BOBBY

And how did my father end up? (Pause,

LOCKSTO K

Well, we're off. Og work' never done. Good nigh

HOP

Good night, Of Icers.

BARREL

Good night, obby.

(THEY exit

HOPE

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DBBY

I on't care or policemen. N't those two, as way.

IOPE

Poll emen p ptect the peace.

OBBY

Do they

HOPE

Usually.

(Pause.

BOBBY

Didn't I see you down by the amenity this morning?

HOPE

That was me. I was rushing off to work, first day.

BOBBY

Find your way all right?

HOPE

The gleaming tower on the hill? Couldn't miss it.

BOBBY

Beautiful.



HOPE

It's rather shiny, that's true enough. (Pause.)

BOBBY

Did you mean what you said to those policemen? About everyone having a heart?

HOPE

Well, sure I did.

BOBBY

Because...well, because mine feels awful cold just now.

HOPE

Cold?

BOBBY

Or empty. One of the two.

HOPE

Not because of me, I hope?

BOBBY

Oh no. Because of something I did.

#6A Apparitions

(The GHOST OF OLD MAN STRONG and TINY TOM appear in the distance.)



BOBBY

Or, rather, something I didn't do.

HOPE

If it feels cold, then it must still be there, don't you think?

BOBBY

Unless there's a vacuum where it used to be.

HOPE

A vacuum? In your chest? It sounds so implausible.

BOBBY

I did something wrong this morning is all I'm trying to say. I can't seem to get it out of my head.

HOPE

The vacuum?

BOBBY

My action. I let someone down that I love dearly. I feel real bad about it.

HOPE

Well, maybe that's nature's way of telling you that now's the time to lift someone up?

BOBBY

Really?

HOPE

Sure. Do you think you'd be feeling as bad as you do if you didn't have a heart? (Musical vamp begins for "Follow Your Heart.")

#7 Follow Your Heart

BOBBY

I don't know. I suppose not.

HOPE

Of course you wouldn't. Because then you'd be dead. (HOPE sings.)

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LOCKSTOC

orry to interrupt, Mister Cladwe. There's disturbance over at Publ. Atlenity number That y-two, Number Fift en as will. Word' begun to spread

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People here gathered at all the rest. The re writing to see what your g Bobbs will do.

LOCKSTOCK

After Noteets with your f course.

CLADWELL

(CLADWELl considers BOBBY.)

Mister McQueen!

(MCQUEEN places a suitcase on CLADWELL'S desk.)

Do you remember the Stink Years, Mister Strong? The first years when the water table started to drop and then just kept on dropping? No one thought they had much time then, and many of us did...questionable things, much like the things that are happening right now. There was the looting, of course, and the hoarding. Riots broke out like there was no tomorrow, for there was no tomorrow, but there is always a tomorrow if you're tough enough to cling to it. Which is why I've asked you here tonight.

(MCQUEEN opens the suitcase, revealing piles and piles of cash.)

MEE

CLADWELL

Some people see me as an...evil man.

CLADWELL

But the truth is, I'm no more evil than you or Ms. Pennywise or any of those poor people you insist on trying to lead. I'm only a simple man trying to cling to tomorrow. Every day. By any means necessary.

(BOBBY fingers the cash.)

BOBBY

And what happens when the drought is over?

CLADWELL

Over?

(ALL except BOBBY chuckle.)

Well, we can always hope, I suppose. But until then our regimen of controlling consumption through the regulating mechanism of cash must continue.

BOBBY

Ah yes, the regulating mechanism of cash.

(CLADWELL puts his arm around BOBBY.)

CLADWELL

Bobby, I want you to have this cash. And I want you to tell the people that the powers that be grant full amnesty to those involved in this week's criminal activities as long as they're willing to return to the improved fee schedule as authorized by the Legislature. Don't let it happen again, and have a good time in Rio.

BOBBY

So many tomorrows.

CLADWELL

Yes.

BOBBY

But I'm afraid my conscience will cost you more than a pile of cash, Mister Cladwell.

BOBBY

Free access is the only "cash" I'm interested in.

CLADWELL

I thought we had an understanding, Bobby.

BOBBY

Then understand this: If there truly is a way to that bright, new day, we'll find it together. All of us, not just the wealthy few. And that means free access.

CLADWELL

Free access is impossible.

BOBBY

Then that's what I'll tell the people. (BOBBY turns to go.)

CLADWELL

Stop!

(LOCKSTOCK and BARREL block his exit.)

We'll not return to the Stink Years, Mister Strong. I'll not allow it.

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CLADWELL

I've spent a lifetime building this company, paying off the police, bribing the political elite, and snuffing out popular resistance as if it were a naughty baby bunny in the palm of my hand. My right hand. I've centralized all power to a pinpoint spot - right here! Between

these two ears! And I'm not going to allow some dreamy-eyed boy who can't remember the Stink Years to ruin all that! Seize him!

(LOCKSTOCK and BARREL seize BOBBY.)

PENNY

Don't do it, Caldwel There's no telling what they'll do to the girl

ADWELL

hat's just a chance I' have to take.

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ADWELL

You think just because I love my daughter I stop clingin to to norrow?!

ENNY

ell, wha are you saying?!

(TWO UGC EXECUTIVES tep forward o restr in PENNY.)

CI ADWELL

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B BBY

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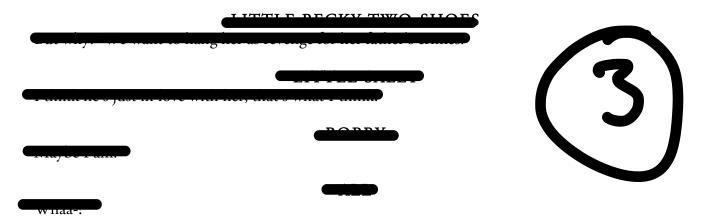
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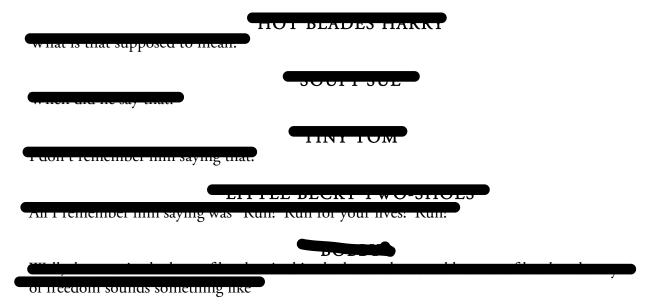
Friends, I know you're afraid. But this has got to be about more than just revenge and the vicarious thrill of stringing someone up who can't defend herself.



BOBBY

And maybe I made a promise up there. A promise that from this day forward, no man would be denied his essential humanity due to the condition of his pocketbook. That no man in need would be ignored by another with the means to help him. Here and now, from

this day forward, because of you, and you, and you, we will look into the faces of our fellow men and see not only a brother, but a sister as well.

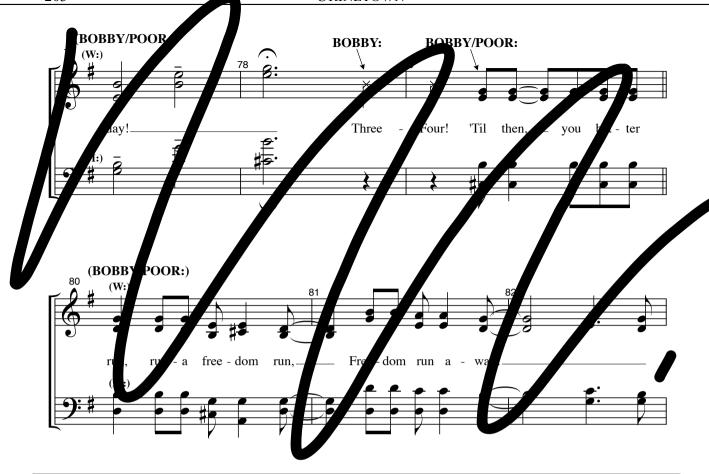


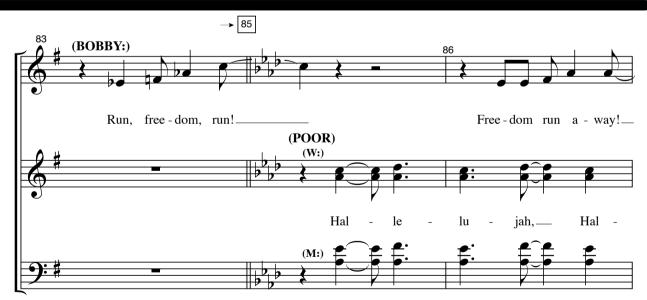
#13 Run, Freedom, Run

(HE sings.)

BOBBY

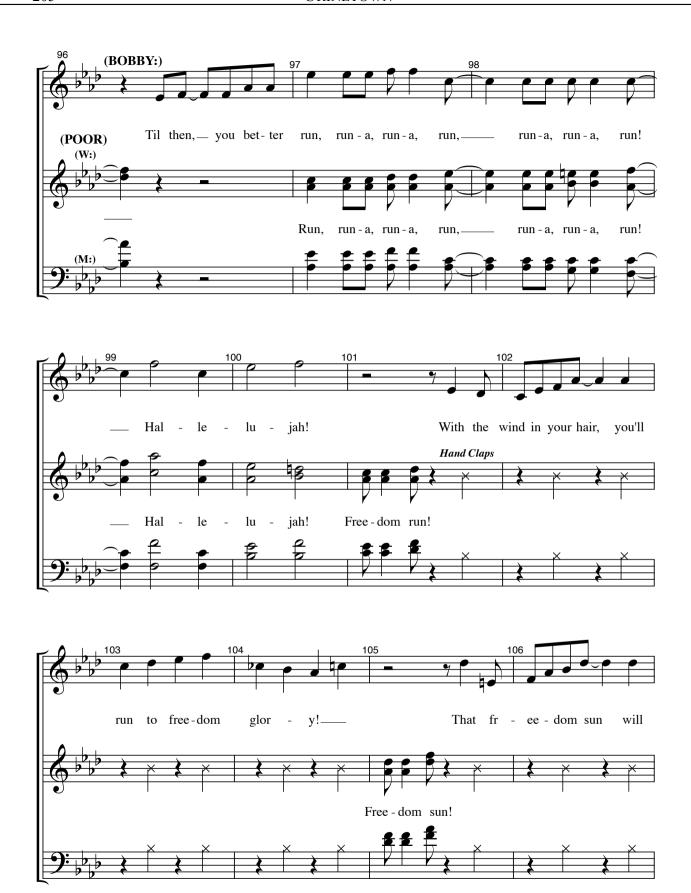
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