterious things. But right now the question on everyone's lips-







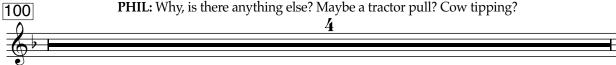








CHUBBY MAN: Good morning! Off to see the groundhog?



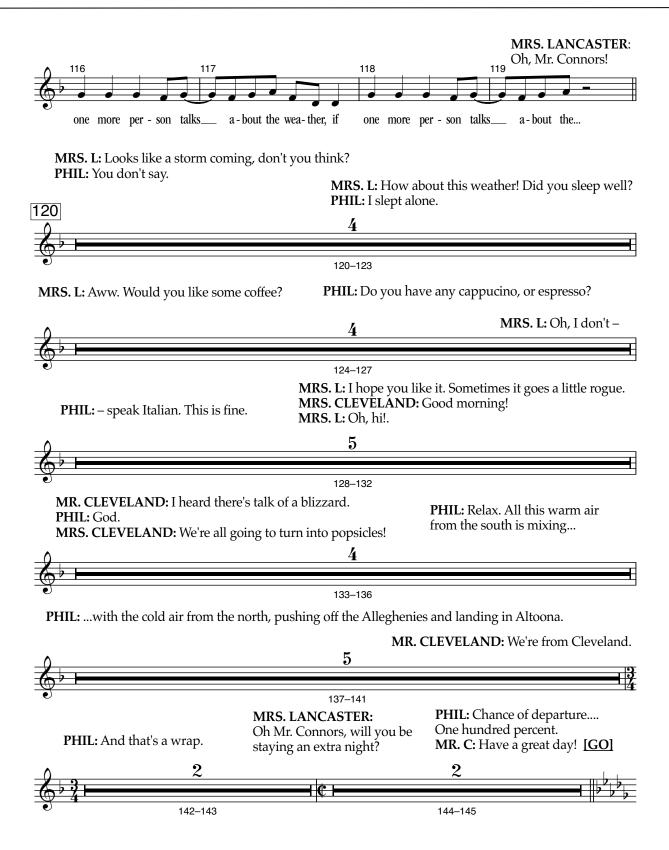
**CHUBBY MAN:** I don't think so. Hey, think it'll be an early spring?

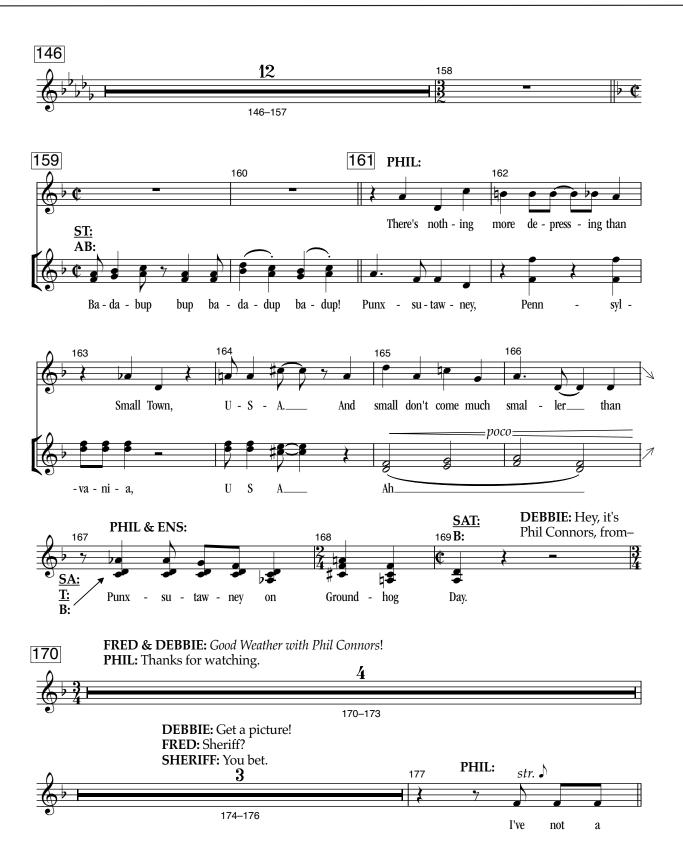


CHUBBY MAN: Good guess. I think that actually is the first day of spring.





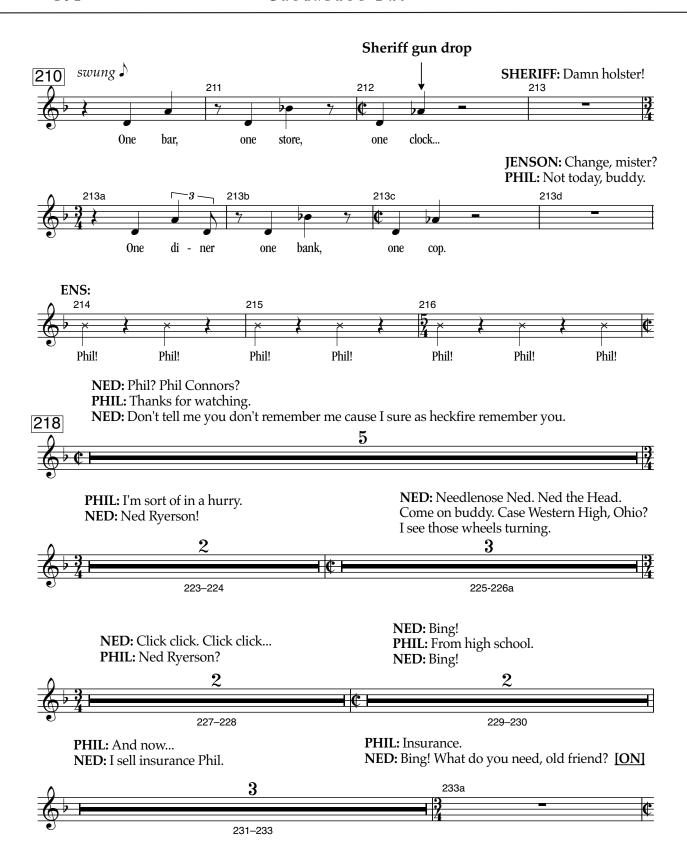


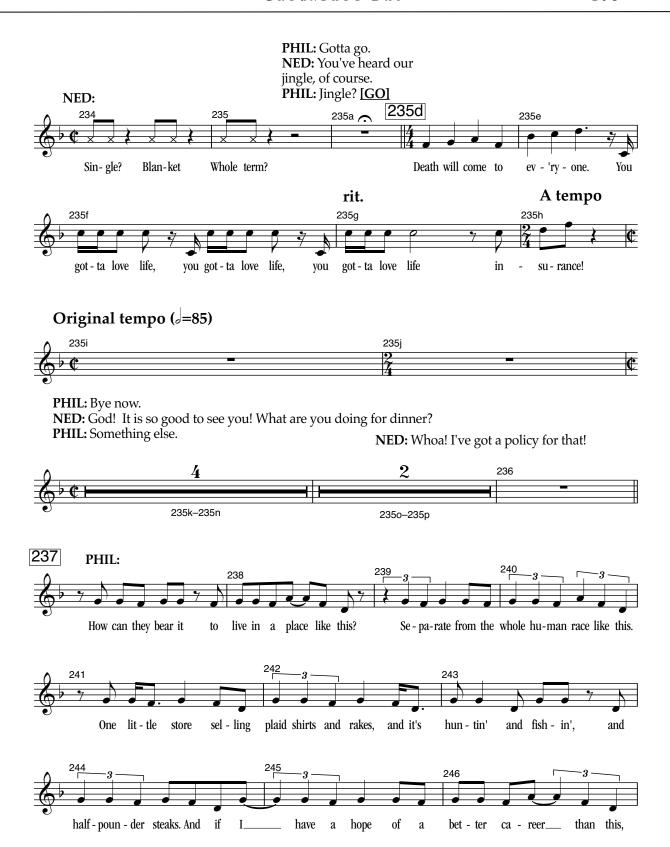


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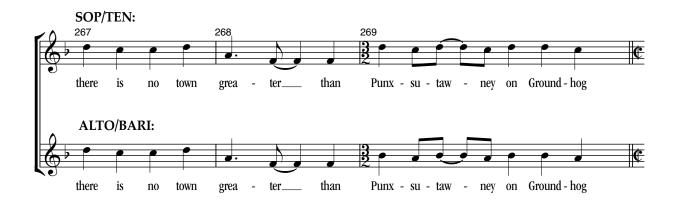
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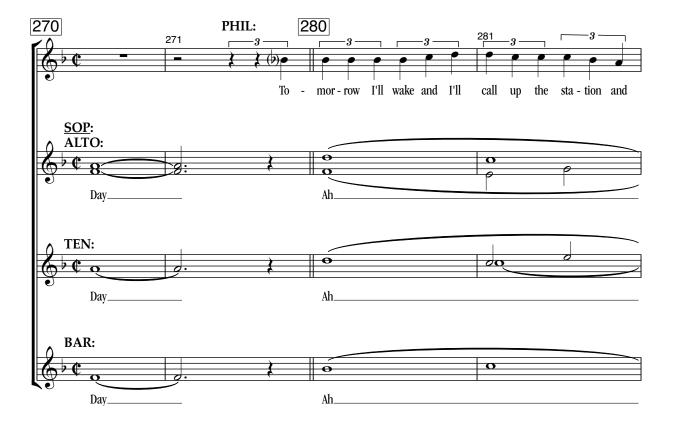


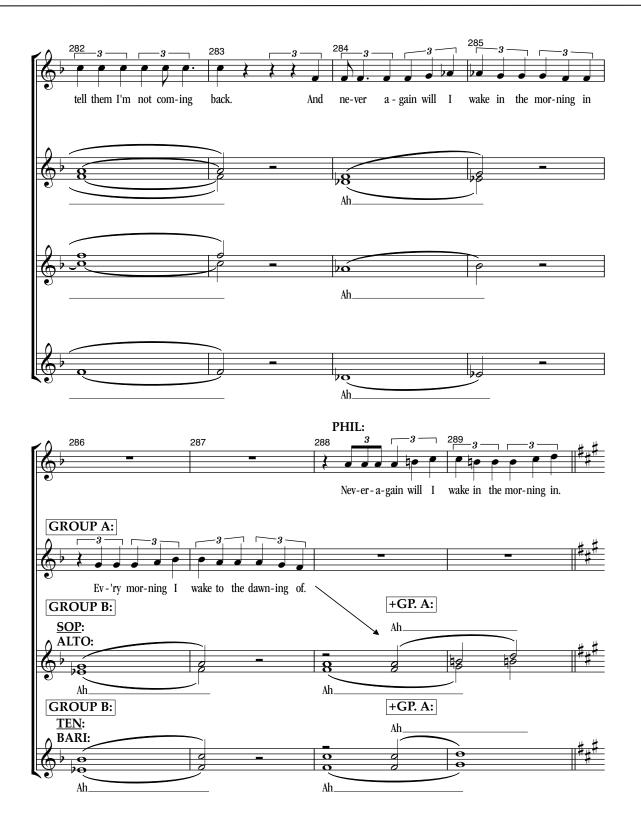




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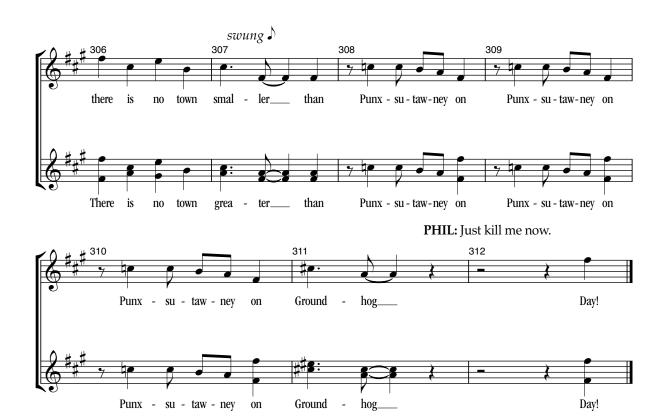








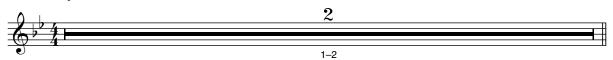
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#### Day One-Punxatawney Phil

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Jolly Polka (=124)



RITA: Phil? Phil! Over here.

No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs,

and funny hats, dancing to stay warm. I'm-**PHIL:** Larry, let's start with a tight closeup.

LARRY: How tight?

**PHIL:** I don't want to see any of this.

**RITA:** How was the B and B? You're in their best room.

**PHIL:** Who are you again?

RITA: Sorry. I'm Rita. We actually worked together

on the flood story. **PHIL:** Oh, great.

They didn't even send me a real producer.

**RITA:** I'm a real producer. Well, Associate Producer.

PHIL: See?

RITA: Either way, if there's anything you need

that you don't-PHIL: Oh. NANCY: Sorry.

PHIL: Now that's what I'm talking about. Hi!

RITA: Hey, stud. PHIL: What?

RITA: Anything that you need, just ask.

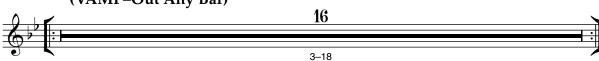
PHIL: Really? Anything?

**RITA:** Work related, Phil. (clock chime)

**LARRY:** Here we go. (airhorn)

RITA: Okay. It's groundhog time. [JUMP to m19]

(VAMP-Out Any Bar)



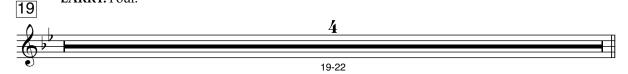
**PHIL:** Fine. Larry. On me in three... LARRY: Okay. We're on in five.

PHIL: What? Hey... Rhonda?

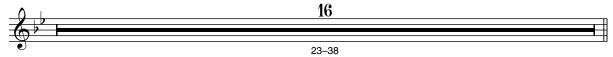
RITA: "Rita." LARRY: Four. PHIL: Two. LARRY: Three.

**PHIL:** He always does this.

LARRY: Two.



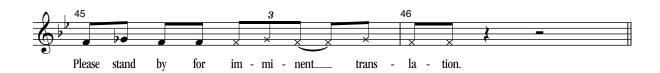
**PHIL:** Once a year, the eyes of the nation turn to this tiny hamlet in western Pennsylvania to watch a master at work. The master? Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous weatherman, the groundhog who, as legend has it, can predict the coming of an early Spring. So what's it going to be this year. Will he see his shadow? Won't he see his shadow? Is it snow plows or sunscreen? The real question we have to ask ourselves today is, "Does Phil feel lucky?"

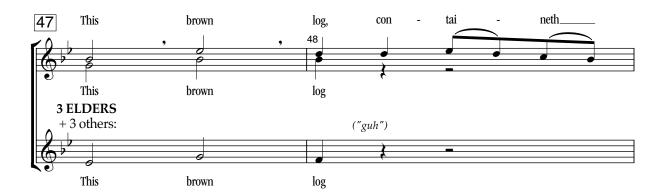






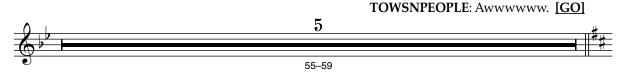


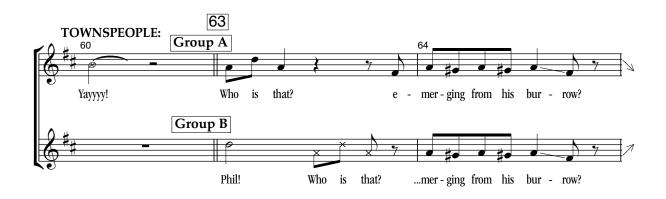


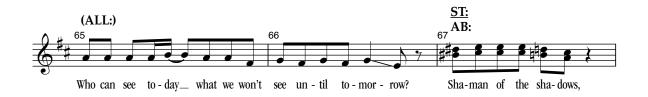


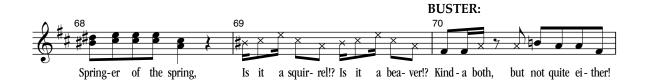


**BUSTER:** Punxsutawney Phil, seer of seers, prognosticator of prognosticators, has declared in Groundhog-ese that he did indeed see his shadow! Six more weeks of winter!













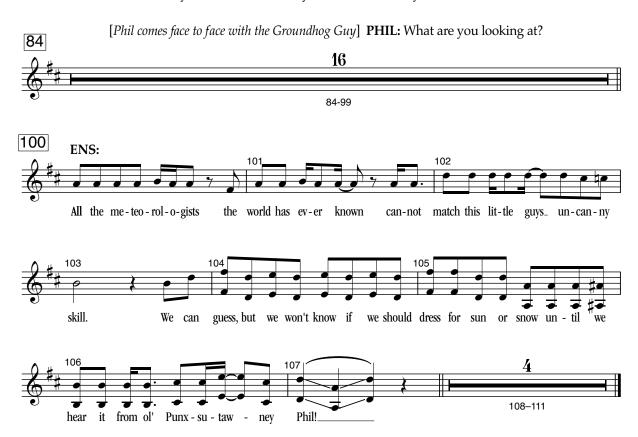


**PHIL:** This is one time that television really fails to capture the true excitement of a large squirrel predicting the weather. From Punxsutawney, this is Phil Connors. So long.

**RITA:** Really, Phil? Want to try it again without the sarcasm?

**PHIL:** You kidding? I nailed it. That's a wrap. I'll meet you at the diner.

**LARRY:** He's always like this. **PHIL:** Hey, have the van ready.



### Day One-Blizzard

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**TACET** 

## **Day One-Diary**

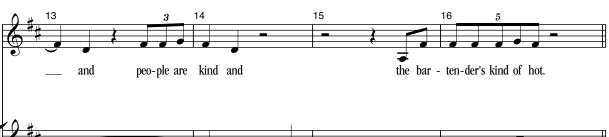
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**RITA:** You're going to miss the groundhog dinner. **PHIL:** Forget it. I had Groundhog for lunch. **[START]** 



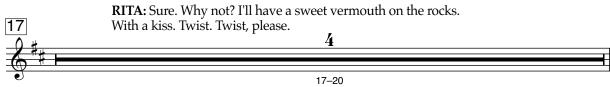
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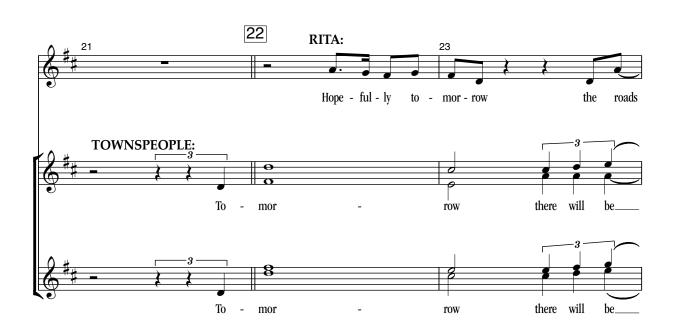
Drink, miss?





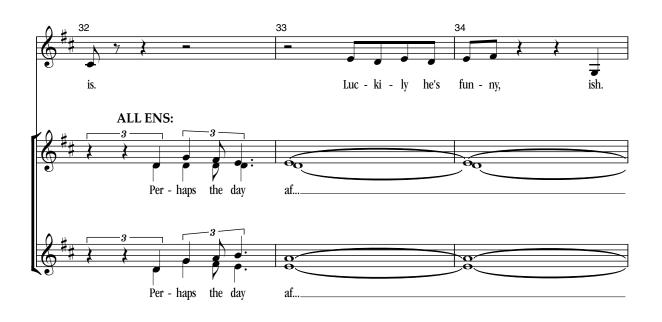
RITA: What? BT BILLY: Cocktail?

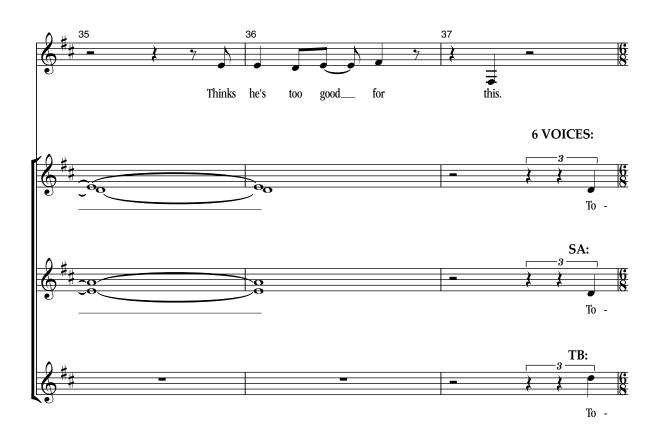




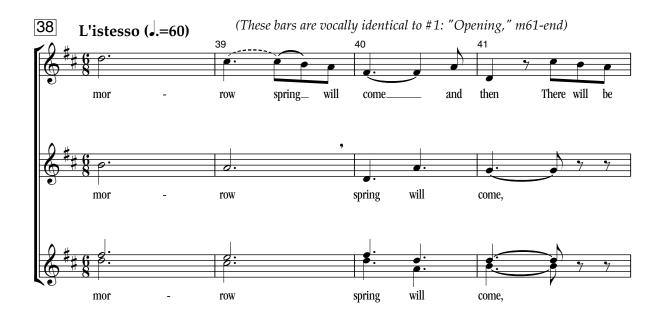


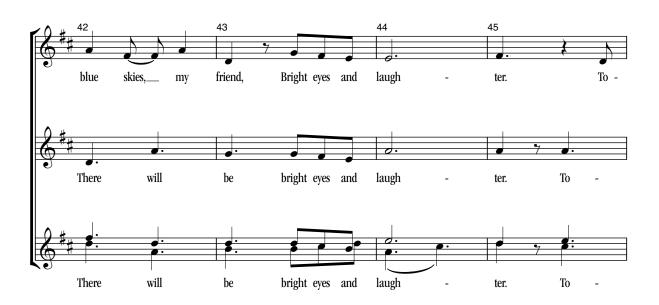
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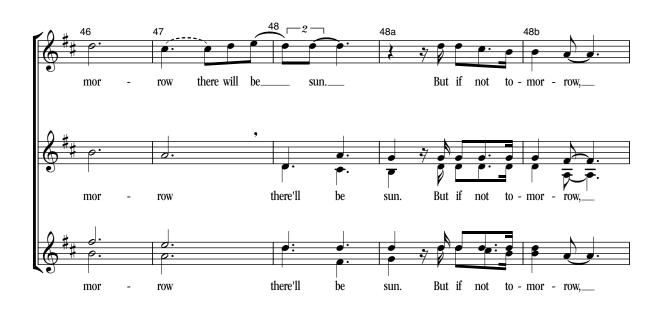


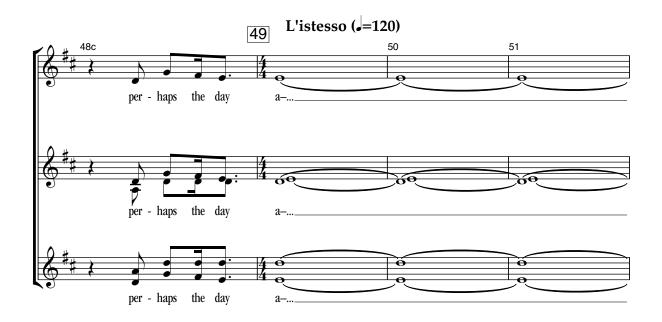


#5-Day One-Diary





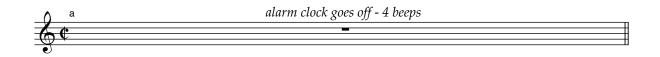




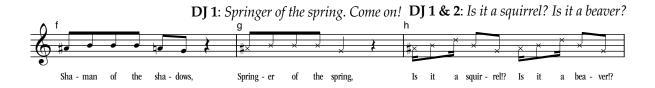


Attacca # 6:
"Day Two-Small Town"

# Day Two-Small Town USA 6







**DJ 2**: Kind of both but not quite either! **DJ 1**: That's right, woodchuck chuckers! It's—







**PHIL:** (*into phone*) Hello? Yeah, I didn't set a wake-up call. Happy Groundhog D– How many days is this holiday?



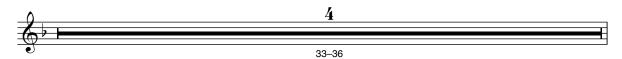


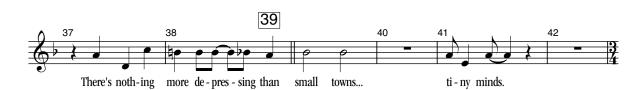




**DJ 1:** ...Do you think Phil will see his shadow? **PHIL:** Yes he did.

**DJ 1:** *What's your prediction?* **PHIL:** I predict your unemployment.

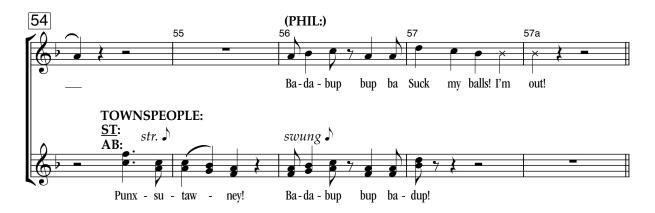


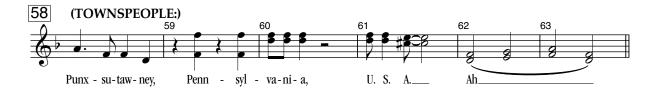












**CHUBBY MAN:** Good morning! Off to see the groundhog?

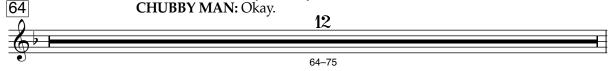
PHIL: Excuse me?

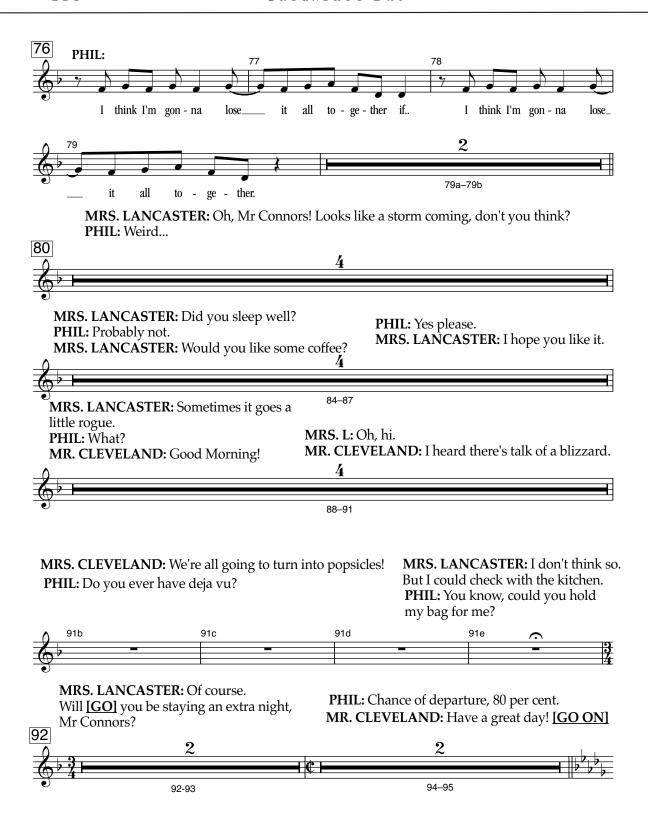
**CHUBBY MAN:** Off to see the groundhog?

**PHIL:** Didn't we do this yesterday?

**CHUBBY MAN:** I don't know what you're talking about. **PHIL:** Don't mess with me, pork-chop. What day is this? **CHUBBY MAN:** It's February 2nd! Groundhog Day!

**PHIL:** No, that was yesterday.

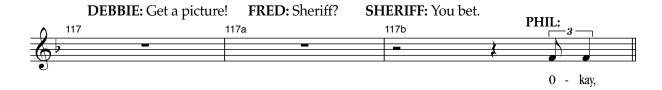






**DEBBIE:** Hey, it's Phil Connors, from



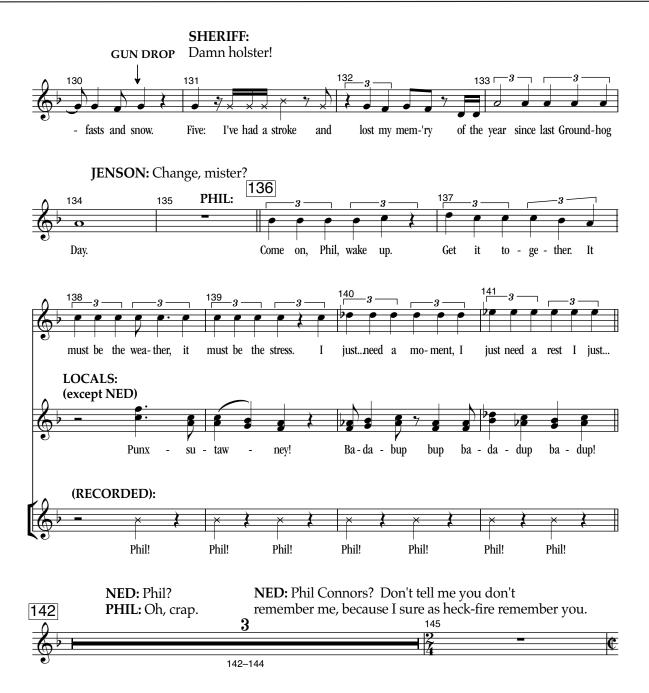






Three: it's a flash-back from when I was twen-ty and ate ma-gic mush-rooms and thought I was A-qua-man.





**PHIL:** Ned Ryerson?

**NED:** BING! First shot right out of the box! How's it going, old buddy?



**PHIL:** Actually, I'm not feeling so great.

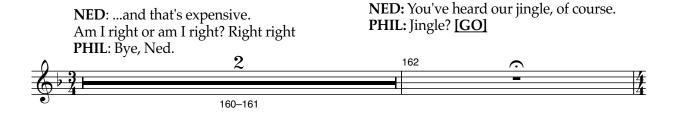
NED: It's funny you should mention your health. PHIL: Insurance?

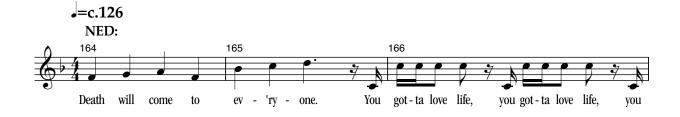
You will never guess what I do now. **NED:** Bing again! You are sharp as a tack today!



PHIL: I gotta go. NED: Of course, sharp as a tack today, Alzheimer's Care Unit tomorrow,









**PHIL:** I'm leaving.

**NED:** God! It is so good to see you! What are you doing for dinner?

PHIL: Busy!

**NED:** After dinner?

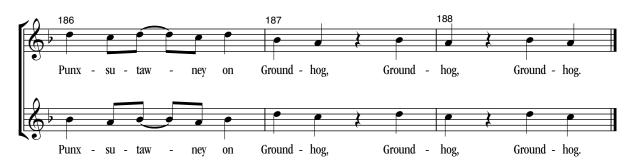
**PHIL:** Busy! (PHIL gets smashed in the face)

**NED:** Whoa! I've got a policy for that!









ATTACCA #7: "Day 2-Punx Phil"

## Day Two-Punxsutawney Phil

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TOWNSPEOPLE: Phil! Phil! Phil! etc.

**RITA:** Phil? Phil! Over here. No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs and funny hats,

dancing to stay warm. I'm-

PHIL: You're Rita.

RITA: You remembered. How nice.

PHIL: Larry, LARRY: Yeah.

PHIL: Quick. I need a good, hard slap in the face.

LARRY: Slap? Oh, I don't normally...

PHIL: Fine. Whatever. Rita. RITA: No, I'm not going to—PHIL: Hit me! (Rita slaps Phil)

**RITA:** Was that good? **PHIL:** Very professional.

**RITA:** Thank you. Is something wrong?

PHIL: Yes. Everything's wrong. RITA: Can you be more specific? PHIL: It's just... very, very

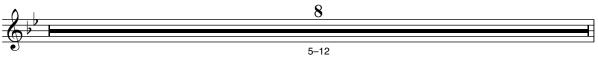
RITA: Look just get through the...

PHIL: Oh. NANCY: Sorry.

**PHIL:** Now that's what I'm -- hi there.

**RITA**: Hey Hasselhoff, let's just get through the segment and we'll sort it out later, okay?

PHIL: Sure.

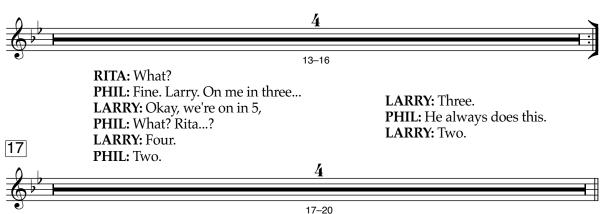


**RITA:** You with me? (*chime*)

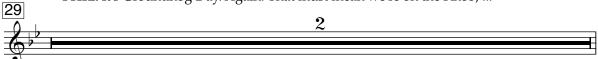
**LARRY:** Here we go.

RITA: Okay, it's groundhog time. (airhorn)

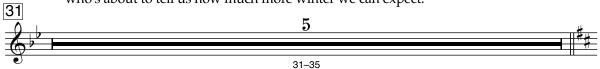
PHIL: Hey-do I get paid per broadcast? [JUMP TO m17]



PHIL: It's Groundhog Day. Again. That must mean we're on the Knob, ...



**PHIL:** ...on Gobbler's Knob, here, waiting for the famous forecast, Phil's forecast, brought to you by the world's most groundhog weatherman, Punxsutawney Phil, who's about to tell us how much more winter we can expect.











## Day 2-Diary

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**RITA:** Where are you going?

PHIL: Back to bed.

**RITA:** Should I call someone? **PHIL:** With what, a Dixie cup?

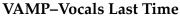
RITA: Maybe I can help. Phil? [START]

**SHERIFF:** Phil.

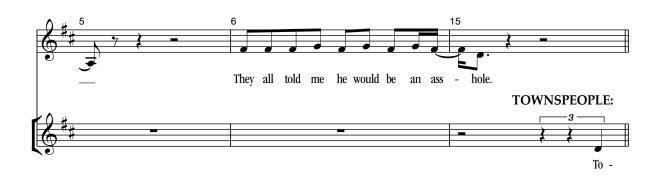
**DEPUTY:** Like the groundhog!

**BUSTER:** Punxsutawney Phil! (everyone laughs) **DEPUTY:** Look out for your shadow, pal!

(Hearty laughter)

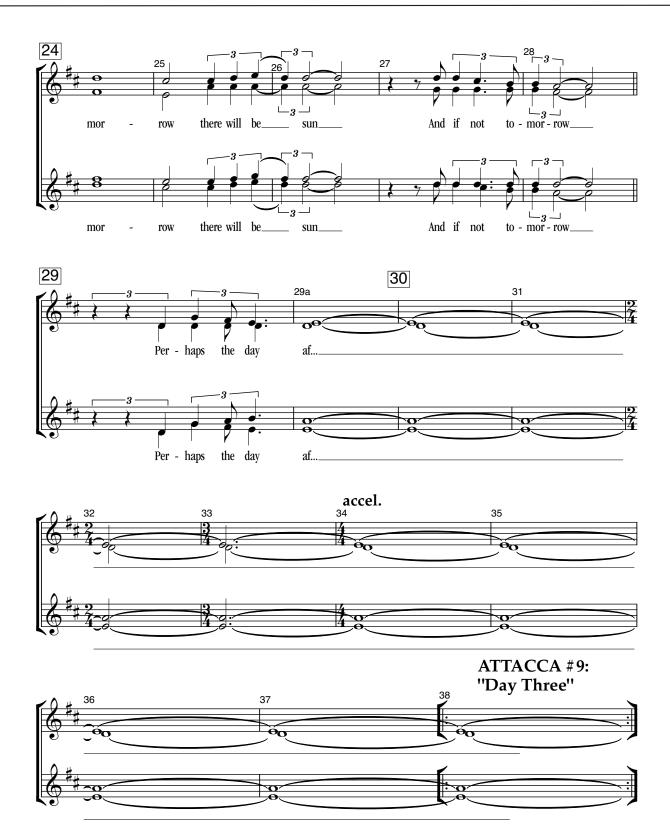










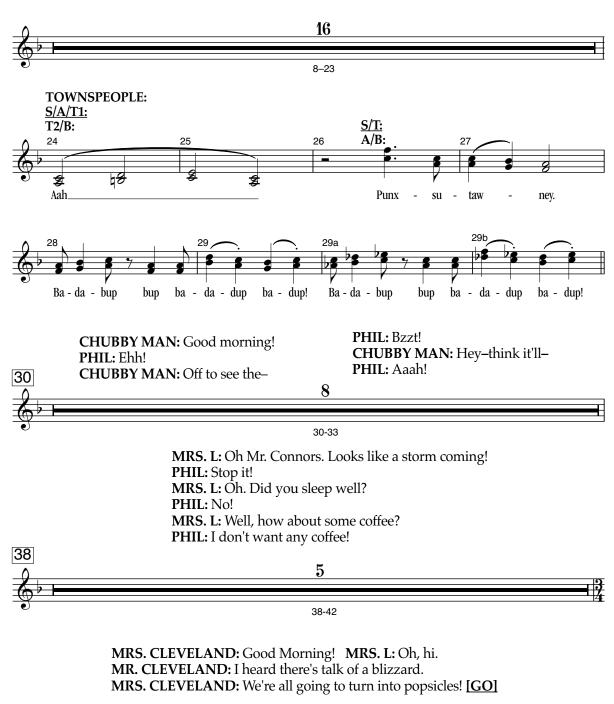


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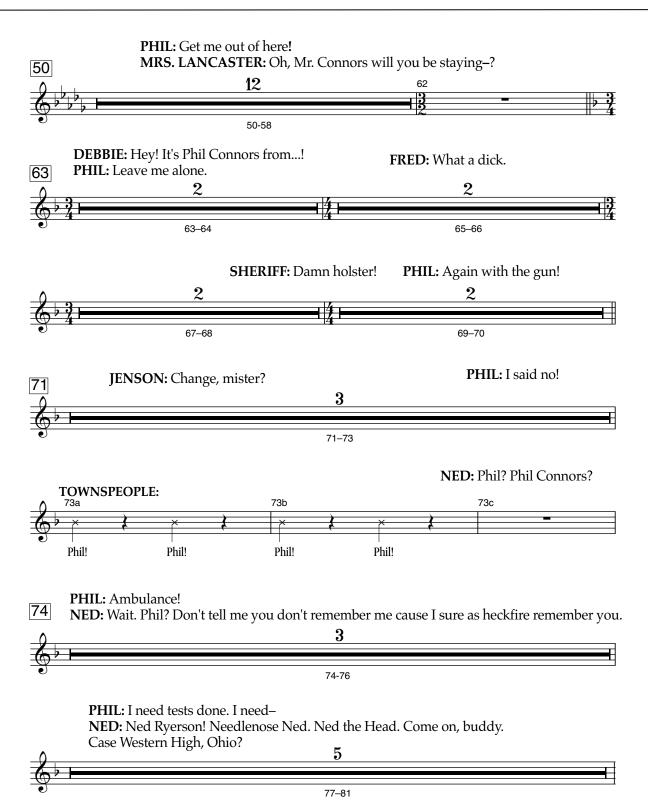
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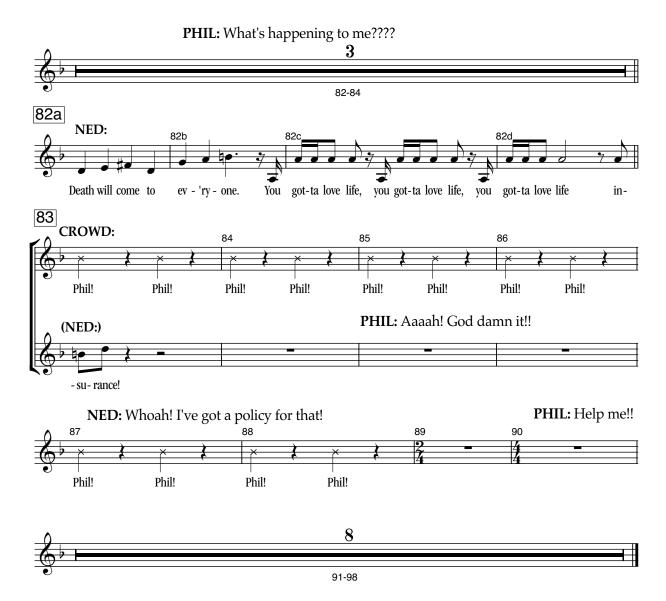


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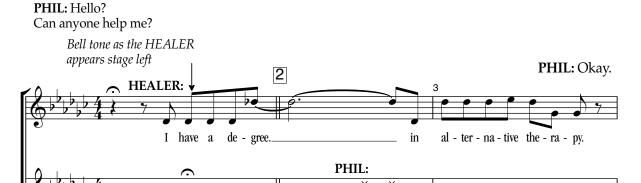




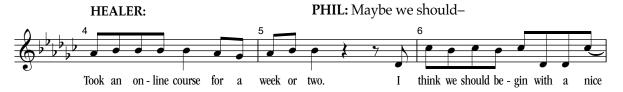


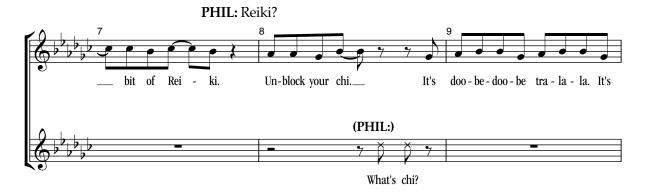
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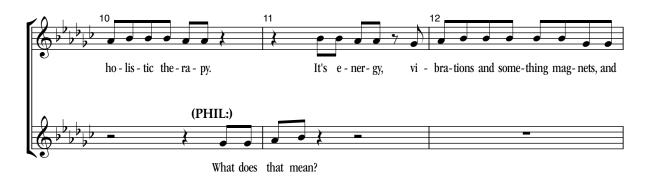
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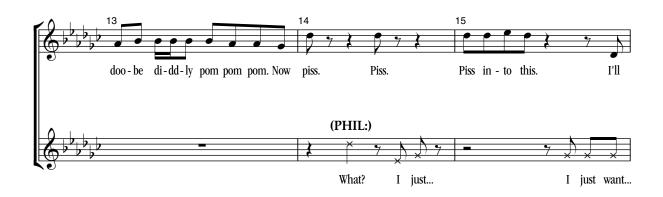


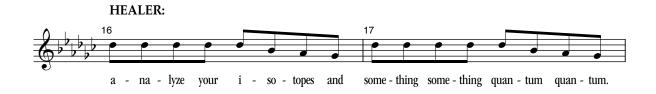
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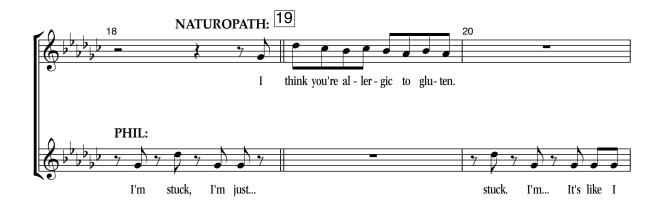


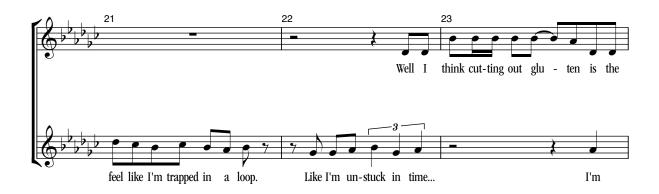




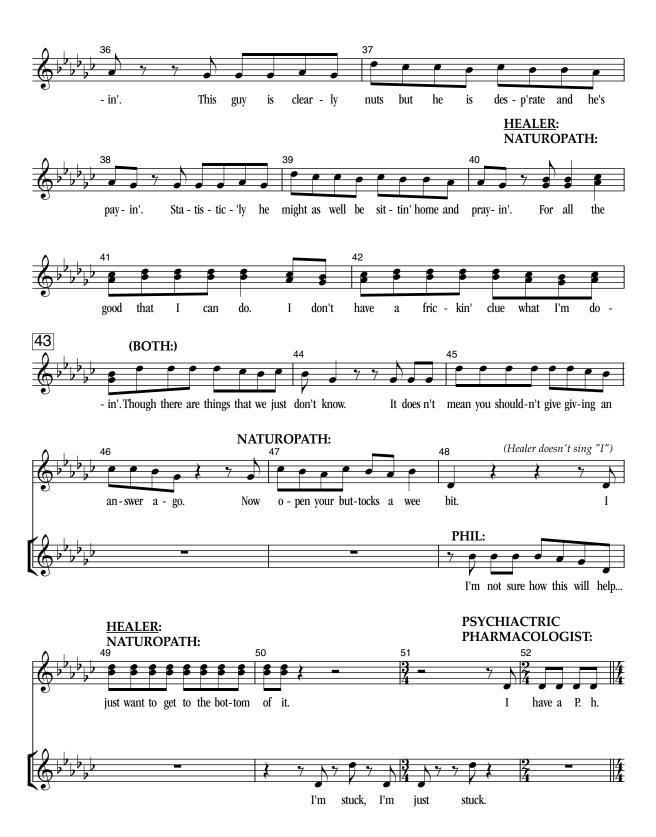




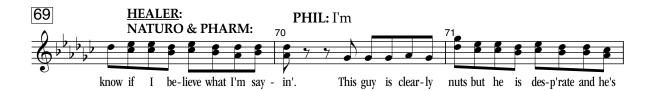


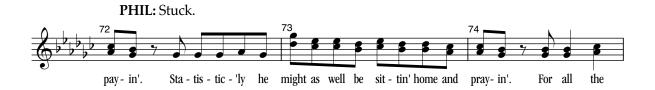
















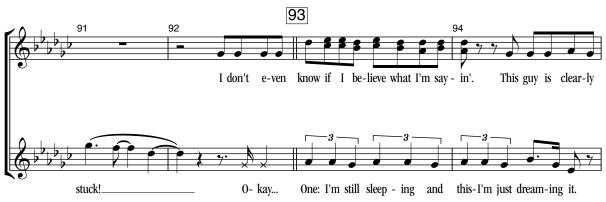


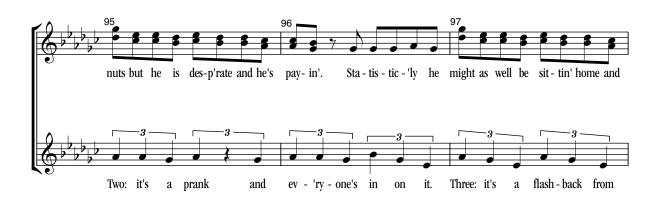


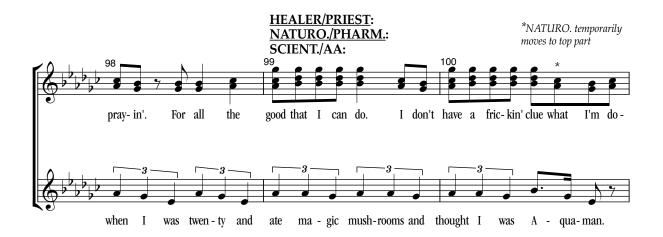


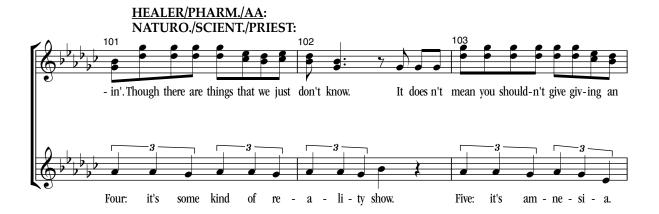


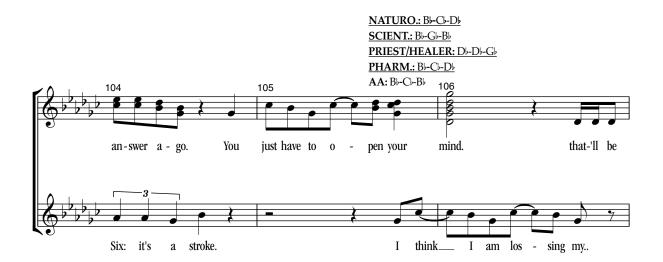
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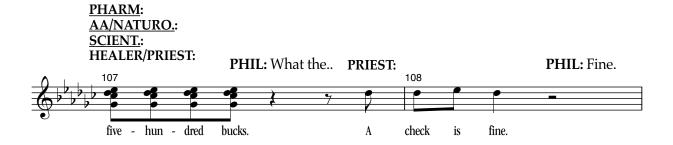


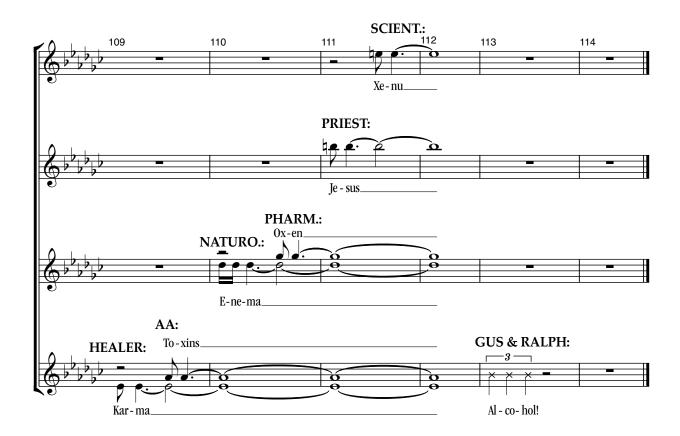












**APPLAUSE SEGUE #11:** 

## **Nobody Cares**

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**GUS:** Six more weeks of winter. **RALPH:** Yep. That's a long time.

GUS: Now, did you actually SEE the groundhog see his shadow?

RALPH: Well, his eyes were open.

GUS: Yeah. But you know how you can look at something but your mind is somewhere else?

**RALPH:** So, you think he was daydreaming?

GUS: Or you know, kind of planning out his schedule.

Did you know that in Punxsutawney they got only one word for "snow"?

**RALPH:** What is it?

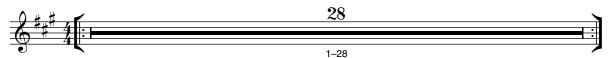
**GUS:** Hey, take it easy buddy.

**RALPH:** Whatever happened, it can't be that bad.

PHIL: Really? How would you like it if you were stuck in one place and

every day was exactly the same and nothing that you did made any difference? [to m29]

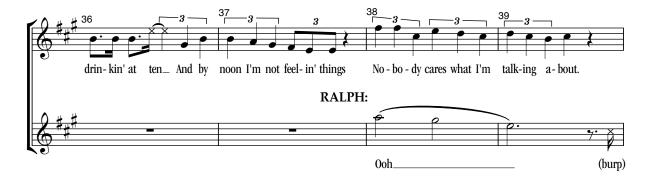
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I wake up hung - o - ver, I go to bed smashed, Like an al - co-ho-lic ham-ster on one of those li-ttle

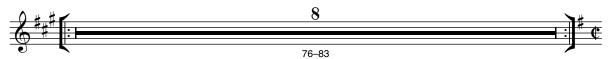












**RALPH:** Gus? I think we should call it a night.

GUS: Yeah, yeah. can barely walk. I'll get the truck. Where's my keys?

**PHIL:** How do I make it stop? No matter what I do, every day is today. Even tomorrow.

**GUS:** Tomorrow is today? **PHIL:** It will be tomorrow.

**RALPH:** Then today is already tomorrow.

**GUS:** Other way around. **RALPH:** So when's yesterday?

GUS: It's today, Ralph.

**RALPH:** Oh. So if yesterday is today then there is no tomorrow tomorrow.

PHIL: Exactly. There's no tomorrow [JUMP to m84, drum groove starts] tomorrow.

GUS: See!



**PHIL:** With no tomorrow we could eat anything and never get fat.

GUS: Yeah.

**RALPH:** Like flapjacks!

**PHIL:** We could drink anything.

GUS: Wait-

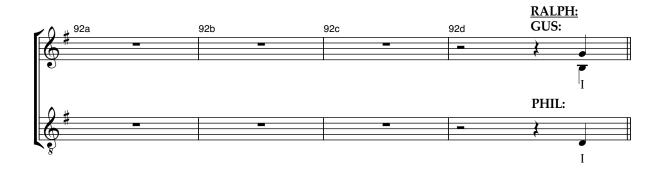
**PHIL:** And never get hung-over.

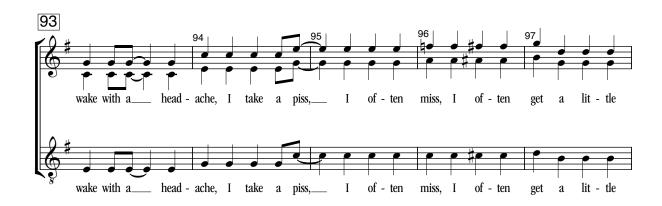
RALPH: Go on.

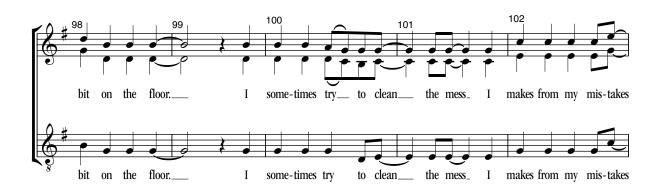
PHIL: No cholesterol. No lectures. No limits. No rules. We could do whatever we want.

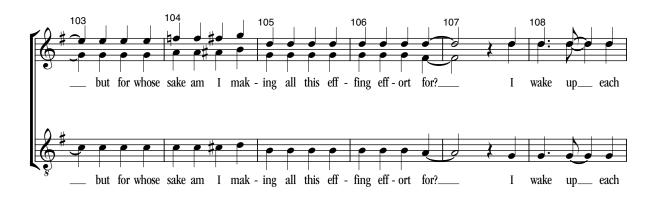
GUS & RALPH: We could do whatever we want! [JUMP TO m85]

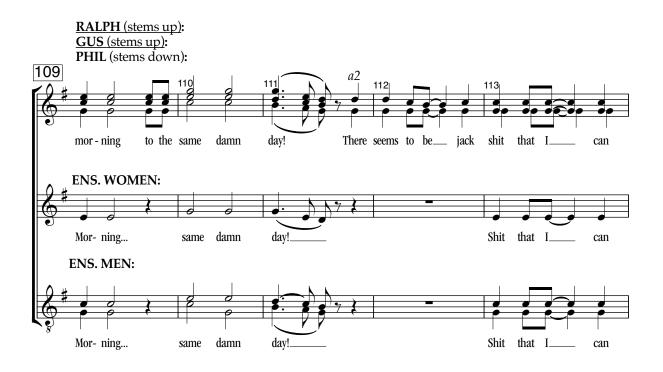


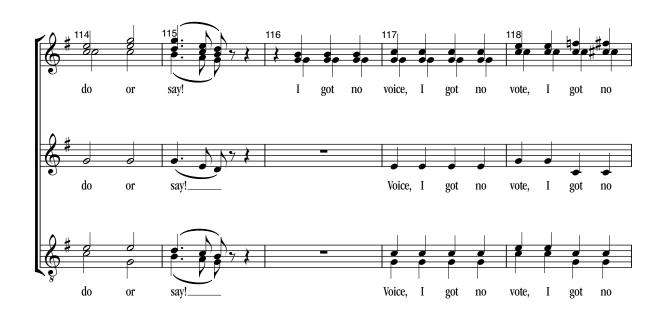


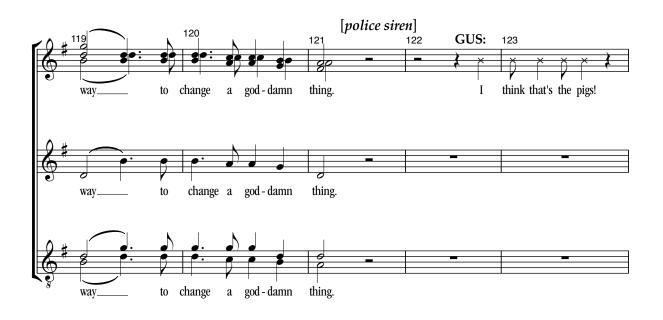


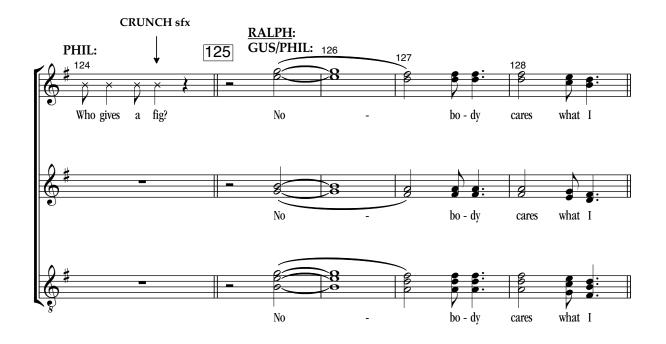


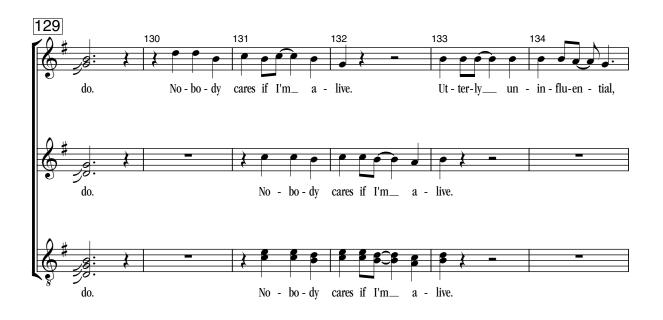


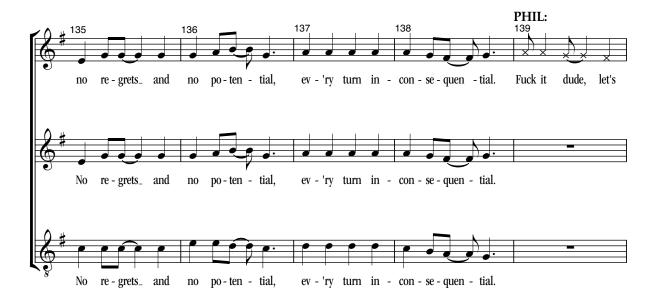


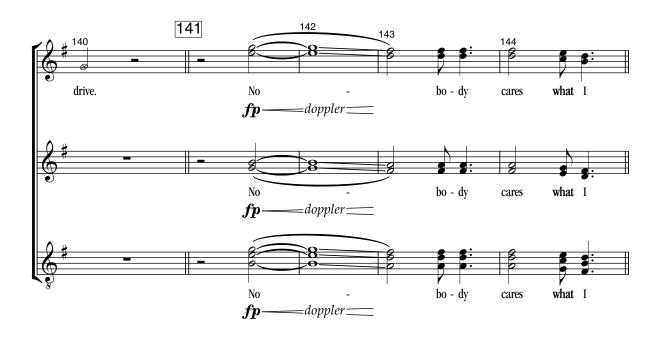


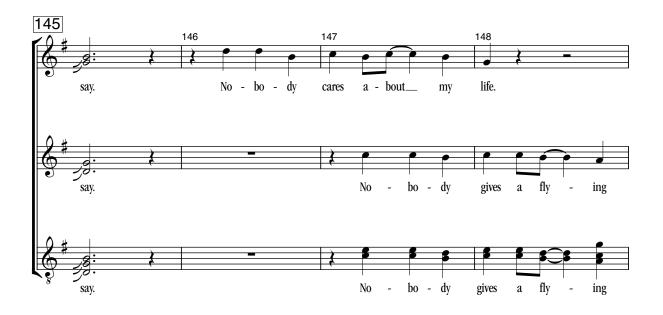


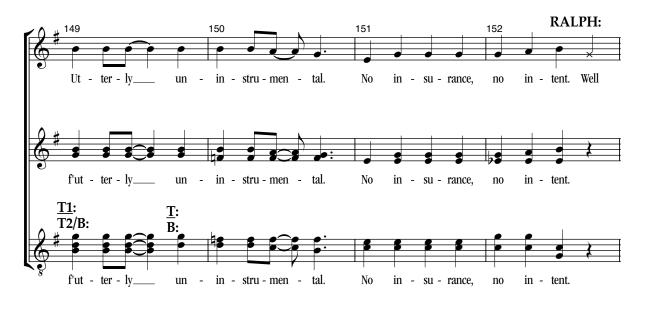














**GUS:** You sure we won't get in trouble?

PHIL: Who cares? Don't you guys get it? I'm free! Tomorrow's nobody's going to remember anything.

**RALPH:** I don't even remember getting into the truck. [*Police siren*]

**PHIL:** For the first time there's no one telling me what to do.

**GUS:** Uh, Mister?

PHIL: Clean your room. Do your homework. Get a job. No, a better job.

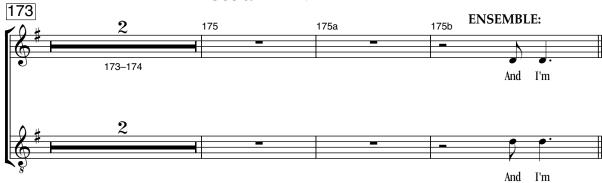
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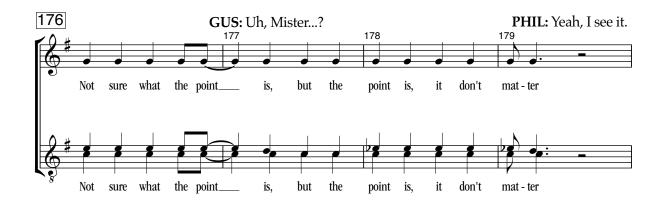
**RALPH:** Hey, Mister?

PHIL: Never cut in line. Never skip a payment. Never drive on the railroad tracks. [JUMP to m173]

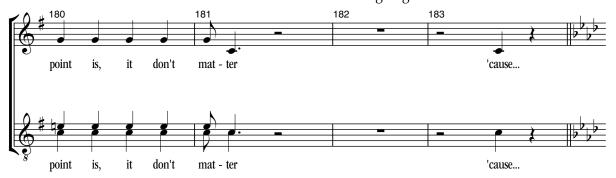


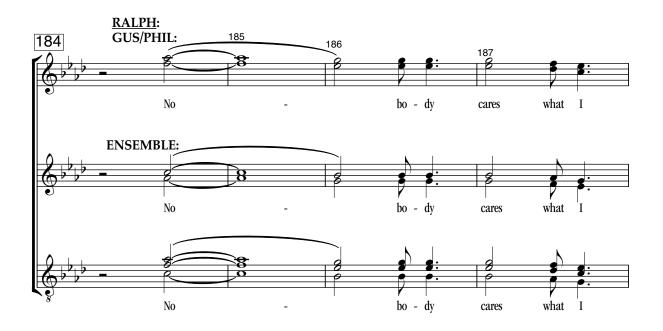
### GUS & RALPH: AAAAAAAAAAAAAhhhh!!!

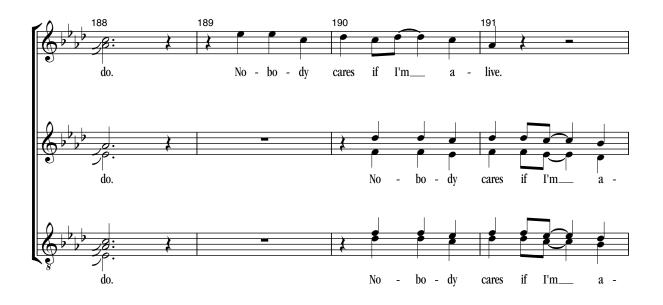




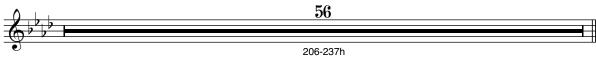
### **PHIL:** I think he's going to swerve first.





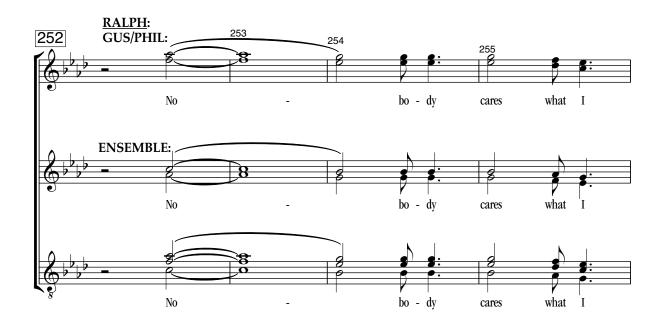


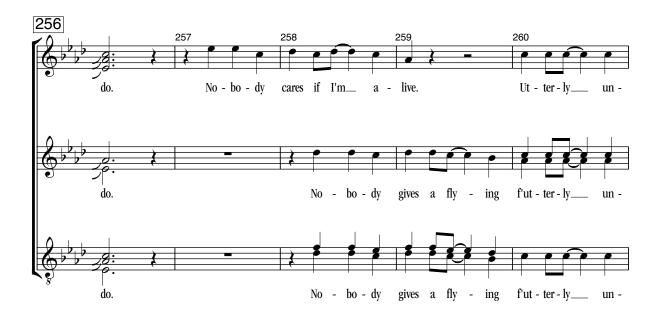


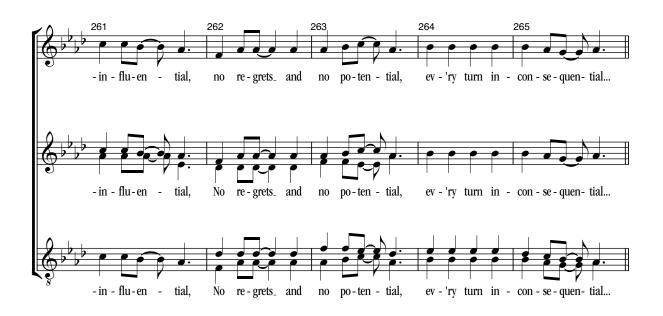


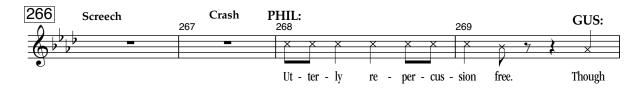


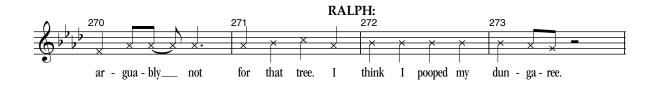
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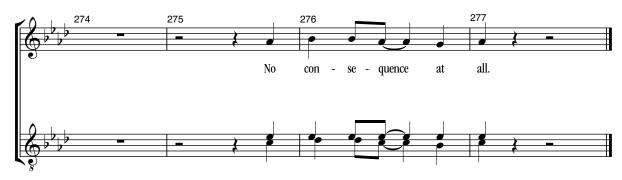












# Strut (Philandering)

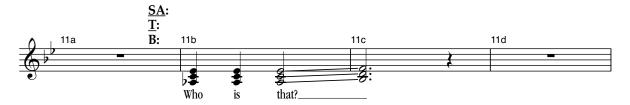
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SHERIFF: Easy there, buddy. PHIL: Ow! these things are tight. SHERIFF: Come on. I've got a nice little cell for you. (THEY exit, and a cell door slams shut.)

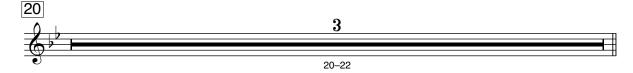


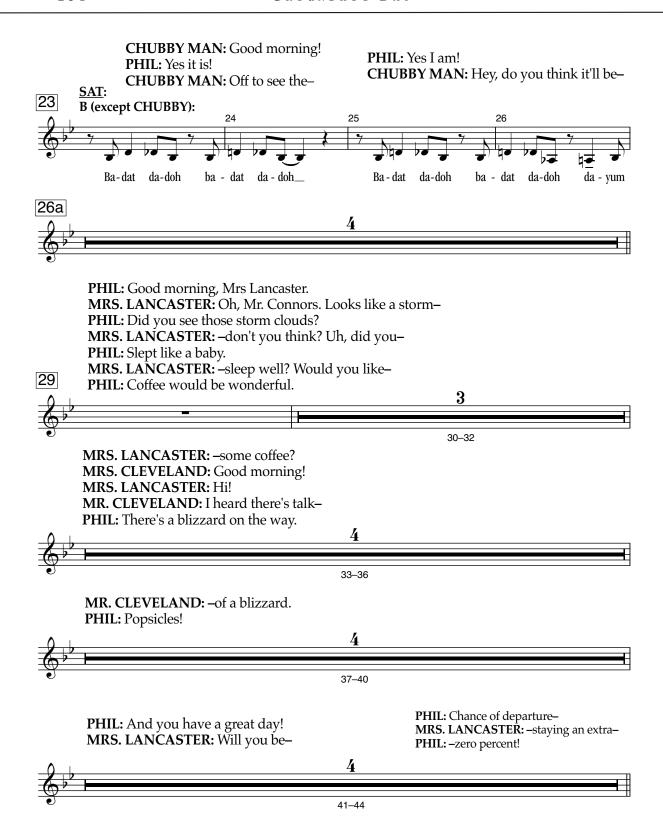


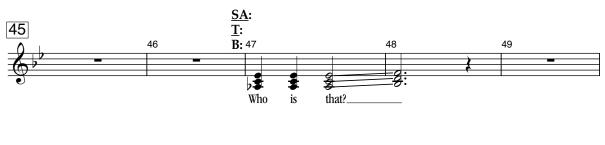














**DEBBIE:** Hey! It's Phil Connors, from **FRED & DEBBIE:** *Good Weather* 

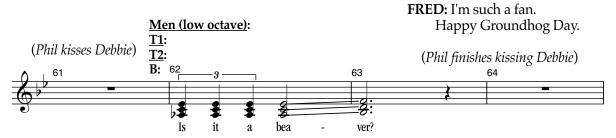
with Phil Connors! **PHIL:** Hi! I'm Phil. **FRED:** I'm Fred Kleiser.

PHIL: Freddie.

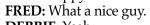
**FRED:** This is Debbie.

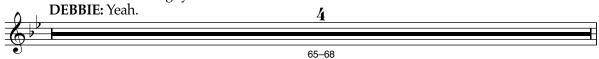




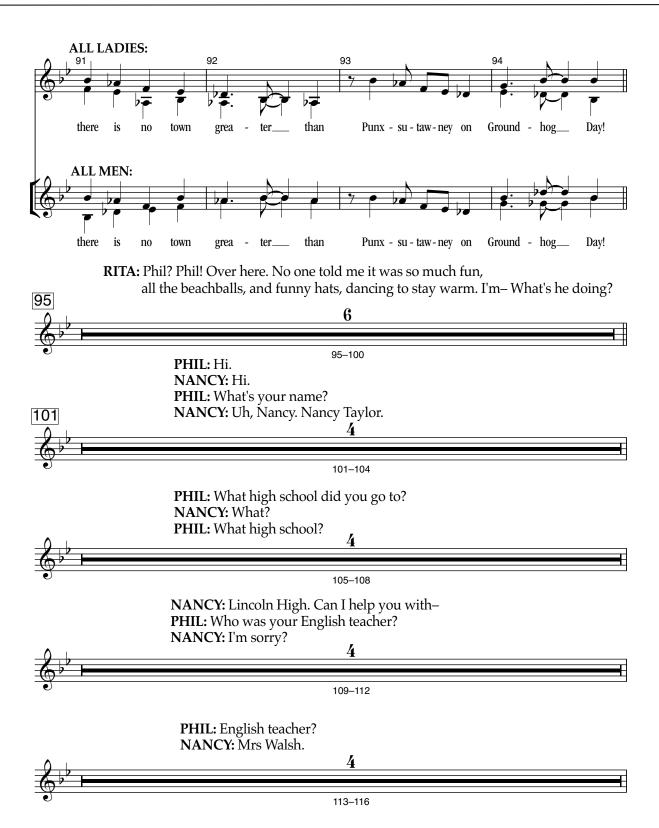


PHIL: Happy Groundhog Day.









PHIL: Right. Nancy Taylor. Lincoln High School. Mrs. Walsh. Thank you.

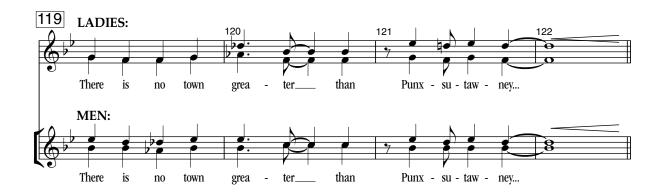
NANCY: Hey!

**RITA:** Hey, can we do this now?

PHIL: Not today.

LARRY: Phil, where are you going?





**RITA:** Phil? Phil! Over here. No one told me it was so much fun, all the beachballs, and funny hats, dancing to stay warm. I'm—



PHIL: Nancy? Nancy Taylor? NANCY: Uh-

PHIL: Phil Connors!

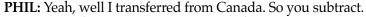


PHIL: Lincoln High School. Mrs Walsh's english class.

NANCY: Wow. PHIL: Wow.

**NANCY:** You and I were the same year?





**NANCY:** Right. I was never good at math.



### NANCY: Phil Connors!

PHIL: Listen, I have to do this report-



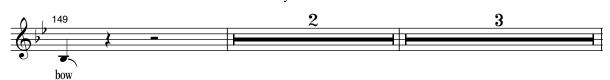
### **NANCY:** You're a reporter?



### NANCY: Wow!

PHIL: But maybe after we could—

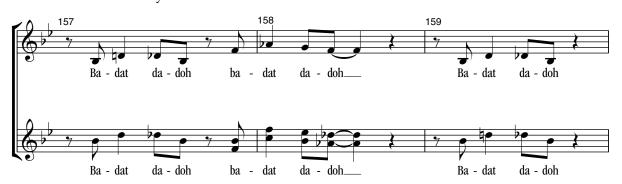
### NANCY: Yes! Definitely!



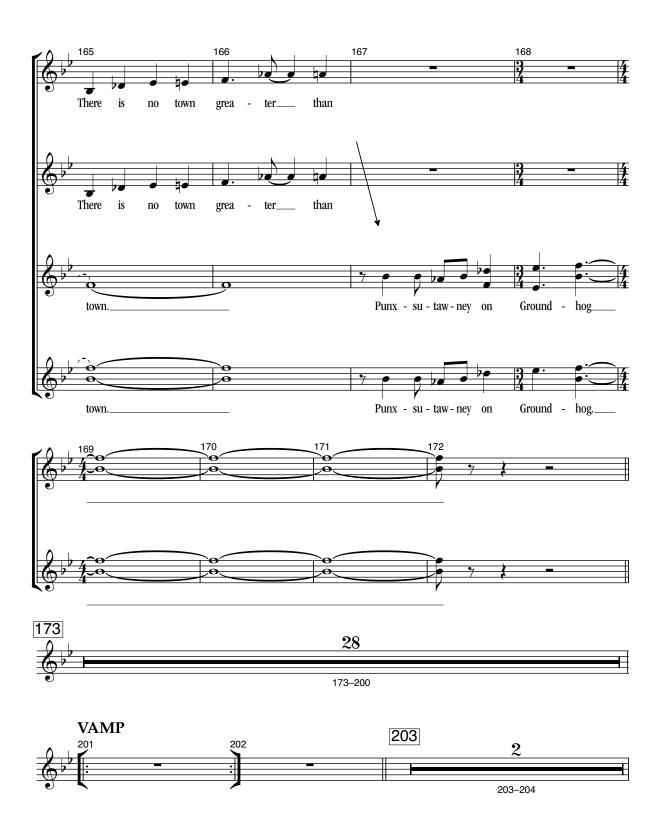
# **PHIL:** So you'll wait right here?



**RITA:** Hey, can we do this now? **PHIL:** Wait your turn.

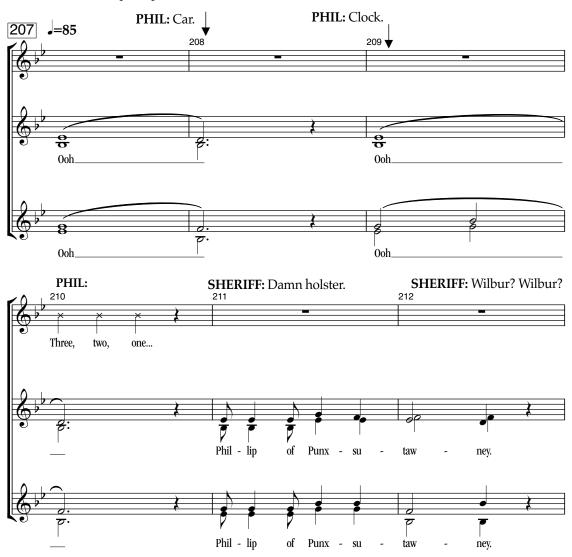


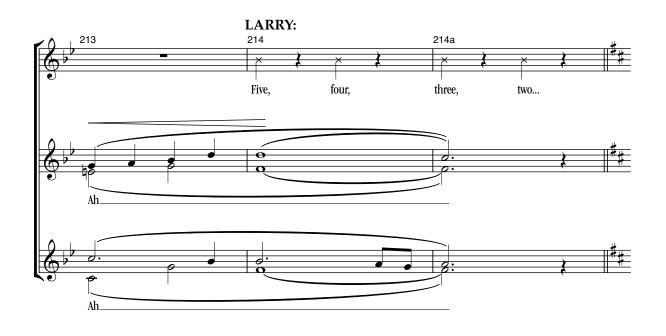


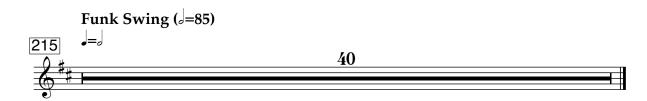


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SHERIFF: I'll open up.







RITA: What an asshole! EVERYONE: Heeeey. RITA: I'm sorry. (RITA sits down) [GO]

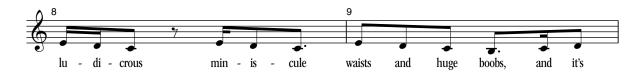
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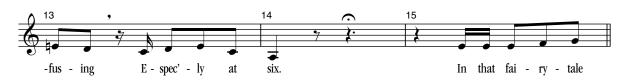
### Conversational



















**BUSTER:** Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! And yet there's a hint of sadness.

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PHIL: Rita-

**RITA:** Hey, there you are.

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**BUSTER:** I guess we're off to the banquet. **BARTENDER BILLY:** See you, Buster. **RITA:** What have you been up to all day?

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him?

PHIL: Just weather stuff.

**RITA:** Isn't this town great? I'm actually kind of glad we got a free day.

Did you see the weather museum?

PHIL: Sure.

RITA: The ice sculpture, the chili cookoff, the little carnival ride-

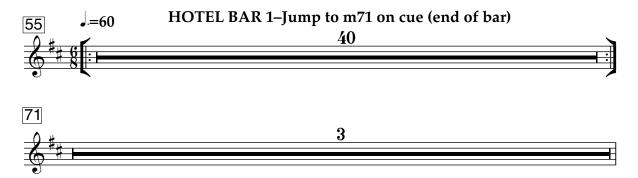
**PHIL:** Oh, yeah. Hey, can I buy you a drink?

RITA: Sure.

**PHIL:** I'll have a Jim Beam, straight up. **BARTENDER BILLY:** For you, Miss?

**RITA:** Sweet vermouth on the rocks with a twist, please.

**PHIL:** (*memorizing*) With a twist. [JUMP to m 71]



BUSTER: Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me! And yet-

PHIL: Rita-

**RITA:** Hey, there you are.

**BUSTER:** I guess we're off to the banquet.

BT BILLY: See you, Buster.

PHIL: Isn't this place great? The weather museum. The ice sculpture. The chili cookoff,

the little carnival ride.

RITA: I know!

**PHIL:** Kind of glad we got a free day.

**RITA:** I was just thinking that.

PHIL: Wow, no kidding. Hey, can I buy you a drink?

RITA: Sure.

PHIL: I'll have a sweet vermouth, rocks with a twist, please.

**BARTENDER:** For you, Miss?

**RITA:** The same. That's my favorite drink.

PHIL: Mine, too! It always makes me think of Rome, the way the sun hits the buildings. A toast?

**RITA:** What shall we drink to?

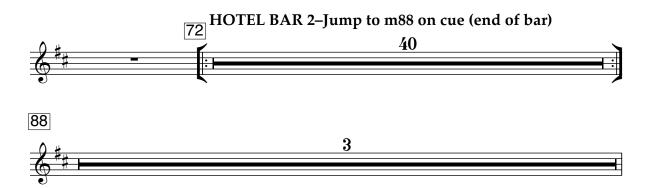
PHIL: How about, to us.

RITA: I don't think so. How about "to the groundhog"?

PHIL: Really?

**RITA:** Punxsutawney Phil!

PHIL: Sure. To the Groundhog. (PHIL spits drink) Oh dear Lord! [IUMP to m88]



**BUSTER:** Isn't he cute? Look at those teeth. Look at em! See there, Billy? He's smiling at me!

**PHIL:** Rita!

**RITA:** Hey, there you are.

**BUSTER:** I guess we're off to the banquet. **PHIL & BARTENDER:** See you, Buster!

PHIL: What a fun town! Can I buy you a drink?

RITA: Sure.

**PHIL:** I'll have a sweet vermouth, rocks with a twist, please.

**BARTENDER:** For you, Miss?

**RITA:** The same. That's my favorite drink.

**PHIL:** Huh! Mine, too. It always makes me think of Barthelona. I'm just glad we got a free day.

RITA: You know, I was just thinking that!

**PHIL:** Wow. No kidding. A toast? **RITA:** What shall we drink to?

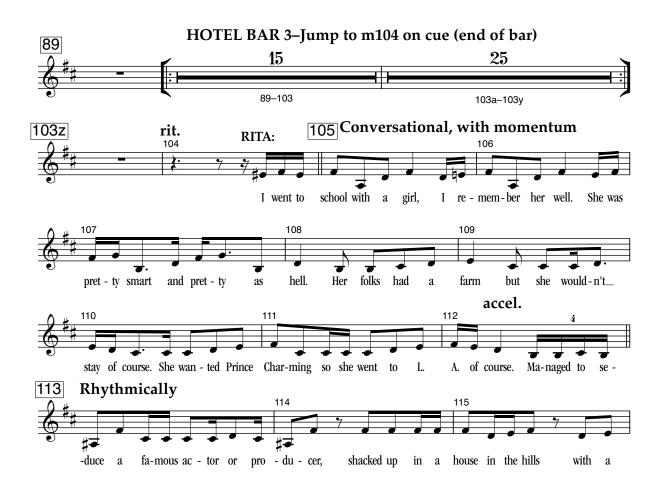
**PHIL:** How about, to the Groundhog!

**RITA:** To the Groundhog!

PHIL & RITA: Punxsutawney Phil!

PHIL: That's my name, too. What a sexy laugh you have. Why don't we take this upstairs?

[JUMP to m103z]









RITA: Oh, a gentleman. PHIL: That's me. All over. RITA: You were saying?

PHIL: Just that I feel people place too much emphasis on success. "Success." What is that?

**RITA:** That's so true.

**PHIL:** I wish we could all live in the mountains at high altitude. **RITA:** I'm already a million miles from where I started in college.

PHIL: You weren't in broadcasting or journalism?

**RITA:** Believe it or not, I studied eighteenth-century French poetry.

**PHIL:** What a waste of time! **RITA:** You're such a dick.

PHIL: I mean, for someone else, that would be an incredible waste of-

**RITA:** Just stop talking!

PHIL: Gah, so close! [JUMP to m167]

## **144** RESTAURANT 1–Jump to m167 on cue







RITA: Oh, a gentleman. PHIL: That's me, all over. RITA: You were saying?

PHIL: Just that I feel people place too much emphasis on success. "Success." "Success."

I mean what is that, anyway?

**RITA:** That's so true.

**PHIL:** I wish we could all live in the mountains at high altitude. **RITA:** I'm already a million miles from where I started in college.

PHIL: You weren't in broadcasting or journalism?

**RITA:** Believe it or not, I studied eighteenth-century French poetry.

PHIL: "La fille que j'aimera sera comme bon vin qui se bonifiera un peu chaque matin."

RITA: You speak French.

PHIL: Oui. Voulez-vous faire un soixante-neuf avec moi?

RITA: "Soixante..." Ew!

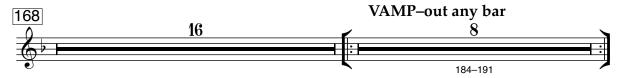
**PHIL:** Really? **RITA:** Just–

PHIL: Or missionary is good.

RITA: Stop already.
PHIL: You can be on top.
RITA: Grow up, Phil.

#### [RITA storms out – JUMP to m192]

### **RESTAURANT 2–Jump to m192 on cue**



**RITA:** Oh, a gentleman. **PHIL:** That's me, all over. **RITA:** You were saying?

PHIL: People place too much emphasis on...

Blah, blah, yadda yadda yadda. Never mind. Can we just skip ahead?

RITA: What? PHIL: Just tell me. What do you like in a guy?

RITA: Phil-

**PHIL:** Hypothetically. I'm interested.

What are you looking for?

**RITA:** I'm not looking. **PHIL:** But if you were.

RITA: I don't have an image. I'm just going to

know it when I see it.

**PHIL:** You've never thought about it. **RITA:** Well, sure, I've thought about it.

**PHIL:** See? One thing.

**RITA:** Good sense of humor? **PHIL:** Huh? What else?

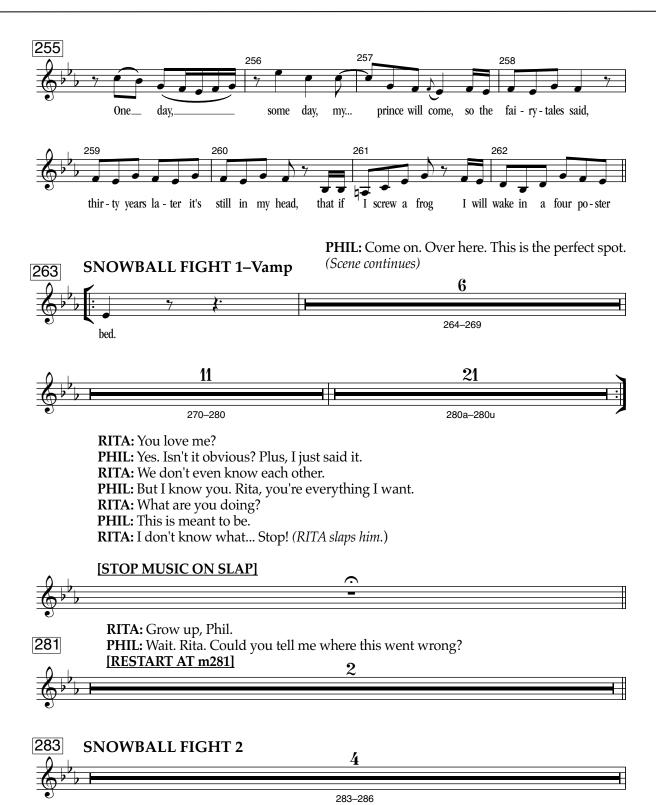
**ROTA:** Modest.

**PHIL:** Yes! That's a great quality. For me modesty is second only to humility. My humility is legend!









**PHIL:** Here. This is the perfect spot. (*PHIL is hit in the face with a snowball*) **PHIL:** Ow. Hey, look! An assassin! **RITA & PHIL:** Snowball fight!

**PHIL:** I'll protect you, Your Majesty. I shall die for you! I haven't done this since I was a kid. You? Got him! God, I love kids. Aren't you going to throw any? I bet you'll get him right in the noggin.

What's the matter?

RITA: Something's weird.









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**PHIL:** No, no, this is fun. Isn't this fun? Come on, let's play in the snow!

It'll be perfect, just like a snow globe on a wedding cake!

**RITA:** What's with you?

**PHIL:** I'm just having the best day of my life! Wait. Isn't it perfect? Every detail.

It's a perfect love! **RITA:** It's what?

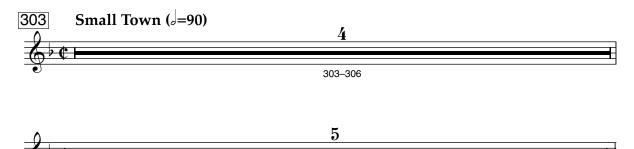
PHIL: Can't you feel it? RITA: It's not love, Phil.

PHIL: Why not?

**RITA:** Because you don't just fall in love in one day.

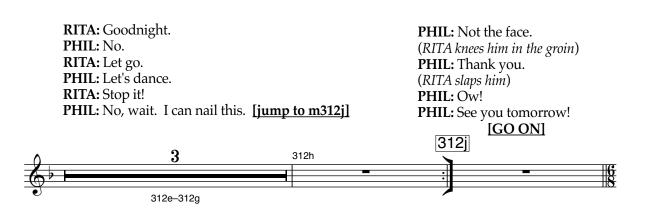
PHIL: Of course you do! It happens all the time. One day it's nothing and

the next it's nothing but love.

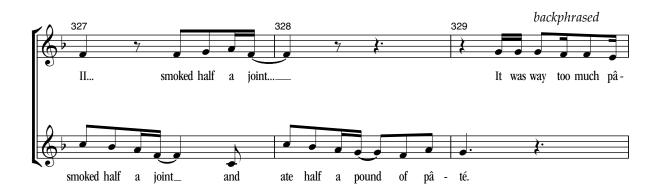


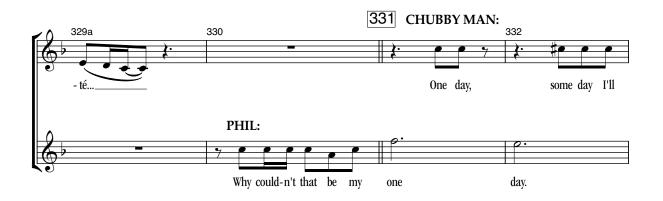


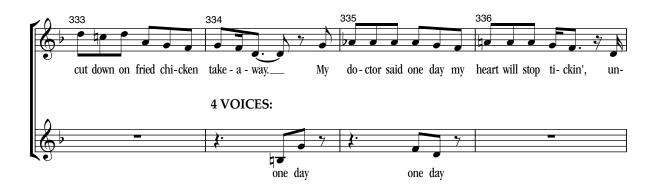
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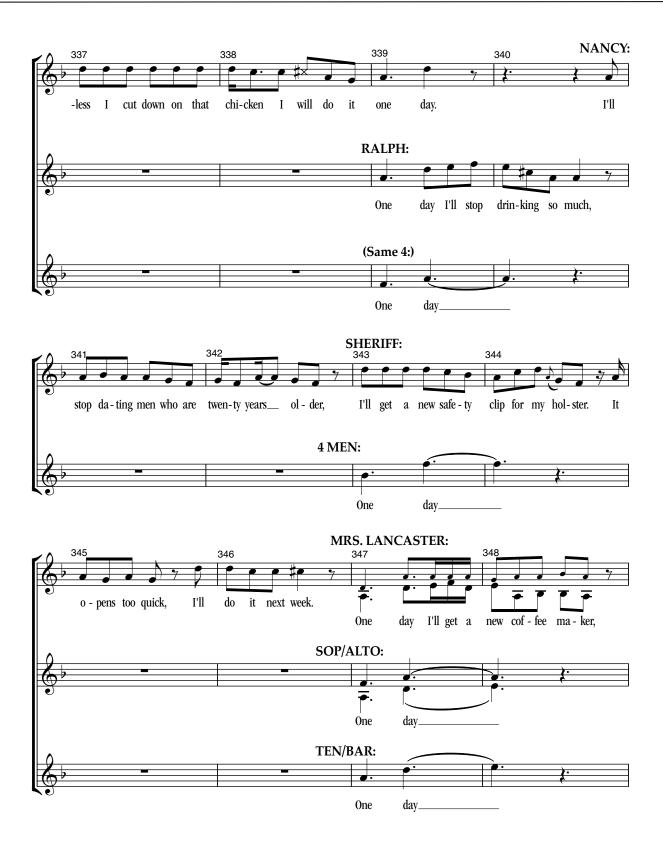


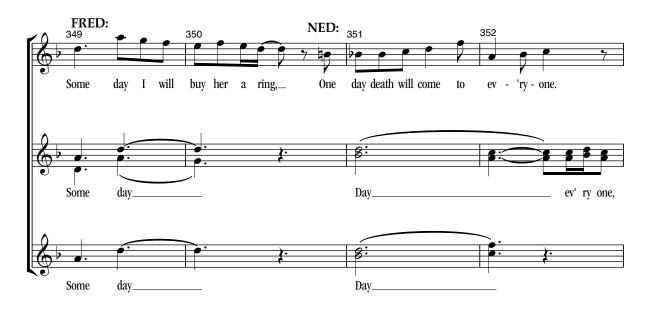


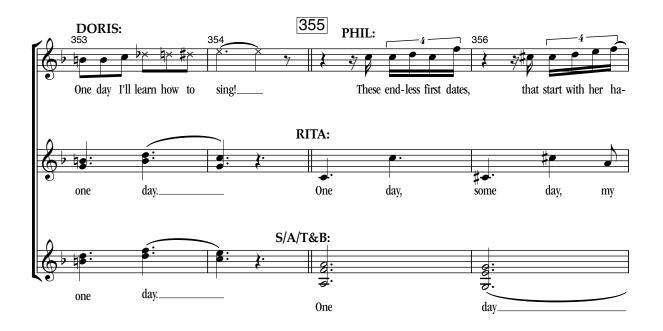






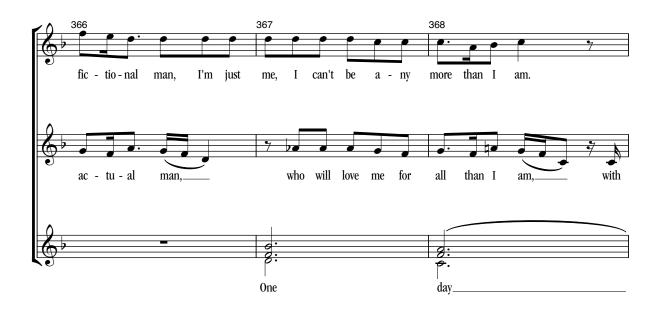


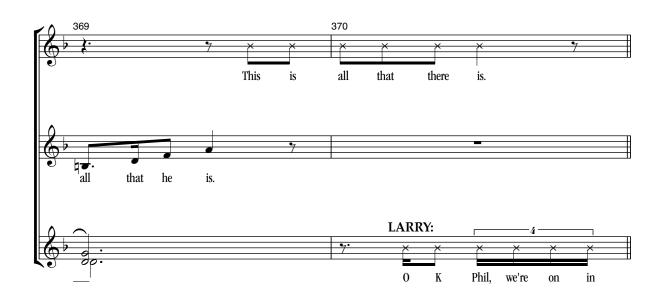


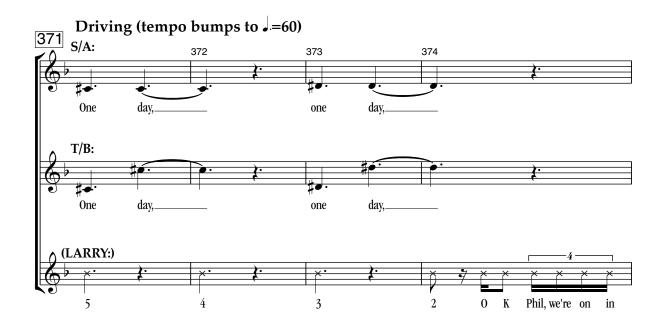


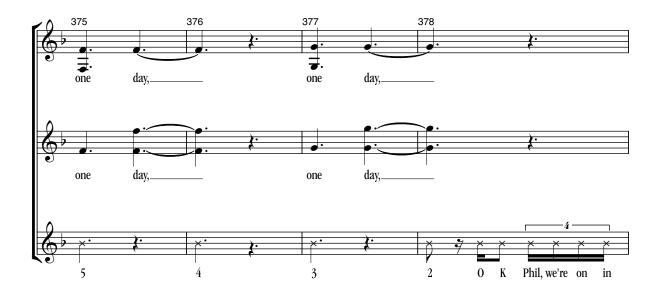


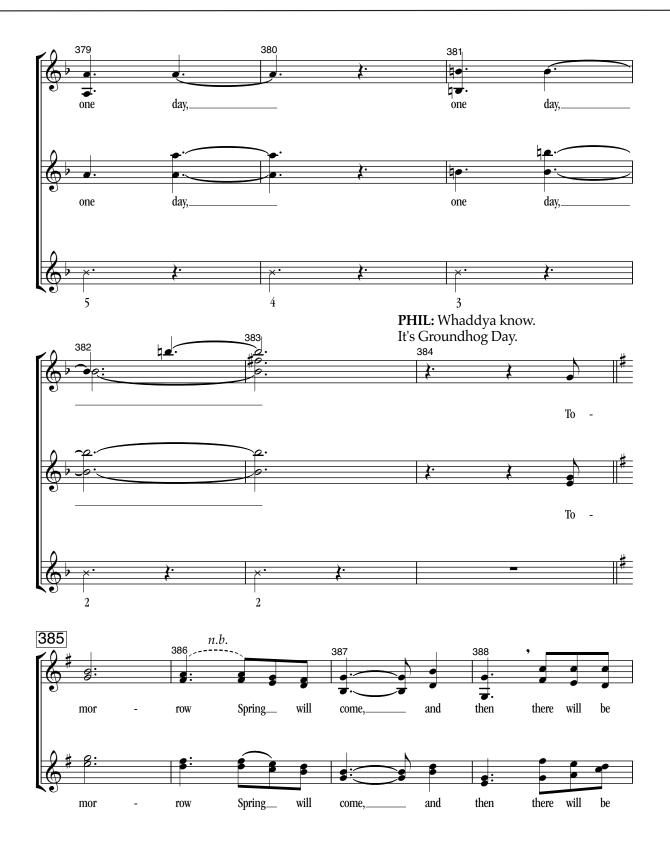
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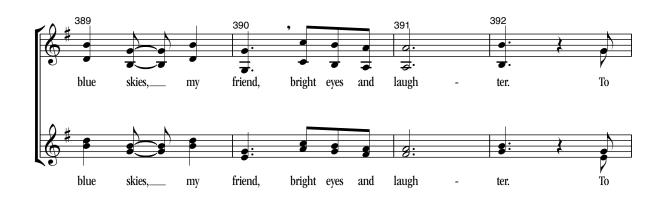


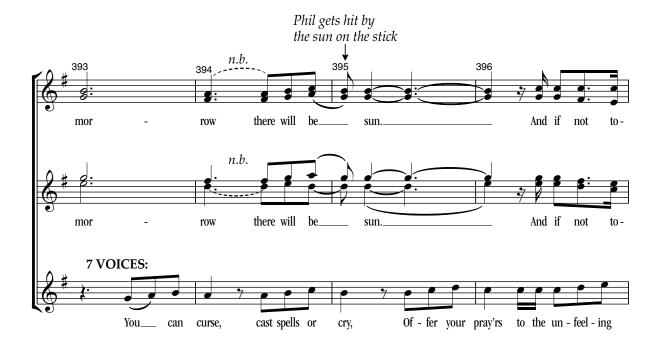


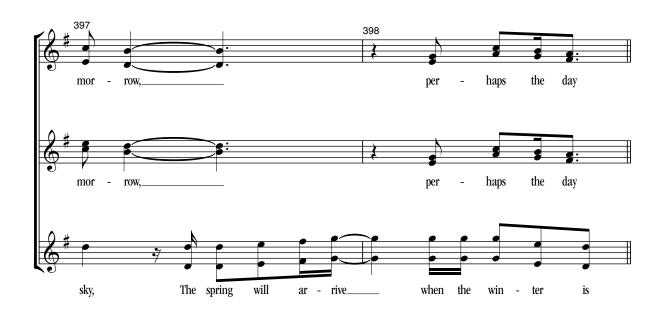


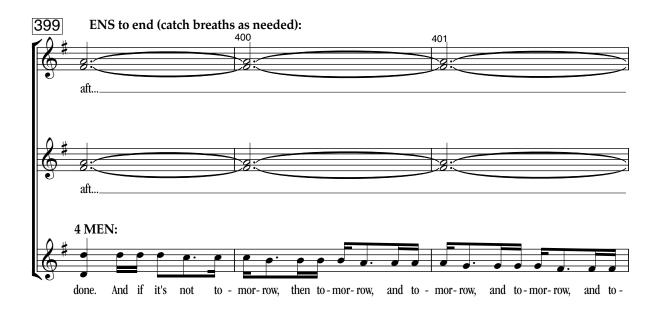


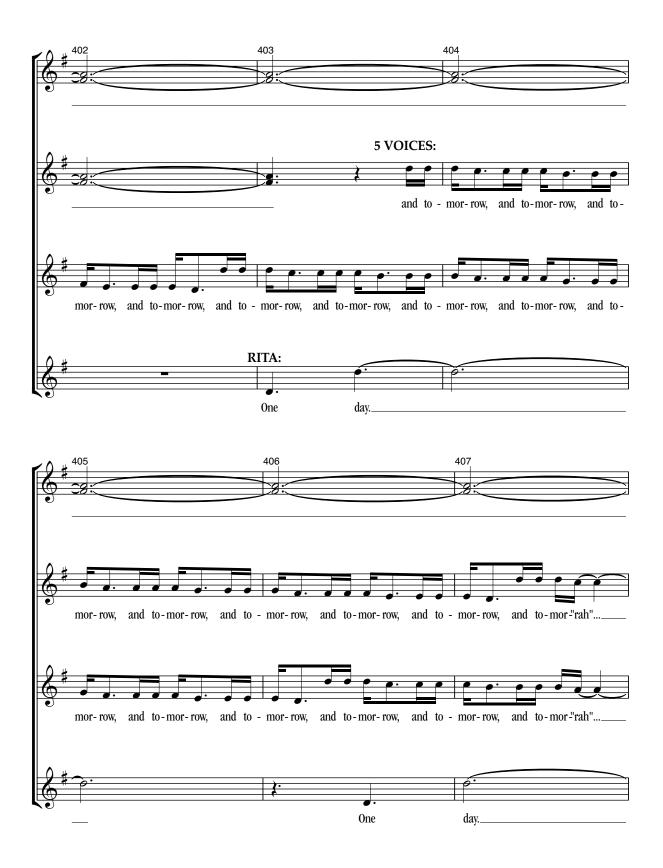


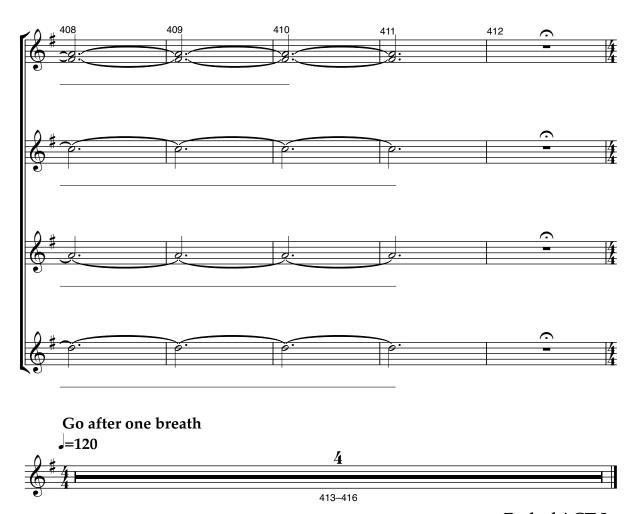






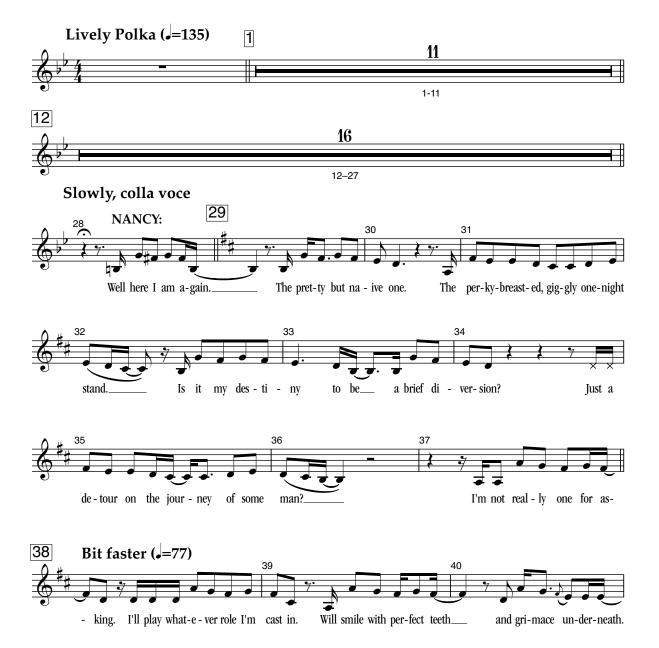






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ATTACCA #15: "Punx Phil-Gun"

### Punxsutawney Phil-Gun 15

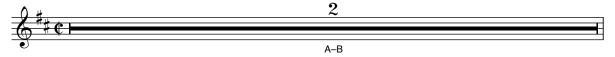
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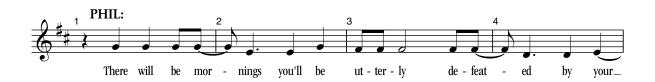
#### Hope

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(Four alarm clock buzzes)

**PHIL:** Really? (PHIL puts his head in his hands)







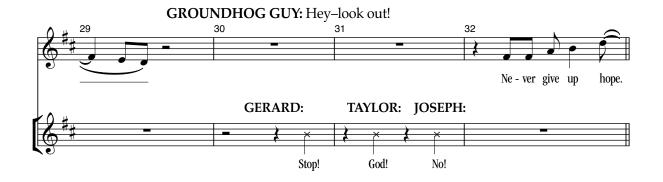






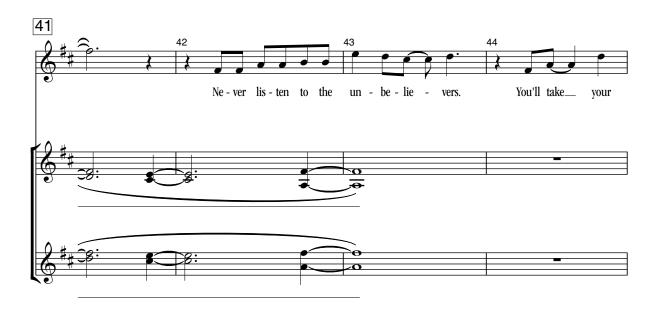








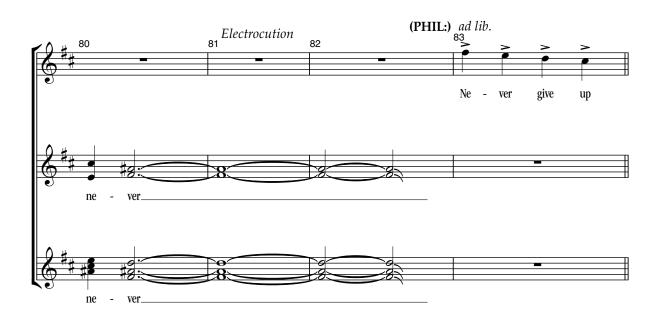




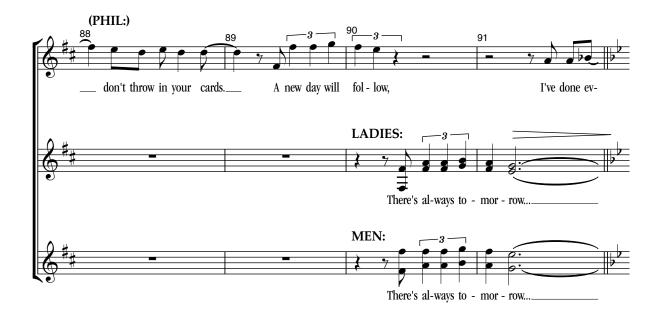












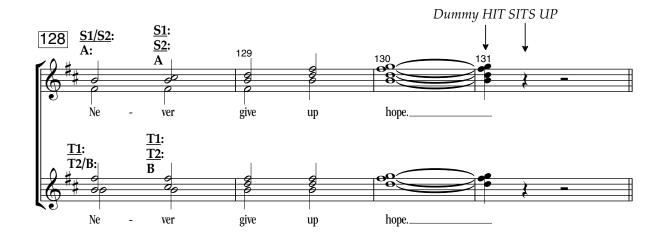




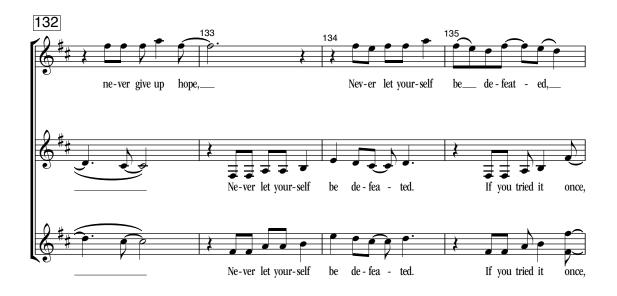


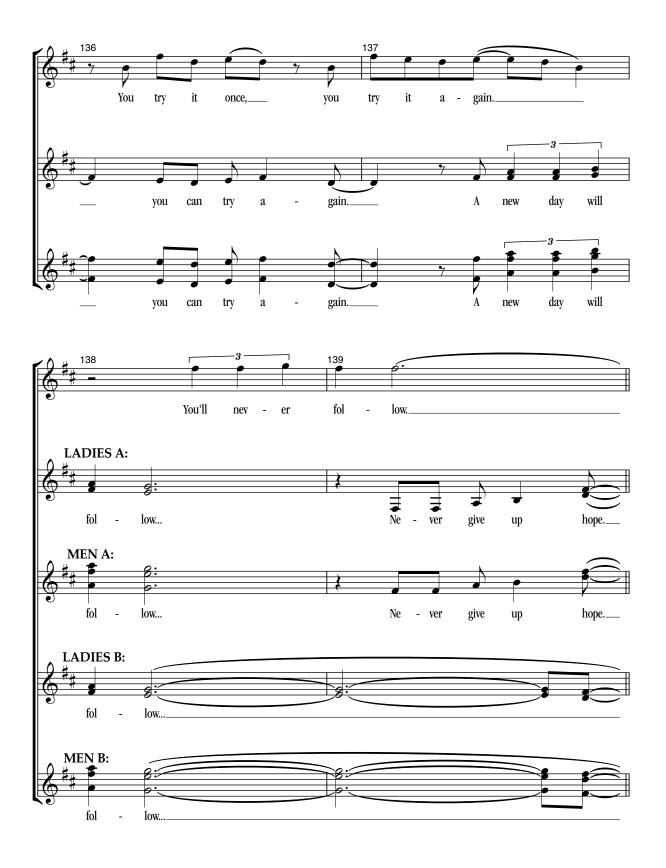




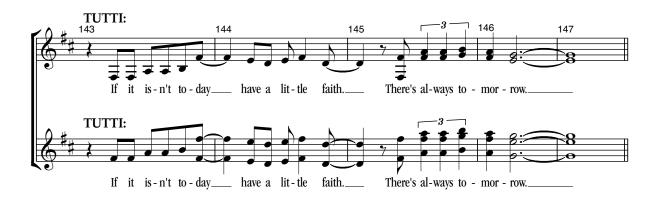












**RITA:** Did he say anything to you, Larry?

**LARRY:** No, he seemed fine yesterday in the van. I mean, fine, not nice or anything. I mean, he could be nice. I saw him pet a dog once.



**RITA:** I didn't really know him, but he always seemed so confident to me. Like he could do anything.

LARRY: Poor guy. He didn't even like this holiday. Now it's going to be on his tombstone.





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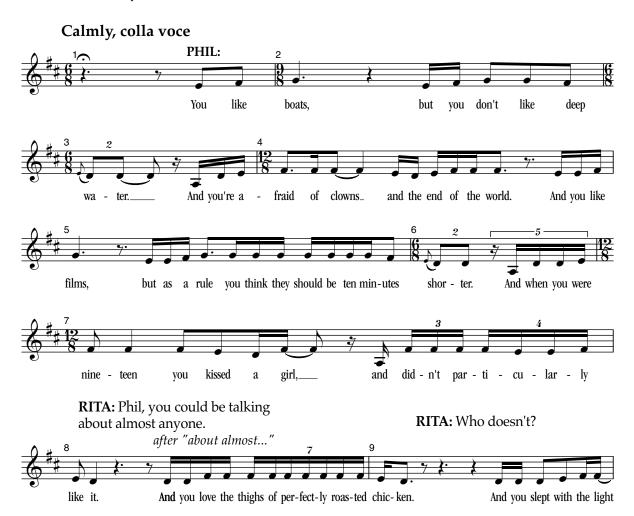
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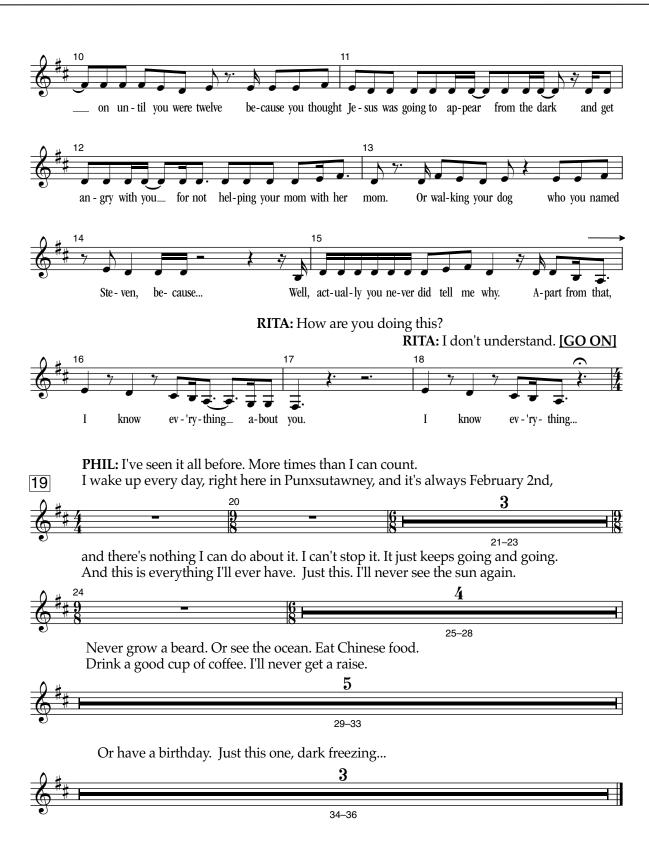
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#### **Everything About You**

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(RITA: ...I know you don't.) [GO]





#### If I Had My Time Again

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RITA: Maybe I should spend the rest of the day with you. As an objective witness. Have I ever done that?

**PHIL:** Not willingly.

RITA: Would you like me to? We could get fudge. Don't gods like fudge?

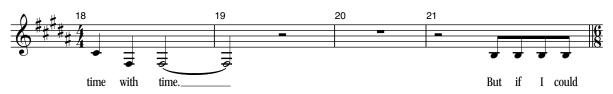
PHIL: I bet the fat ones do. [GO]

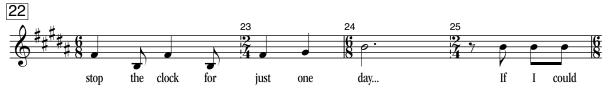






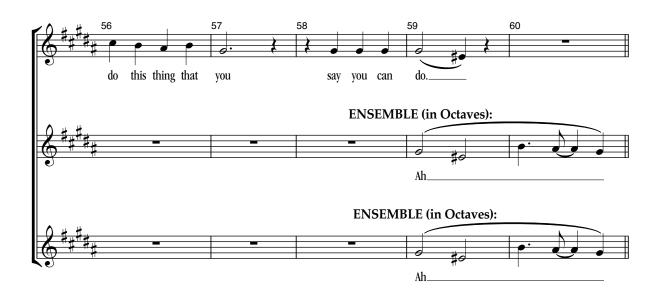


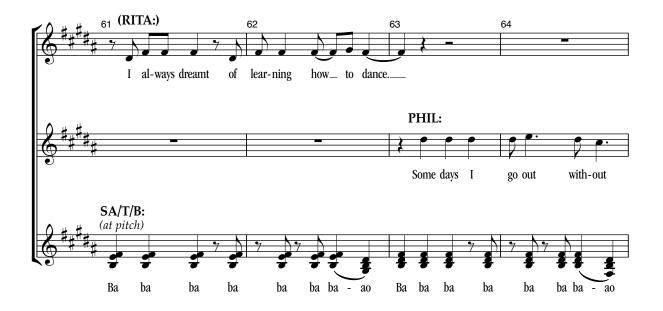


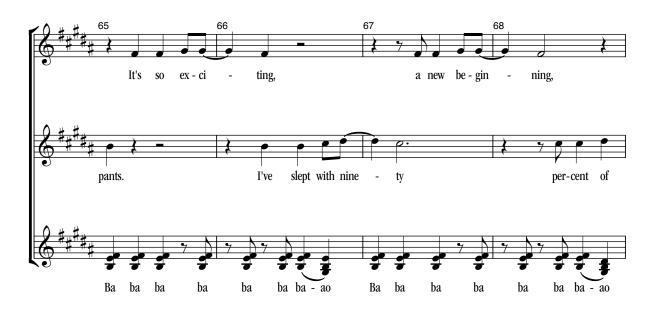


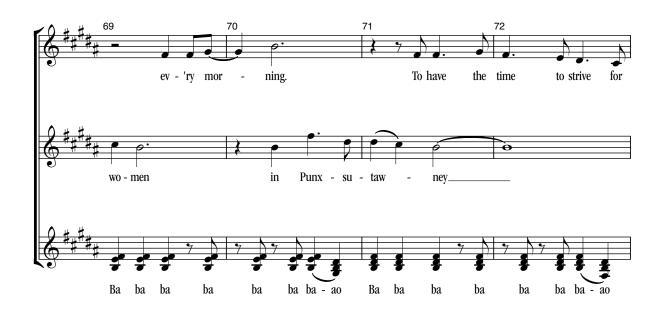


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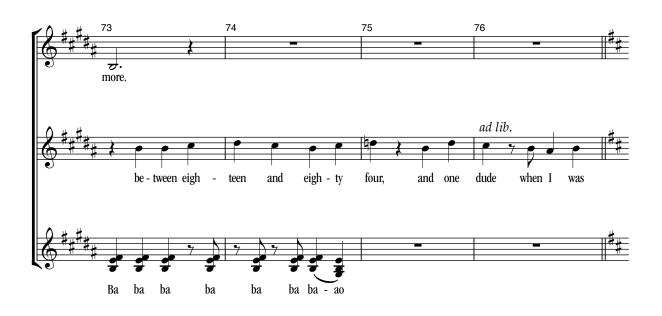


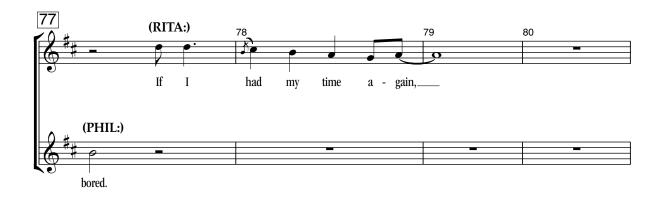






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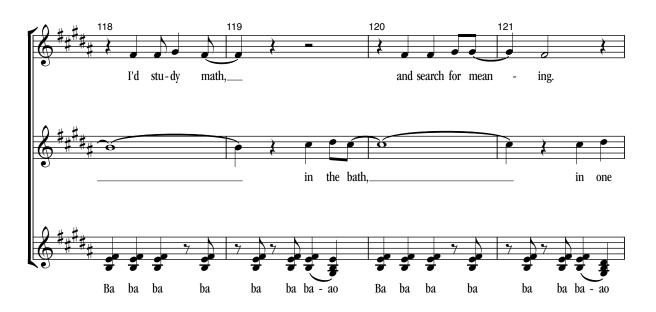


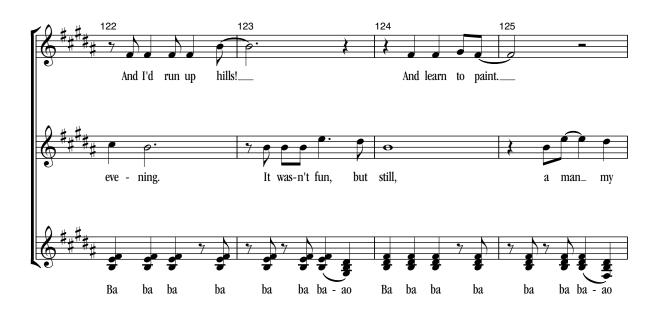


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**PHIL:** Over there, **RITA:** Yeah?

**PHIL:** –the duck pond? First time I ever went skinny dipping.

RITA: Wait, it's frozen solid.

PHIL: Yeah, I didn't like it. And over there I learned to drive an 18 wheeler.

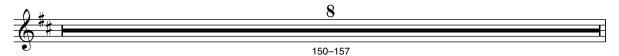


**RITA:** Really?

**PHIL:** Yeah. Right through that store window.

RITA: It feels like you're showing me around your home town.

PHIL: Want to see the high school? RITA: You didn't go to school here.



PHIL: Well, I sat in on a couple of classes. Chemistry, girls' hockey–go Chucks!

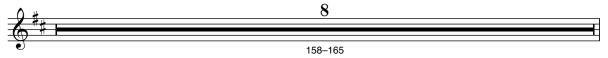
**RITA:** You sure you don't like it here, maybe just a little bit?

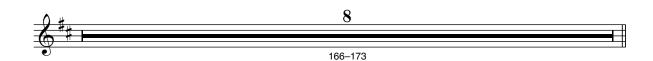
**PHIL:** It's the only place I've got.

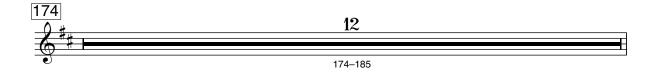
TICKET MAN: Tickets! RITA: A Tilt-A-Whirl.

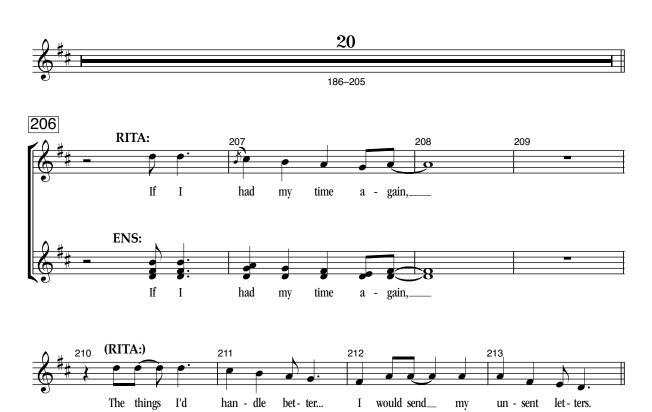
**PHIL:** Really?

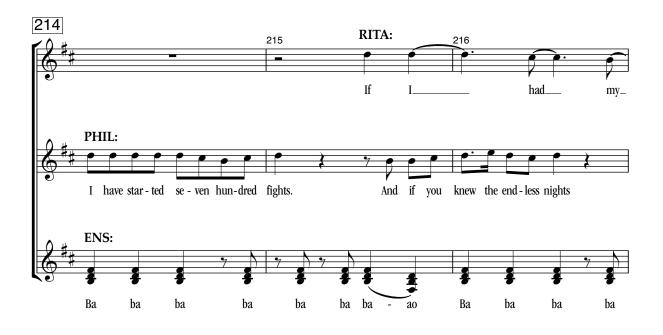
RITA: Come on! (If necessary: It'll be fun! Don't be such a slug! PHIL: I'm not a slug.)



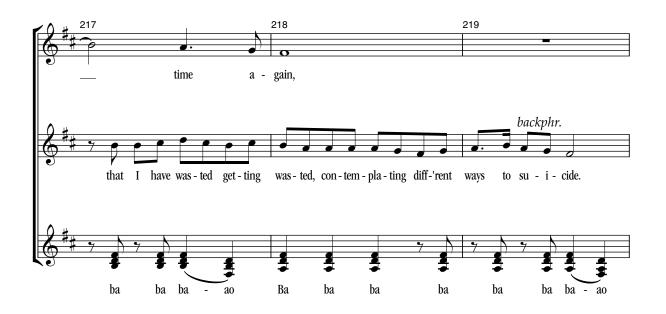


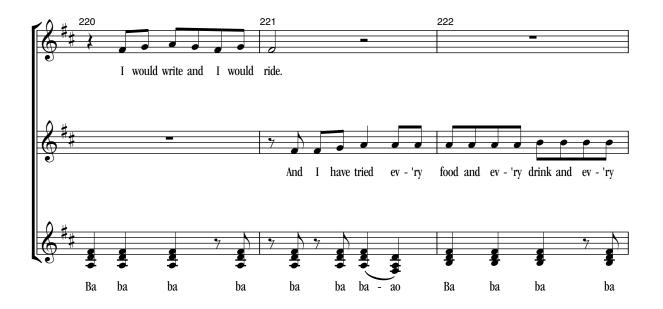






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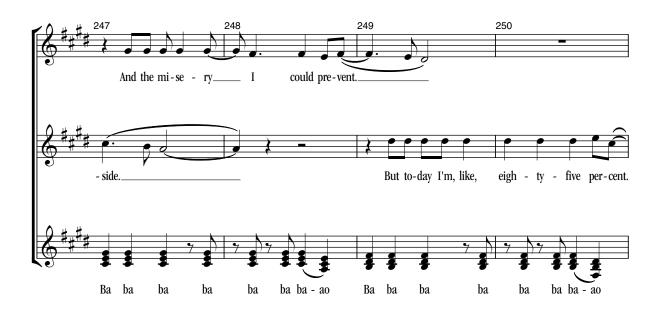
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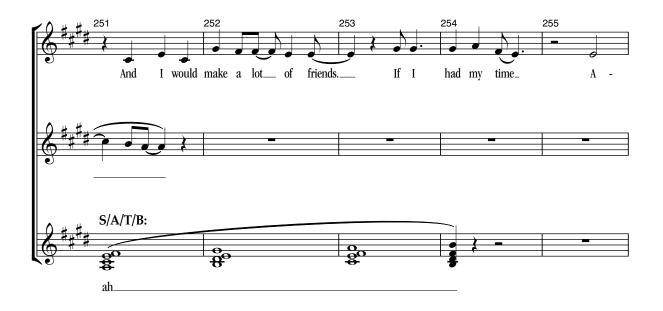


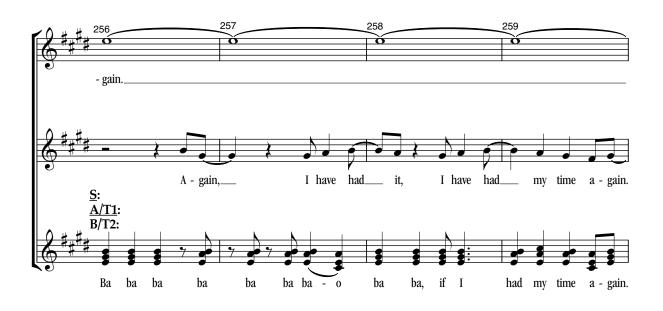
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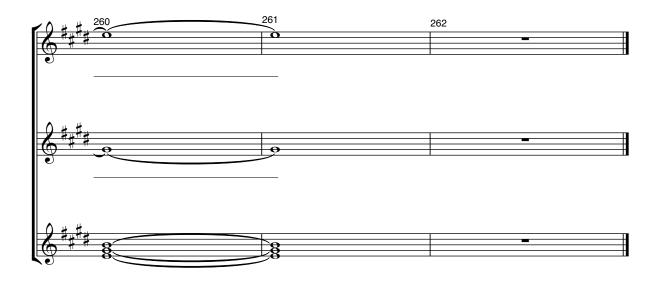


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# **Everything About You** (Reprise)

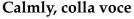
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PHIL: Yeah, I did, didn't I?

This was the best day I can remember. I thought I'd never feel good again.

How did you do that? **RITA:** I'm a producer.

PHIL: Associate producer. [GO]









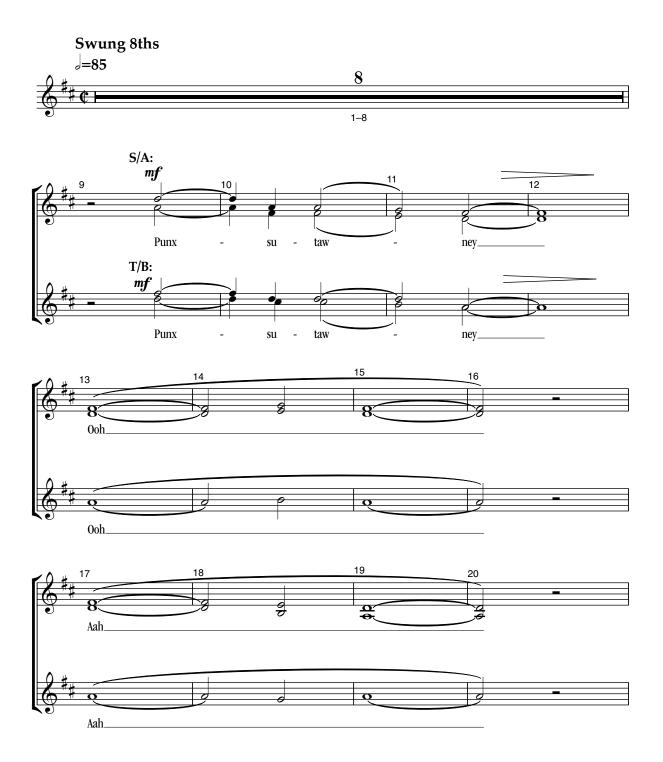




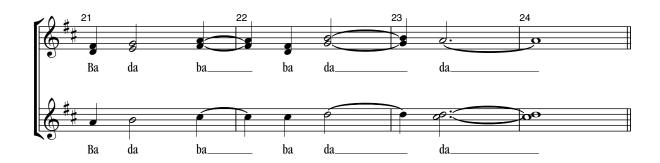


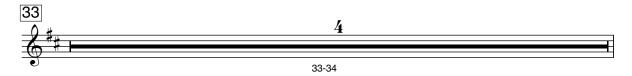
13-18 ATTACCA #21:
"Getting the Hang"

## Getting the Hang of This 21



#21 – Getting the Hang of This





**CHUBBY MAN:** Good morning!

**PHIL:** Hey, Tubby. Uh, Chubby. Jonathan.

**CHUBBY MAN:** Have we met?

PHIL: I'm Phil.

**CHUBBY MAN:** Like the groundhog!

**PHIL:** Sure. Have a great day. And you're not a porkchop.

**CHUBBY MAN:** Back atcha!



MRS. LANCASTER: Oh, Mr. Connors! Looks like a storm coming, don't you think?

**PHIL:** That's very perceptive. You know, I'm a weatherman. **MRS. LANCASTER:** I know. Would you like some coffee?

PHIL: Yes, please.

MRS. CLEVELAND: Good morning!

MRS.LANCASTER: Oh, hi!

PHIL: You know there's a blizzard headed this way?

MR. CLEVELAND: I heard that too.

MRS. CLEVELAND: We're all going to turn into-

MRS. C. & PHIL: -popsicles! Jinx!

**PHIL:** You know, Mrs Lancaster, this coffee is–remarkably drinkable.

MRS. LANCASTER: Why, thank you! Oh, will you be staying an extra night, Mr. Connors?



**PHIL:** You guys have a great day!

MRS. LANCASTER: He sure has a spring in his step.

MRS. CLEVELAND: Yeah.



MRS. LANCASTER: Yet there's a hint of sadness. [GO]



**DEBBIE:** Hey, it's Phil Connors, from

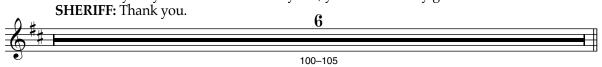
FRED & DEBBIE: Good Weather with Phil Connors!



PHIL: Hi guys. Want to get a picture? FRED: Sure. Sheriff? SHERIFF: You bet.



PHIL: Everybody smile. Have fun today. Oh, you should really get this fixed.

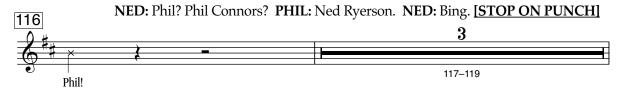


106 JENSON: Change, mister?



**PHIL:** Hey, wait. Here. Keep it. I may be getting the hang of this.







NED: Ow. Just like high school. PHIL: Oh. Ned. Sorry. Bad habit.

Let me help. [START]



**NED:** No harm no foul.

**PHIL:** Wow. This is your family?

NED: Yeah, there's Jamey, Joey, Jack, Jasper, and little Mary.

PHIL: Nice.

**NED:** And there's my beloved.

PHIL: Ned, she's hot.

**NED:** It's true. It's true. She was. **[OUT]** 



**NED:** She passed.

PHIL: Oh.

NED: Yeah.

**PHIL:** ... I was going to grab some coffee.

Wanna walk with me?

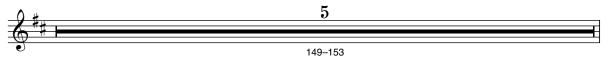
PHIL: I'm so sorry. Listen... [RESTART]

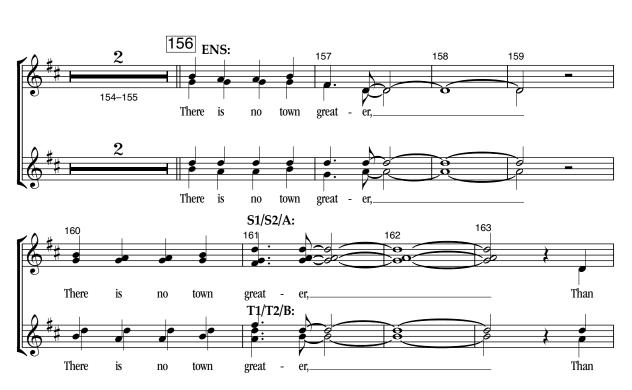


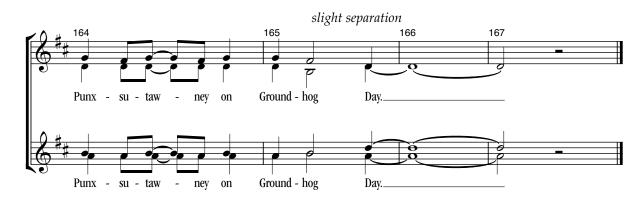
**NED:** Great! It's so good to see you!

**PHIL:** You too, Ned. Sorry about the nose.

**NED:** Ah! I've got a policy for that. On that topic, how are you fixed for auto... dental... flood...



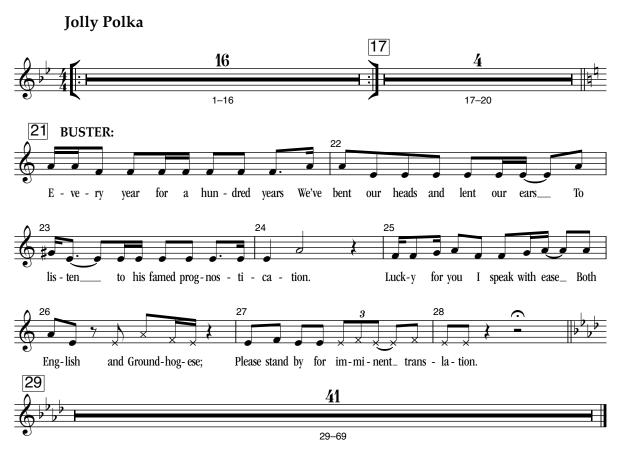




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#### Piano Lessons/Jenson

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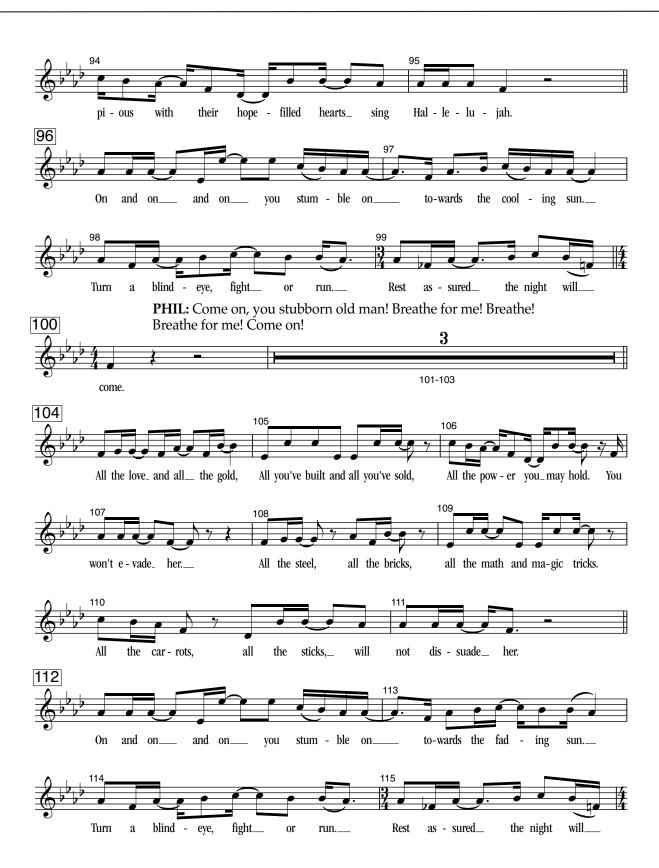


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## Night Will Come

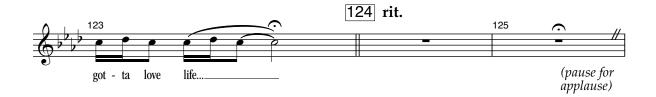
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**BUSTER:** Six more weeks of winter! **CROWD:** Aww. Yay! **[GO ON]** 



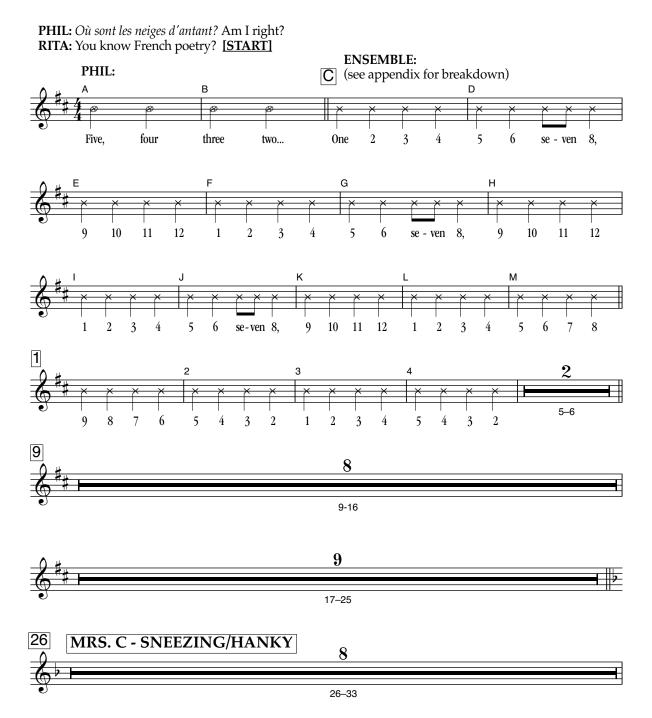
**PHIL:** February 2nd. Punxsutawney. Dawn. I'm feeling pretty good today. Excited, really. Six weeks of winter, at twenty four hours a day, seventy heartbeats a minute—more if you're a marmot. That's over four million heartbeats, ticking through this winter like a twelve-hour clock, bounded yet infinite, leaping from beat to beat at the ratio one point six one eight, or Phi, every day an infinity of things to do, and change, and try, spiraling like a hurricane or the ovaries of an angelfish, or the same twelve notes repeating and recombining since even musical frequencies are based on Fibonacci ratios.

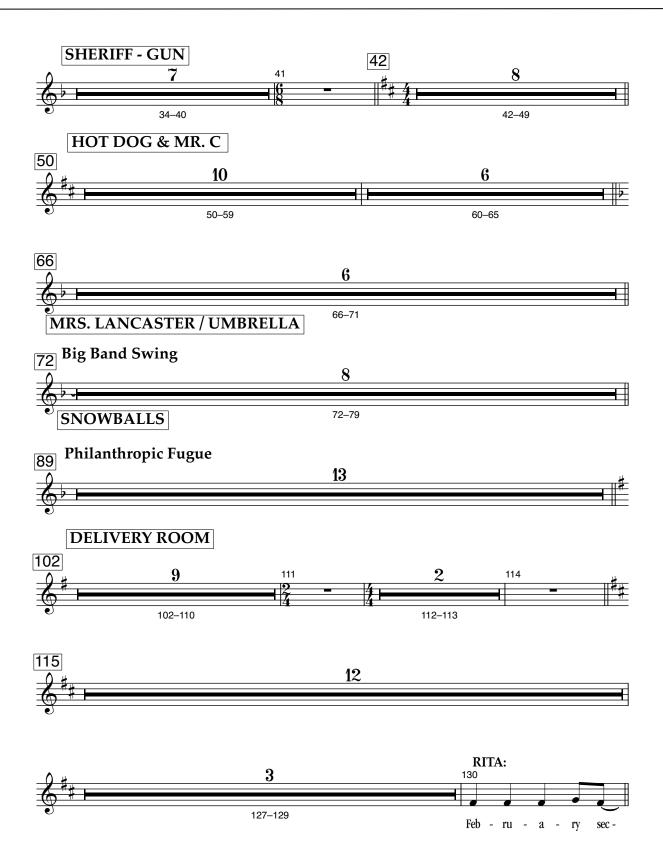
And that's good weather. [MUSIC ENDS]



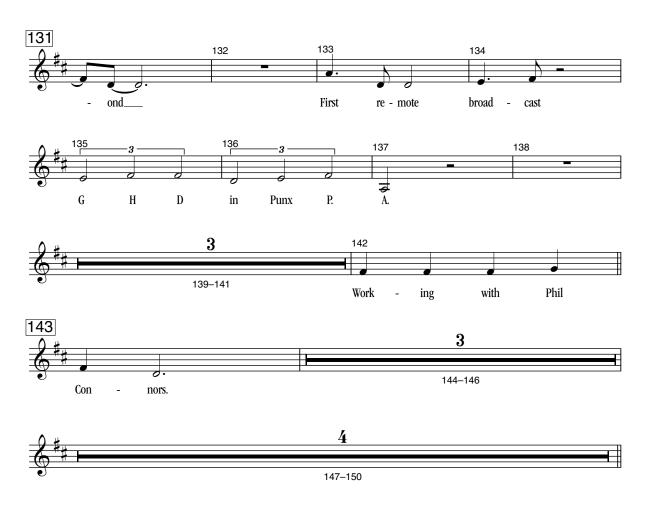
## Philanthropy

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#24-Philanthropy



RITA: Hey. There you are. What is it? Here, sit down. Chili? For me?

You brought me chilli? From the cookoff? Are you okay?

PHIL: I just can't seem to retain cardio fitness.

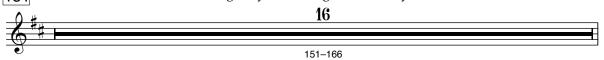
RITA: I read that if you do a little exercise every day-

PHIL: Yeah, you'd think.

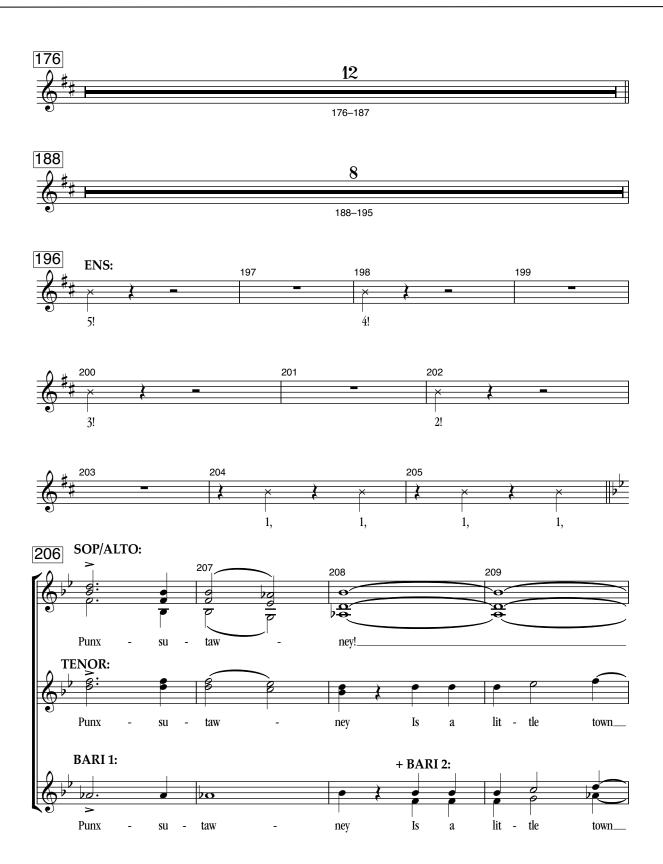
**RITA:** Hey, I guess you heard about the blizzard.

**PHIL:** Yeah, yeah. The roads are all closed.

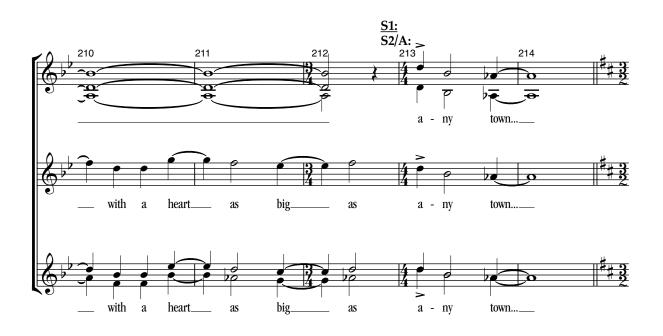
**RITA:** You know, I was looking for you. I thought I'd lost my weatherman.

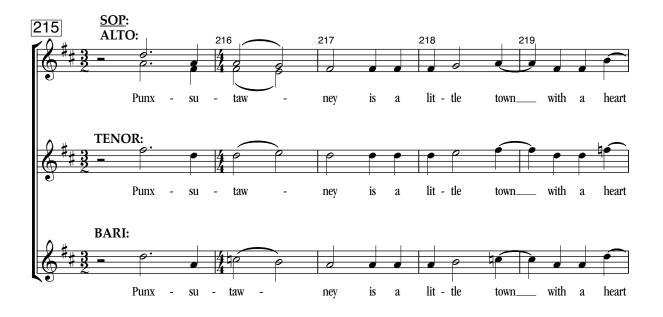


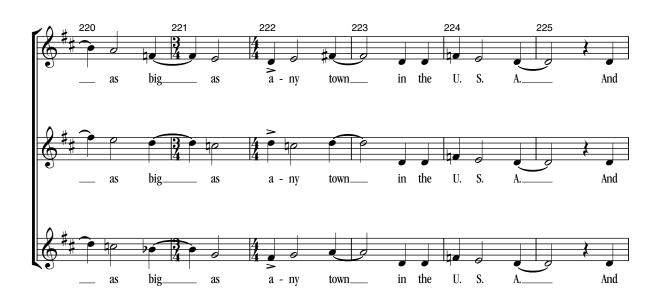


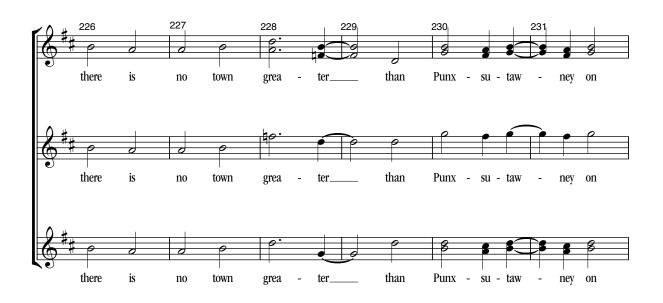


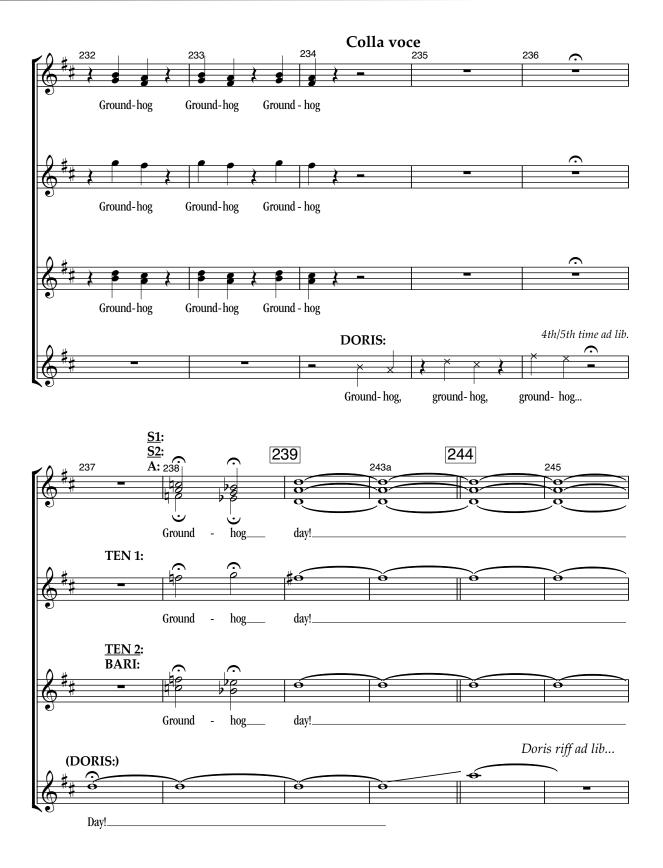
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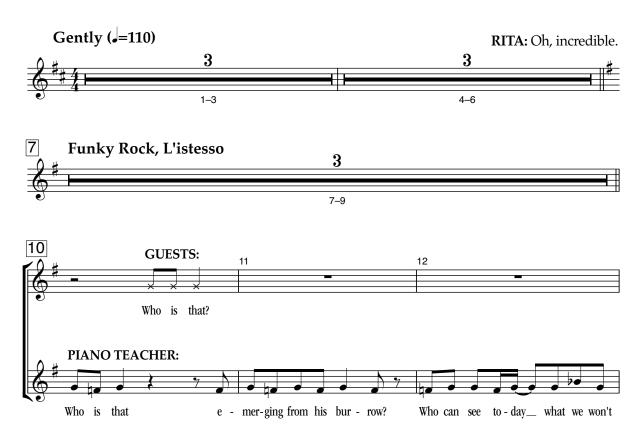


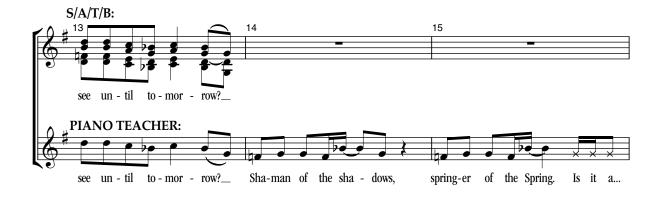
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## Boots / Punxsutawney Rock

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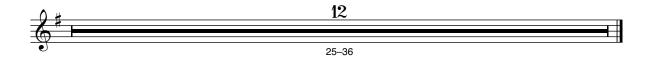










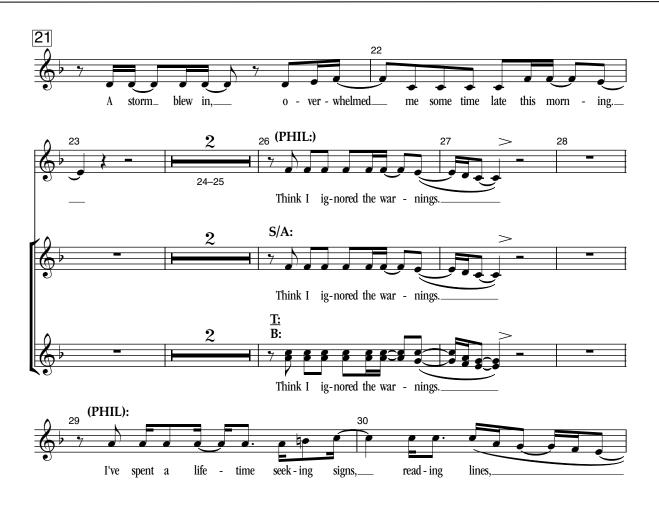


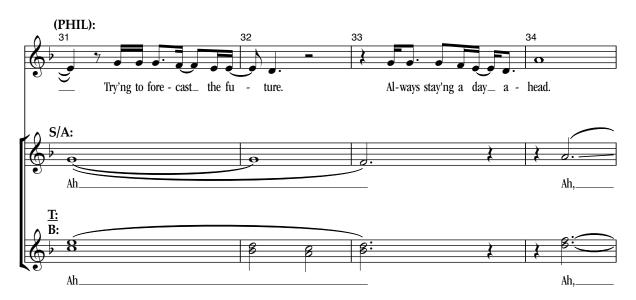
#### Seeing You

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**RITA:** Three hundred and thirty nine dollars and eighty eight cents. **BUSTER:** Now, miss, you do understand you aren't actually buying this man? Phil Connors, one of your fans is waiting for a dance. *Crowd chants 9 "Phils" then light change* **[CHORD]** 











**PHIL:** And this is the observation deck. Soak in the view. Eighteen-wheeler, parked over there. Public toilets.

**RITA:** Sweet.

**PHIL:** Guy vomiting. **RITA:** No he isn't. **PHIL:** Yeah, right there.

RITA: Awwww. DRUNK GUY (VO): Yaaaay. RITA: It's very romantic.

PHIL: Well, I want you to get your money's worth.



**RITA:** Oh, wait. It's really, really nice.

**PHIL:** It is beautiful. Though not entirely unexpected. With this low pressure system in the south the westerlies are going to take a dip along the Alleghenies bringing— (*she kisses him*)



**RITA:** Sorry. That was... **PHIL:** Entirely unexpected.

RITA: Oh, god. Four hundred dollar dance and a kiss. All in one night. What's come over me?

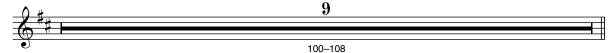
PHIL: Yeah, slow down.

**RITA:** We hardly know each other.

**PHIL:** What do you mean? We did the flood story.

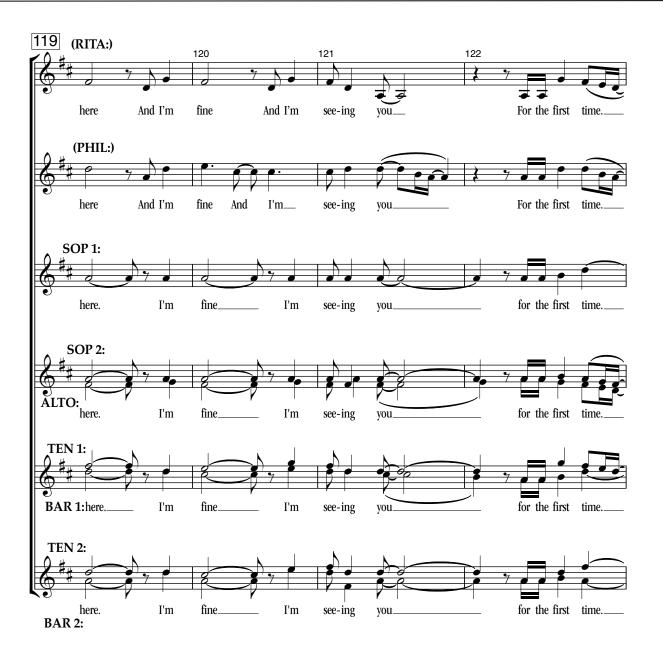
**RITA:** True. I like today better.

PHIL: Me too.

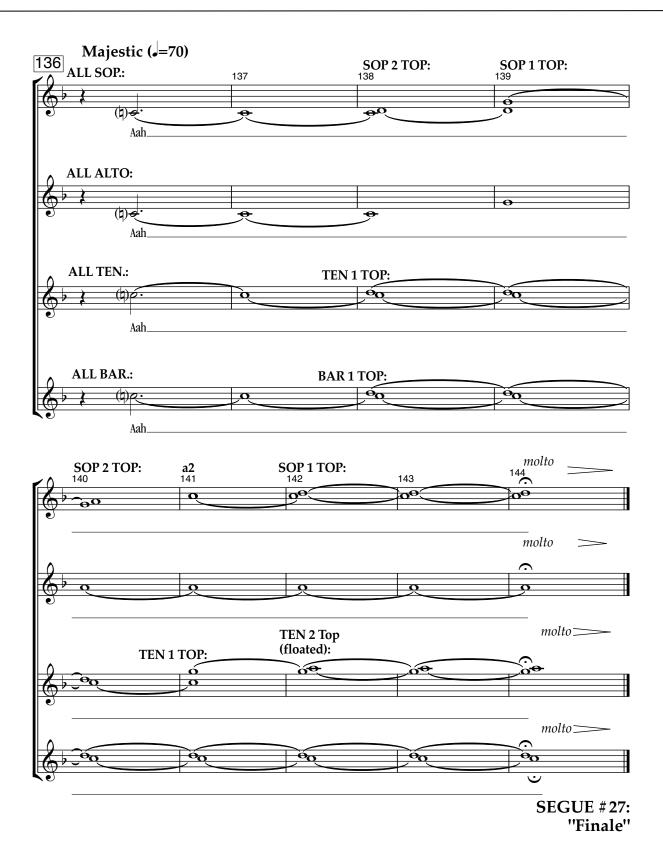












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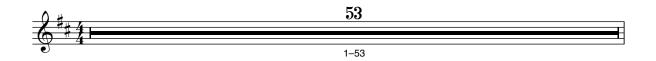
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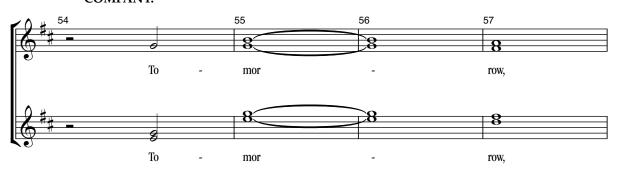
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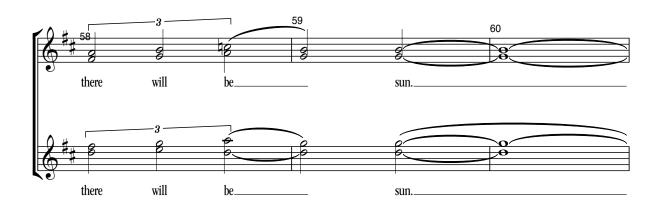
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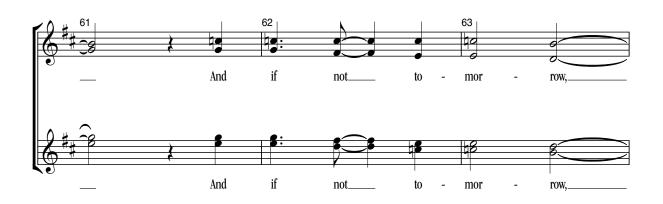
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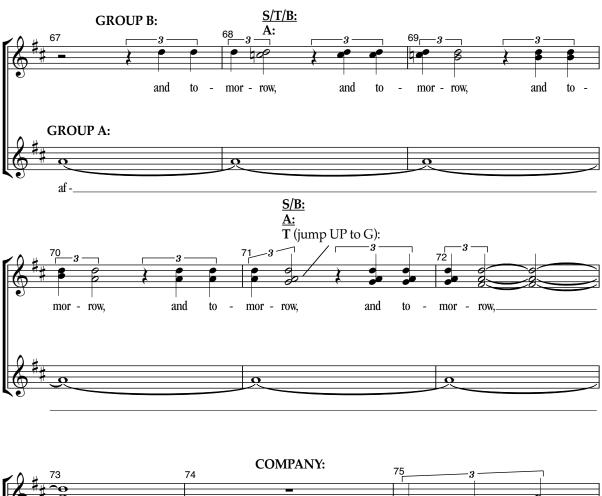
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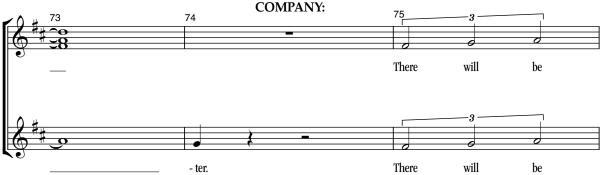


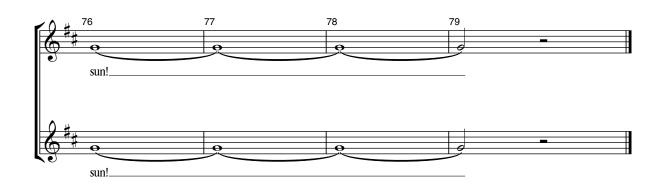












#### **Exit Music**

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**TACET** 

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