## - CAST SCRIPT & VOCAL BOOK -



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# ACT ONE SCENE 1:

## **#1 OVERTURE/PROLOGUE**

(A hand parts the curtain, revealing The Addams Family: GOMEZ, MORTICIA, WEDNESDAY, PUGSLEY, GRANDMA, LURCH and FESTER. A huge, bare Spanish oak, The Addams Family Tree, spreads its boughs over The Addams Family Graveyard.)

## ANCESTRAL VOICES

AH AH AH

AH AH AH

AH AH AH AH

(GOMEZ steps forward)

#### **GOME Z**

(deep inhale)

Aaaahh... The intoxicating smell of the graveyard.

(then)

Once a year, we gather beneath our Family Tree, to honor the great cycle of life and death. Come, every member of our clan - living, dead -

(re: Lurch)

- and undecided - and let us celebrate what it is to be an Addams.

(to Morticia)

Come to me, my luscious wife - oh she of skin so pale, eyes so black, and dress cut down to Venezuela - and tell us what it is every Addams hopes for!

## MORTICIA

Darkness and grief and unspeakable sorrow.

## GOMEZ

(overcome, embracing her)

I love it when you talk sexy!

## #2 WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

YOU NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE MOONLIGHT

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

YOU NEED TO FEEL A LITTLE CHILL

GOMEZ (CON'T)

YOU HAVE TO SEE THE WORLD IN SHADES OF GRAY YOU HAVE TO PUT SOME POISON IN YOUR DAY

MORTICIA

THAT'S THE WAY.

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

**GOME Z** 

YOU NEED TO HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR

(GOMEZ tickles MORTICIA. She giggles.)

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

MORTICIA

YOU NEED TO HAVE A TASTE FOR DEATH

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

WHO CARES ABOUT THE WORLD OUTSIDE AND WHAT IT WANTS FROM YOU WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU DO WHAT ADDAMS' ALWAYS DO!

**GOME Z** 

Mi amor!

MORTICIA

Will you love me for ever and ever?

GOMEZ

We shall be as besotted with each other as the night we met!

MORTICIA

Our first date! You took me to see -

**GOME Z** 

Death of a Salesman.

MORTICIA

How we laughed!

ADDAMS FAMILY

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

**GOME Z** 

YOU GOTTA HAVE A LOTTA PASSION

ADDAMS FAMILY

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

MORTICIA

YOU NEED TO REALLY LOVE YOUR WIFE

**GOME Z** 

(spoken)

At least once a day.

ADDAMS FAMILY

YOU'RE HAPPY WHEN YOUR TOES ARE IN THE MUD

FESTER & GRANDMA

YOU SMILE A BIT THE MOMENT YOU SMELL BLOOD

(THE ENTIRE FAMILY howls at the moon.)

ADDAMS FAMILY

AA-000H!!!

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

WEDNESDAY

YOU NEED TO GRAB A BOW AND ARROW

(WEDNESDAY loads her crossbow, aims to the sky and fires.)

ADDAMS FAMILY

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

**PUGSLEY** 

YOU NEED A MOMENT TO EXPLODE

(PUGSLEY pushes the plunger and there's a terrific explosion.)

GRANDMA

JUST POUR A POTION

#### FESTER

FLIP THE SWITCH

## WEDNESDAY/GRANDMA/PUGSLEY

AND WAIT 'TIL THINGS GET HOT

## ADDAMS FAMILY (NO FESTER)

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

## ADDAMS FAMILY & FESTER

YOU HAVE TO REALLY STIR THE POT SO GIVE US SHADOWS AND GIVE US GLOOM BROKEN GLASS IN A MOTEL ROOM SOMETHING FUN WE CAN ALL EXHUME AND GIVE IT ALL TONIGHT!

## **GOME Z**

And now, we summon our beloved Ancestors. Why do we do this?

#### MORTICIA

Because living or dead, family is still family.

#### **GOME Z**

Yes! And how do we do this?

## **FESTER**

By dancing on their graves!

## **GOME Z**

Yes! Dance my brother Fester! Time to wake the dead!

(FESTER dances before The Addams Family Crypt. The gate of the crypt swings open, and the ADDAMS ANCESTORS emerge, unholy spirits from many eras and places, from the recently-departed to the very first, stone-age, Addams.)

#### **ANCESTORS**

ONCE TORN ASUNDER
DOWN SIX FEET UNDER
WE GET TO GATHER HERE

#### CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR

DEAD FOR FOREVER

#### CAVEMAN ANCESTOR

BLED FROM WHATEVER

## CONQUISTADOR & CAVEMAN

CALLED NOW TO REAPPEAR

## SOLDIER ANCESTOR & SALOON GIRL ANCESTOR

EVERY CADAVER
START THE PALAVER
ONCE IN AN ADDAMS YEAR

## **ANCESTORS**

HOLD YOUR DECAYING
HEAR WHAT WE'RE SAYING
TIME NOW TO GIVE A CHEER!

## **GOME Z**

Line Dance!

(A succession of line dances, called by GOMEZ.)

Bunny Hop! Do the Twist! Rigor Mortis! Death Rattle!

## ALL

Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! Gasp!

(The Family Dance erupts into a full throated final chorus.)

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

## MALE ANCESTORS

THAT'S RIGHT, WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

## ADDAMS & FEMALE ANCESTORS

YOU HAVE A VERY SPECIAL DUTY

## MALE ANCESTORS

LATE NIGHT! OUT WITH THE ADDAMS!

## ADDAMS FAMILY & FEMALE ANCESTORS

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS MALE ANCESTORS WITH ONE BITE

## ALL

YOU'RE OBLIGATED TO THE CLAN
IT'S FAMILY FIRST AND FAMILY LAST

## ALL (CON'T)

AND FAMILY BY AND BY
WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS
THE STANDARD ANSWERS DON'T APPLY
WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS
YOU DO WHAT ADDAMS DO OR DIE!

(Applause)

#### **GOME Z**

Until next year my beloved ancestors... Back to your crypt.

## #2A (WE HAVE) A PROBLEM

(GOMEZ, MORTICIA, GRANDMA, LURCH and PUGSLEY exit. WEDNESDAY remains, looks worried. The ANCESTORS turn to re-enter the Crypt. FESTER clocks WEDNESDAY.)

## CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR

Hey, it's locked.

(ANCESTORS freeze)

## **FESTER**

That's right. We have a problem.

(DING! Light on WEDNESDAY, holding her crossbow.)

#### WEDNESDAY

His name is Lucas, Lucas Beineke. And - I'm in love. (group reacts)

## FESTER

(to the Audience)

That's right. Little Wednesday Addams - that charming, irrepressible bundle of malice who would poison her own brother just for a ride in the ambulance - has grown up and found love.

(LUCAS enters, in love with WEDNESDAY.)

## **LUCAS**

Oh, Wednesday! I just wanna lock you up in a little white cottage with a picket fence and an apple tree!

#### WEDNESDAY

I like the part about being locked up.

(Lights out on WEDNESDAY and LUCAS. Off this, the ANCESTORS object vociferously. The CURTAIN comes in, eliminating the ANCESTORS.)

#### **FESTER**

So here's the deal. Gather around. I'm not letting you back into that crypt until love triumphs.

## **ANCESTORS**

But Fest -

#### **FESTER**

Ah.

(FESTER crosses down as ANCESTORS disappear.)

So who is this Lucas fella? Is he worthy of her? Do they really love each other? What is love anyway? Does this rash look serious to you? So many questions about love. But when you think about it, is there anything more important?

(A HAND extends FESTER's banjolele, and FESTER takes it, accompanying himself as he sings.)

## **#3 FESTER'S MANIFESTO**

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE AH -

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT LOFTY GOALS, MATING SOULS ALTERING MINDS AND FALTERING ROLES LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

(CURTAIN opens)

#### SCENE 2

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(Revealing GOMEZ, fencing with LURCH, who holds his foil absolutely still while GOMEZ swipes at it extravagantly.)

#### **GOME Z**

Fight sir, fight like a man! Feel the kiss of my Spanish steel! Ha! Ha! Ha! Foiled again!

(GOMEZ strikes LURCH's sword down.

LURCH pokes GOMEZ with it.)

Oww! Damn your lightning reflexes!

(GOMEZ retains his sword. MORTICIA enters with a bouquet of yellow flowers.)

#### MORTICIA

Gomez, look.

## **GOME Z**

Ugh! Flowers! Who would send something so tasteless?

## MORTICIA

(reads the card)
"The most precious gift there is,
More goody-licious than gold,
Is that blessing we call friendship,
Whether new or very old."

## GOMEZ

"Goody-licious?" Who talks like this?

(MORTICIA removes the flowers from the stems, During--)

## MORTICIA

The Beinekes. Wednesday's friend Lucas and his parents. They're coming for dinner tonight.

## **GOME Z**

Lucas?

#### MORTICIA

Yes.

**GOME Z** 

But Lucas is a boy's name.

MORTICIA

Yes.

**GOME Z** 

Wednesday has a friend who's a boy?

(They both look at Lurch. Finally--)

MORTICIA

It's nothing, darling. Puppy love.

(hands Lurch the stems)

Put these in water.

(WEDNESDAY enters, carrying her crossbow and a goose with an arrow sticking out of it.)

WEDNESDAY

Mom, Dad, I shot dinner.

MORTICIA

(taking it)

Oh, Wednesday, that's lovely. Wherever did you find it?

WEDNESDAY

Petting zoo.

MORTICIA

Thank you, dear. Come, Lurch - we'll whip up something really special. And this time, we'll actually cook it.

(shares a laugh with Lurch)
Oh, Gomez - guests for dinner! Fresh meat!

(They exit. WEDNESDAY looks nervously after them.)

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, I have something very important to tell you.

**GOME Z** 

What?

#### WEDNESDAY

Can you keep a secret?

(WEDNESDAY produces a ring from around her neck.)

**GOME Z** 

Of course.

WEDNESDAY

Look.

GOMEZ

If I didn't know any better I'd say that looked like an engagement ring.

(she just looks at him)

What are you saying?

WEDNESDAY

Oh daddy, Lucas wants to marry me!

GOMEZ

What?!

WEDNESDAY

Lucas Beineke loves me and he wants to marry me.

**GOME Z** 

Do you want to marry him?

WEDNESDAY

Yes. I think so.

**GOME Z** 

You think so?

WEDNESDAY

Well, I've never even met his parents, and he's never met mine, and - I just need to be sure.

GOMEZ

That he's the one?

WEDNESDAY

That the families can get along. I mean, he has to know what he's getting into.

#### GOMEZ

What are you saying?

## WEDNESDAY

I'm saying we're who we are, and they're from Ohio.

## GOMEZ

(slicing the air with his sword)

Ohio? A swing state!

#### WEDNESDAY

That's what I mean.

#### **GOME Z**

You're right, this is important. Let's go tell your mother.

## WEDNESDAY

No.

### GOMEZ

No? But we have to tell your mother -

#### WEDNESDAY

Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing.

## **GOME Z**

You don't want me to tell your mother you're getting married?

#### WEDNESDAY

After dinner and we're all friends, then we'll tell her.

## **GOME Z**

But I've never kept anything from your mother.

## WEDNESDAY

(getting desperate)

Daddy, please!

#### **GOME Z**

But-

## WEDNESDAY

If you love me.

#### **GOME Z**

But-

## WEDNESDAY

Do you love me daddy?

(DING! WEDNESDAY freezes.)

## **#3A TWO THINGS**

#### **GOME Z**

THERE ARE TWO THINGS I WOULD NEVER DO SAY NO TO MY WIFE SAY NO TO MY DAUGHTER SO WHAT EXACTLY SHOULD I DO?

(DING! Lights restore.)

Do you realize what you're asking me to do?

## WEDNESDAY

Daddy, one tiny little secret. Please. Please.

[MUSIC IN]

## **GOME Z**

OK, OK I promise. I won't tell your mother.

#### WEDNESDAY

Oh, thank you daddy!

(She starts to go, turns back.)

Our little secret, right?

#### **GOME Z**

Yes, yes. Our little secret.

(She runs off)

## #4 WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP

WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP
BUT I'M NOT READY
WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP
AS TIME SLIPS BY
WHEN DID SHE BECOME
SOMEONE ELSE'S CHUM

## GOMEZ (CON'T)

SOMEONE ELSE TO MAKE HER FATHER WONDER

"WHY OH WHY?"

WEDNESDAY'S GROWING UP

(spoken)

She'll be Thursday before you know it.

(sung)

A PUZZLING THING

A SECRET IN THE HOUSE

A BOY, A GIRL, A RING...

(MORTICIA enters)

#### MORTICIA

Something's wrong with Wednesday.

**GOME Z** 

What do you mean?

#### MORTICIA

She's in the kitchen smiling. Like this. Maybe it is this boy.

## **GOME Z**

This boy? Don't be silly. Ha! I say. And double ha! Ha-ha! You yourself said: puppy love!

(turns to go)

Come, darling - I feel an urge to take you in my arms. Let's go upstairs -

#### MORTICIA

Gomez.

## **GOME Z**

(stops, turns)

On the other hand, she is a healthy young woman. Like you were. Are. Like you are. She could even fall in love and get married. Like you did.

## MORTICIA

Don't be ridiculous, Gomez. I'm much too young to have a married daughter.

#### GOME Z

Of course. I didn't think of that.

#### MORTICIA

Besides, she'll have lots of boys.

**GOME Z** 

How do you know?

MORTICIA

Because she's my daughter.

**GOME Z** 

Yes, but what if - and I have no reason to say this - what if she did meet someone who stole her heart?

#### MORTICIA

Don't be silly. When that happens, I'll be the first to know. Wednesday tells me everything. Just like you do.

(DING! MORTICIA freezes.)

## **#5 TRAPPED**

#### **GOME Z**

THERE ARE THREE THINGS I WOULD NEVER DO LIE TO MY WIFE LIE TO MY DAUGHTER OR TELL THE TRUTH TO EITHER ONE -

(DING! Lights restore. MORTICIA peers at GOMEZ closely.)

#### MORTICIA

Gomez, you do tell me everything, don't you?

**GOME Z** 

Of course!

MORTICIA

Oh my. You're perspiring.

**GOME Z** 

What?

## MORTICIA

I hope you're not coming down with a case of...Liar's Shingles.

(She starts to exit.)

#### **GOME Z**

No! No!

(She turns back.)

#### MORTICIA

I think Wednesday and I should have a little chat.

(She exits. GOMEZ is racked with quilt.)

## **GOME Z**

LIKE A BULL IN THE RING
LIKE THE MODERATE RIGHT-WING
I'M TRAPPED
LIKE A FLY IN MY TEA
OR THE NEW YORK DMV
I'M TRAPPED

WITH MY WIFE TO MY LEFT
AND MY DAUGHTER TO MY RIGHT
ANY THOUGHT OF MY ESCAPING MUST BE SCRAPPED
I COULD CHOOSE
SING THE BLUES
BUT NO MATTER WHAT I DO'S
I'M TRAPPED, TRAPPED

LIKE A BOAT IN A LOCK
OR A CUCKOO IN A CLOCK
I'M TRAPPED
LIKE A CORPSE IN THE GROUND
OR LIKE THEATER IN THE ROUND
I'M TRAPPED

I COULD CRY, I COULD LIE
I COULD SIMPLY UP AND DIE
BUT I FEAR THE DICE I'VE ROLLED HAVE FINALLY CRAPPED
SHOULD I BEG
SHOULD I RAGE
OR STAY SAFELY IN MY CAGE
HOW?
TRAPPED, TRAPPED, TRAPPED

(MORTICIA and WEDNESDAY enter on opposite sides of GOMEZ, he makes a sound as they cross him and exit.)

## GOMEZ (CON'T)

HOW CAN I KEEP A SECRET FROM THE WOMAN I ADORE

THE BITTER BREEZE THAT KEEPS ME HERE

AND COMING BACK FOR MORE

SHE STOKES THE ADDAMS FIRE

SHE HARBORS EACH DESIRE

I'D NEVER TELL HER LIES

BUT WHEN MY DAUGHTER CRIES

HOW CAN I BE EXPECTED THEN TO TURN THE OTHER CHEEK SHOULD I NOT BE HER HERO 'STEAD OF SNIVELING AND WEAK I'LL PICK THE ROUTE THAT'S TRUE

TELL ME WHAT I MUST DO!

SHOULD I GRIPE?
SHOULD I GROAN?
WOULD I RATHER PASS A STONE?
TRAPPED
WIFE GONE WILD
CRAZY CHILD
LITTLE ME UNRECONCILED
I'M TRAPPED

IF I'M WRONG, I'LL BE STRONG
AND WE'LL TRY TO GET ALONG
OR I'LL FAIL, HAVE TO BAIL
SHOW MY COFFIN TO THE NAIL
IF I NAPPED
IF I SNAPPED
MAYBE DINNER WOULD BE SCRAPPED
THEN I WOULDN'T BE TRAPPED! TRAPPED! TRAPPED!

(GOMEZ swipes at the TASSEL with his blade. The TASSEL falls to the floor, springs to life and scurries off.)

## TRAPPED!

(On applause, the curtain shifts, closing on GOMEZ, revealing WEDNESDAY and PUGSLEY.

#### SCENE 3

(THE PLAYROOM)

(PUGSLEY is strapped onto a rack. WEDNESDAY works a ratchet-wheel to increasingly stretch her brother's limbs.)

## **#5A HONOR ROLL**

#### **PUGSLEY**

WEDNESDAY AND LUCAS SITTING IN A TREE K-I-L-I-N-G

FIRST COMES LOVE, THEN COMES (ratchet! scream!)

Ahhhhhh! That was intense!

(she pauses)

Do it again, do it again!

(Ratchet. PUGSLEY screams happily.)

Ahhhhhhhh!

#### WEDNESDAY

This dinner has to go OK.

## **PUGSLEY**

It will if you let me blow up this Lucas guy.

## WEDNESDAY

Oh, Pugsley - ever since I met him, I wanna laugh and cry and everything seems right and wrong at the same time and then sometimes I just want to rip his flesh...

[MUSIC IN]

...off and eat him up until there's nothing left.

## #6 PULLED

I DON'T HAVE A SUNNY DISPOSITION
I'M NOT KNOWN FOR BEING TOO AMUSED
MY DEMEANOR'S LOCKED IN ONE POSITION
SEE MY FACE? I'M ENTHUSED.
SUDDENLY, HOWEVER, I'VE BEEN PUZZLED
BUNNY RABBITS MAKE ME WANT TO CRY
ALL MY INHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN MUZZLED
AND I THINK I KNOW WHY -

(We hear the tweeting of a little bird. And another. And another.)

## WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

I'M BEING PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION
BUT I THINK I LIKE IT
I THINK I LIKE IT
I'M BEING PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION -

(One of them, a YELLOW BIRD, attracts WEDNESDAY'S attention particularly. The YELLOW BIRD perches on her hand, and she sings to it.)

THROUGH MY PAINFUL PURSUIT SOMEHOW BIRDIES TOOK ROOT ALL THE THINGS I DETESTED IMPOSSIBLY CUTE GOD! WHAT DO I DO?? PULLED -

(She inadvertently breaks the bird's neck. The bird's head flops sadly from side to side.)

#### **PUGSLEY**

Wow. You got some real issues.

(She looks wistfully at the bird.)

## WEDNESDAY

Fly away, little birdie.

(She gives it a little launch-toss and it falls, dead, into the pit.)

MOTHER ALWAYS SAID, "BE KIND TO STRANGERS"
BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY DESTROY
I CAN FEEL THE CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGERS
WHEN SHE LEARNS THAT THE BOY
HAS GOT ME PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION

(She pulls the rack-lever)

**PUGSLEY** 

AAAAAAH!

## WEDNESDAY

BUT I THINK I LIKE IT.

**PUGSLEY** 

That was good, that was good!

WEDNESDAY

I THINK I LIKE IT

PUGSLEY

Do it again, do it again!

WEDNESDAY

I'M BEING PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION

(She pulls the rack-lever)

PUGSLEY

AAAAAAH!

WEDNESDAY

AND THIS FEELING I KNOW
IS IMPOSSIBLE SO
I'LL CONFIDE
THAT I'VE TRIED
BUT I CAN'T LET IT GO
IT'S DISGUSTINGLY TRUE
PULLED -

**PUGSLEY** 

AAH!

WEDNESDAY

PULLED -

PUGSLEY

AAH!

WEDNESDAY

PULLED -

**PUGSLEY** 

AAAAAAH!

WEDNESDAY

PUPPY DOGS WITH DROOPY FACES
UNICORNS WITH DANCING MICE
SUNRISE IN WIDE OPEN SPACES
DISNEY WORLD? I'LL GO THERE TWICE!
BUTTERFLIES AT PICNIC LUNCHES

## WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

BUNCHES OF CHRYSANTHEMUMS LOLLIPOPS AND PILLOW FIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS EVE! SUGARPLUMS! STRING QUARTETS AND CHIA PETS AND AFTERNOON BANANA SPLITS ANGELS WATCHING AS I SLEEP AND LIBERACE'S GREATEST HITS HAVE GOT ME PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION IF THEY KEEP INSISTING I'LL STOP RESISTING JUST WATCH ME PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION I SHOULD STAY IN THE DARK NOT OBEY EVERY SPARK BUT THE BOY HAS A BITE BETTER FAR THAN HIS BARK AND YOU BET I'LL BITE, TOO DO WHAT'S TRULY TABOO AS I'M PULLED IN A NEW DIRECTION!

(WEDNESDAY exits. GOMEZ and MORTICIA peek from behind the curtain, having observed this.)

MORTICIA

I was right! It is the boy -

**GOME Z** 

Yes, but I don't think it's such a big -

MORTICIA

Puppy dogs? Disney World? She's in no state to entertain quests. We have to cancel the dinner.

**GOME Z** 

No!

MORTICIA

What?

**GOME Z** 

I mean we can't do that.

MORTICIA

Why?

#### **GOME Z**

Because then there won't be a dinner.

#### MORTICIA

Gomez - do you love your daughter? Do you care for her mental well-being?

**GOME Z** 

Of course -

## MORTICIA

Do you want her to be put on heavy medication and spend the rest of her days hating us because we let her ruin her life?

(DING!)

## #6A FOUR THINGS

GOMEZ

THERE ARE FOUR THINGS

MORTICIA

Gomez!

(DING!)

Would you stop that!

GOME Z

I think we should have this dinner.

MORTICIA

Why?

**GOME Z** 

We need to introduce her to the world -

MORTICIA

Are you out of your mind? Have you seen the world lately? Now stop prattling and go tell her the dinner is off.

**GOME Z** 

But, cara -

## MORTICIA

You're the father. The father is the canceller. And if after 25 years of marriage you can't do this one thing for me, then I just don't know what!

(Before GOMEZ can respond, WEDNESDAY enters, with PUGSLEY, GRANDMA, FESTER and LURCH in tow. Grandma holds a pet rat, like a lap-dog.)

#### WEDNESDAY

(a tad wired)

OK, family meeting. About tonight. Now. Here's the schedule. First we have drinks, like, "Hi, nice to meet you" -

(family echos this)

Okay. And then they'll want to see the house, and then at eight, we'll have dinner and they can be back at their hotel by nine thirty.

(family mumurs approval)

## MORTICIA

Wednesday, your father has something to tell you.

#### **GOME Z**

Actually, paloma, your mother and I have had second thoughts.

## WEDNESDAY

What about?

## GOMEZ

This dinner. It all seems so quick -

## WEDNESDAY

IT'S NOT QUICK!

(then)

Oh please, daddy. It's just a dinner, and they're dying to meet you - and I promised Lucas -

(pointedly)

And you know how I hate to break a promise.

#### **GOME 2**

Yes, paloma, but your mother and I -

#### WEDNESDAY

Daddy, I am your only daughter and your eldest child and if you can't do this one thing for me, then I just don't know what!

(Awkward beat)

#### **GOME Z**

(to Morticia)

Maybe just a little dinner.

(WEDNESDAY throws her arms around GOMEZ.)

WEDNESDAY

Thank you, daddy!

MORTICIA

(alla Duse)

Well, it seems I've been outvoted.

(and)

So - dinner it is.

(then)

Drinks, dinner, and then, The Game.

(Excited affirmations from THE FAMILY.)

## WEDNESDAY

Oh God please no! Not the Game.

MORTICIA

(sweetly)

But it's a family tradition.

(THE FAMILY nods in agreement.)

WEDNESDAY

It's my dinner!

MORTICIA

But it's my house, darling. Dinner, and the Game.

**GOME Z** 

(unwilling to fight this one)

One out of two, paloma. Don't push it.

WEDNESDAY

Then can we at least all act normal?

**GRANDMA** 

(stroking her rat)

Define normal.

(rat squeaks)

Shhh.

#### MORTICIA

Normal is an illusion, darling. What's normal for the spider is a calamity for the fly.

#### WEDNESDAY

Mother, please -

## **#7 ONE NORMAL NIGHT**

THEY'RE NORMAL PEOPLE NOT LIKE YOU, NOT LIKE ME PLEASE CAN'T WE BE AN AVERAGE FAMILY! ONE NORMAL NIGHT THAT'S ALL I WANT THAT'S ALL I NEED FROM YOU ONE NORMAL HOUSE WITHOUT A MOUSE TO FEED A PLANT OR TWO YOU MUST ADMIT WE'RE NOT WHAT PEOPLE CALL LAID BACK SO CAN'T WE MUSE A BIT AND LOSE THE BASIC BLACK? WHOA, ONE NORMAL NIGHT WITH NORMAL PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY JUST ONE NORMAL NIGHT

Whaddaya say?

MORTICIA

ONE NORMAL NIGHT?

WEDNESDAY

TO BE POLITE
TO DO THE LEAST YOU CAN

GOMEZ

ONE NORMAL EVE?

WEDNESDAY

CAN YOU ACHIEVE
A KIND OF COMMON MAN?
YOU HAVE TO SWEAR TO ME
YES, PROMISE TO THE CORE
IT'S ALMOST SIX O'CLOCK
THEY'RE ALMOST AT THE DOOR!
ON ALL THE ADDAMS ANCESTORS
WHO'VE EVER WALKED ARIGHT

## WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

ONE NORMAL NIGHT!

(FESTER stage manages the reveal of CENTRAL PARK.)

#### SCENE 4

(CENTRAL PARK)

[SONG CONTINUES]

(An avenue of trees deployed by the ANCESTORS, against the skyline of New York City. The BEINEKES: MAL, ALICE and LUCAS, enter.)

## **ANCESTORS**

DOO DOO DOO DOO

DOO DOO DOO DOO

DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO

MAL

OK, Lucas - enough is enough. Gimme the map.

ALICE

I don't see any houses.

MAL

Because there aren't any, Alice. We're in the middle of some godforsaken park.

ALICE

Central Park, dear.

(guidebook)

"Designed in 1857 by - "

LUCAS

Wait!

MAL & ALICE

What?

LUCAS

I know where we are! It's where I first saw her! I was lost in the park and a pigeon dropped at my feet with an arrow in it! And I looked up and there she was - Wednesday, with a crossbow.

MAL

A what?

#### LUCAS

A crossbow. You know.

MAL

This girl walks around with a crossbow?

**LUCAS** 

It's OK dad, she has a permit.

MAL

Good. Good choice son. Ok, listen up. Now here's what's going to happen. We're going back to the hotel. And you and I are gonna have a little talk.

ALICE

Be patient with him, dear.

(rhyming)

"A father should support his son. And Lucas is your only one."

MAL

(to Lucas)

See what you did? Your mother's rhyming again. Let's get back to the hotel and then -

**LUCAS** 

(cutting him off)

No!

ONE NORMAL NIGHT

NO, NOT ONE POEM

NOT ONE INSPIRING WORD

ONE NORMAL SCENE

COMPLETE ROUTINE

TONIGHT CAN'T BE ABSURD

PLEASE DON'T EMBARRASS ME

OR BE COMPLETELY RUDE

DON'T MAKE A FUSS

ABOUT THE HOUSE

ABOUT THE FOOD

WHOA! ONE NORMAL NIGHT

I KNOW IT'S BIG BUT CAN'T YOU SEE

THIS ONE NORMAL NIGHT IS FOR ME!

Come on!

(LUCAS exits)

MAL

Come on!

(MAL exits and ALICE follows. The ANCESTORS appear from behind the avenue of trees. So does FESTER.)

**FESTER** 

Seems like a nice young man!

(ANCESTORS grumble)

## CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR

But they're not right for each other.

[MUSIC STOPS]

## **FESTER**

What do you mean they're not right for each other?!

(sings)

WAS NAPOLEON RIGHT FOR JOSEPHINE?
WAS NAUSEA RIGHT FOR DRAMAMINE?
WERE THE 80'S RIGHT FOR THE DRUM MACHINE?
WHO'S TO SAY? WHO'S TO SAY?
WAS BALLET RIGHT FOR BALANCHINE?
WAS POLIO RIGHT FOR THE SALK VACCINE?
WERE YOU FOLKS RIGHT FOR THE MEZZANINE?
ALT: (WAS REHAB RIGHT FOR CHARLIE SHEEN?)

Who's to say?

ONE NORMAL NIGHT IS A PERILOUS TRICK
NORMAL IS HARD TO ATTAIN
CHILDREN ARE CRAZY AND PARENTS ARE QUICK
PASSIONS ARE HARD TO EXPLAIN
BUT THIS IS THEIR MOMENT
AND THIS IS YOUR CHANCE
SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO REMAIN
START SINGING OF LOVE!

**ANCESTORS** 

WHAT?

**FESTER** 

LOVE

or

ANCESTORS

#### **FESTER**

YES!

#### **ANCESTORS**

LOVE LETS OUR SPIRITS DEPART

#### **FESTER**

You got it!

SO LET THE NORMALCY START!

(The ANCESTORS point the trees in the right direction, helping the BEINEKES head off toward the house.)

## FESTER & ANCESTORS

PROTECT AND RALLY ROUND
LET'S AID THEM AND ABET
ONE NORMAL NIGHT IS WHAT THEY'LL -

#### **FESTER**

GET!

(Lightning and thunder. FESTER scuttles upstage, revealing The Addams Family Manse. The trees vanish, the house exterior crashes to the floor, revealing THE ADDAMS FAMILY.)

## ADDAMS FAMILY & ANCESTORS

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT WEDNESDAY WANTS

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT GIVE HER JUST

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT ONE NORMAL NIGHT WEDNESDAY WANTS

## GOMEZ/MORT/ANCESTORS

ONE

#### FESTER & ANCESTORS

ONE

GRANDMA/PUGS/ANCESTORS

ONE

WEDNESDAY & ANCESTORS

ONE

(The set transitions to THE GREAT HALL, aided by the ANCESTORS. The BEINEKES are seen as well, approaching the house. Song continues)

ADDAMS FAMILY

WEDNESDAY

WE COMPREHEND

ONE NORMAL NIGHT ALL I WANT, ALL I ASK

ADDAMS FAMILY & ANCESTORS

WEDNESDAY

WE'LL TEND HER EVERY NEED THEY'LL TEND MY EVERY NEED

MAL & ALICE

WHEN WE ARRIVE WE'LL COME ALIVE TO MAKE THIS NIGHT SUCCEED

LUCAS

JUST BE RESPECTABLE DON'T MAKE AN ODD REMARK

MAL & ALICE

OKAY, OKAY

WEDNESDAY

KEEP UNDETECTABLE OUR PASSION FOR THE DARK

ADDAMS FAMILY & ANCESTORS

JUST AS YOU SAY

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

AND THEN IT'S PARADISE RIGHT HERE IN CENTRAL PARK

ALL

IN ONE NORMAL, INFORMAL ONE NORMAL NIGHT!

(On the button, the set transition is complete. Applause. The doorbell rings)

(THE GREAT HALL)

## WEDNESDAY

They're here!

(ALL scuttle off. LURCH, approaches the front door...very slowly.)

(to Lurch)

Hurry up!

(LURCH opens the front door, ushering in the BEINEKES. They affect an out-of-towner's nonchalance.)

## MAL

Hello. Had a little trouble finding the place. Looks like somebody shot out all your street lamps!

(MAL and ALICE laugh. LURCH does not. The BEINEKES move down stage and take the place in.)

(observing the emptiness of the space)
Wow, look at this place. They just move in or what?

## ALICE

No. This is how they live in New York. They spend all their money on rent and have nothing left for furniture.

(LURCH slams the front door with an awesome thud. The BEINEKES jump. A RAT scurries across the floor. ALICE screams. RAT exits.)

(MAL approaches LURCH)

LURCH

Grnh.

MAL

Mal Beineke.

LURCH

(polite)

Grnh.

MAL

This is my wife, Alice-

LURCH

(lecherous)

Grnh.

MAL

That's my son, Lucas -

LURCH

(warning)

Grnh.

MAL

And you are?

LURCH

Grrngh.

(Grunts his backstory)

MAL

Nice talkin' to you. Earth to Alice, we've landed in Weird City. I say drinks and bye-bye.

ALICE

Oh, Mal.

(convincing herself as much any him)

"Be open to experience,

And welcome in the new.

Reach deep in your surprise bag;

There might be a gift for you."

MAL

Honey, my surprise bag is so full I can hardly lift it. That guy who patted me down at the airport? He slipped me his telephone number. I don't think I can stand any more surprises.

**LUCAS** 

C'mon, dad. Lighten up! These're your kind of people, real salt of the earth.

MAL

Yeah? Where are they from?

(GOMEZ enters, with a rapier, to answer the query.)

#### **GOME Z**

"Where are we from?"

(they react)

Funny you should ask.

(then)

July 31st, 1715. The Spanish warship, *Pico de Gallo*, commanded by my great nautical ancestor, Captain General Redondo Ventana Laguna Don Jose Cuervo, leaves Madrid, bound for the new world. Three weeks later, he is still in Madrid, as Madrid is four hundred miles from the nearest ocean. A stubborn man, he sets sail anyway, only to sink, six months later, off the southern coast of Florida — a hostile land, infested with mosquitoes, rattle snakes, and many retired Jewish peoples. But enough about us.

(steps forward)

Mr. Malcolm Beineke, I presume, and the lovely Mrs. Malcolm Beineke.

(pointing his blade at Lucas)

And you must be young Lucas -

(looks back to Mal, then again to

Lucas)

Unless of course you -

(Lucas)

- are the father, and you -

(Mal)

- are the son, with a massive thyroid problem.

(laughs, then)

I go too far. No matter, the night, she is young. Welcome to our extremely normal home. Gomez Florencia Addams, at your service. Allow me to present my wife, *la duena*, mother of my children, *el amor de mi vida*... the love of my life - *Morticia!* 

## #7A MORTICIA'S ENTRANCE

(MORTICIA enters, in an apron. GOMEZ kisses her hand.)

## MORTICIA

Sorry I'm late. I was putting the apple pie on the window sill to cool.

## **GOME Z**

That's my little woman. A duchess in the parlor and a genius in the kitchen.

## MORTICIA

Oh, Gomez!

**GOME Z** 

And a gymnast in the bedroom.

(MORTICIA elbows GOMEZ and extends her hand to MAL.)

MORTICIA

So very pleased. Mr. Beineke...

MAL

Mrs. Addams -

(She turns to ALICE)

MORTICIA

Mrs. Beineke...

ALICE

(curtsies)

Alice.

MORTICIA

Alice. And you must be Lucas. What a lovely name.

LUCAS

Thanks. I'm named after my Uncle Lucas who got lost in the woods and ate his own leg.

MAL

They don't need to know that!

MORTICIA

No, no. It's a beautiful story.

(then)

Wednesday has a cousin who swallowed his tongue. Hes tolk lak dis... "Hello, how are you?"

WEDNESDAY

(interrupting, mortified)

Thank you, mother.

(All heads turn to see WEDNESDAY, wearing a bright yellow dress.)

(to Mal and Alice)

## WEDNESDAY (CON'T)

Hi, I'm Wednesday.

MORTICIA

What are you wearing?

WEDNESDAY

A dress.

MORTICIA

A yellowdress.

**GOME Z** 

Paloma, what happened? You look like a crime scene.

MORTICIA

(to the Beinekes)

Will you excuse us for a moment?

(to Wednesday)

I won't have that color in my house.

WEDNESDAY

I'm just being normal, OK?

(Now LURCH is helping ALICE off with her coat.)

## MORTICIA

Darling, we don't wear bright colors. Bright colors are for people with no inner life and no imagination.

(ALICE'S coat is removed. She too wears

a bright yellow dress.)

Oh look. It's everywhere.

## ALICE

It's a lovely dress, Wednesday.

"Yellow is the color of the warming sun.

Yellow is the color of yumminess and fun.

Why not show the world the love in which we all believe? Why not wear your heart for all to see, right on your sleeve?"

"Yellow is - "

(Awkward beat. MORTICIA fights the urge to throw up.)

#### **GOME Z**

Excellent! A lovely sentiment about the color yellow! And now -

(PUGSLEY enters in a Boy Scout uniform. He holds a coin-collecting can like from the March of Dimes.)

Why, look everyone, it's Pugsley Addams, Wednesday's brother, just returned from Bible study. Say hello, Puggles.

(PUGSLEY goes to ALICE and holds out the can.)

#### PUGSLEY

Hello. Wanna make a donation?

#### ALICE

Of course, sweetheart. What are you collecting for?

#### **PUGSLEY**

Just put some money in the can and nobody gets hurt.

(ALICE drops a coin in the can. GRANDMA enters in a candy-striper uniform with a big Red Cross on the bib-front.)

## GRANDMA

Whew! Boy, is it normal out there!

## **GOME Z**

And this is our dear little Grandma, the very soul and spirit of the family.

## GRANDMA

(starting over, still sweet as pie)
Hi. I just came from the hospital. Cardiac ward. Boy,
they're dropping like flies over there. I hope you're
staying in shape. Grains, fresh fruit, 40 minutes on the
treadmill?

## ALICE

I know I should, but I don't do any of that.

## **GRANDMA**

Well then you're gonna die, honey.

(FESTER enters, wearing a preposterous toupee and holding a football, running for the end zone.)

#### FESTER

Are you ready for some football?

(FESTER is the announcer to his solo game of football.)

Fester's got the ball! He's running! He's dodging! Lookit that sumbitch go! He's on the twenty - he's rounding third -and touchdown! The crowd goes wild!

(FESTER makes three sounds like a "roaring crowd." He's a bit too close to Alice who has to turn away.)

## **GOME Z**

This is my brother, Fester.

#### **FESTER**

(to Alice)

Nice ta meet ya.

(FESTER takes off his hair-piece in salutation. ALICE shrieks. FESTER puts the rug back on his head, askew.)

#### **GOME Z**

Thank you, Fester.

(The BEINEKES behold The Addams Family nervously. GRANDMA looks like she might lick ALICE.)

All right, go away now.

## GRANDMA/FESTER/PUGSLEY

(waving)

GOODBYE!

(And they're gone)

## GOMEZ

And now for a welcoming toast from the extensive Addams caves!

(LURCH enters with a tray.)

#### MORTICIA

Children, you're excused.

## WEDNESDAY

Lucas, come on. Dad, remember -

**GOME Z** 

Not to worry, paloma.

MAL

(as the kids go)
Leave the door open, y'hear?

(GOMEZ hands glasses out, during--)

## **GOME Z**

Ah!... You're concerned they will make the beast, eh? Not to worry, my friend. My daughter has a black belt in *Tae Kwon Do*. He tries anything, she'll rip his throat out.

(toasts, warmly)

To the children.

(They toast)

## ALICE

Excuse me. Do you have a little girls room?

## **GOME Z**

We used to, but we let them all go. (laughs, delighted with himself)

Wooo!

## MORTICIA

Gomez.

(to Alice)

Come with me, dear. I'll show you.

(During the above, LURCH ha

(During the above, LURCH has collected the glasses from the quartet, except for ALICE who retains hers, despite MAL'S bad look.)

## **GOME Z**

Morticia, a grand tour for the missus. And the mister and I will go below for some "guy stuff." Then, dinner -

# MORTICIA

And after dinner - The Game!

MAL

Oh yeah? What kind of game?

GOMEZ

Did you ever play charades?

MAL

Yeah.

**GOME Z** 

Well, it's nothing like that.

(GOMEZ chuckles expectantly and leads MAL down to the grotto. Then, as the LADIES climb the stairs--)

ALICE

Did you get the flowers?

MORTICIA

Oh yes. And the lovely poem. Wherever did you find it?

ALICE

I wrote it.

MORTICIA

No!

ALICE

(demonstrates)

"When I'm depressed or feeling blessed, A poem will get it off my chest. They come to me, they take no time, They just pop out, and always rhyme."

MORTICIA

Maybe you should see someone about that.

ALICE

And they're always about the one thing everyone needs and so few have!

MORTICIA

Health care?

ALICE

Why, love, of course!

(They exit. Enter FESTER and ANCESTORS. ANCESTORS voice skeptical remarks about "love" in between FESTER'S lyrics.)

# #8 BUT LOVE REPRISE 1

## **FESTER**

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE WORTH REPEATING
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT LOFTY GOALS—

# CAVEMAN/SOLDIER/FLIGHT ATTENDANT/GAMBLER/COURTESAN ANCESTOR

MATING SOULS--

ALTERING MINDS AND FALTERING ROLES-

## FESTER

Shhh.

## FESTER AND ANCESTORS

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE...

(During which we transition the set into-)

(SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE HOUSE)

(WEDNESDAY enters, pursued by LUCAS.)

LUCAS

You realize they're gonna freak when we tell them?

WEDNESDAY

My father won't.

**LUCAS** 

Why not?

WEDNESDAY

I already told him.

**LUCAS** 

What? You told your father? Your father, with the sword? You told him we were getting married, just like that?

WEDNESDAY

He's totally cool with it. Mostly.

LUCAS

I thought we were gonna tell them all together!

WEDNESDAY

We need his help. You don't know my mother. She could really screw it up.

LUCAS

I'm not marrying your mother.

WEDNESDAY

I know. Look - it might seem old fashioned, but I want their blessing.

LUCAS

You're right, it is old fashioned.

WEDNESDAY

Lucas, do you love me?

**LUCAS** 

Of course.

#### WEDNESDAY

Then leave it to me. It's all going according to plan.

**LUCAS** 

What plan? There's no plan!

WEDNESDAY

That's the plan. Improvise. Keep 'em guessing.

LUCAS

You're really crazy.

WEDNESDAY

You say that like it's a bad thing. It's just a simple dinner. What could go wrong? Come on.

(She leads him off. FESTER and ANCESTORS appear again. The kids' love has won over the ANCESTORS.)

**FESTER** 

Aww.

## #8A BUT LOVE REPRISE 2

BE PATIENT AND SOON THE WAY WILL BE CLEAR FOCUS YOUR FEAR
AND TROUBLES ALL WILL DISAPPEAR
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING OLD

**ANCESTORS** 

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE US OUT IN THE COLD

**FESTER** 

LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE BUT LOVE

**ANCESTORS** 

BUT LOVE

**FESTER** 

BUT LOVE

(THE GROTTO.)

(GOMEZ and MAL are puffing on cigars. MAL is seated on an old oaken chair.)

MAT.

Interesting chair. Antique?

**GOME Z** 

Fifteenth century. "The Heretic's chair." Once owned by Tomas de Torquemada, Grand Inquisitor of Madrid.

MAL

You collect this stuff?

**GOME Z** 

A man must have his hobbies. Some play cards, some play golf. Me, I collect "instruments of persuasion." "Why," you ask.

(then)

Go on, ask. Ask!

MAL

Why?

## **GOME Z**

It's fun! The history of the world told in agony and dismemberment. Get up, I show you.

(Mal gets out of the chair)

You sit, they ask you a question. They don't like the answer...

(GOMEZ pulls a lever. A giant spike shoots up.)

Ooooooooooooo! That'll make you believe, eh?
(a laugh, then retracts the lever)

Sit down. Let me ask you a question.

MAL

Some other time.

**GOME Z** 

Okey-dokey.

(then)

So how about these crazy kids, eh?

MAL

What about 'em?

GOMEZ

They seem very fond of each other, no?

MAL

I guess. But it's not like they're getting married.

**GOME Z** 

Married? Of course not. They're so young. Of course, they marry young these days, do they not?

MAL

I dunno what they do.

**GOME Z** 

Then speak about you. The Beineke Saga. Your lives, your hopes, your dreams.

(pointedly)

Your son.

MAL

Lucas? He's a little soft like his mother. But when he gets out of college, I'll toughen him up. Teach him the business. Make him a man.

**GOME Z** 

May I say something? You and I - I feel we understand each other. Do you feel this?

MAL

No.

(then)

# \*Note to the Director\* You have the option to cut lines within the box.

## MAL (CON'T)

So tell me, Addams - ten thousand square feet right in the middle of a public park. How'd you swing this place?

## **GOME Z**

These two acres have been in my family ever since Queen Isabella of Spain deeded it to my great ancestor Alfonso the Enormous, for services rendered.

MAL

What services?

## **GOME Z**

Alphonso the Enormous. The Enormous - do I have to draw you a diagram?

## GOMEZ (CON'T)

(exiting)

Come, Beineke - let me show you the moat. Did you bring a bathing suit? Never mind lets be crazy.

#8B ALPHONSO THE ENORMOUS

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(MORTICIA is showing ALICE the family photo album. ALICE sips on her wine.)

#### MORTICIA

And this is Cousin Helga from Baden-Baden.

#### ALICE

Who's that looking over her shoulder?

#### MORTICIA

Oh, no. That's her other head.

ALICE

She has two heads?

## MORTICIA

Well, you know what they say.

(MORTICIA and ALICE share a laugh, then MORTICIA turns to another page.)

# ALICE

(sees the photo)

And who's that man in the dress?

## MORTICIA

Oh. That's Aunt Herman. Wednesday's uncle, twice removed.

## ALICE

I don't understand.

## MORTICIA

Well, they removed it once - but it grew back.

(turns to another photo)

And here's Gomez and me, at our wedding.

ALICE

What's that?

## MORTICIA

Our wedding vows.

## ALICE

That's so romantic.

(reading)

"We promise to tango at least three times a week."

MORTICIA

- for passion.

ALICE

(reading)

"We promise to tell each other everything."

MORTICIA

- for truth.

ALICE

Everything?

MORTICIA

Of course.

ALICE

And you're still married?

MORTICIA

More than ever.

ALICE

Boy, it sure doesn't work that way in our house.

MORTICIA

How does it work?

ALICE

Well -

(rhymes)

"What's good for the gander is a nice quiet goose; If I told Mal my secrets, all hell would break loose."

MORTICIA

Alice, I'm shocked. What kind of a marriage is it where you keep secrets?

ALICE

A long one.

#### **#9 SECRETS**

#### MORTICIA

SECRETS ARE THE ENEMIES OF PASSION
SPEAKING TRUE WILL GET YOU THROUGH THE DAY
TRUTH IS NOT A THING THAT ONE SHOULD RATION
BUT I THINK YOU THINK OF IT THAT WAY
NEVER KEEP A SIN INSIDE THE CLOSET
ALWAYS GIVE THE FACTS A FIGHTING CHANCE
EV'RY TIME YOU DO, IT'S A DEPOSIT
IN THE LONG-TERM LIFE OF YOUR ROMANCE

KEEP NO SECRETS
IF YOU WANT HIM TO REMAIN YOUR LOVER
SHARE ALL SECRETS
THERE'S A WORLD OF THINGS YOU MIGHT DISCOVER
TRUTH IS BEAUTY
HE SHOULD ALWAYS KNOW EXACTLY WHO YOU ARE
BARE YOUR SECRETS
AND YOUR MARRIAGE'LL BE HEALTHIER BY FAR

GOMEZ ADORES ME
NEVER IGNORES ME
ALWAYS HAS PUT ME FIRST
AND, ALICE, IF HE SHOULD TRY ONCE
TELLING A LIE ONCE
I'D THROW HIM OUT HEAD FIRST
KNEELING, HE'D PLEAD I RECONSIDER
REELING, HE'D QUICKLY START TO DROWN
BEGGING ME FOR A LENIENCE
BUT AT MY FIRST CONVENIENCE
I'D PUT HIM ON THE FIRST BUS OUT OF TOWN

## ALICE

Morticia,

IS GOMEZ TRULY DEVOTED NEVER MISQUOTED ALWAYS THE PARAGON

MORTICIA

Without a doubt.

ALICE

AND IF HE TOLD YOU A LIE YOU'D WHISPER GOODBYE THEN LEAVE HIM TO CARRY ON

#### MORTICIA

That's it exactly.

ALICE

IS THERE NO ROOM FOR SOME DISCUSSION

MORTICIA

If Gomez lied?

ALICE

IS THERE NO CHANCE YOU MIGHT FORGIVE?

(MORTICIA grabs the photo album)

MORTICIA

A LIE'S A LIE AND LIES CAN KILL AND LIFE CAN QUICKLY GO DOWNHILL SHE KEPT A SECRET AND SHE WOUND UP ON THE GUILLOTINE

ALICE

NOW I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...

MORTICIA

SHE KEPT A SECRET AND THEY SHOT HER WITH AN M16

ALICE

THAT'S NOT A PRETTY SCENE

MORTICIA

SHE KEPT A SECRET AND SHE WOUND UP ON THE COVER OF A MAGAZINE

She's quite the Philistine

(turns the page)

ALICE

(points to a photo)

What's that one?

MORTICIA

The dance routine.

[DANCE BREAK]

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

KEEP NO SECRETS

## MORTICIA

WELCOME HONESTY WITH

# MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

NO RESISTANCE THEN YOUR MARRIAGE

MORTICIA

IS A LOVING KIND OF

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

COEXISTENCE

MORTICIA

LIES AND SECRETS

MORTICIA & FEMALE ANCESTORS

THEY'RE THE SINS THAT KEEP A HUSBAND FROM A WIFE

MORTICIA

GOMEZ LOVES ME HE WOULD NEVER KEEP A SECRET IN HIS LIFE

FEMALE ANCESTORS

NEVER KEEP A SECRET, NOT ONE SECRET IN HIS LIFE

(Applause)

**#9A SECRETS PLAYOFF** 

(SOMEWHERE IN THE HOUSE)

(GOMEZ is examining WEDNESDAY'S engagement ring through a jeweler's loupe. LUCAS looks on proudly.)

#### **GOME Z**

So where does a student get the money for an engagement ring?

## LUCAS

I work after school at the bookstore. And on weekends I tutor kids at a charter school. And summers I work at my uncle's grocery store.

**GOME Z** 

Is any of this true?

LUCAS

(with a twinkle)

Most of it.

**GOME Z** 

And in your time off, wise guy?

**LUCAS** 

Mostly I think about Wednesday and how much I love her and how we could have a wonderful life together.

**GOME Z** 

And what does a Lucas Beineke become when it grows up?

LUCAS

Maybe a writer. Or a medical examiner.

**GOME Z** 

A medical examiner? Why?

**LUCAS** 

You get to look at the inside of people's bodies and they don't mind because they're dead.

**GOME Z** 

(smiles to Wednesday)

Where did you find him?

## WEDNESDAY

We found each other. It's kind of a miracle.

MORTICIA

(From off)

Gomez!

(WEDNESDAY tucks the ring away. They lean in and whisper.)

WEDNESDAY

Omigod, daddy -

**LUCAS** 

What're we gonna do?

**GOME Z** 

Let's just tell her. It's gonna be fine.

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, you promised after dinner.

(All ad lib until Gomez sees Morticia.)

MORTICIA

What were the three of you whispering about?

**GOME Z** 

The weather.

WEDNESDAY

The news.

LUCAS

The economy.

(beat)

(Then, simultaneously.)

GOMEZ WEDNESDAY LUCAS

The economy. The weather. The news.

WEDNESDAY

(brightly)

Well, we'll be going now. See you at dinner!

#### **GOME Z**

Come, Lucas. I show you the moat. Did you ever see a rat as big as a dachshund?

LUCAS

No, sir.

(The THREE OF THEM start to leave.)

MORTICIA

Gomez.

(GOMEZ, caught, stops dead in his tracks.)

What's going on?

**GOME Z** 

Nothing. We were just talking.

MORTICIA

That wasn't talking, that was conspiring.

**GOME Z** 

No, it was talking! Conspiring is -

(mimes conspiring, scrunched over, furtive, whispering)

MORTICIA

That's what you were doing!

**GOME Z** 

Querida... stop this foolishness.

MORTICIA

You're keeping something from me.

**GOME Z** 

Querida, I have never kept anything from you, and may lightening strike me where I stand if I am keeping anything from you now.

(He looks up, steps broadly to his right. LIGHTNING strikes the spot where he was standing.)

MORTICIA

(deeply suspicious)

That it should come to this.

#### **GOME Z**

(opens his arms, changing the subject) Here, cara. I have an urge to take you in my arms.

MORTICIA

No, Gomez.

**GOME Z** 

What?

MORTICIA

Not today.

**GOME Z** 

But you've never turned down a trip to heaven.

MORTICIA

Not today. I'll be in my room until you're ready to share, like a proper husband.

(And she's gone)

**GOME Z** 

Morticia mia!

# #10 GOMEZ'S WHAT IF

LIKE A BUG IN A JAR

OR A FROZEN CABLE CAR

I'M TRAPPED

LIKE A MAN GROWING GRAY

WHEN HIS WIFE SAYS "NOT TODAY"...

WHAT IF SHE
DOESN'T DANCE WITH ME ANYMORE
WHO COULD CONCEIVE IT?
WHAT IF I AND ONE TINY LIE
STARTED CIVIL WAR?
WHAT IF A LINE'S BEEN CROSSED
VOWS OF COMMITMENT LOST
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...?
COULD THAT BE POSSIBLE...?

(GOMEZ exits, thinking about the future. And we transition to--)

(SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE HOUSE)

(WEDNESDAY and LUCAS emerge. PUGSLEY eavesdrops.)

LUCAS

Put the ring on. Just for a minute.

WEDNESDAY

After dinner.

**LUCAS** 

But what if they hate each other?

WEDNESDAY

What if they don't? Be like me. Look on the bright side.

**LUCAS** 

You make me so crazy.

(They kiss. PUGSLEY interrupts.)

PUGSLEY

Maybe you two should get a room.

WEDNESDAY

Pugsley! Stop sneaking around like that!

**PUGSLEY** 

It's my house too, OK?

WEDNESDAY

(to Lucas)

Excuse me while I kill my brother.

**LUCAS** 

(To Wednesday)

I'll take care of this.

(to the boy, extravagantly)

Hey, it's the Pugster. What up, little man?

(Tries to high-five PUGSLEY, to no effect.)

**PUGSLEY** 

You trying to be cool?

**LUCAS** 

Uh-huh.

**PUGSLEY** 

'Cause you're not cool.

**LUCAS** 

Your sister thinks I am.

**PUGSLEY** 

She'll get over it.

(He puffs on his cigar.)

**LUCAS** 

Aren't you a little young to be smoking?

**PUGSLEY** 

(pointedly)

I'm under a lot of stress. My sister's having an identity crisis.

WEDNESDAY

We're gonna go now.

PUGSLEY

Can I come?

WEDNESDAY

Sorry, Pugs. I'm with Lucas now. Bye.

[MUSIC IN]

(PUGSLEY'S tough act evaporates, and all that's left is a lonely little brother.)

PUGSLEY

But wait! Wait!

(WEDNESDAY waves to PUGSLEY and pulls LUCAS off. PUGSLEY is bereft, center.)

(IN-ONE WITH PUGSLEY AND GRANDMA)

## #11 WHAT IF

#### PUGSLEY

WHAT IF SHE NEVER TORTURES ME ANYMORE?
HOW WOULD I MANAGE?
WHAT IF SHE NEVER NAILS MY TONGUE TO THE BATHROOM
FLOOR?
WHAT IF SHE WALKS AWAY
LEAVING ME A-OK,
HIDING EACH POWER TOOL
WHY WOULD SHE BE SO CRUEL?

I COULD STAB MY ARM MYSELF
COULD RIP MY TONSILS OUT
COULD SET MY HAIR AFLAME
I COULD SPRAY MY EYES WITH MACE
BUT FACE THE FACT, WITHOUT HER,
IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME...

(GRANDMA enters, pulling her wagon of vials and bottles.)

## GRANDMA

(a cappella)
ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE
 (Whistling)

[MUSIC CONTINUES]

**PUGSLEY** 

Hi, Grandma.

GRANDMA

Hey, stud. How's life?

**PUGSLEY** 

Too long.

**GRANDMA** 

Tell me about it.

[MUSIC OUT]

#### PUGSLEY

Hold on. What're you doing?

#### GRANDMA

Restocking. Grandma's Private Stash. Herbs, potions and remedies. Nature's candy, no prescription needed.

**PUGSLEY** 

What's that one?

**GRANDMA** 

Peyote.

**PUGSLEY** 

What's it do?

GRANDMA

Makes you run around naked in the woods.

**PUGSLEY** 

What about this one?

GRANDMA

Bookoo leaf. You got someone giving you a hard time?

PUGSLEY

Maybe.

GRANDMA

Sprinkle a little of this on his toast, an hour later he's in a padded room, screaming "I am Spartacus!"

**PUGSLEY** 

Grandma -

[MUSIC IN]

what if there was this girl who met this person and he's all like "Hey, it's the Pugster. What up, little man?" and she's all like "golly" and "we're gonna go now" and they're running away together. What would you give her?

**GRANDMA** 

Nothing. She's your sister. Be happy for her.

PUGSLEY

But what if she doesn't get rid of him? What if all the good times are already behind me?

#### GRANDMA

That's life, kid. You lose the thing you love.

## **PUGSLEY**

Tell me about it.

(picks up another bottle from the cart)

What's this one?

#### **GRANDMA**

(grabs bottle from Pugsley)

Acrimonium! You wanna stay away from this baby.

## **PUGSLEY**

Why?

## **GRANDMA**

Takes the lid off the id. Brings out the dark side.

#### **PUGSLEY**

Whaddaya mean?

#### GRANDMA

One swig of this and Mary Poppins turns into Medea.

#### **PUGSLEY**

I don't understand your references.

## GRANDMA

Well, stop the damn texting and pick up a book once in a while.

(then)

Now, quit whining about your sister. Start thinking about you and how you're gonna live your life.

(waxing rhapsodic)

Time, my dear, is a thief. She'll steal your soul and flee on little fairy wings.

(then, abruptly)

And stay outta my shit or I'll rip your leg off and bury it in the back yard.

(and)

I love you.

(As GRANDMA exits, PUGSLEY swipes the Acrimonium from her cart.)

## **PUGSLEY**

WEDNESDAY WILL DRINK AND THEN SHE'LL BE HERSELF AGAIN

# PUGSLEY (CON'T)

LUCAS WILL LEAVE HER BE
SO SHE CAN TORTURE ME
JUST LIKE SHE ALWAYS DID
'TIL THEN I'M JUST A STRANGE, FAT KID.

(PUGSLEY hugs the bottle. Applause.)

(A DINNER GONG. THE GREAT HALL is revealed, with the FAMILY at the banquet table. PUGSLEY moves upstage to his seat.)

(THE GREAT HALL AND BANQUET TABLE)

(Dinner is over.)

#### **GOME Z**

Another magnificent feast -

(pointedly)

- all thanks to my fabulous lady wife, from whom I keep nothing. This dinner puts me in mind of my great ancestor, Hector Fernando Escondido Chimichanga, a man hated by the church but clever with a quip. In fact, while being burned alive, he said to the priest - "Keep it pink in the middle, a little crispy on the outside."

#### MORTICIA

(ending it, clinking her glass)
Thank you, dear. And now it's time to play The Game.

#### WEDNESDAY

Please, not The Game. It's really late -

#### **PUGSLEY**

But it's a family tradition!

## WEDNESDAY

Pugsley, could you just go away and die?

## **PUGSLEY**

(re: Lucas)

I will if your boyfriend will.

## GOMEZ

(to Morticia)

Cara, maybe The Game's a bad idea.

## WEDNESDAY

Thank you, daddy.

## MORTICIA

No, it's a good idea. And if it isn't, then somebody will be sleeping on the couch for a *very* long time.

## **GOME Z**

Actually, the Game is a goodidea. The best of all ideas. (mouths "I'm sorry" to Wednesday)

ALICE

What kind of game?

GOMEZ

We call it "Obligacion de Revelar."

ALICE

Oh! Spanish! What does it mean?

MORTICIA

"Full Disclosure."

GOMEZ

Exactly. Everyone sips from the sacred family chalice -

MORTICIA

(driving the bus here)

- and confesses a secret they've never told anyone.

**GOME Z** 

Loosely based on the Inquisition.

MORTICIA

And you have to absolutely tell the truth.

ALICE

Or what?

MORTICIA

(a nod to Gomez)

Or there are consequences.

ALICE

I don't think I'd be very good at that game.

MAL

Sure you would.

ALICE

Oh no, no no no no.

MORTICIA

And now Gomez will break the ice. My husband has something he needs to disclose.

GOMEZ

No, no, the host goes *last*.

#### MORTICIA

Lurch, the sacred chalice!

(LURCH presents the chalice to GOMEZ. Under MORTICIA'S determined glare, he gingerly takes the chalice and sings.)

## #12 FULL DISCLOSURE PART 1

#### **GOME Z**

THIS IS THE SACRED CHALICE
FROM ADDAMS FAMILIES PAST
FIRM IN MY DIGITALIS HELD FAST
DIE-CAST!
HERE, IN THIS SWEET LIBATION
SALVATION RESIDES
FEEL THE SWEET SENSATION
REVELATION PROVIDES

(drinks from the chalice)

FULL DISCLOSURE!
IT'S A GAME THAT WE PLAY
LET YOUR DARKEST SECRETS GIVE YOU AWAY
FACE YOUR DEMONS
AND THEN HAPPILY SAY
I'M PLAYING FULL DISCLOSURE
WITH ALL THESE CRAZY HAPPY PEOPLE

# GMZ/MORT/FESTER/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE!

## **GOME Z**

IT'S A HELLUVA THING ONCE A FAVORITE OF THE LATE DENG XIAO PING DOESN'T MATTER
IF YOU'RE RIGHT OR LEFT WING
HE LOVED HIS FULL DISCLOSURE!

(He drinks again from the chalice.)

# GRNDM/FSTR/PUGS/MORT/ANCESTORS

DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE, FULL DISCLOSURE

## GOMEZ

Yes. Well. My disclosure is in the form of a fairy tale.

[MUSIC OUT]

## GOMEZ (CON'T)

Once there was a man who had a beautiful wife and two beautiful children. A humble man, I say, and yet within his breast beat the heart of a loyal and steadfast husband who treasured his wife and worshipped the ground she walked on. Thank you.

(He sits.)

(MORTICIAlooks at him. He rises again and continues --)

And one day, a fox appeared and gave him a beautiful box of rare wood and Spanish leather... "What's in the box?" asked the kindly man. And the fox said, "A little secret. Nothing important. But you must never ever open it. And the man took it home and his beautiful wife said, "Let's open it anyway." And the kindly man said, "Don't push it, honey. We got a good thing going." And they never did open it. And everyone lived happily ever after.

(looks hopefully at his wife)

Full Disclosure.

[MUSIC CONTINUES]

MORTICIA

Well, we'll just have to come back to you, won't we? Wednesday's turn.

WEDNESDAY

Pass.

**FESTER** 

Oooh! Oooh!

**GOME Z** 

Yes! Let's hear from Fester. The chalice!

(Chalice-passing music.)

**FESTER** 

I - am in love!

**EVERYONE** 

Awww!

**FESTER** 

You're probably thinking, what could a fat bald person of

### FESTER (CON'T)

no specific sexuality know about love? But I, too, am in love. Fester loves!

MORTICIA

Oh, Fester - who is it?

FESTER

(shyly)

The moon!

ALICE

The moon? He's in love with the moon.

MAL

Yeah, that's normal.

ALICE

That's the most beautiful thing I ever heard!

FESTER

Oh, I haven't told her yet.

**EVERYONE** 

Awww!

**FESTER** 

Full Disclosure.

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE!

FESTER

JUST EMBRACE IT AND SWOON

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

EMBRACE AND SWOON

**FESTER** 

FALL FROM GRACE OR FALL IN LOVE WITH THE MOON

GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

HE LOVES THAT MOON

FESTER

CLOSE YOUR SERMON WITH A SIGNATURE TUNE

### GMZ/MORT/FSTR/PUG/GRNDM/ALICE/ANCSTRS

AND CALL IT FULL DISCLOSURE!

MORTICIA

Wednesday's turn!

WEDNESDAY

No!

**GRANDMA** 

Me! Me! Me! Age before beauty!

(stands)

The chalice!

(drinks and looks at Pugsley)

The kid and I had a little heart-to-heart before. I told him to use his time wisely. Look who's talking - how much time have I got left? I'm a hundred and two, I have shingles and arthritis, and when I break wind it could start the windmills on an old Dutch painting. But I've still got one more round in me. Call me Cougar, but five'll get you ten there's a couple of 90-year-old hotties out there just waiting to chow down on a Grandma sandwich. Full Disclo...Full Disclo...

(realizes something)

I just peed.

(She spreads her napkin onto her chair and sits.)

(Odd beat)

(MORTICIA stares at her icily. Then--)

MORTICIA

We should've put you down years ago.

(then)

All right. Wednesday's turn.

WEDNESDAY

Not yet. Daddy, talk to her.

**GOME Z** 

I've still got the fox box problem.

MORTICIA

(get on with it)

Wednesday. Your turn. The chalice please.

### MORTICIA (CON'T)

Where's the chalice?

(PUGSLEY crawls out from under the front of the table.)

#### PUGSLEY

Yes!

(pours the potion into the chalice)
NOW, WITH A DASH OF POTION
MY SISTER BLOWS HER COOL
HOPEFULLY, IN SLOW-MOTION
SHE'LL DROP
SHE'LL DROOL
ONE SIP OF ACRIMONIUM
AND THEN SHE WILL CHANGE
BOY, OH BOY, HER FULL DISCLOSURE'S
GONNA BE STRANGE!

### MORT/GMZ/GRNDM/FSTR/PUG/ALICE/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE!

#### MORTICIA

IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!

### GRANDMA/FESTER/ALICE/PUGS/ANCESTORS

LA LA LA LA

(The chalice is passed toward WEDNESDAY. ALICE starts coughing.)

### **GOME Z**

(to Wednesday)

NOW YOU BETTER HIT THE TRUTH LIKE BABE RUTH

### GRNDM/FSTR/ALICE/PUG/MORT/ANCESTORS

LA LA LA LA!

(ALICE coughs again. WEDNESDAY receives the chalice. She holds it, gathering her thoughts, then raises it to her lips...)

### GOMEZ/WEDNESDAY

THIS IS TORTURE, LIKE AN IMPACTED TOOTH!

### GMZ/MORT/GRNDM/FSTR/ALICE/PUG/ANCSTRS

HOORAY FOR FULL...

(WEDNESDAY is about to drink, but ALICE coughs again. LUCAS grabs the chalice and hands it to ALICE, who drinks it.)

#### **PUGSLEY**

No!!!!

(ALICE'S cheeks flush, her soul darkens, she howls in pain and slams the cup on the table.)

### **#13 WAITING**

#### ALICE

#### MAL

Well, as you can see, my wife isn't herself. So we'll be on our way.

(MAL rises to help ALICE, but she's a changed woman.)

### ALICE

No! We're in the middle of a game. So button your lip and sit your ass down!

#### MAL

Alice, I think you've had enough to -

### ALICE

(cutting him off)

Remember how it used to be, Mal? How we'd look at each other and leave the restaurant in the middle of dinner and rush home and go upstairs; and sometimes we couldn't even wait and you'd just pull the car over to the side of the -

### **LUCAS**

(scandalized)

Mom!

### ALICE

Lighten up, Lucas. Parents do it. Live with it. (To MAL)

Remember, Mal? When we were crazy and the future didn't exist? What happened Mal? The guy with the Grateful Dead

#### ALICE (CON'T)

t-shirt? Is he ever coming back? How long do I have to wait?

A WOMAN WAITS FOR MARRIAGE
A WOMAN WAITS FOR CHILDREN
SHE WAITS FOR HER BIG MAL TO COME BACK HOME
AT FIVE O'CLOCK
OR SIX O'CLOCK
TIL IT'S NINE O'CLOCK
AND THERE'S NO O'CLOCK
TO EASE THE PAIN
PAIN SHE CAN'T EXPLAIN
AS THE WOMAN WAITS IN THE DARK
FOR A SPARK THAT ONCE WAS THERE
THAT ISN'T THERE, NOT EVER THERE!

(She impulsively grabs LURCH'S hand and plants it on her chest.)

#### LURCH

### Grrrnngh!

#### ALICE

ALONE AND
WAITING AND WAILING AND WHINING AND WANING
AND WANTING AND WASTING AND WHOA WAITING, FIXATING, DEBATING, LOSE WEIGHTING,
ICE SKATING, LACTATING, AND SO WE WAIT TO LAUGH
WE WAIT TO CRY
WE WAIT FOR EVERY HOPEFUL BREATH
WAITING FOR A LOUSY, ROTTING, VICIOUS, RANCID,
FLUSHED DOWN, FETID, FRENZIED, FATAL...
DEATH!

### **ANCESTORS**

WOAH, WOAH!

(Applause, then--)

### **GOME Z**

Ooooh. That's too dark even for us.

### **#14 FULL DISCLOSURE PART 2**

### GOMEZ/MORT/FSTR/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

FULL DISCLOSURE

**GOME Z** 

WOW, THAT STORY WAS GRIM

GOMEZ/MORT/FSTR/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

WE'RE TALKING GRIM

**GOME Z** 

FILLED WITH FEAR AND LOATHING UP TO THE BRIM

GOMEZ/MORT/FSTR/GRNDM/PUGS/ANCSTRS

THAT'S QUITE A BRIM

**GOME Z** 

JUST IMAGINE BEING MARRIED TO HIM - (MAL interrupts, rising. He's had enough.)

MAL

OK, Addams, I tried. I thought OK, the kids like each other, let's give it a shot. But you people are insane. You got a house where there shouldn't be a house, a zombie for a butler, and a man who's dating the moon -

**FESTER** 

Oh, I wouldn't exactly say we're dating.

MAL

We're simple people, Mister Addams. We're not used to your "sophisticated New York life-style." So with your permission, we're gonna go back to the *real* America. Full disclosure. Lucas, help your mother off the table.

(WEDNESDAY'S had enough)

WEDNESDAY

You were right, Lucas.

MORTICIA

Right about what?

WEDNESDAY

Thanks anyway, Daddy.

MORTICIA

Thanks for what??

WEDNESDAY

We should have just told her.

MORTICIA

Told me what???

(Before GOMEZ can answer, WEDNESDAY cuts him off.)

WEDNESDAY

(breaking in)

It doesn't matter.

[MUSIC OUT]

Lucas and I love each other. And we're getting married.

MORTICIA

What?!

[MUSIC IN]

FESTER & ANCESTORS

MARRIED!

MORTICIA

(to Gomez, in horror)

That's what you kept from me?

FESTER & ANCESTORS

MARRIED!

ALICE

(to Morticia)

No secrets, huh? HA HA HA.

WEDNESDAY

YES WE KEPT A SECRET!

MORTICIA

AND YOU KEPT IT FROM ME?

LUCAS

SO, WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

ARE THEY GETTING MARRIED?

GOMEZ & ANCESTORS

REALLY MARRIED?

ALL (EXCEPT WEDNESDAY AND LUCAS)

"MARRIED" MARRIED? FULL DISCLOSURE

MORT/ALICE/WED/GMZ/MAL/LUC/GRND/FSTR

WHAT A MISERABLE GAME

ALL ALICE

PLAY IT ONCE AND LIFE IS NEVER THE SAME AH! AH! AH! AH! SOMEONE STARTED IT SO SOMEONE'S TO BLAME

ALL WEDNESDAY

ENOUGH OF FULL

THIS ISN'T HAPPENEING OH NO THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! STOP!

(FESTER freezes the action before the BEINEKES can leave.)

#### FESTER

Never fails. You let nature take its course - chaos. I mean, is this any way to end an act? Actually, yes. But it'd be better if the guests couldn't leave just yet, dontcha think?

### **ANCESTORS**

Yeah!

OK, dead people - gimme some weather!

(FESTER prompts the ANCESTORS to create a storm! Thunder! Lightning! The doors fly open! Wind blows people and objects about.)

### MAL

It's a tornado! We'll never make it out of the park alive!

(LURCH pushes the front door closed against the storm.)

### **GOME Z**

Well, Beinekes - looks like you'll be spending the night.

(GRANDMA cackles)

That's what happens when you play...

ALL

FULL DISCLOSURE!

(Blackout)

END OF ACT ONE

# ACT TWO SCENE 1

(OUTSIDE THE HOUSE)

### #15 OPENING ACT II

(TASSEL and IT have a flirtation and run off. FESTER opens the curtain and closes the gate. WEDNESDAY enters, with suitcase and crossbow, pursued by LUCAS. The ANCESTORS observe this.)

[MUSIC STOPS]

#### LUCAS

Wait, wait! We have to talk this over for a minute.

#### WEDNESDAY

Talk what over?

### **LUCAS**

We can't just run away and get married. You said it was important that everyone got along.

### WEDNESDAY

And you said it didn't matter!

#### LUCAS

Yeah, but they wanna kill each other! You want that hanging over our heads?

### WEDNESDAY

Boy, you sound just like your father. The root doesn't fall far from the tree, does it?

**LUCAS** 

What?

### WEDNESDAY

Forget it.

### **LUCAS**

The apple. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

### WEDNESDAY

God, you're annoying.

#### LUCAS

You know what I think? You don't really wanna get married. You just said that to stick it to your mother.

### WEDNESDAY

Don't psychoanalyze me, Lucas. It's a deep dark hole and you don't wanna go there. Come on.

**LUCAS** 

What'll we do for money?

WEDNESDAY

Stop being so scared of everything.

**ANCESTORS** 

Yeah.

**LUCAS** 

Right, like you're not scared.

WEDNESDAY

I eat scared for breakfast, honey.

**ANCESTORS** 

Yeah.

**LUCAS** 

Let's go back in the house and make some rational decisions.

ANCESTORS

No.

WEDNESDAY

I don't want rational decisions! I want dangerous, impulsive, crazy decisions!

**ANCESTORS** 

Yeah.

WEDNESDAY

Are you coming or not?

LUCAS

Look - I - I can't run away like this. It's too crazy. I'm sorry.

### WEDNESDAY

Not as sorry as you're gonna be when you wake up and you're forty-six and working for your father!

(ANCESTORS gesture to respond, but WEDNESDAY cuts them off. She storms away. LUCAS calls after her.)

#### LUCAS

I can be impulsive! I just need to think about it first!

[MUSIC IN]

(LUCAS, all indecision, exits back to the house. FESTER enters.)

### ANCESTORS

AH, AH, AH, AH, AH!

#### **FESTER**

There you are: Secrets exposed. Marriages threatened. Delicious anarchy. What happens now? Can this be repaired? Or do you all leave in an hour feeling vaguely depressed? Let's find out, shall we?

(FESTER parts the gates, revealing--)

#### SCENE 2

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(MORTICIA enters, livid, pursued by GOMEZ.)

#### MORTICIA

Humiliated! Shamed! Mortified!

#### **GOME Z**

Cara-

#### MORTICIA

I told that Beineke woman we kept nothing from each other.

### **GOME Z**

My sweet, my only - Wednesday wasn't sure about the boy and didn't want to worry you.

#### MORTICIA

Oh, so you didn't dare tell me, because I'm such a terrible mother.

### **GOME Z**

You're a wonderful mother.

#### MORTICIA

And look at the thanks I get. I gave up my dreams for the sake of this family. I wanted to travel. I wanted to see Paris! I never saw the sewers of Paris! And now it'll never happen!

### **GOME Z**

Cara-

#### MORTICIA

So that's how it ends... alone and forgotten in a tiny room, living on cat food and broken dreams - that's what happens to mothers. Look at yours. She came for the weekend, the weeks turned into months, it's twelve years later and she's still up there: Deceived. Deluded. Smoking weed in the attic.

(then)

A grandma.

(and)

Well, I'm not going to end up like your mother.

#### **GOME Z**

Mymother? I thought she was yourmother.
(Bad look from MORTICIA.)
No, seriously.

#### MORTICIA

You lied to me, I can't live with that.

#### **GOME Z**

Here, cara. I feel the urge to take you in my arms.

### MORTICIA

Not. Today.

**GOME Z** 

But cara-

MORTICIA

Out!

(GOMEZ exits)

### **#16 JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

MY DAUGHTER'S GETTING MARRIED
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S TRUE
SHE DOESN'T ASK HER MOTHER
BEFORE SHE SAYS "I DO?"
AND HOW ABOUT MY HUSBAND?
INCONSTANT, NAIVE!
THIS EVENING'S GETTING SERIOUS
THESE OHIOANS WON'T LEAVE
BUT I CAN'T LET THESE LATEST TROUBLES
ROB ME OF MY BLISS
FOR WHEN I'M SCARED OF TRUE DISASTER
I REMEMBER THIS...

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
WAITING PATIENTLY TO STRIKE
ONE UNPLANNED ELECTROCUTION
THAT'S THE KIND OF END
I CAN COMPREHEND
WHEN I'M FEELING UNINSPIRED
OR I NEED A LITTLE SPREE
I'M REBORN KNOWING DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
COMING AFTER ME

(spoken)

Coroner. Get it? Death is just around the coroner...

#### MORTICIA (CON'T)

(sings)

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
WAITING HIGH UPON THE HILL
SOMEONE BURIED IN AN AVALANCHE
THAT'S THE KIND OF GIG I COULD REALLY DIG
MARRIAGE OFTEN DISAPPOINTS YOU
NOT EACH HUSBAND IS A GEM
SO, I'LL MOURN KNOWING
DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
COMING AFTER THEM
IF LIFE'S ALL PLUMS
I'LL MUDDLE THROUGH SOME
BUT WHEN DEATH COMES
I HOPE IT'S GRUESOME (HA-CHA)

(The ANCESTORS enter variously, During-)

SOME PEOPLE DIE FROM PUBLIC STONING FAULTY WIRING, FAULTY ZONING CHERRY PITS THEY DIDN'T KNOW WERE THERE

### CAVEMAN ANCESTORS

(Cough) (Cough)

### MORTICIA

IT COULD BE BY A JUNGLE CAT

### FLIGHT ATTENDANT ANCESTOR

A SLIPPERY MAT

#### SOLDIER ANCESTOR

A BASEBALL BAT

### MORTICIA

PERHAPS AN UNSUCCESSFUL LOVE AFFAIR
IT COULD BE IN A SPEEDING TRAIN
IT COULD BE UNDERWATER
IT COULD BE TOO MUCH NOVOCAINE
OR EVEN BY YOUR DAUGHTER

#### BRIDE ANCESTOR

PERHAPS A BAD MOSQUITO BITE

### CONQUISTADOR & PURITAN ANCESTOR

A TITLE FIGHT

### SALOON/FLAPPER ANCESTOR

RELIGIOUS RITE

MORTICIA

WHY DARLINGS, IT MIGHT EVEN BE TONIGHT!

[DANCE BREAK]

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER NO ONE'S EVER BEEN IMMUNE

MORTICIA

TURNING OFF A RESPIRATOR

**ANCESTORS** 

Gasp!

MORTICIA

WITH A SIMPLE CLICK SCANDALOUSLY QUICK

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

I CAN FACE A NEW TOMORROW IF I MAKE IT PAST TODAY

MORTICIA

I FEEL GOOD SAYING
DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
SWIFTLY ON ITS WAY

[DANCE BREAK]

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND YOU HAVE TO HEED THE CALL

ANCESTORS

DON'T ASK WHY

MORTICIA

FOR YOUR DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

ANCESTORS

YOU AND I

MORTICIA

HAPPY BEING BOTH THE MOURNED AND MOURNER

### **ANCESTORS**

SAY GOODBYE

### MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

BECAUSE DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER COMING FOR US ALL!

(Applause)

### #16A JUST AROUND THE CORNER PLAYOFF

**ANCESTORS** 

DON'T ASK WHY

MORTICIA

FOR YOUR DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

**ANCESTORS** 

YOU AND I

MORTICIA

HAPPY BEING BOTH THE MOURNED AND MOURNER

ANCESTORS

SAY GOODBYE

MORTICIA & ANCESTORS

BECAUSE DEATH IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER COMING FOR US ALL!

(The GRIM REAPER'S scythe takes MORTICIA off.)

#### SCENE 3

(GUEST BEDROOM)

### 16B ALL IS BLACK INSIDE MY FACE

#### ALICE

"I feel so dark, I feel so dead. All is black inside my face."

### MAL

Boy, they really got to you. That doesn't even rhyme.

### ALICE

(dark)

You got a problem with that?

### MAL

I did not raise my son to be kidnapped by a bunch of creepedout left-wing Spanish weirdos.

#### ALICE

You didn't raise him, Mal. I did. You were at the office, remember?

### MAL

I was at the office for you. For him. I had plans for the boy!

#### ALICE

Oh Mal, he's in love. Let him follow his heart.

#### MAL

Follow his heart? That's crazy!

### ALICE

What's wrong with crazy? Crazy is underrated.

### MAL

Lemme get this straight - your son, your only son, wants to marry someone who is named for a day of the week and runs around Central Park with a crossbow - and you're OK with all that?

### ALICE

If it makes him happy, yes.

MAL

Well, you better come to your senses or I'm gonna have to take steps.

ALICE

Good idea. Why don't you start by taking steps outside.

MAL

What?

ALICE

You want to act like a tool, go sleep in the shed.

(MAL picks up the blanket. There's a
huge SPIDER on his back. ALICE
screams.)

(ALICE screams)

Mal!

MAL

What?

ALICE

Oh... nothing.

(MAL turns to leave and ALICE gets on the bed and laughs.)

#16C INTO THE MOON AND ME

#### SCENE 4

(VAUDEVILLE IN-ONE)

(FESTER enters, looking for love.)

### **FESTER**

Storm's passed. Think I'll get a little moon.

(calling into the dark void)

Ladies, hello.

(The FEMALE ANCESTORS appear, as bathing beauties with parasols.)

Yoo hoo, where are you *hiding?* Are you playing with me, my only one?

(The MOON enters, shyly.)

There you are! Look at her. Lovely, is she not? And so far away. Yes, in matters of love, my dears, distance is our friend. Closeness? No thank you. Quarter of a million miles away - that's a good distance for romance. We never fight, each waning is a heartbreaking separation...

#### FEMALE ANCESTORS

(Ohh!)

#### **FESTER**

... Each meeting - a happy reunion.

### FEMALE ANCESTORS

(Awww!)

(The LADIES part, revealing FESTER in a 1920's style bathing suit, and strumming his banjolele. He looks up at the moon and sings to her--)

### #17 THE MOON AND ME

#### **FESTER**

WHEN THE DAYLIGHT ENDS
AND THE MOON ASCENDS
I WOULD RATHER BE
JUST THE MOON AND ME
WHEN I FEEL HER PULL
THEN MY HEART IS FULL
AND THE NIGHT IS SOFTLY SWEETLY CALLING,
"FESTER, LOOK AND SEE"
LA LA LA LA LA

### FESTER (CON'T)

LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA LA LA

IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE

WHEN THE MOON SAYS "I LOVE YOU"

(The FEMALE ANCESTORS sing behind FESTER now.)

THOUGH I'M TOLD IT'S WRONG

WHEN I SING MY SONG

SHE ACCEPTS, SHE ATTENDS

SHE BELIEVES, SHE BEFRIENDS

LA LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA LA LA

### FESTER & FEMALE ANCESTORS

IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE WHEN THE MOON SAYS "I LOVE YOU" FESTER HOW IT CAN FEEL WHEN LOVE IS REAL

(FESTER dances with the MOON and the STARS.)

### FESTER & FEMALE ANCESTORS

LA LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA LA

LA LA LA LA

IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE

WHEN THE MOON SAYS "I LOVE YOU"

IT'S A DREAM THAT'S COMING TRUE

WHEN THE MOON SAYS

### FEMALE ANCESTORS

"I LOVE YOU"

OOH OOH OOH OOH OOH

OOH OOH OOH OOH OOH

**FESTER** 

AAH!

### FEMALE ANCESTORS

AHH!

(FESTER disappears into the moony night. Applause.)

#### SCENE 5

(UNDER THE ADDAMS FAMILY TREE)

### **#17A INTO HAPPY SAD**

(GOMEZ sits on the swing. He listens to the sounds of the city and park - culminating in a scream and two gunshots, which relaxes him.
WEDNESDAY crosses furiously, with suitcase and crossbow.)

**GOME Z** 

Wednesday!

WEDNESDAY

Don't even!

**GOME Z** 

Where do you think you're going, young lady?

WEDNESDAY

Away.

**GOME Z** 

Elopement??

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, would you just please let me -

GOMEZ

No! This is what comes from keeping secrets! If the two of you wanted to get married, you should've -

WEDNESDAY

(cutting him off)

There's not gonna be any marriage!

**GOME Z** 

No? Why?

WEDNESDAY

He bailed!

**GOME Z** 

What? A breach of promise? An outrage!

#### WEDNESDAY

He thought running away was a bad idea.

#### GOMEZ

On the other hand, he does have a point.

### WEDNESDAY

I hate him!

#### **GOME Z**

Well, it's a beginning. Something to build on.

### WEDNESDAY

He says he can't live without me, and then he lets me go.

[MUSIC IN]

I love him. Why doesn't he love me?

#### **GOME Z**

You just said you hated him. Which is it?

#### WEDNESDAY

Both.

### **GOME Z**

Now you've got it.

### **#18 HAPPY SAD**

RIGHT AND WRONG
WHO'S TO SAY
WHICH WE SHOULD REFUSE
ALL WE KNOW LOVE SURVIVES
EITHER WAY WE CHOOSE
HERE YOU ARE
AT THE EDGE
GO AHEAD AND FALL
DON'T RESIST
I INSIST
LOVE STILL CONQUERS ALL

It even conquered you, my adorable Attila. You had to go and grow up.

### WEDNESDAY

And you're cool with that?

#### **GOME Z**

Yes and no.

(sings)

I'M FEELING HAPPY

I'M FEELING SAD

A LITTLE CHILDISH

A LITTLE "DAD"

I THINK OF ALL THE DAYS YOU'VE KNOWN

ALL THE WAYS YOU'VE GROWN

SEE YOU ON YOUR OWN AND THEN

I'M FEELING HAPPY

AND SAD AGAIN

I THINK I'M RESTED

BUT THEN I'M TIRED

TODAY REQUESTED

TOMORROW FIRED

AND NOW A BOY SAYS HE ADORES

SHE WHO ONCE WAS YOURS

HOW CAN I IGNORE SUCH NEWS?

I'M SAD AND HAPPY

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE?

LIFE IS FULL OF CONTRADICTIONS EVERY INCH A MILE AT THE MOMENT WE START WEEPING THAT'S WHEN WE SHOULD SMILE

(speaks)

So many memories... Wednesday, eating her first worm. Wednesday, sealing up her baby brother in the wall. Wednesday, setting fire to the Jehovah's Witness... And I think, "Where did the years go?" And I am sad. But then I see this lovely young woman, and I am happy. Happy, sad, happy, sad. Like the bull when the matador put the sword into him, and he look at the matador and say, "Nice job. I hate you."

(sings)

IN EVERY HEAVEN
YOU'LL FIND SOME HELL
AND THERE'S A WELCOME
IN EACH FAREWELL
LIFE CAN BE HARSH, THE FUTURE STRICT
WHO WOULD DARE PREDICT
AND THE BOY YOU'VE PICKED?
NOT BAD.

## GOMEZ (CON'T)

SO LET'S BE HAPPY FOREVER HAPPY COMPLETELY HAPPY AND A TINY BIT SAD

(Applause. LUCAS emerges.)

#### SCENE 6

### (CONTINUOUS)

### WEDNESDAY

How long have you been standing in the shadows?

#### LUCAS

My whole life.

### **GOME Z**

Nice. You should be a writer. Have you met my daughter? This is Wednesday. The best thing that will ever happen to you.

(to Lucas)

Don't screw it up.

(GOMEZ exits)

### WEDNESDAY

Yes?

#### LUCAS

Look, I can't stand the idea of not being with you.

### WEDNESDAY

Five minutes ago you could.

### **LUCAS**

No, but see - the lover always comes back. Ulysses. Tristan. Romeo.

### WEDNESDAY

Listen, I'm home-schooled. What's your point?

#### LUCAS

I'd rather die than live without you.

(The ANCESTOR BRIDE appears, holding a bright red apple. WEDNESDAY takes it from her, and she disappears.)

### WEDNESDAY

Ok. Prove it.

### **LUCAS**

What.

#### WEDNESDAY

Prove it.

[MUSIC IN]

Here.

(WEDNESDAY hands the apple to LUCAS and picks up her crossbow.)

LUCAS

Where'd you - -

WEDNESDAY

Put this apple on your head and go stand against the tree.

**LUCAS** 

(realizing)

Wait - you're gonna - ?

WEDNESDAY

Uh-huh.

**LUCAS** 

You're crazy.

WEDNESDAY

And you're not crazy enough. That's the problem.

### #19 CRAZIER THAN YOU

ONCE I WAS HOPEFUL

THOUGHT WE WERE ONE

LIFE, LESS THAN PERFECT

FINALLY BEGUN

BUT, NOW I WONDER

ARE WE UNDONE?

I WANNA TREASURE YOU IN DEATH AS WELL AS LIFE

I WANNA CUT YOU WITH MY LOVE AND WITH MY KNIFE

BUT CAN I LIVE AS YOUR TORMENTOR AND YOUR WIFE?

WHEN I AM CRAZIER THAN YOU

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

AND NOTHING UP 'TIL NOW HAS PROVED ME WRONG

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

THAT'S JUST THE OVERVIEW

SO GET ON BOARD OR SIMPLY MOVE ALONG

LUCAS

I'M NOT IMPULSIVE

WEDNESDAY

AND YET I TRULY LOVE YOU

LUCAS

I'M NOT DERANGED

WEDNESDAY

I'D NEVER ASK THAT OF YOU

**LUCAS** 

BUT IN THIS MOMENT

I KNOW I'VE CHANGED

I WANNA CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST

GO TO MOZAMBIQUE

I WANNA BE IMPULSIVE

WANT TO BE UNIQUE

CAN YOU BELIEVE I MEAN IT

WHEN YOU HEAR ME SHRIEK?

(he hands her the apple)

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

AND NOW I'LL PROVE TO YOU EXACTLY HOW-OW-OW

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

(he blindfolds himself with his tie)

I'LL DO WHAT YOU CAN DO

FROM HERE ON IN I GIVE MY SOLEMN

WO-WO-WO-WOV

(WEDNESDAY hands LUCAS the apple. He puts the apple on his head.)

### WEDNESDAY

PLUCK THE ARROW FROM ITS QUIVER HOLD IT IN YOUR HAND, BE BRAVE

LUCAS

PIERCE THE APPLE NOT THE LIVER OR WE'RE DANCING ON MY GRAVE

WEDNESDAY

PLACE IT IN THE BOW AND STEADY

**LUCAS** 

CAN'T YOU SHOOT THAT THING ALREADY?!?

#### WEDNESDAY

I'M GONNA DEMONSTRATE THAT FEAR IS MY IDEAL

**LUCAS** 

GIRL, BELIEVE ME FEAR IS YOUR APPEAL

#### WEDNESDAY

CAUSE IN THE MOMENT THAT YOU'RE FRIGHTENED LIFE IS REAL

#### LUCAS

THEN MY LIFE MUST BE REAL REAL

WEDNESDAY LUCAS

AND IN A FLASH
WHEN I RELEASE
AND SEAL THE DEAL

AND IN A FLASH
WHEN YOU RELEASE
AND SEAL THE DEAL

(LUCAS rips off his blindfold)

#### LUCAS

No, no, no, wait! OK, OK! You want crazy - here's crazy.

(He ties the blindfold over WEDNESDAY'S

eyes instead.)

### WEDNESDAY

OK, now it's getting interesting. (then)

Aren't you afraid?

### LUCAS

(a tad manic)

No! You know why? Because I will guide the arrow! I'll guide it with my love!

### WEDNESDAY

How does that work exactly?

### **LUCAS**

We're connected, see? We're destined to be together! So nothing bad can happen!

### WEDNESDAY

Yeah, but what if I miss?

#### LUCAS

Then you'll be the last thing I ever see.

#### WEDNESDAY

That is so hot.

(LUCAS runs to the tree, apple on his head. WEDNESDAY aims, blindly. The ANCESTORS enter.)

### **LUCAS**

Ready!

(WEDNESDAY fires her crossbow. In SLO-MO "Matrix" rhythm, the ANCESTORS guide the arrow to split the apple. Then back to normal speed, as LUCAS screams.)

#### WEDNESDAY

Omigod!

(She tears the blindfold off, to see LUCAS unhurt.)

#### LUCAS

Gotcha. Now will you marry me?

### WEDNESDAY

Oh, yes, Lewis. A thousand times yes.

### LUCAS

Lucas. Lucas.

### WEDNESDAY

Gotcha!

(She runs, he happily chases her off. MAL appears from behind the tree thrown by what he's just heard. Now FESTER appears.)

### **FESTER**

Did you hear that?

(Mal nods)

The boy was willing to die for love.

(then)

Hard to believe he's your son.

MAL

(in awe and envy)

He was so happy.

**FESTER** 

Remember that? Being happy?

MAL

Yeah, What happened?

**FESTER** 

You've turned into an unfeeling, rigid, selfish control freak.

MAL

Fester you're a wise person. How can I fix this? What do I do?

**FESTER** 

Don't worry, it will come to you.

(FESTER signals off stage.)

MAL

I wasn't always this way. I was happy-go-lucky once. I told jokes and played the guitar and slept until noon. But then you get a wife and a kid and a mortgage...

(ALICE appears. Mal stops when he sees her.)

[MUSIC FADES]

**FESTER** 

Keep going.

MAL

But what do I say?

**FESTER** 

Just remember how you felt the first time you saw her.

(Fester leaves, taking all the

ANCESTORS with him, MAL stares at

ALICE. ALICE waits. Then,

finally--)

MAL

(Hopefully)

Alice. It's Mal.

ALICE

I know.

MAL

No, the old Mal.

ALICE

The old Mal? With the guitar and the T-shirt?

MAL

And the head-band.

ALICE

(Remembering, a smile)

Omigod. The head-band.

(Then)

You were pretty crazy back then, you know that?

MAL

Yeah, I know.

(MAL clears his throat once and turns out)

"I guess I got stuck, Alice -More than most men. But mama, I swear I'll be crazy again."

ALICE

Mal, you're rhyming.

[MUSIC IN]

MAL

For you, baby. Just for you.

- I LEARNED FROM LUCAS
- I LEARNED FROM YOU
- I WASN'T HAPPY.
- I WASN'T TRUE.

BUT THEN THE WAY YOU SPOKE AT DINNER TOUCHED MY SOUL COMPLETELY CRAZY, YET COMPLETELY IN CONTROL SO, WHEN YOU KICKED ME OUT I SAID "LET'S ROCK AND ROLL!"

SO I'LL BE CRAZIER THAN YOU

### MAL (CON'T)

MUCH CRAZIER THAN YOU
IT WARMS ME UP TO SEE YOU LIVING LA-A-RAGE
WHEN I'M
CRAZIER THAN YOU
FAR CRAZIER THAN YOU
I'LL DROP THE PLAN
YOU'LL BE THE MAN IN CHA-A-A-ARGE

#### ALICE

ALL THIS TIME AND ALL I NEEDED WAS THE HOPE THAT YOU'D SUBMIT

#### MAL

TOO AFRAID AND TOO CONCEITED
TO BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE IT
BUT THE JOURNEY'S NOW COMPLETED

### ALICE

Oh Mal.

(their special phrase, inverted)
I missed you, pumpkin! Come to Mama!

(WEDNESDAY and LUCAS are discovered in another location.)

### WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I'M GONNA TREASURE YOU IN DEATH AS WELL AS LIFE

### ALICE

MAL, YOU'RE RHYMING

### WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I WANNA CUT YOU WITH MY LOVE AND WITH MY KNIFE

#### MAL

ALL THE TIM-ING

### WEDNESDAY

NOW I CAN LIVE AS YOUR TORMENTOR AND YOUR WIFE

### LUCAS

NOW YOU CAN LIVE AS MY TORMENTOR AND MY WIFE

### ALICE

OH MAL OH MAL OH MAL

### WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

'CAUSE I AM CRAZIER THAN YOU

ALICE & MAL

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

ALICE MAL

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT TO DO PLEASE TELL ME WHAT TO DO

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

AND LIVE OR DIE I'LL LET YOU HAVE CONTROL

ALICE & MAL

OOH!

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

ALICE & MAL

I'M CRAZIER THAN YOU

WEDNESDAY & LUCAS

SO SAY YOU LOVE ME TOO

ALL FOUR

FROM HERE ON IN YOU'RE SINGING TO MY SO-O-O-UL MY SOUL

> (Applause. The two couples run off to do what lovers do.)

#### SCENE 7

(CROSSOVER - PUGSLEY'S BEDROOM)

### **#19A BEDTIME STORY**

(MORTICIA rides PUGSLEY'S bed as it travels SL.)

MORTICIA

What's wrong, my little cockroach?

**PUGSLEY** 

I can't sleep.

MORTICIA

Why not?

**PUGSLEY** 

There's no monster in the closet.

MORTICIA

(wearily, her mind elsewhere)
I'm sure he's hiding someplace else.

PUGSLEY

Mommy ... I have a Full Disclosure.

MORTICIA

Yes?

PUGSLEY

What if you tried to do something to somebody and you ended up doing it to somebody else by mistake?

MORTICIA

Are we talking about anyone we know?

**PUGSLEY** 

Well, I was talking to Grandma before, and she told me -

MORTICIA

Don't listen to that ancient woman. She may not even be part of this family.

**PUGSLEY** 

Is Wednesday really gonna marry that guy?

#### MORTICIA

She might.

**PUGSLEY** 

Oh, no!

(then)

Make me feel better, Mommy.

MORTICIA

Life is a tightrope, my child, and at the other end is your coffin.

(then)

Better?

**PUGSLEY** 

Uh-huh. Thanks, Mommy.

MORTICIA

Now close your eyes or the monster won't come out and eat you up.

(looks closely at him)

Pugsley? Pugsley?

(MORTICIA sees that PUGSLEY is fast asleep. She strokes his head as...)

Sleep well, my little vermin. Your mommy's life has fallen apart and she needs to go away for a while. And, years from now, when your marriage collapses and you want to know who

put us all on the road to hell, you can thank your father.

(A MONSTER IGUANADON's feet, tail and finally, head, emerge from under the bed and walk the bed off.)

(to the monster under the bed)

Look after my baby, will you? Keep him in harm's way.

(The MONSTER carries off the bed, MORTICIA and PUGSLEY.)

#### SCENE 8

(THE GROTTO)

(GOMEZ and LURCH. GOMEZ is a man with a mission, pacing, full of plans. He holds a GUIDE BOOK.)

#### **GOME Z**

One little secret - and she throws me out! What could I do, I was trapped. But my darling, my only one - I make it up to you! You want to see the world? Done! You want sewers? I'll show you sewers fit for a queen!

(to LURCH)

Where's that hotel guide?

(leafing through)

Ah! Hotel Merde. Rue de Toilette. Condemned six times by the Board of Health. Not enough.

(leafing through)

Viola! Hotel Nosferatu. Rating: minus three stars. No windows. No towels. No staff. Bingo!

[MUSIC IN]

The worst hotel in Paris!

(to LURCH)

Get them on the line! Hurry, this is the final round, my friend!

(LURCH exits)

#### #20 NOT TODAY

DID I EVER ONCE BELIEVE THIS DAY WOULD COME?

DID I EVER ONCE EXPECT THE WORST?

DID I EVER DREAM THAT I COULD FEEL THIS WAY? DIOS MIO, NO!

THIS IS THE FIRST.

I'M A LATIN MAN AND LATIN MEN ARE SMART.

EVERYTHING WE DO IS MUY SINCERE.

LEADING WITH A SWORD AS MUCH AS WITH A HEART,

NEVER ONCE WAS I PREPARED TO HEAR

NOT TODAY!

SHE SPAT IN MY FACE

NOT TODAY!

NOT EVEN SECOND BASE

NOT TODAY!

THE WORDS I HEARD HER SAY

#### GOMEZ (CON'T)

NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY!

I REMEMBER WELL THE DAY SHE POISONED ME. NO ONE ELSE HAD CARED ENOUGH TO TRY. HOW DID SHE UNCOVER ALL THE JOYS IN ME, ALL THE WAYS SHE PROMISED I WOULD DIE? EV'RY YEAR THAT PASSES I DESIRE HER MORE. ANYONE WHO KNOWS US WOULD AGREE. SHE'S MY EVERY FEVER, FLU AND CANKER SORE. SHE'S MY ONLY HEPATITIS B!

NOT TODAY! I'M DANCING ON MY OWN. NOT TODAY! A DOG WITHOUT A BONE. NOT TODAY! THAT ROTTEN RONDELET, NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY! NOT TODAY!

> (LURCH enters with telephone and groans)

#### LURCH

Grnh!

#### **GOME Z**

Is that my call to Paris? It's about time! 'Allo? Hotel Nosferatu? Listen, the future of my marriage is at stake!

(sings)

CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS IS THE WORST HOTEL IN PARIS? BECAUSE I NEED TO GET YOUR GHOULISH GUARANTEE. WHAT WOULD I PAY IF YOU COULD SAY YOU'D SERVE MY PETIT DEJEUNER FROM AN ABANDONED AND CONDEMNED PATISSERIE. I MUST BE CLEAR,

DON'T WANT TO CIRCULATE MISNOMERS.

YOU MUST HAVE ROACHES IN THE BATH AT ANY COST. IT SAYS RIGHT HERE IN MY NEW GUIDE I BOUGHT FROM FROMMER'S

THAT EVEN IN JULY THE PIPES ARE THICK WITH FROST.

(FESTER enters)

#### **FESTER**

Gomez! Gomez! Morticia's leaving!

GOMEZ

What?

#### **FESTER**

She's at the gate with a valise! It's the end of the family!

(GOMEZ gives LURCH the phone. He exits. FESTER helps GOMEZ with his jacket, perhaps.)

#### **GOME Z**

IS THIS THE MOMENT WHERE I TURN A LITTLE GRAY?

IS THIS THE MOMENT WHERE MY MARRIAGE VOWS DECAY?

IS THIS THE MOMENT WHERE MORTICIA RUNS AWAY?

No!

NOT TODAY!

NOT TODAY!

NOT TODAY!

(Applause)

#20A AFTER NOT TODAY

#### SCENE 9

(PARK BENCH AND TAXI SIGN--IN FRONT OF GATES)

(MORTICIA sits on a park bench, a valise by her side.)

**GOME Z** 

So it's true.

MORTICIA

I can't live with a man who keeps secrets.

(She lights the TAXI sign)

**GOME Z** 

There's another secret I haven't told you.

MORTICIA

Hunh. What?

**GOME Z** 

That you are the most exquisite, the most magnificent, the most desirable of all women.

MORTICIA

That's no secret.

**GOME Z** 

No. But even you had a secret - once.

MORTICIA

Never.

**GOME Z** 

And if you're wrong.

MORTICIA

I never am.

**GOME Z** 

But if you are, what will you give me?

MORTICIA

Name it.

#### **GOME Z**

A dance.

#### MORTICIA

Go on.

#### GOMEZ

Many years ago, when you loved me and you wanted to marry me, we came to your father and told him, and he said, "Wonderful, let's go tell your mother." And what did you say?

#### MORTICIA

How could I possibly remember what I -

#### **GOME Z**

You said, "No! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing."

#### MORTICIA

That's different. My mother was condescending, judgmental, and withholding, and loved nothing more than stirring up trouble.

**GOME Z** 

Uh huh.

#### MORTICIA

(realizes)

Oh God, I've turned into my mother.

#### **GOME Z**

And Wednesday is you. Isn't it wonderful?

#### MORTICIA

You did that like a lawyer.

[MUSIC IN]

#### **GOME Z**

No, just a husband and a father. Not so easy. In fact, very difficult.

#### #21 LET'S LIVE BEFORE WE DIE

LET'S LIVE BEFORE WE DIE LET'S LAUGH BEFORE WE CRY

#### GOMEZ (CON'T)

LET'S HOLD EACH OTHER TIGHT AND DANCE IF I HAVE CAUSED YOU PAIN IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN COME, FILL ME WITH DELIGHT AND DANCE

MY LOVE, MY WIFE,
FOREVER YOU WILL BE
BUT WEDNESDAY'S LIFE,
THAT TOO IS PART OF ME
THE TWO GIRLS I ADORE
AND SWORE TO SUFFER FOR
LET'S END THIS TUG OF WAR
AND DANCE

(GOMEZ extends his hand. MORTICIA doesn't move.)

#### MORTICIA

Mother told me to beware of clever men with silver tongues.

#### **GOME Z**

What I lack in depth I make up for in shallowness.

#### MORTICIA

You really think you can sway me with a joke?

#### **GOME Z**

It's the last thing I try before the chloroform.

#### MORTICIA

TOMORROW I MAY BE IN RAINY GAY PAREE

#### **GOME Z**

PLEASE STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE AND DANCE

#### MORTICIA

I'M NOT A CASTANET
WHO CLICKS WITH NO REGRET

#### **GOME Z**

YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT BY FAR SO DANCE

#### GOMEZ & MORTICIA

THE PLACE WE'RE IN CAN NEVER BE WHAT WAS

**GOME Z** 

'TIL WE BEGIN
TO DO WHAT DANCING DOES
MY DARLING I WAS BAD
BAD HUSBAND AND BAD DAD
INSTEAD OF BEING SAD

GOMEZ & MORTICIA

ALONE WE'RE LOST

BOTH

WE'RE DRIFTING OUT TO SEA

MORTICIA

BUT SIDE BY SIDE

**GOME Z** 

BUT SIDE BY SIDE

BOTH

WE'RE GLOOMY AS CAN BE

GOMEZ

AS GLOOMY AS CAN BE
MORTICIA, I WAS WRONG
I KNEW IT ALL ALONG
FORGIVE ME WITH A SONG
MORTICIA
AND

#### #22 TANGO DE AMOR

DANCE...

(MORTICIA seductively tears her dress asunder.)

#### GOMEZ

Mi amor! Creature of constant surprises - you have legs!

(MORTICIA calls to the FEMALE ANCESTORS for assistance.)

#### MORTICIA

## Ladies -

(They prepare her dress for the dance, as the sound of the bandoneon raises the heartbeat. MORTICIA approaches her husband. THE GATES OPEN, and we are in-)

#### SCENE 10

(THE ADDAMS GRAVEYARD)

(MORTICIA approaches GOMEZ - almost stalking-takes his extended hand, and allows her husband to envelop her in the embrace of Tango.)

(Beneath the giant moon, and joined by the ANCESTOR COUPLES, MORTICIA and GOMEZ dance the Tango that re-ignites their passion, and their marriage.)

#### **GOME 2**

(appearing with a bullfighter's cape)

Arriba!

#### **ANCESTORS**

(re: Gomez and Morticia's bull fight)
OLE! OLE!

#### **GOME Z**

Amor!

(The Tango concludes. Applause.)

(ALICE & MAL and WEDNESDAY & LUCAS enter)

#### MAL

Addams - you've changed our lives!

(shakes Gomez' hand)

#### ALICE

(to Gomez and Morticia) How can we ever thank you?

#### **GOME Z**

Tell your friends. Word-of-mouth is so important. (to Wednesday)

Young lady, step forward and speak the words that every mother longs to hear.

#### WEDNESDAY

I'm sorry.

(GOMEZ brings MORTICIA forward to WEDNESDAY.)

MORTICIA

You really want to marry this boy?

WEDNESDAY

I do.

MORTICIA

Why?

WEDNESDAY

He's willing to die for me.

(deep breath)

Mother, I need to ask you something.

MORTICIA

Yes?

(WEDNESDAY hesitates. LUCAS joins her.)

LUCAS

Go ahead - just ask her.

WEDNESDAY

Can we have your blessing?

MORTICIA

Of course. May you have many children, and may they give you as much grief as you've given us.

**GOME Z** 

Attencion everybody! I have a Full Disclosure. I'm taking my beautiful wife to Paris!

MORTICIA

Oh, Gomez! The sewers!

**GOME Z** 

Special package. One day, seven nights.

MORTICIA

Je t'aime, mon cher. Je t'aime toujours.

**GOME Z** 

(overcome)

Ah, the French!

(He kisses up her arm. GRANDMA enters, dragging PUGSLEY on, with LURCH'S help. PUGSLEY holds a lit cigar. GRANDMA holds a familiar green bottle.)

#### **GRANDMA**

OK, fun-seekers! My Acrimonium was missing, so I sniffed around. Tell 'em what happened, you little bed-bug.

#### **PUGSLEY**

You're all so smart, you figure it out.

#### **GOME Z**

Alright, let's see - you were afraid you'd lose your sister-

#### GRANDMA

So you stole my Acrimonium -

#### MORTICIA

- to make Wednesday and Lucas fall out of love with each
other -

#### WEDNESDAY

- but I never got to drink it because -

#### LUCAS

- I passed it to my mother -

#### ALICE

- and I drank it, and became who I really am -

#### MAL

- which made me fall in love with my family all over again -

#### MORTICIA

- and I reached deep into my reservoir of womanly compassion and bathed your father in forgiveness.

#### **GOME Z**

Welcome to our family.

#### #22A BEFORE "MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS"

We aren't losing a daughter, we're gaining three Beinekes.

(GOMEZ turns to PUGSLEY)

#### GOMEZ (CON'T)

Young man, for purely selfish motives, you turned a simple dinner party into a night from hell.

#### MORTICIA

We couldn't be more proud.

#### WEDNESDAY

Pugsley, you're an artist! You rearranged life itself, and it all came out even. You're the best brother in the world.

#### **PUGSLEY**

So you're still going to torture me?

#### WEDNESDAY

Of course. Until you get a girl of your own.

#### **GOME Z**

(proudly)

My son. You embraced the darkness of your despair and suddenly the world makes sense. You are a true Addams!

#### #23 FINALE: MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

(Stepping from the shadows, LURCH speaks his first words ever-)

#### LURCH

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS
WELCOME THE UNKNOWN
FACE YOUR BLACKEST DEMONS
FIND YOUR BLEAKEST BONE
LOSE YOUR INHIBITIONS
LOVE WHAT ONCE WAS VILE
MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS
AND SMILE

#### MORTICIA & WEDNESDAY

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS DON'T AVOID DESPAIR

#### **ANCESTORS**

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS DON'T AVOID DESPAIR

#### MORTICIA & WEDNESDAY

ONLY AT OUR WEAKEST

#### **ANCESTORS**

AT OUR WEAKEST

#### MORTICIA/WEDNESDAY/ANCESTORS

CAN WE LEARN WHAT'S THERE

#### GOMEZ/MORTICIA/MAL/ALICE/LUCAS/WED

WHEN YOU FACE YOUR NIGHTMARES THEN YOU'LL KNOW WHAT'S REAL

#### GOMEZ/MORTICIA/WEDNESDAY/LURCH

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS AND FEEL

(FESTER appears, wearing a leather flight helmet and goggles. He has a rocket strapped to his back.)

#### **GOME Z**

Fester, Fester - What are you doing?

#### **FESTER**

I'm embracing the unknown! I'm moving toward my darkness!

#### MORTICIA

Au revoir, Fester. May you find your bliss.

#### ALICE

Excuse me, Fester, but where are you going?

#### **FESTER**

To the moon, Alice.

(During the following QUARTET, a dumb show involving FESTER, GOMEZ, MORTICIA, PUGSLEY, GRANDMA and LURCH - as they prepare FESTER for his flight, handing him: A lunch box or a sandwich, a VIRGIN AMERICA travel bag, an American flag on a pole (as in the moon landings.)

(QUARTET SECTION)

WEDNESDAY

(to Lucas)

SOMETHING OLD

LUCAS

SOMETHING NEW

WEDNESDAY

CRAZINESS WRIT LARGE

MAL

(to Alice)

SOMEONE BOLD

ALICE

SOMEONE TRUE

MAL

SOMEONE NEW IN CHARGE

#### WEDNESDAY/LUCAS/MAL/ALICE

YOU AND I
FACE THE SKY
AND THE LIGHT WE SEE
FADES AWAY IN THE GRAY
LEAVING YOU AND ME...

(FESTER is now fully outfitted and ready to go.)

#### **FESTER**

Pugsley, will you do the honors?

(PUGSLEY touches his cigar to the fuse.

The rocket ignites.)

(calling heavenward)
I'm coming, my love. Stay full!

(FESTER exits, his rocket sputtering. THEN ROCKET IGNITION! GOMEZ, points out to the sky, as FESTER flies off.)

#### **GOME Z**

Fly, my lunatic brother! Fly on wings of love!

LURCH

AH AH AH AH

#### LURCH & 3 FEMALE ANCESTORS

AH AH AH AH AH

ALL

AH AH AH AH AH

(THE FAMILY assembles around GOMEZ and MORTICIA.

The ANCESTORS are present, too.)

(The BRIDE ANCESTOR tosses her bouquet to WEDNESDAY. At this, LUCAS, MAL and ALICE, now part of the family, see the ANCESTORS for the first time. They greet each other, hand shakes, back slaps, kisses... like a family.)

#### **ANCESTORS**

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

ADDAMS & BEINEKES

MOVE TOWARD THE DARK

**ANCESTORS** 

WELCOME IN YOUR PAIN

ADDAMS & BEINEKES

WELCOME IN YOUR PAIN

**ANCESTORS** 

LET EACH FOREIGN FOREST

ALL

OFFER YOU ITS RAIN

ADDAMS/BEINEKES/FEMALE ANCESTORS

ONLY AT OUR LOWEST

MALE ANCESTORS

AT OUR LOWEST

ALL

CAN WE RISE ABOVE

(The ANCESTORS hold up telescopes, to see a tiny FESTER, heading straight for the full moon.)

#### ADDAMS & BEINEKES

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

**ANCESTORS** 

MOVE TOWARD THE -

ALL

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS

(FESTER lands on the moon, sending a shower of sparks into space. His face appears on the surface, THE MAN IN THE MOON.)

#### **GOME Z**

Love triumphs at last!

(The GATE of the CRYPT swings open, with a loud creak.)

#### GOMEZ & MORTICIA

MOVE TOWARD THE DARKNESS, AND -

#### LURCH

LOVE!

(And, love having triumphed at last - for WEDNESDAY and LUCAS, for MAL and ALICE, for MORTICIA and GOMEZ, and for FESTER and the silver orb up in the sky - the ANCESTORS may now return to their graves, as THE FAMILY bids them farewell.)

#### ANCESTORS/ADDAMS/BEINEKES

LOVE LOVE LOVE

#### **GOME Z**

Are you unhappy, my darling?

#### MORTICIA

Oh yes, yes. Completely.

(GOMEZ kisses MORTICIA'S hand, more in love with her than ever. All is right with their world. And, as the dawn slowly rises, the curtain falls.)

(END OF ACT TWO)

## #24 BOWS CURTAIN CALL: WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS (REPRISE)

(The Mizzy theme begins. The curtains part to reveal a crowd of ANCESTORS with black umbrellas standing in the rain. Thunder and lightning - the classic image of mourners a a funeral.

But...

The umbrellas part... it's a WEDDING!
Of WEDNESDAY and LUCAS. LURCH presides,
bible in hand. PUGSLEY is the
ring bearer, holding THING on a pillow,
with the ring on THING's finger.
MORTICIA and GOMEZ, ALICE and MAL are
to the side, as the parents of the
bride and groom. FESTER is standing as
Best Man. GRANDMA is the Old Maid of
Honor.

LUCAS takes the ring and places it on WEDNESDAY's finger; they kiss. A bulb in FESTER's mouth lights up. FESTER hands the bulb to LURCH, who wraps it in a cloth and places it on the ground. LUCAS stomps on the glass. MISERY! EVERYONE erupts in celebration. And we transition to BOWS, woven together by DANCE.)

(ANCESTORS bow.)

(MAL and ALICE come forward. She carries a martini glass. He pulls a bottle of Acrimonium from his jacket and fills her glass. They toast, drink and bow.)

(Female ANCESTORS toss dead rose petals from baskets, followed by PUGSLEY, who takes a hand grenade from a basket, pulls the pin and drops it in the pit. BOOM. PUGSLEY bows.)

(WEDNESDAY tosses her bouquet to the women. They open to reveal GRANDMA holding the bouquet.
She bows.)

(The ANCESTORS carry WEDNESDAY and LUCAS aloft, place them center. They kiss and bow.)

(FESTER enters, pushing a black pram and passing out cigars. The pram glows as he leans down to tickle his 'moon baby.' He bows.)

(LURCH enters, carries piles of luggage. Crowd parts to reveal MORTICIA and GOMEZ, decked out for their trip to Paris. She's wearing a floppy hat and sunglasses. He's in a beret. The music shifts to a Parisian version of "Morticia." They bow.)

#### ANCESTORS

IT'S FINALLY LOVE, LOVE, LOVE WONDERFULLY GLOOMY AND GRAY.
LOVE THAT ALLOWS US TO SAY

[MUSIC STOPS]

Misery!

[MUSIC IN]

#### ALL

IT'S FAMILY FIRST AND FAMILY LAST AND FAMILY BY AND BY WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS YOU DO WHAT ADDAMS DO OR -

(ITT, wearing a top hat, chases TASSEL, wearing a veil, across the stage.)

DIE!

(Company bow.)

(Curtain.)

(FINITA LA COMEDIA)

## - VOCAL BOOK -



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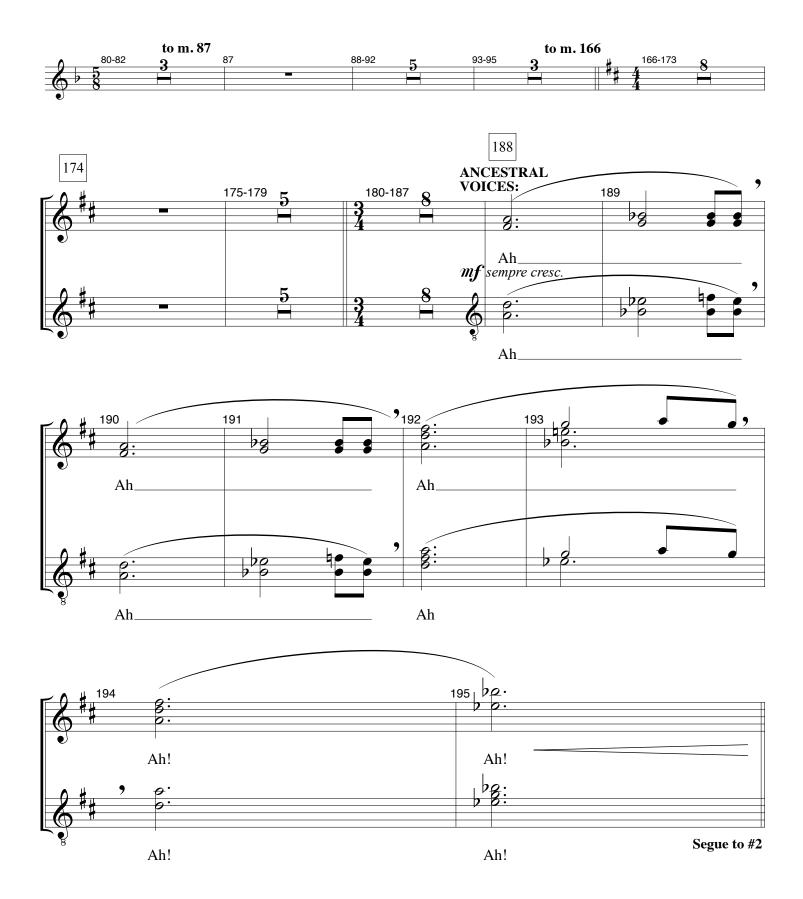
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# The Addams Family

# WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

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**Bright Latin 4** 



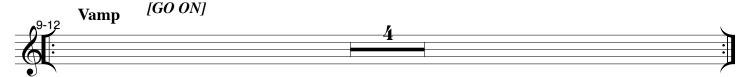
**GOMEZ:** *Aaaahh...*The intoxicating smell of the graveyard.

(Family inhales)

(cont.) Once a year, we gather beneath our Family Tree to honor the great cycle of life and death. [GO ON]

Vamp of the and death. [60 0]

(cont.) Come every member of our clan - living - dead and - undecided and let us celebrate what it is to be an Addams.



**GOMEZ:** (cont.) Come to me, my luscious wife - oh she of skin so pale, eyes so black, and dress cut down to Venezuela - and tell us what it is that every Addams hopes for! [MUSIC OUT]

**MORTICIA:** Darkness and grief and unspeakable sorrow.

**GOMEZ:** I love it when you talk sexy! [GO ON]



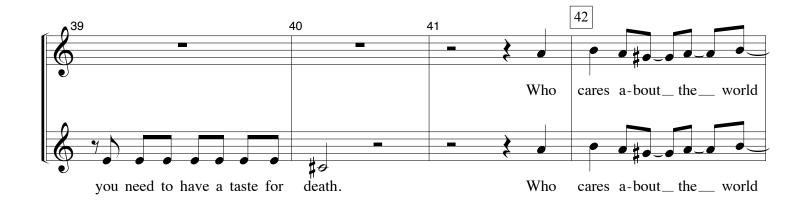


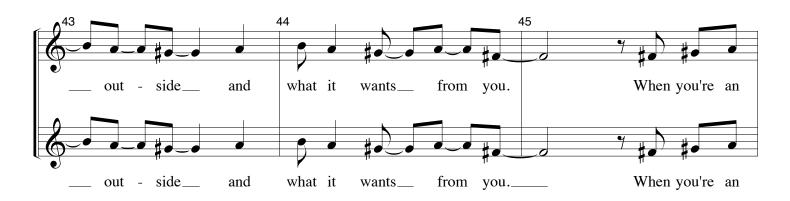
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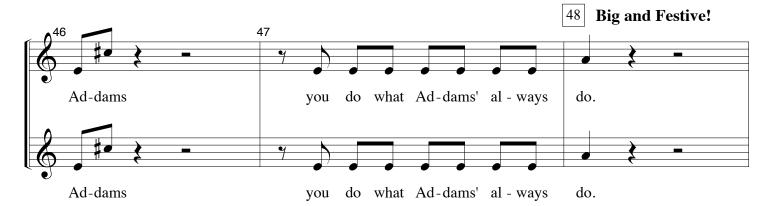












**GOMEZ:** Mi amor!

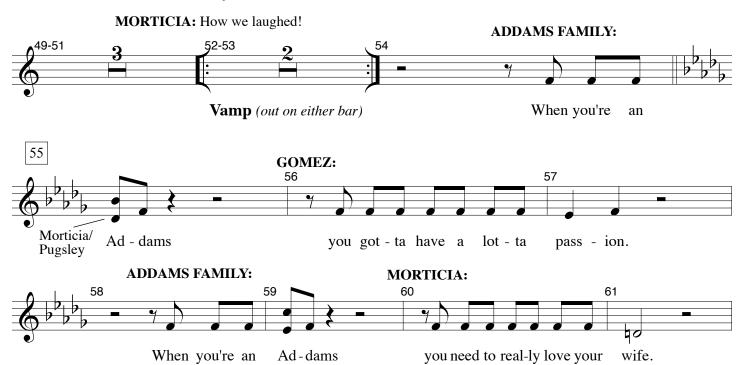
**MORTICIA:** Will you love me for ever and ever?

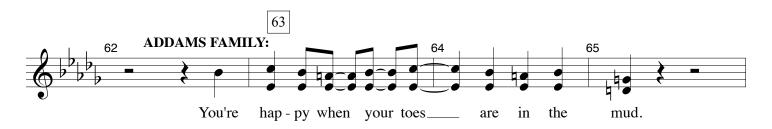
**GOMEZ:** We shall be as besotted with each other as the night we

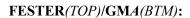
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MORTICIA: Our first date! You took me to see -

**GOMEZ:** Death of a Salesman.

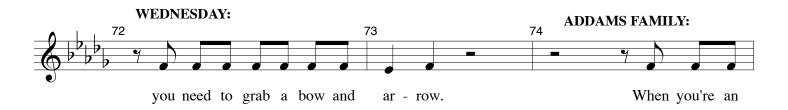


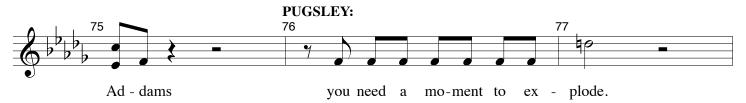


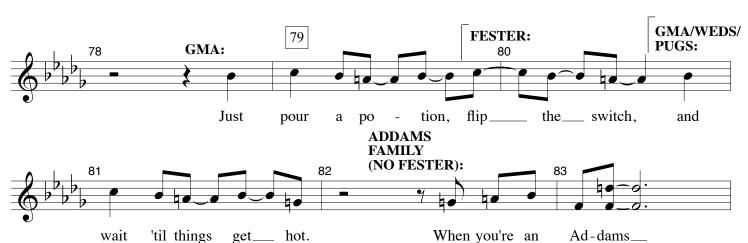


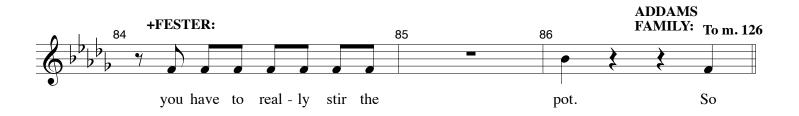




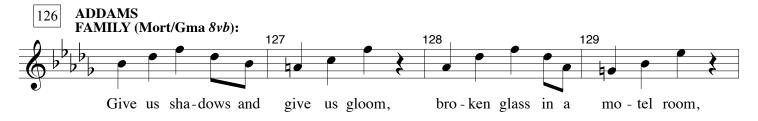


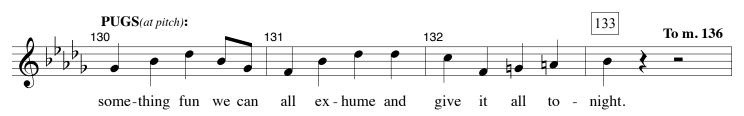






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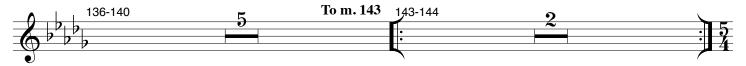
**GOMEZ:** And now, we summon our beloved Ancestors. Why do we do this?

**MORTICIA:** Because living or dead, family is still family.

**GOMEZ:** Yes! And how do we do this?

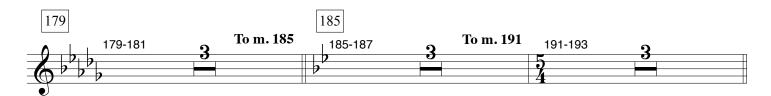
**FESTER:** By dancing on their graves!

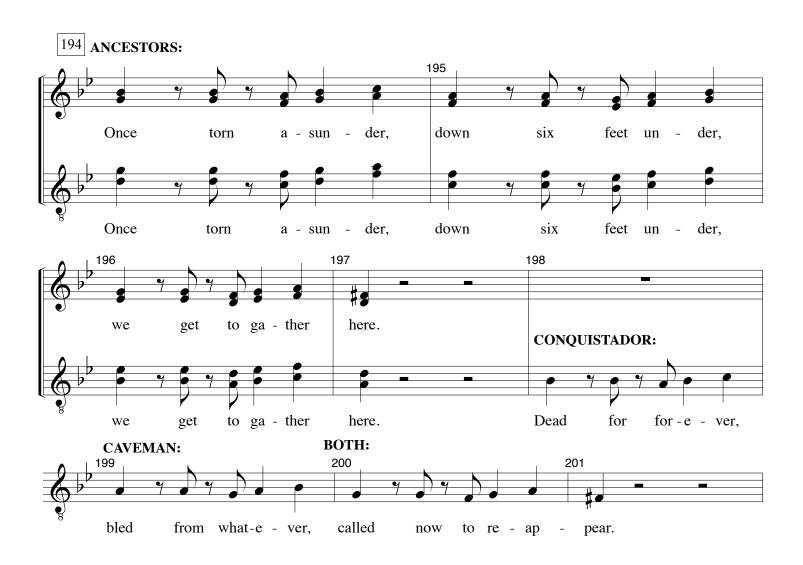
**GOMEZ:** Yes! Dance my brother Fester! Time to wake the dead!

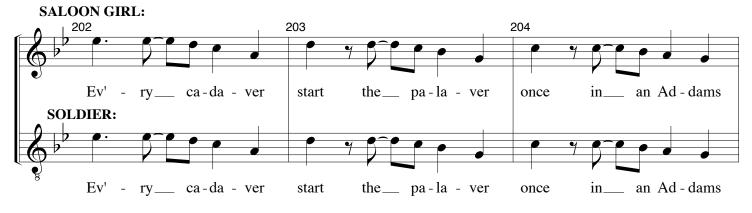


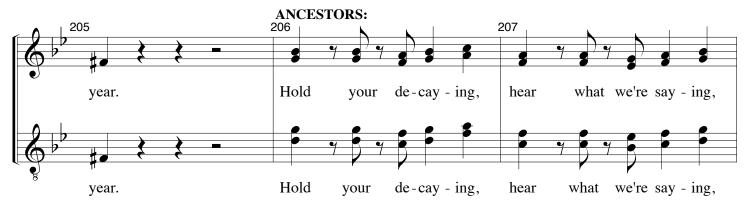
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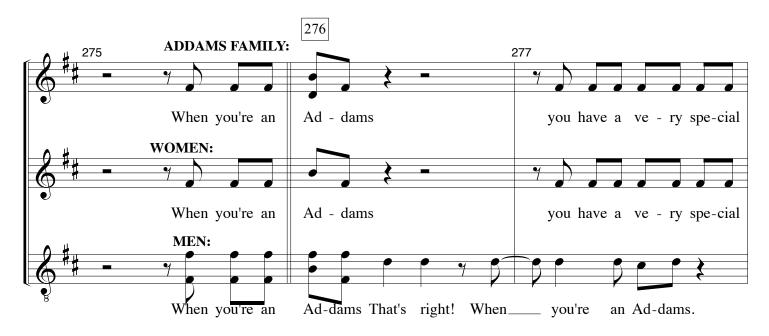


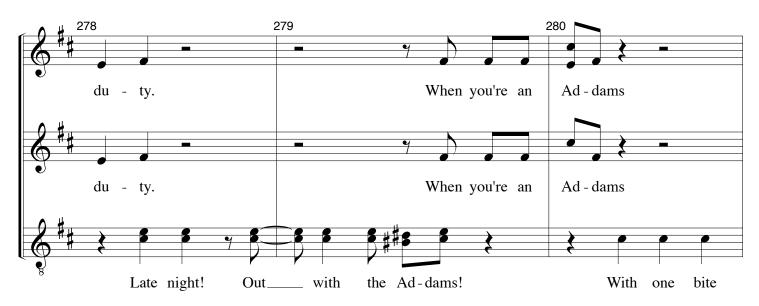


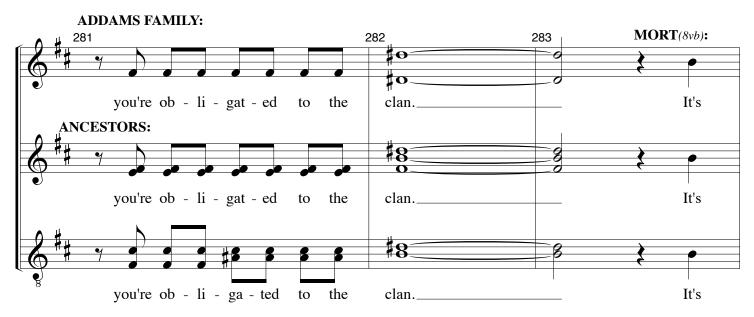


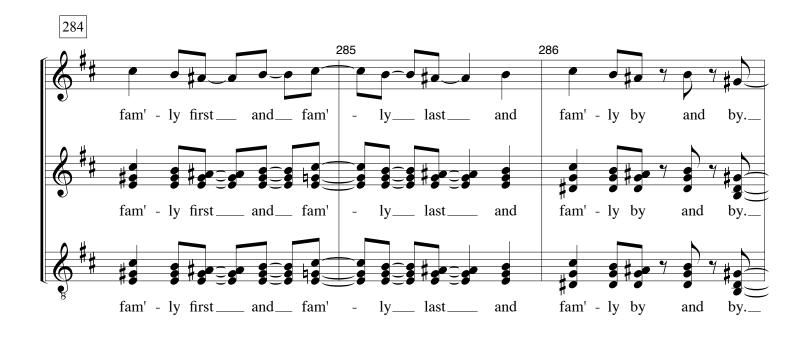




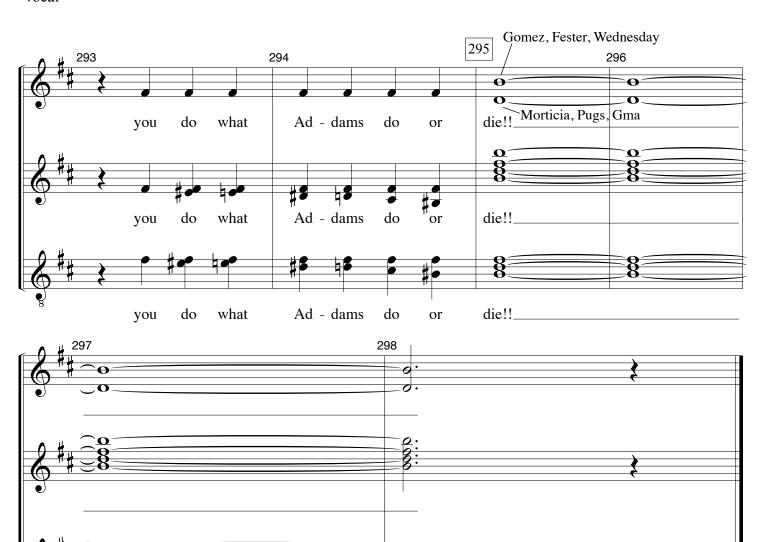










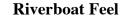


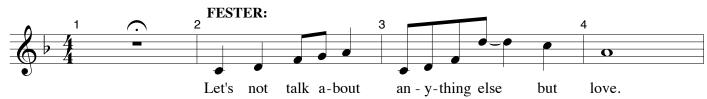
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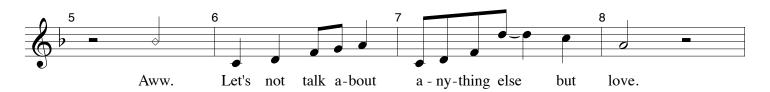
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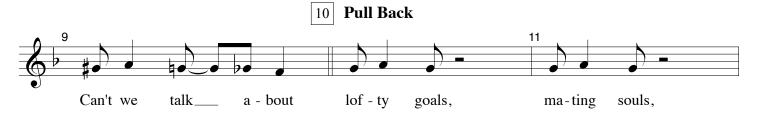
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**FESTER:** So many questions about love. But when you think about it, is there anything more important? [MUSIC]

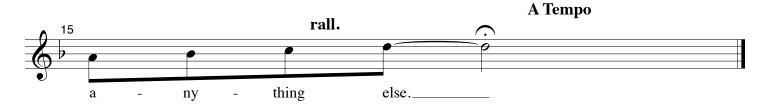
















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WEDNESDAY: Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing.

**GOMEZ:** You don't want me to tell your mother you're getting married? **WEDNESDAY:** After dinner and we're all friends, then we'll tell her.

**GOMEZ:** But I've never kept anything from your mother.

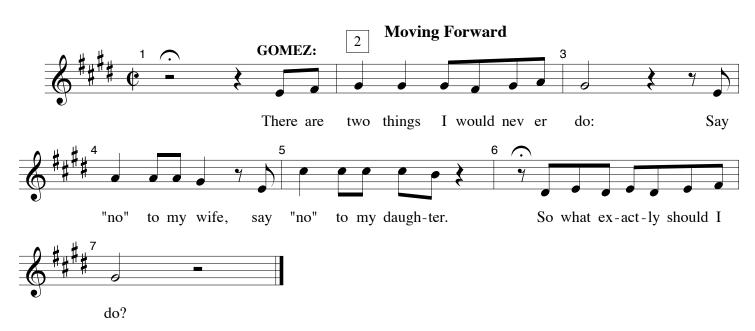
WEDNESDAY: Daddy, please!

GOMEZ: But--

WEDNESDAY: If you love me.

GOMEZ: But--

**WEDNESDAY:** Do you love me, Daddy? [MUSIC]



## **EDNESDAY'S GROWING UP**

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**GOMEZ:** Do you realize what

you're asking me to do?

WEDNESDAY: Daddy, one tiny little secret.

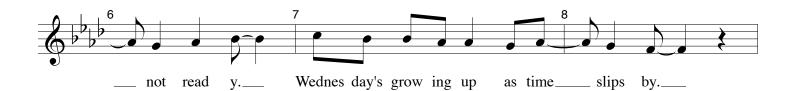
Please. Please. [MUSIC]

**GOMEZ:** OK, OK, I promise. I won't tell your mother. WEDNESDAY: Oh, thank you, Daddy. Our little secret, right?

GOMEZ: Yes, yes.

Our little secret **Andante** [GO ON to m. 3] **GOMEZ:** 5

> Wednes-day's grow-ing up but I'm





When did she be-come

some-one else-'s chum?

Some-one else to make her fath-er

**GOMEZ:** She'll be Thursday



won-der "Why, oh why?" Wednes-day's grow-ing up...

A puzz-ling



thing. sec-ret in the house. A boy. A girl. Α ring.

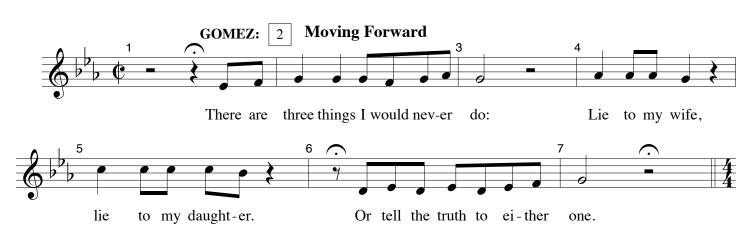


## **TRAPPED**

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[Rev. 1/12/12]

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**MORTICIA:** Gomez, you do tell me everything, don't you?

**GOMEZ:** Of course!

MORTICIA: Oh, my. You're perspiring.

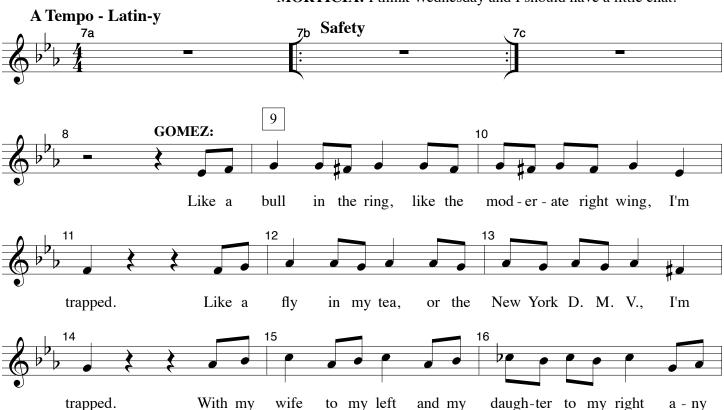
**GOMEZ:** What?

MORTICIA: I hope you're not coming down with a case of... Liar's Shingles.

[GO ON to m. 7a]

GOMEZ: No! No!

**MORTICIA:** I think Wednesday and I should have a little chat.

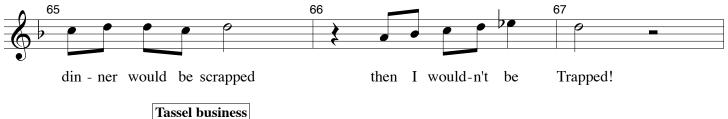


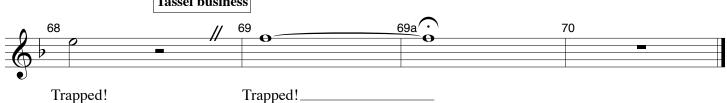














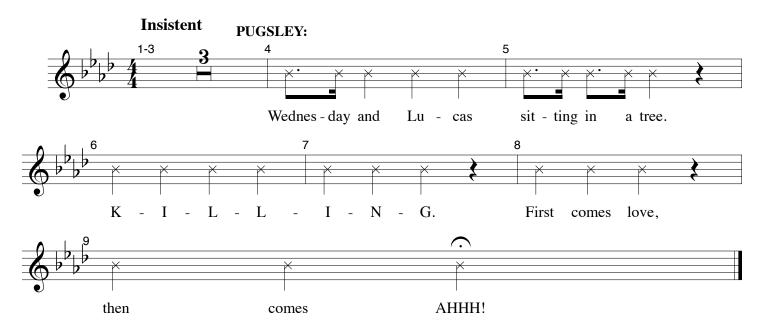
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[Rev. 11/15/11]

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### [CURTAIN UP]





### **PULLED**

[Rev. 1/3/12]



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**WEDNESDAY:** This dinner has to go OK.

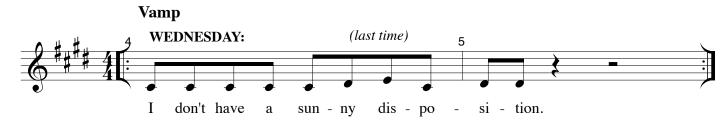
PUGSLEY: It will if you let me blow up this Lucas guy.

**WEDNESDAY:** Oh, Pugsley - ever since I met him, I wanna laugh and cry and everything seems right and wrong at the same time and then sometimes I just want to rip his flesh...

[MUSIC IN]

...off and eat him up until there's nothing left.

#### Misterioso







My de-mean-or's locked in one po - si - tion.

See my face?

I'm en -



thused. Sud-den-ly, how-ev-er, I've been puzz-led.





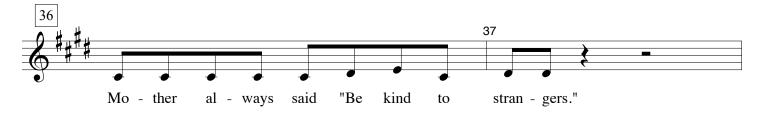
(She breaks the bird's neck.)

**PUGSLEY:** "Wow. You got some real issues."

WEDNESDAY: "Fly away, little birdie."

(She gives it a little launch-toss and it falls, dead, into the pit.)

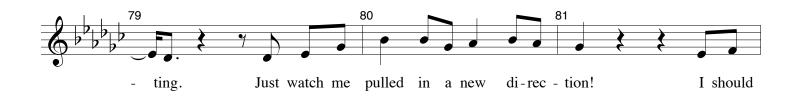
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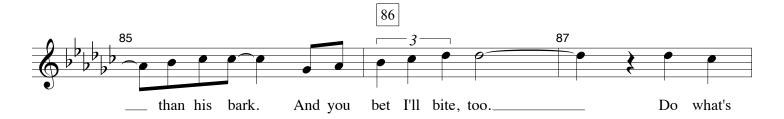




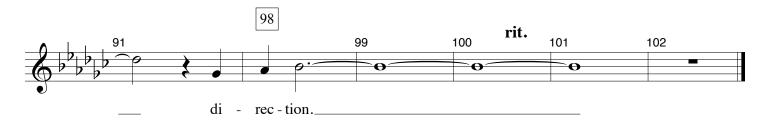




stay in the dark, not o-bey\_\_\_\_ ev'-ry spark, but the boy\_\_\_\_ has a bite bet-ter far









Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

MORTICIA: Gomez - do you love your daughter? Do you care for her mental well-being? **GOMEZ:** Of course -

**MORTICIA:** Do you want her to be put on heavy medication and spend the rest of her days hating us because we let her ruin her life?

[MUSIC]



# ONE NORMAL NIGHT [Rev. 1/12/12]

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

**WEDNESDAY:** Then can we at least all act normal?

**GRANDMA:** (stroking her rat) Define normal.

(rat squeaks) Shhh.

with out\_\_\_

a\_\_\_\_ mouse\_

**MORTICIA:** Normal is an illusion, darling. What's normal for the spider is a calamity for the fly.

**WEDNESDAY:** Mother, please –

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or\_\_\_ two.\_\_





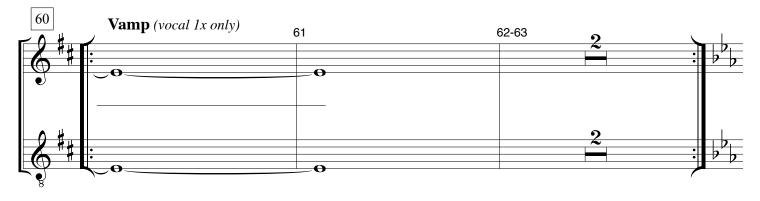
**MAL:** OK, Lucas - enough is enough. Gimme the map.

**ALICE:** I don't see any houses.

MAL: Because there aren't any, Alice. We're in the middle of some godforsaken park.

**ALICE:** Central Park, dear.

(guidebook)
"Designed in 1857 by - "



LUCAS: Wait!

MAL & ALICE: What?

LUCAS: I know where we are! It's where I first saw her! I was lost in the park and a pigeon dropped at my feet with an arrow in it! And I looked up and there she was - Wednesday, with a crossbow.

MAL: A what?

LUCAS: A crossbow. You know.

**MAL:** This girl walks around with a crossbow?

LUCAS: It's OK dad, she has a permit.

MAL: Good. Good choice son. Ok, listen up. Now here's what's going to happen.



**MAL:** (cont) We're going back to the hotel. And you and I are gonna have a little talk.

ALICE: Be patient with him, dear. Vamp



#### **ALICE:** (cont) (rhyming)

"A father should support his son. And Lucas is your only one."

#### MAL: (to Lucas)

See what you did? Your mother's rhyming again. Let's get back to the hotel and then –

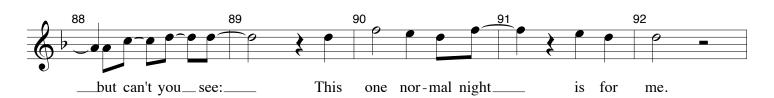


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**LUCAS:** Come on! (*LUCAS exits*)

MAL: Come on!

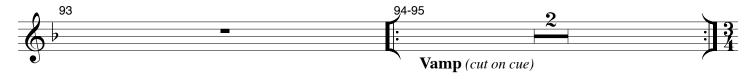
(MAL exits and ALICE follows. The ANCESTORS appear from behind the avenue of trees. So does FESTER.)

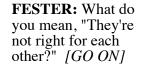
FESTER: Seems like a nice young man!

(ANCESTORS grumble)

**CONQUISTADOR ANCESTOR:** But they're not right for each other.

[MUSIC STOPS]







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Was Na - po-le-on right for Jo-se-phine? Was nau-se-a right for



Dra - ma - mine? Were the eight - ies right for the drum ma-chine?

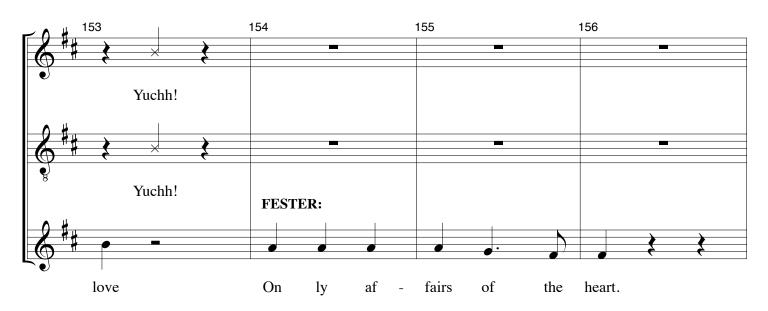


Who's to say? Was bal-let right for Bal-an-chine? Was



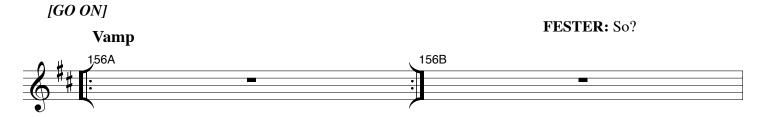
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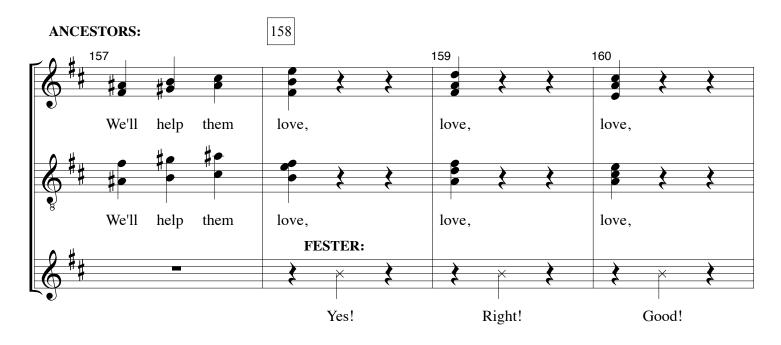


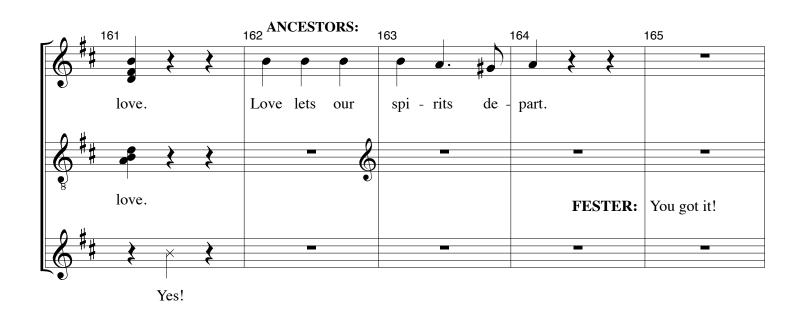


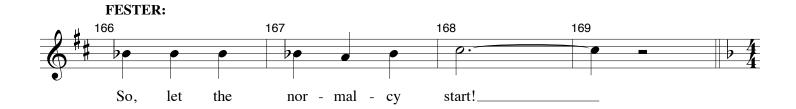
ANCESTORS: Ugh!

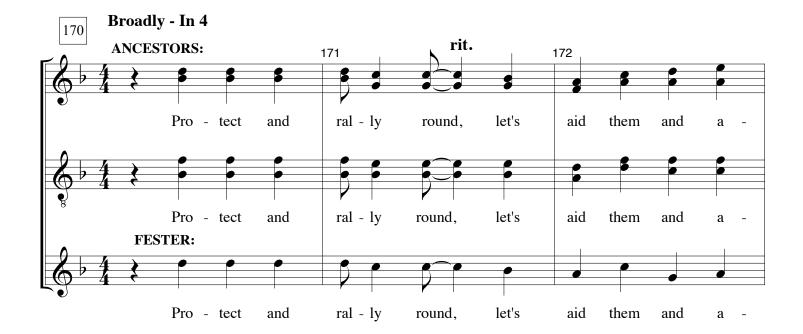
**FESTER:** Look. The choice is yours. Either you help these kids or you're stuck here for eternity!

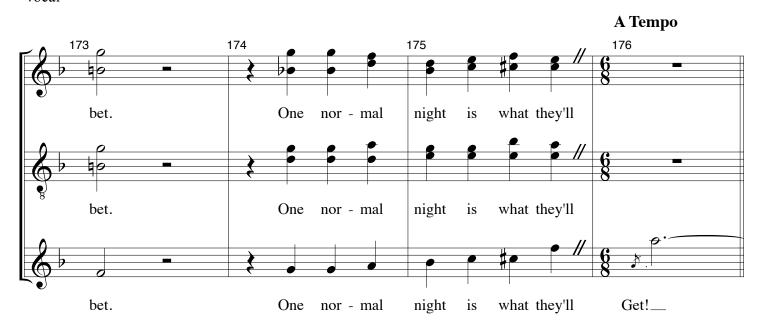








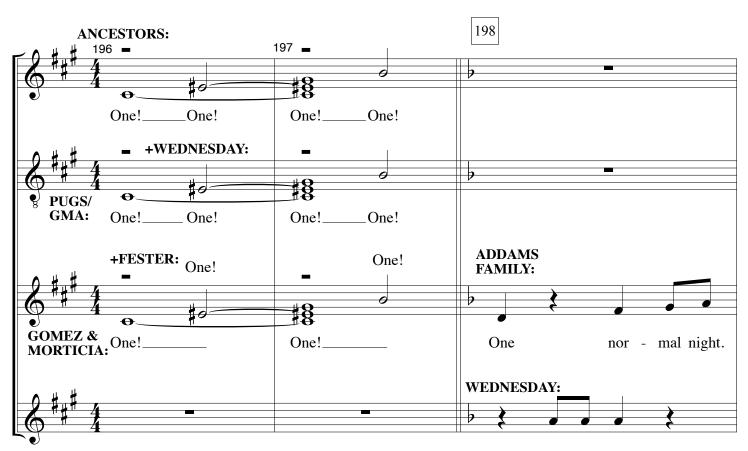




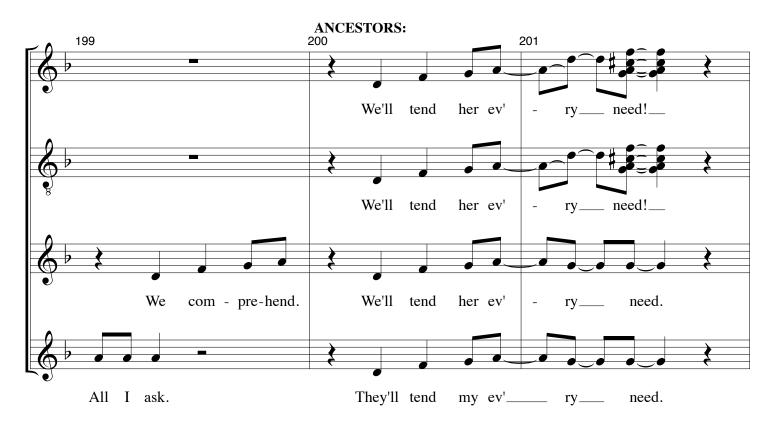




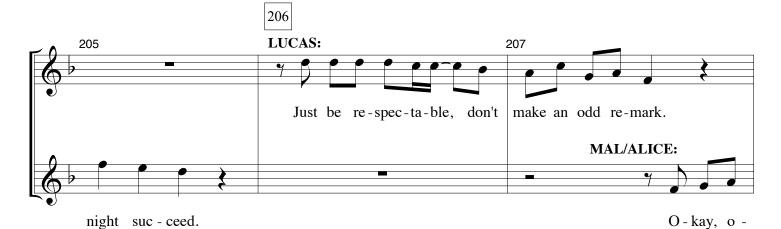
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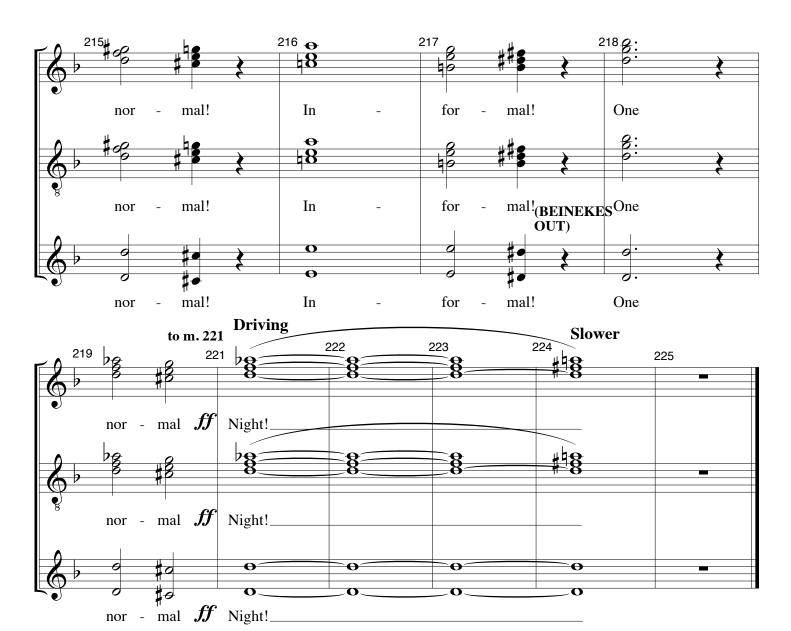
All I want.











# Addamo But Love Reprise #1 Family [Rev. 11/8/11]



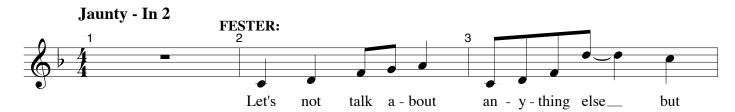
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**MORTICIA:** Maybe you should see someone about that.

**ALICE:** And they're always about the one thing everyone needs and so few have!

MORTICIA: Health care?

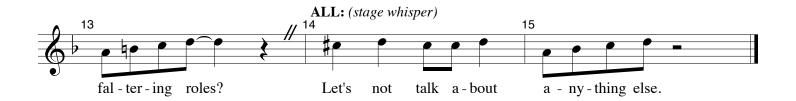
**ALICE:** Why, love, of course! (They exit. Enter FESTER and ANCESTORS. ANCESTORS voice skeptical remarks about "love" in between FESTER'S lyrics.)



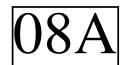








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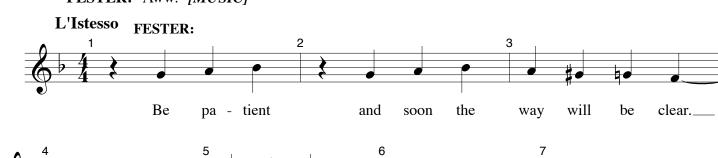
**WEDNESDAY:** That's the new plan. We improvise. Keep 'em guessing.

**LUCAS:** You're really crazy.

**WEDNESDAY:** You say that like it's a bad thing. It's just a simple dinner. What could possibly go wrong? Come on.

[THEY exit.]

FESTER: "Aww." /MUSIC/





And troub - les all will



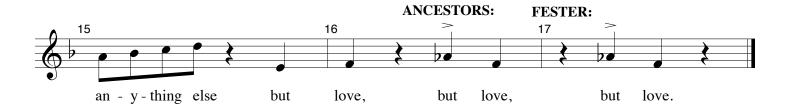


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Let's not talk a-bout

an - y-thing old.





### The Addams Family

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### **Secrets**

[Rev. 1/12/12]

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

**ALICE:** Well - 'What's good for the gander is a nice quiet goose; If I told Mal my secrets, all hell would break loose.'

**MORTICIA:** Alice, I'm shocked.

### [MUSIC]

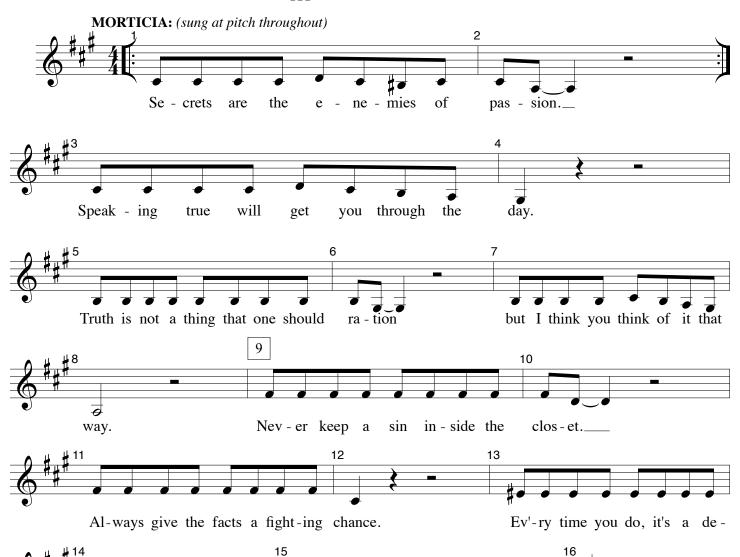
(cont.) What kind of marriage is it where you keep secrets?

ALICE: A long one.

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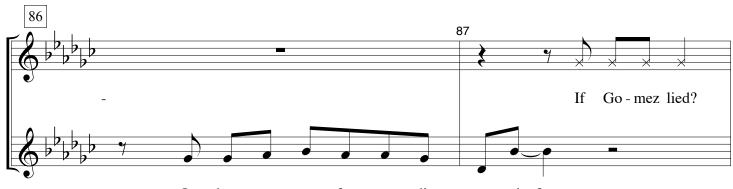


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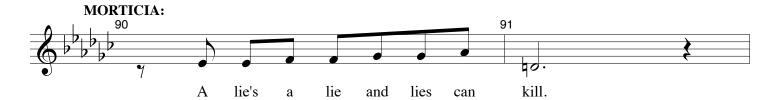




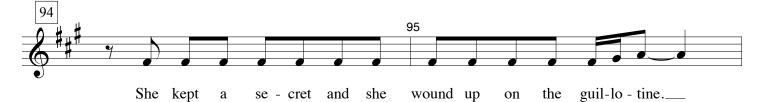


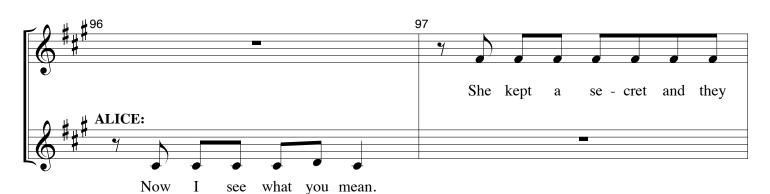
Is there no room for some dis - cus - sion?

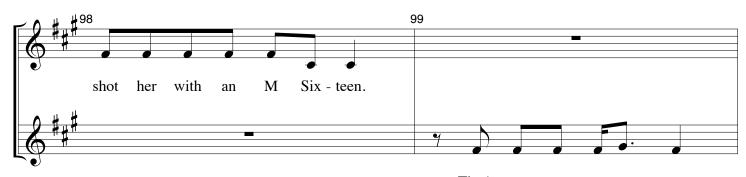










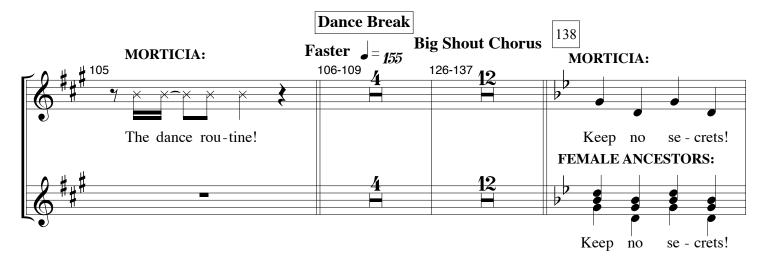


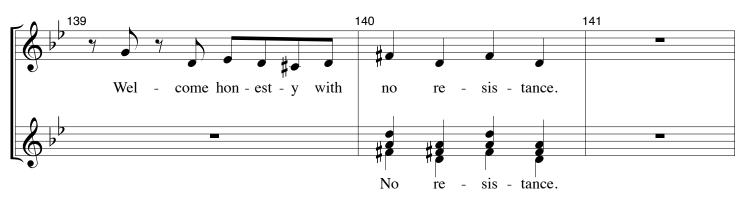
That's not a pret-ty scene.



She kept a se-cret and she wound up on the cov-er of a mag-a-zine!









## 10

# Addamo Gomez's "What If"

[Rev. 1/2/12]

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MORTICIA: No, Gomez.

**GOMEZ:** What?

**MORTICIA:** Not today.

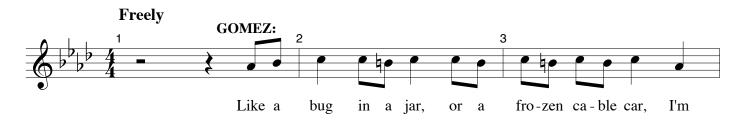
**GOMEZ:** But you've never turned down a trip to heaven.

**MORTICIA:** Not today. I'll be in my room until you're ready to share, like a proper husband.

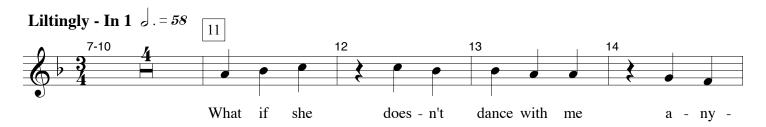
(Morticia exits.)

GOMEZ: Morticia mia!

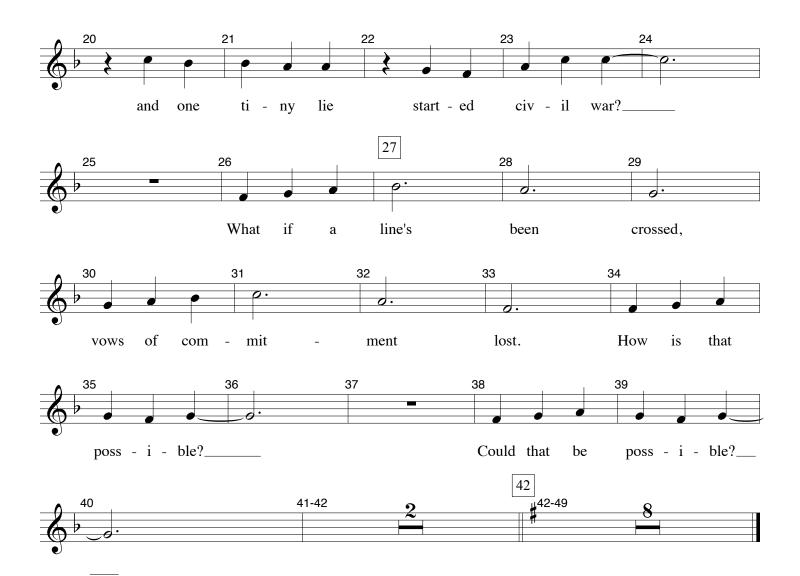
[MUSIC]











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## The Addams Family

### WHAT IF

[Rev. 11/18/11]

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Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

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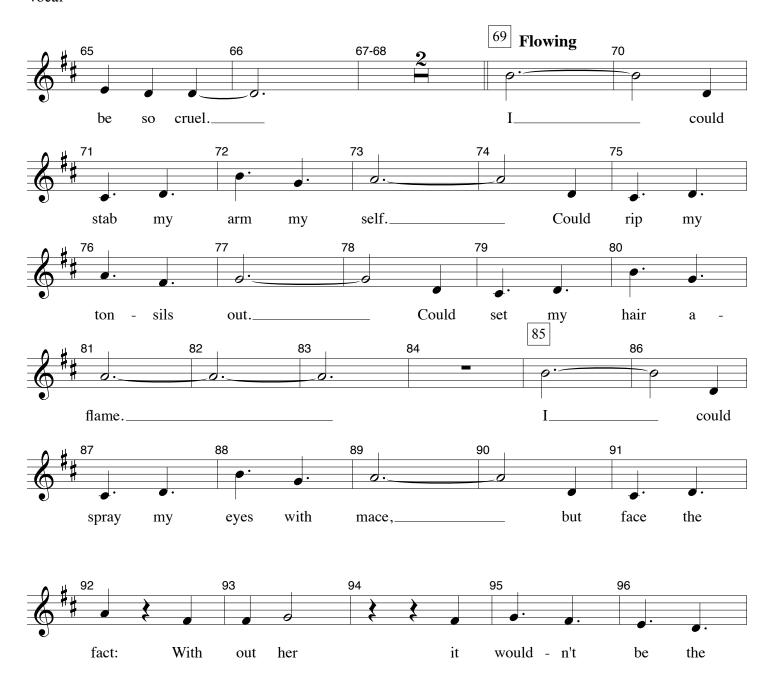
**PUGSLEY:** But, but... Can I come?

WEDNESDAY: Sorry, Pugs. I'm with Lucas now. Bye.

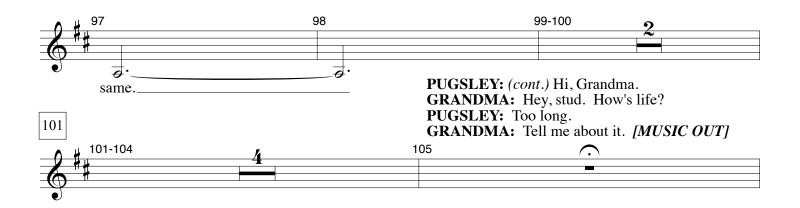
[MUSIC]

PUGSLEY: But wait! Wait!





**GRANDMA:** (singing) "Always look on the bright side of life." [GO ON to ms. 101]



#### [MEASURE 106]

**PUGSLEY:** Hold on. What're you doing?

**GRANDMA:** Restocking. Grandma's Private Stash. Herbs, potions and remedies.

Nature's candy, no prescription needed.

**PUGSLEY:** What's that one?

**GRANDMA:** Peyote.

**PUGSLEY:** What's it do?

**GRANDMA:** Makes you run around naked in the woods.

**PUGSLEY:** What about this one?

**GRANDMA:** Bookoo leaf. You got someone giving you a hard time?

PUGSLEY: Maybe.

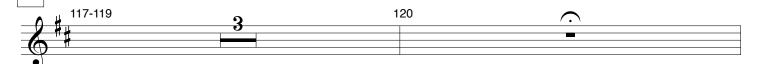
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**GRANDMA:** Sprinkle a little of this on his toast, an hour later he's in a padded room screaming 'I am Spartacus!

PUGSLEY: Grandma..." [GO ON to ms. 117]



**PUGSLEY:** (cont.) ...what if there was this girl who met this person and he's all like 'Hey, it's the Pugster. What up, little man?' and she's all like 'golly' and 'we're gonna go now' a nd they're running away together... [GO ON to ms. 121]

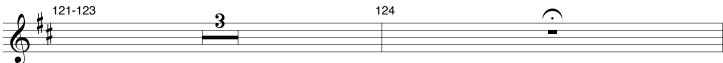


**PUGSLEY:** (cont.) What would you give her?

**GRANDMA:** Nothing. She's your sister. Be happy for her.

**PUGSLEY:** But what if she doesn't get rid of him? What if all the good times are already behind me?

[GO ON to ms. 163]



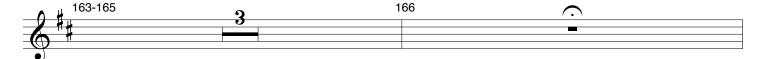
to m. 163

**GRANDMA:** That's life, kid. You lose the thing you love.

**PUGSLEY:** Tell me about it. What's this one?

**GRANDMA:** Acrimonium. You wanna stay away from this baby.

PUGSLEY: Why? [GO ON to ms. 167]



**GRANDMA:** Takes the lid off the id. Brings out the dark side.

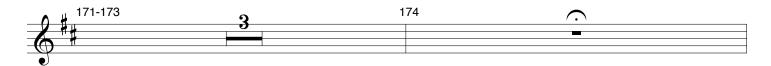
**PUGSLEY:** Whaddaya mean?

**GRANDMA:** One swig of this and Mary Poppins turns into Medea. [GO ON to ms. 171]



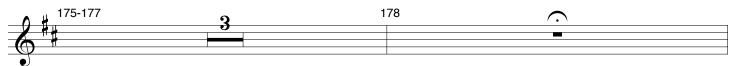
**PUGSLEY:** I don't understand your references.

**GRANDMA:** Well, stop the damn texting and pick up a book once in a while. [GO ON to ms. 175]



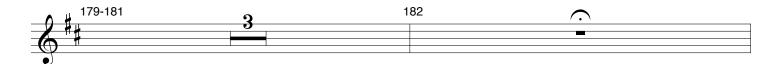
**GRANDMA:** Now, quit whining about your sister. Start thinking about *you* and how you're gonna live your life.

### [GO ON to ms. 179]

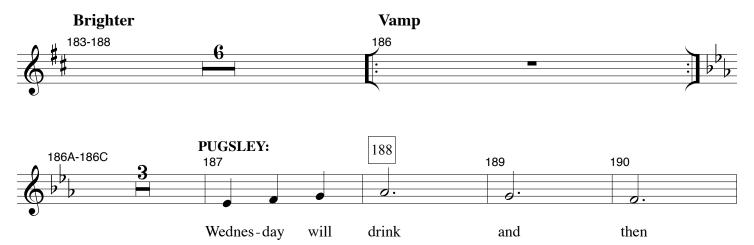


**GRANDMA:** (cont.) Time, my dear, is a thief. She'll steal your soul and flee on little fairy wings.

[GO ON to ms. 183]



**GRANDMA:** (cont.) And stay outta my shit or I'll rip your leg off and bury it in the backyard. I love you. [GO ON to ms. 186A]





# 12

# Addamo FULL DISCLOSURE ~ Family. PART 1

[Rev. 1/12/12]

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

**MORTICIA:** And now Gomez will break the ice. My husband has something he needs to disclose.

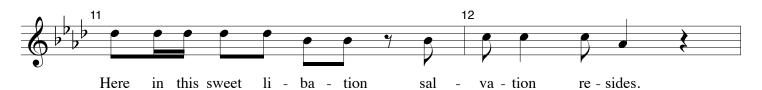
**GOMEZ:** No, no, the host goes last.

MORTICIA: Lurch, the sacred chalice! [MUSIC]



This is the sac-red cha-lice from Ad-dams fam'-lies past.







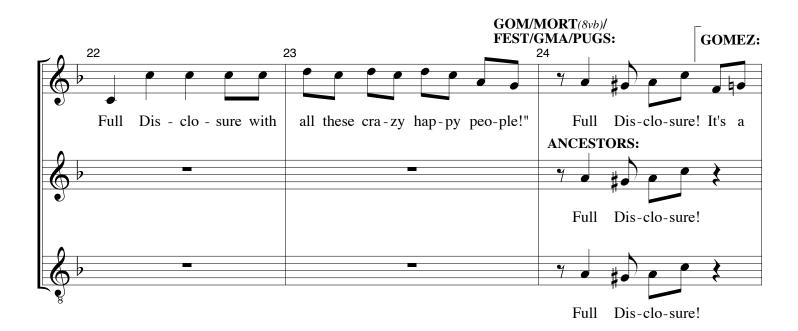
Feel the sweet sen-sa-tion re-ve - la-tion pro-vides.



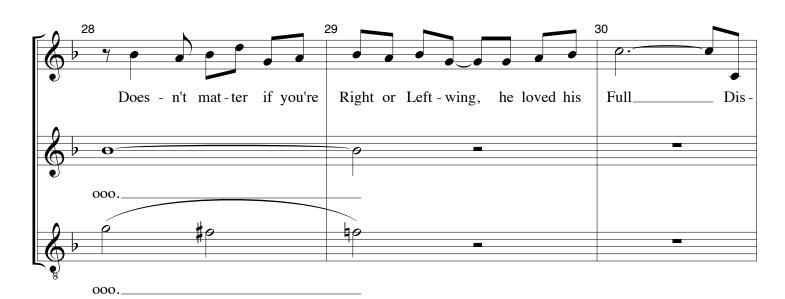


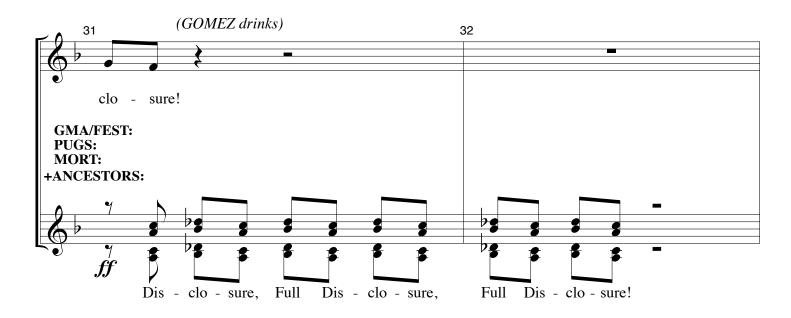
give you a - way.

Face your de-mons and then hap-pi-ly say: "I'm play-ing









**GOMEZ:** Yes. Well. My disclosure is in the form of a fairy tale. [MUSIC OUT]



**GOMEZ:** (cont.) Once there was a man who had a beautiful wife and two beautiful children. A humble man, I say, and yet within his breast beat the heart of a loyal and steadfast husband who treasured his wife and worshipped the ground she walked on. Thank you.

(He sits. MORTICIA looks at him.)

**GOMEZ:** (cont.) --and one day, a fox appeared and gave him a beautiful box of rare wood and Spanish leather... 'What's in the box?' asked the kindly man. And the fox said, 'A little secret. Nothing important. But you must never open it.' And the man took it home and his beautiful wife said, 'Let's open it anyway.' And the kindly man said, 'Don't push it, honey. We got a good thing going.' And they never did open it. And everyone lived happily ever after. Full Disclosure. **[GO ON]** 



MORTICIA: Well, we'll just have to come back

to you, won't we? Wednesday's turn.

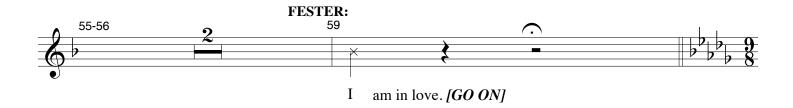
**WEDNESDAY:** Pass.

FESTER: Oooh! Oooh!

**GOMEZ:** Yes! Let's hear from Fester.

The Chalice! [GO ON]





**EVERYONE:** Awww!

**FESTER:** You're probably thinking, what could a fat, bald person of no specific sexuality know about love?

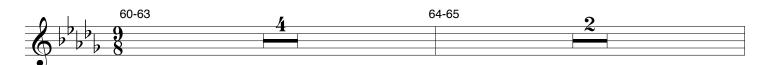
But I, too, am in love. Fester loves!

**MORTICIA:** Oh, Fester--who is it?

**FESTER:** The moon!

**ALICE:** The moon? He's in love with the moon!

MAL: Yeah, that's normal.



**ALICE:** That's the most beautiful thing I ever heard!

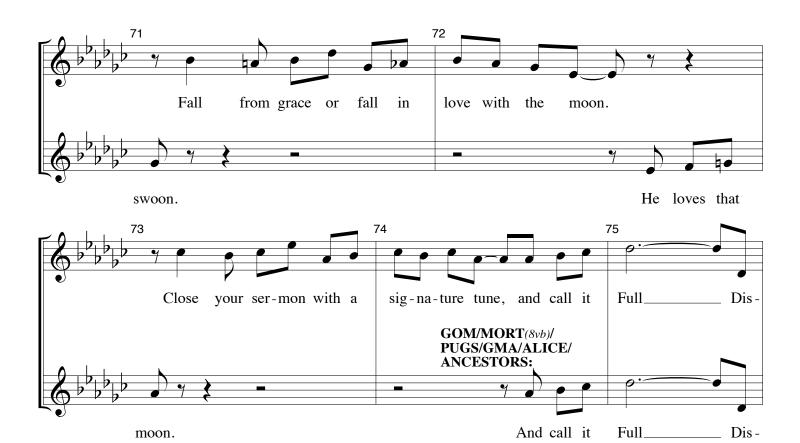
**FESTER:** I haven't told her yet.

**EVERYONE:** Aww.

**FESTER:** Full Disclosure! [GO ON]





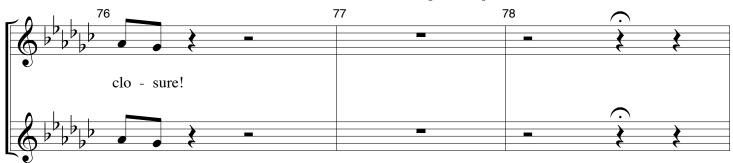


MORTICIA: Wednesday's turn!

**WEDNESDAY:** No!

**GRANDMA:** Me! Me! Age before beauty.

The chalice! [GO ON]



clo - sure!

**GRANDMA:** The kid and I had a little heart-to-heart before. I told him to use his time wisely.

**GRANDMA:** (cont.) Look who's talking - how much have I got left? I'm a hundred and two, I've got shingles and arthritis and when I break wind it could start the windmills on an old Dutch painting. [GO ON]



**GRANDMA:** (cont.) But I've still got one more round in me. Call me cougar, but five'll get you ten there's a couple of 90-year-old hotties out there just waiting to chow down on a Grandma sandwich.

#### [MUSIC OUT]



**GRANDMA:** (cont.) Full disclo- full disclo- I just peed. [GMA sits.]

MORTICIA: We should've put you down years ago. MORTICIA: (cnt.) All right. Wednesday's turn" WEDNESDAY: "Not yet. Daddy, talk to her. GOMEZ: I've still got the fox-box problem.

**MORTICIA:** Wednesday, your turn. The chalice, please. Where's the chalice?

### [GO ON]



### [G.P.]



Yes! Now, with a dash of po-tion, my sis-ter blows her cool.



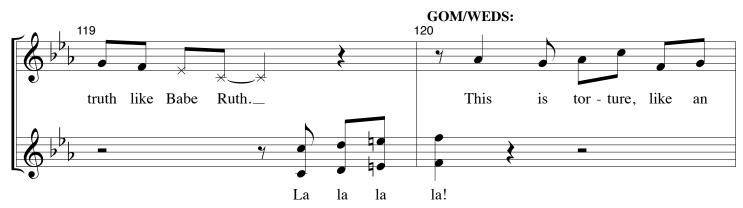
Hope - ful - ly in slow mo - tion. She'll drop! She'll drool!



Fast, As Before

Boy, oh boy, her full dis - clo - sure's gon - na be strange.







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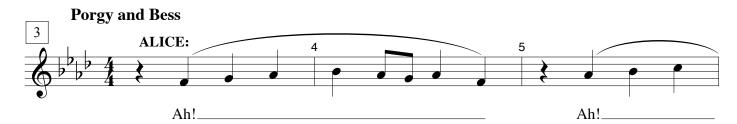
### The Addams Family

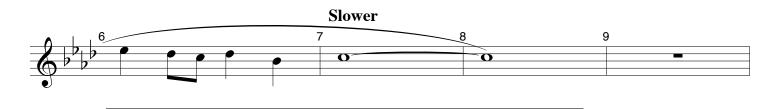
### WAITING

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MUSIC CUE: ALICE SLAMS CUP ON TABLE



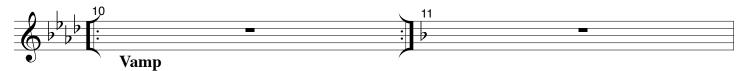


MAL: Well, as you can see, my wife isn't herself. So we'll be on our way.

**ALICE:** No. We're in the middle of a game. So button your lip and sit your ass down!

MAL: Alice, I think you've had enough to--

**ALICE:** Remember how it used to be, Mal? [GO ON]

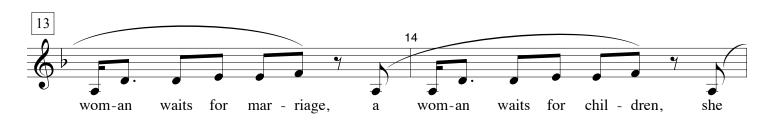


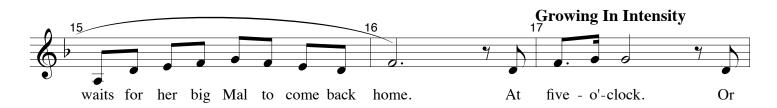
**ALICE:** How we'd look at each other and leave the restaurant in the middle of dinner and rush home and go upstairs; and sometimes we couldn't even wait and you'd just pull the car over to the side of the-

LUCAS: Mom!

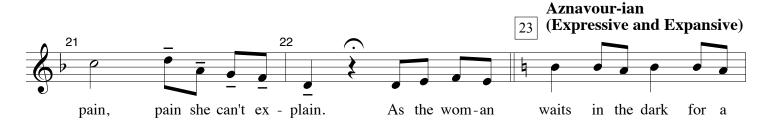
**ALICE:** Lighten up, Lucas. Parents do it. Live with it. Remember, Mal? When we were crazy and the future didn't exist? What happened, Mal? The guy with the Grateful Dead t-shirt? Is he ever coming back? How long do I have to wait? **[GO ON]** 



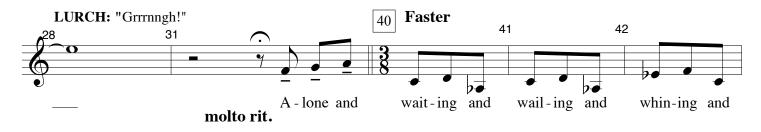


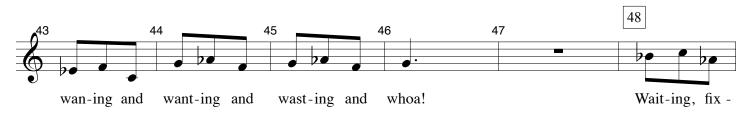














# Addamo FULL DISCLOSURE ~ Family PART 2

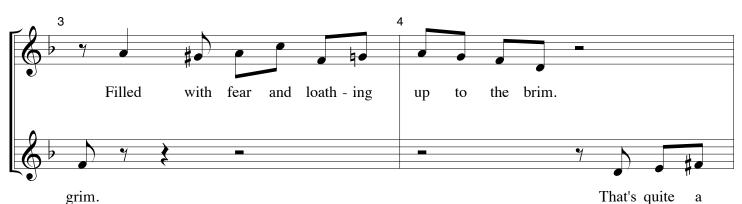
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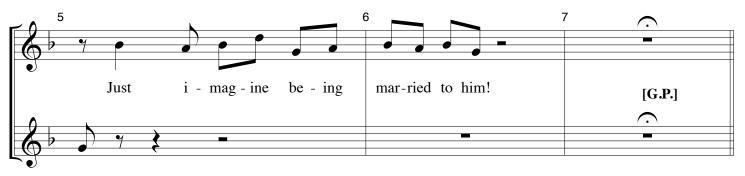
**GOMEZ:** Oooh. That's too dark even for us. [MUSIC]

As Before, But Even More Raucous





MAL: OK, Addams, I tried. I thought OK, the kids like each other, let's give it a shot. But you people are insane. [GO ON meas. 8]



brim!

**MAL:** (cont.) You got a house where there shouldn't be a house, a zombie for a butler, and a man who's dating the moon--

**FESTER:** I wouldn't exactly say we're dating.

**MAL:** We're simple people, Mr. Addams. We're not used to your 'sophisticated New York life style'. So with your permission, we're gonna go back to the *real* America. Full disclosure. Lucas, help your mother off the table.



WEDNESDAY: You were right, Lucas.

**LUCAS:** Right about what?

**WEDNESDAY:** Thanks anyway, Daddy.

**MORTICIA:** Thanks for what?

**WEDNESDAY:** We should have just told her.

**MORTICIA:** Told me what?

**WEDNESDAY:** It doesn't matter. [MUSIC OUT]

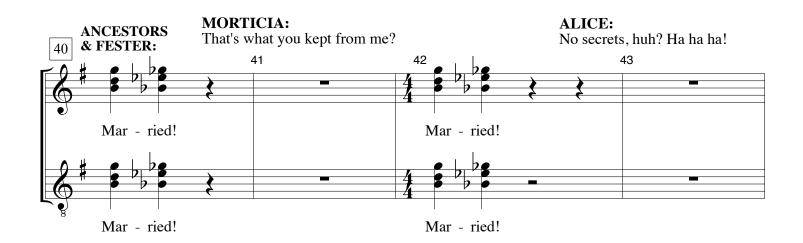
WEDNESDAY: (cont.) Lucas and I love each

other and we're getting married.

**MORTICIA:** What?

[GO ON]





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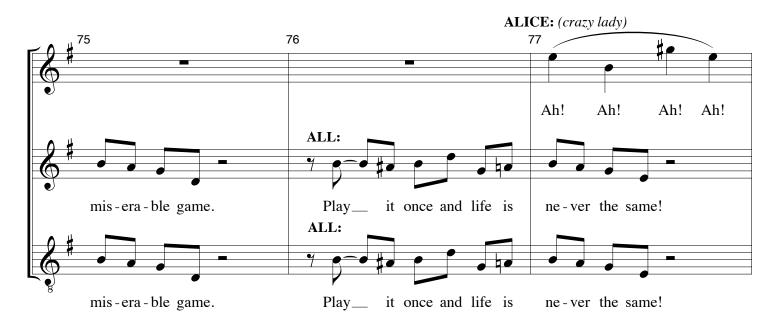
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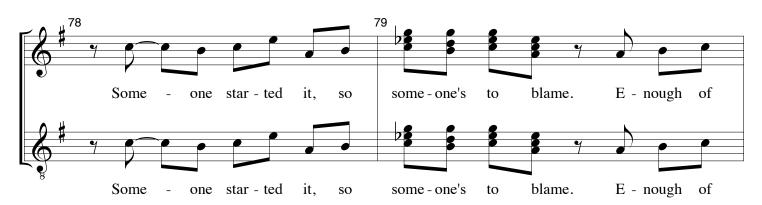
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mar - ried?







FESTER: Never fails. You let nature take its course - chaos. I mean, is this any way to end an act? Actually - yes. But it'd be better for everyone if the guests couldn't leave just yet, dontcha think?

**ANCESTORS:** Yeah!

FESTER: OK, dead people, gimme

some weather!

MAL: "It's a hurricane! We'll never make it out of the park alive!"

GOMEZ: Well, Beinekes - looks like you'll be spending the night.

**GRANDMA:** (Cackles!)

**GOMEZ:** That's what happens when you play...

[GO ON to m. 90]





[END ACT I]

# The Addams OPENING ACT II Family [Rev. 1/3/12]

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Scherzo (Gates have closed)

Dark - In 2

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1-8

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41A-41C

LUCAS: Wait, wait! We have to talk this over for a minute.

**WEDNESDAY:** Talk what over?

LUCAS: We can't just run away and get married. You said it was important that everybody got along.

WEDNESDAY: And you said it didn't matter!

LUCAS: Yeah, but they wanna kill each other! You want that hanging

over our heads?

**WEDNESDAY:** Boy, you sound just like your father. The root doesn't fall far from the tree, does it?

LUCAS: What?

WEDNESDAY: Forget it.

**LUCAS:** The *apple*. The *apple* doesn't fall far from the tree.

**WEDNESDAY:** God, you're annoying.

LUCAS: You know what I think? You don't really wanna get married.

You just said that to stick it to your mother.

**WEDNESDAY:** Don't psychoanalyze me, Lucas. It's a deep dark hole and

you don't wanna go there. Come on. **LUCAS:** What'll we do for money?

**WEDNESDAY:** Stop being so scared of everything.

ANCESTORS: Yeah.

**LUCAS:** Right, like you're not scared.

**WEDNESDAY:** I eat scared for breakfast, honey.

ANCESTORS: Yeah.

**LUCAS:** Let's go back in the house and make some rational decisions.

**ANCESTORS:** No. (cont. next page)

WEDNESDAY: I don't want rational decisions! I want dangerous,

impulsive, crazy decisions!

ANCESTORS: Yeah.

**WEDNESDAY:** Are you coming or not?

**LUCAS:** Look - I - I can't run away like this. It's too crazy. I'm sorry.

WEDNESDAY: Not as sorry as you're gonna be when you wake up and you're forty-six and

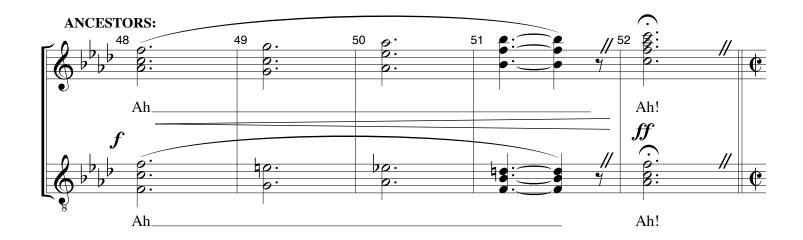
working for your father!

(WEDNESDAY storms away.)

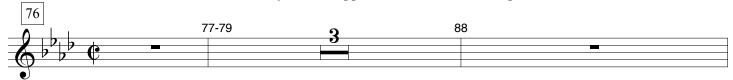
LUCAS: I can be impulsive. I just have to think about it first! [GO ON to ms. 44]



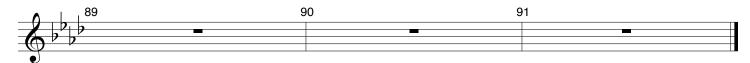




**FESTER:** There you are: Secrets exposed. Marriages threatened. Delicious anarchy. What happens now? Can this be repaired? (cont.)



FESTER: Or do you all leave in an hour feeling vaguely depressed? Let's find out, shall we?



# The Addams Family

# JUST AROUND THE CORNER

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**MORTICIA:** Well, I'm not going to end up like your mother.

**GOMEZ:** My mother? I thought she was your mother. No, seriously.

**MORTICIA:** You lied to me, I can't live with that.

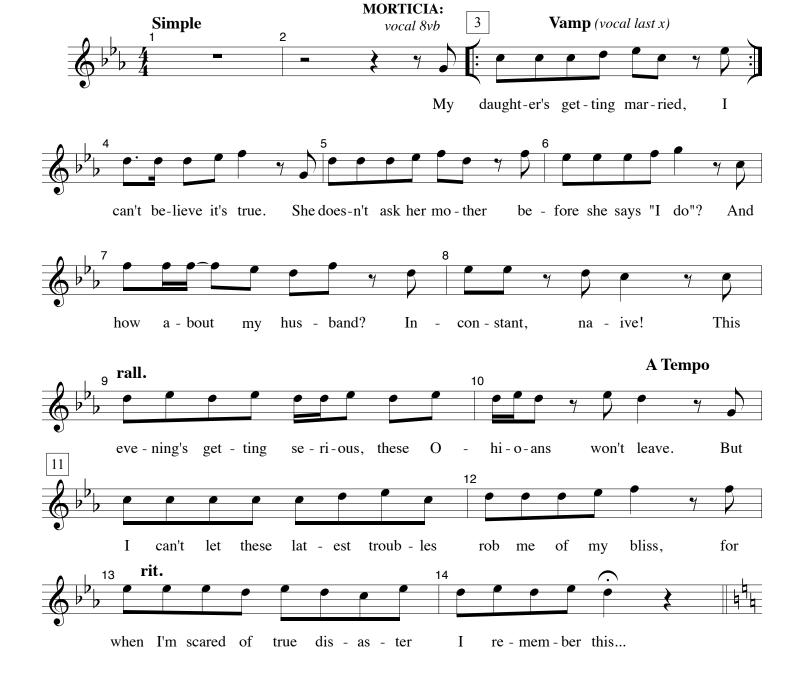
**GOMEZ:** Here, cara. I feel the urge to take you in my arms.

**MORTICIA:** Not. Today.

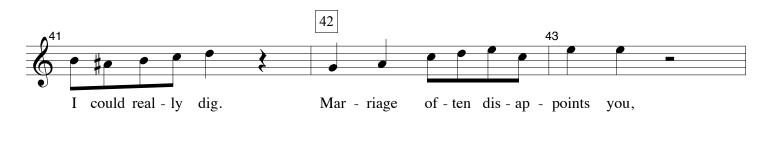
GOMEZ: But cara -

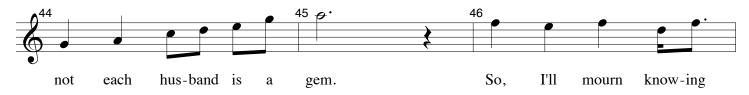
**MORTICIA:** Out!" (He turns to leave.)

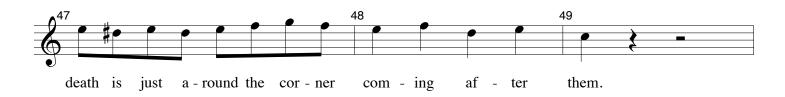
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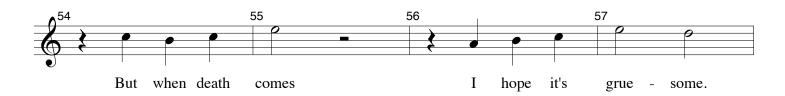






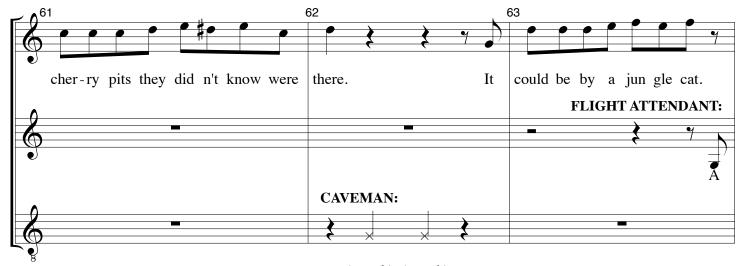




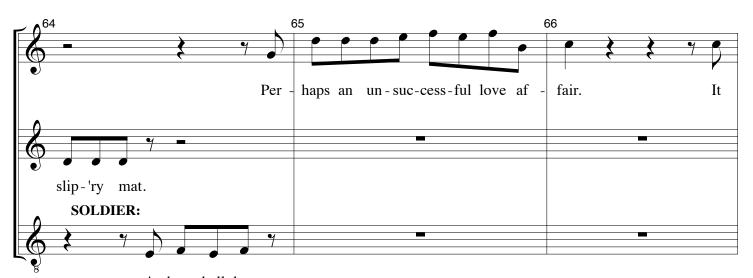




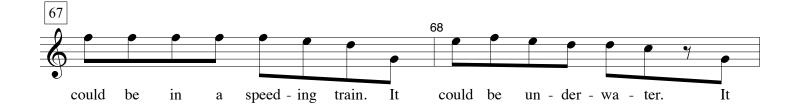
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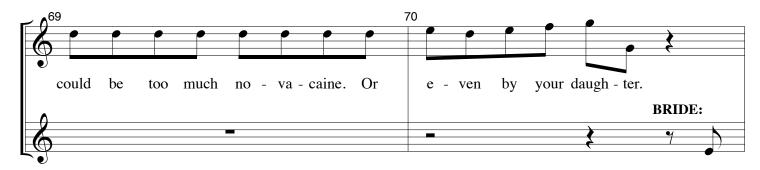


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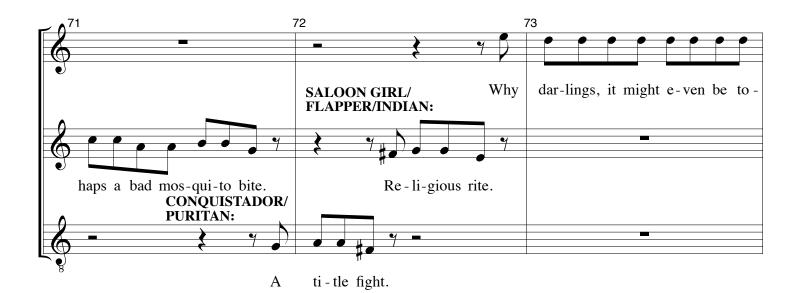


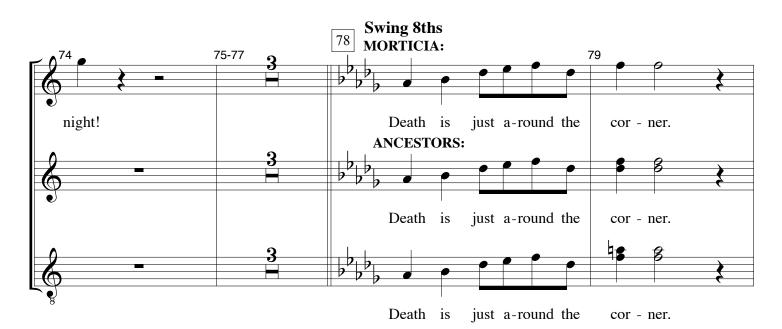
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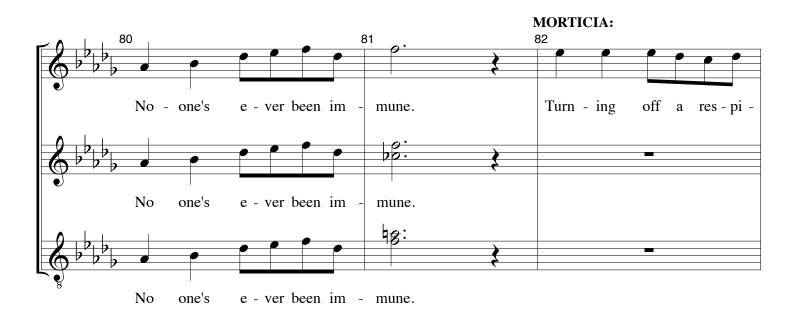




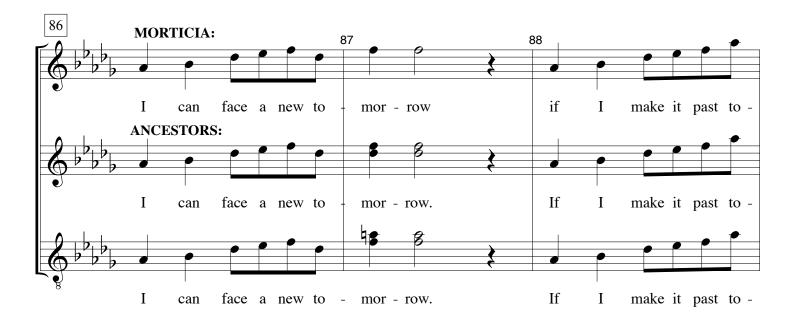
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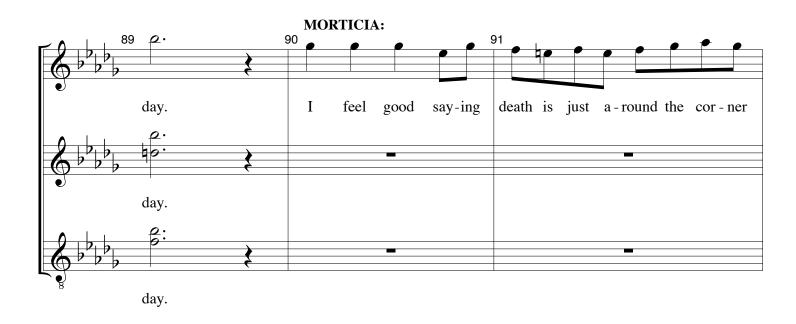




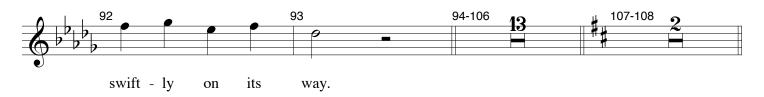


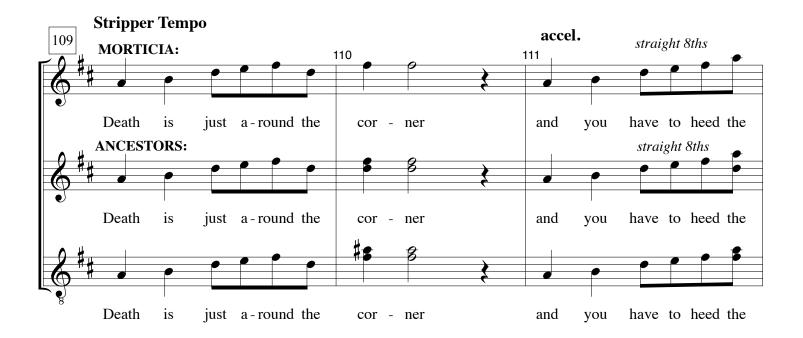


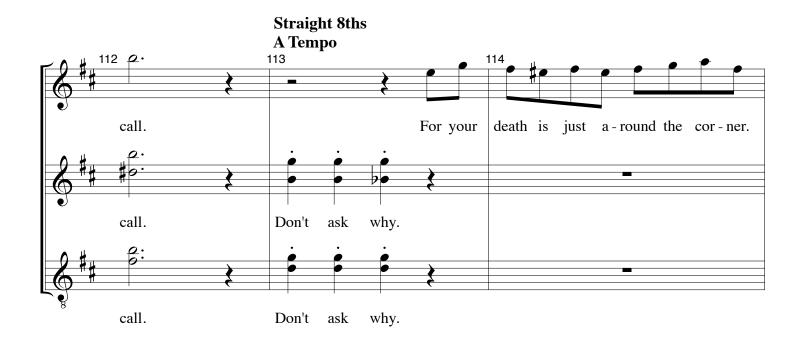


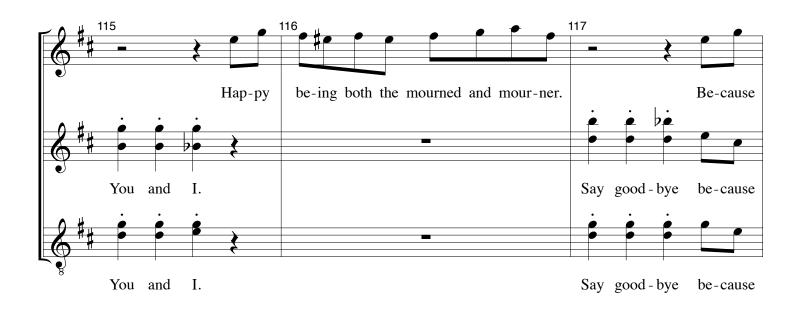


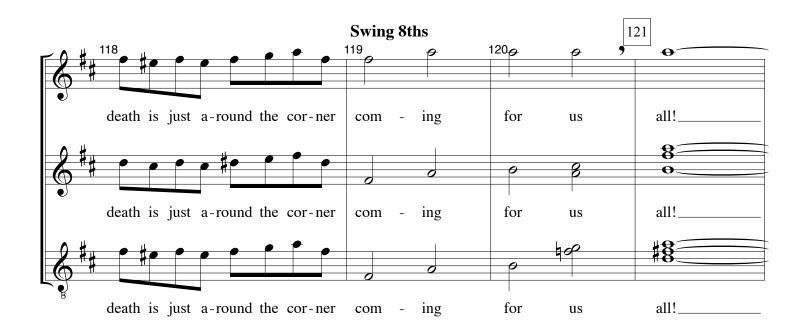
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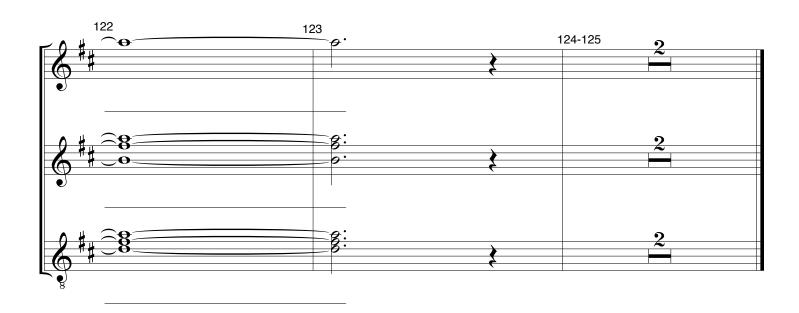








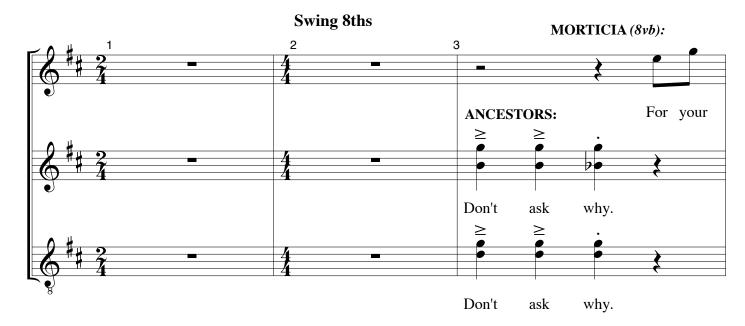


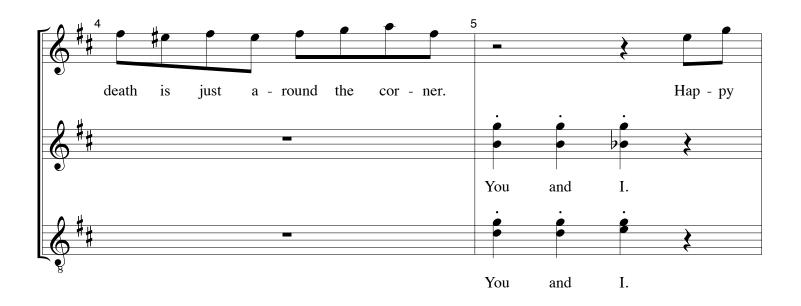


### JUST AROUND THE CORNER ~ PLAYOFF

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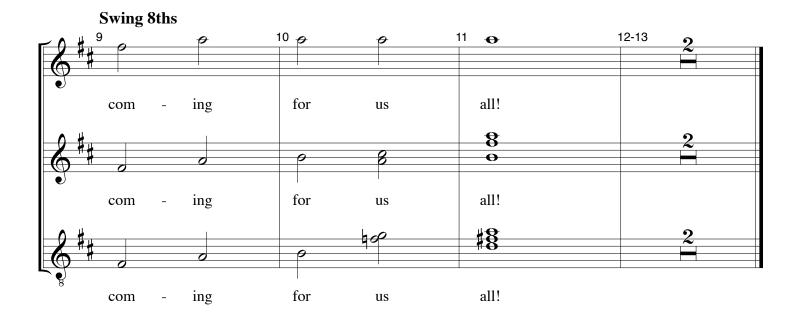
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Say good-bye be-cause death is just a-round the cor-ner



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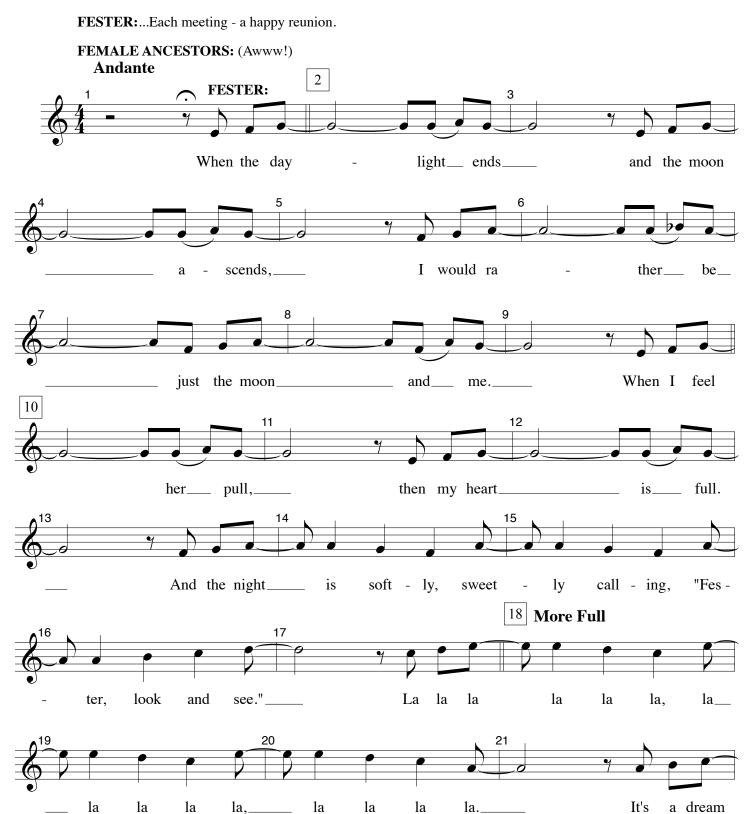
# Fadamo THE MOON AND ME

Family

[Rev. 1/31/12]

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FEMALE ANCESTORS: (Ohh!)









Ahh!\_ Ahh!\_

### **HAPPY SAD**

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[Rev. 1/14/12]

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**WEDNESDAY:** I hate him!

**GOMEZ:** It's a beginning. Something to build on.

WEDNESDAY: He says he can't live without me, and then he lets me go. [MUSIC]

I love him, why doesn't he love me?

**GOMEZ:** You just said you hated him. Which is it?



Vocal

**GOMEZ:** It even conquered you, my adorable Attila.

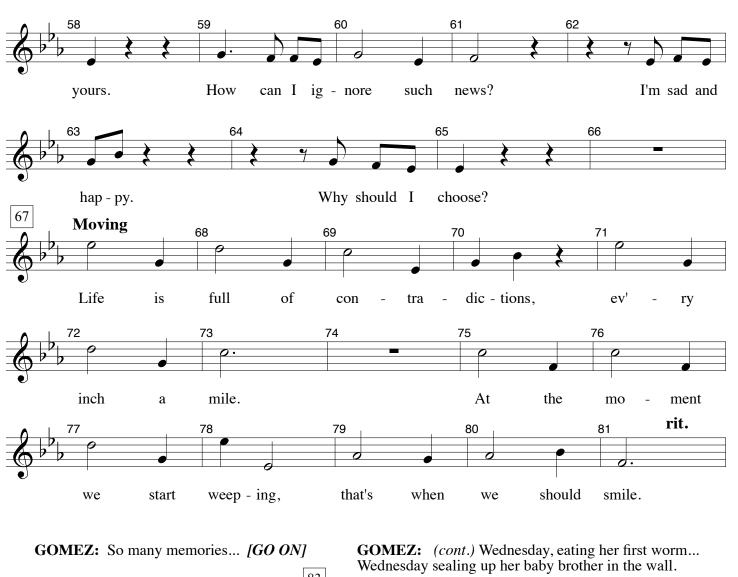
You had to go and grow up.

**WEDNESDAY:** And you're cool with that?

GOMEZ: Yes and no. [GO ON]



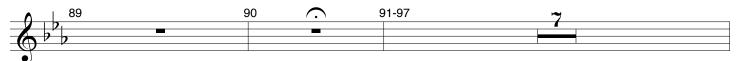






**GOMEZ:** (cont.) Wednesday s setting fire to a Jehovah's witness... [GO ON]

(cont.) And I think, 'where did the years go?' And I am sad. But then I see this lovely young woman, and I am happy. Happy, sad, happy, sad.





In ev' - ry heav - en,



# The Oddamo CRAZIER THAN YOU [Rev. 1/14/12]

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**LUCAS:** No, but see--the lover always comes back.

Ulysses. Tristan. Romeo.

WEDNESDAY: Listen, I'm home-schooled.

What's your point?

**LUCAŠ:** I'd rather die than live without you.

WEDNESDAY: Ok. Prove it!

LUCAS: What.

**WENDESDAY:** Prove it.

[MUSIC] Here.

LUCAS: Where'd you--

WEDNESDAY: Put this apple on your head and

go stand against the tree.

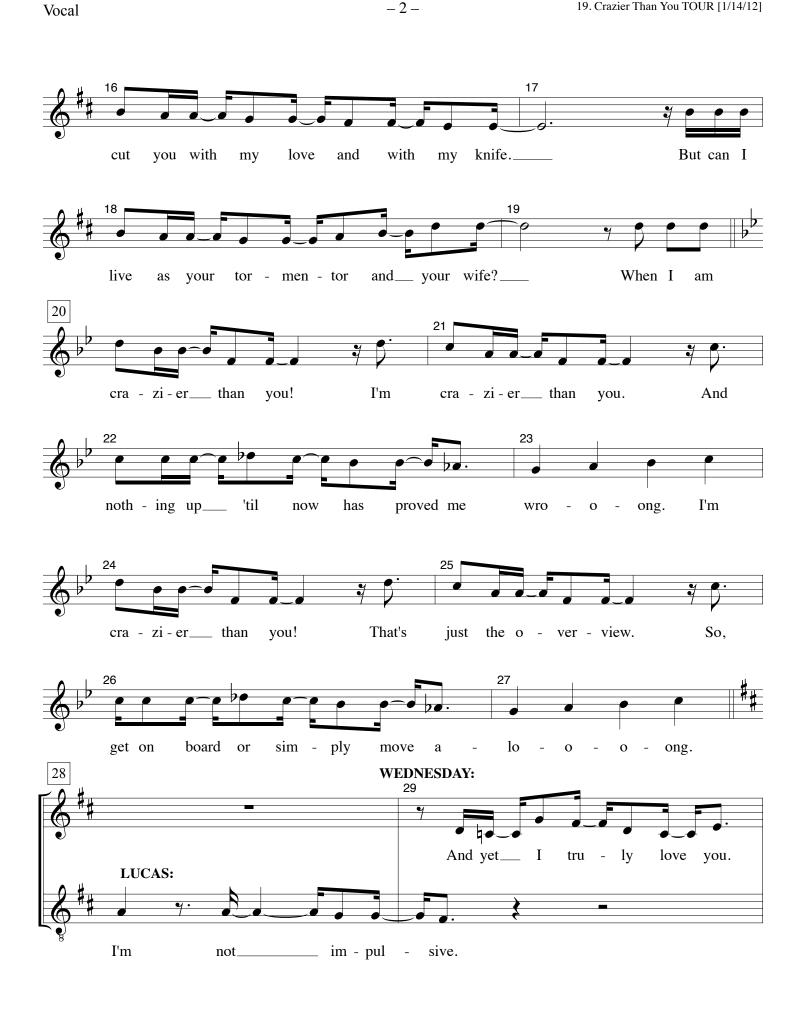
**LUCAS:** Wait - you're gonna--? **WEDNESDAY:** Uh-huh.

LUCAS: You're crazy.

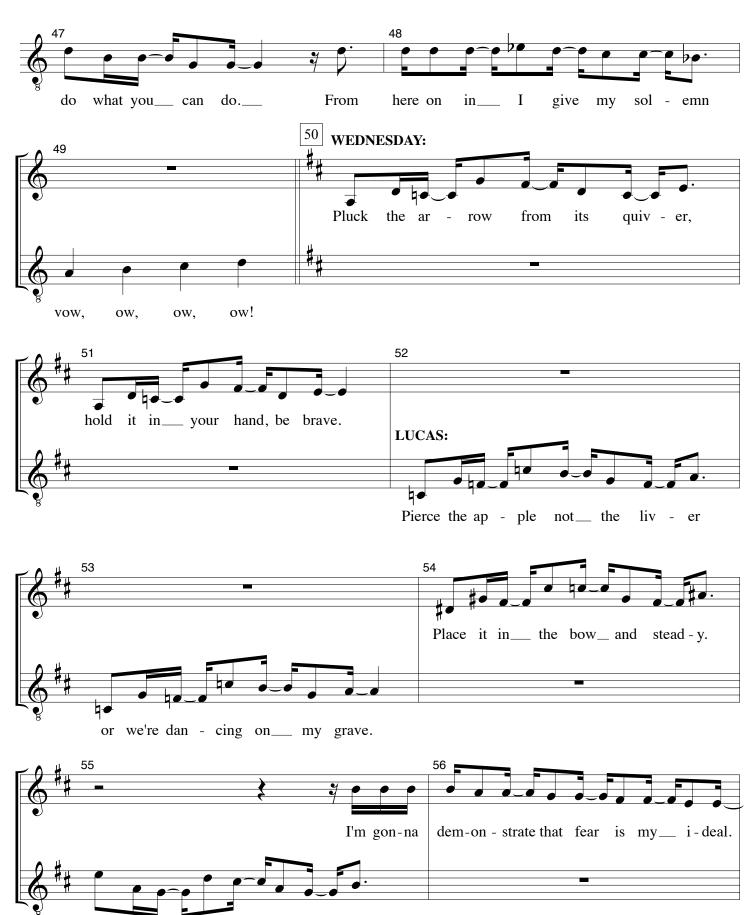
**WEDNESDAY:** And you're not crazy enough.

That's the problem. [GO ON]





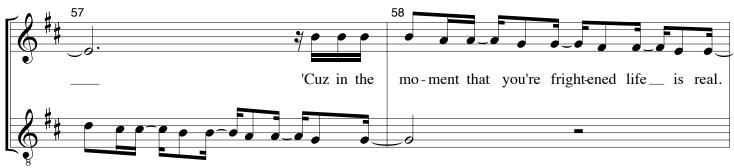




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Can't you shoot that thing al - read - y?!?





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Girl, be-lieve me, fear is your ap - peal.\_\_\_\_



Then my life \_\_ must be \_\_ real real!And in a \_ flash when you \_\_ re-leaseand seal the deal \_\_\_

**LUCAS:** No, no, no, wait! OK, OK! You want crazy - here's crazy.

**WEDNESDAY:** OK. Now it's getting interesting. Aren't you afraid?

**LUCAS:** No! You know why? Because I will guide the arrow! I'll guide it with my love.

WEDNESDAY: How does that work exactly?

**LUCAS:** We're connected, see? We're destined to be together! So nothing bad can happen!

**WEDNESDAY:** Yeah, but what if I miss?

[MUSIC OUT]



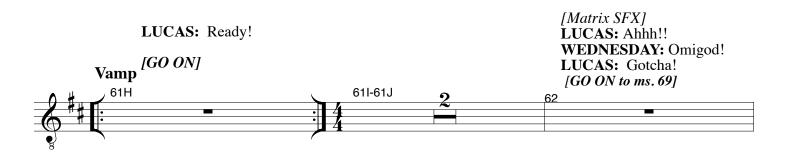
**LUCAS:** Then you'll be the last thing I ever see.

WEDNESDAY: That is so

hot.

[GO ON]





**LUCAS:** Now will you marry me?

WEDNESDAY: Oh, yes, Lewis. A thousand

times yes.

LUCĂS: Lucas. Lucas. WEDNESDAY: Gotcha! (THEY exit as MAL appears.)

Play 3X



**FESTER:** Did you hear that? The boy was willing to die for love. Hard to believe he's your son.

**MAL:** He was so happy.

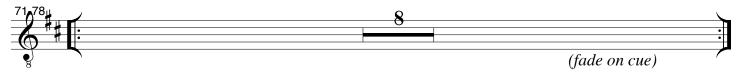
**FESTER:** Remember that? Being happy?

**MAL:** Yeah, what happened?

**FESTER:** You've turned into an unfeeling, rigid, selfish control freak. **MAL:** Fester, you're a wise person. How can I fix this? What do I do?

**FESTER:** Don't worry, it will come to you.

**MAL:** I wasn't always this way. I was happy-go-lucky once. I told jokes and played the guitar and slept until noon. But then you get a wife and a kid and a mortgage... [MUSIC FADES]



(ALICE appears.)
FESTER: Keep going.
MAL: But what do I say?

**FESTER:** Just remember how you felt the first time you saw her.

[CUE BELL TREE in PERC.]

MAL: Alice. It's Mal. ALICE: I know.

**MAL:** No, the old Mal.

**ALICE:** The old Mal? With the guitar and the T-shirt?

**MAL:** And the head-band.

**ALICE:** Omigod. The head-band. You were pretty crazy back then, you know that?

MAL: I guess I got stuck, Alice--More than most men. But mama, I swear I'll be crazy again.

**ALICE:** Mal, you're rhyming.

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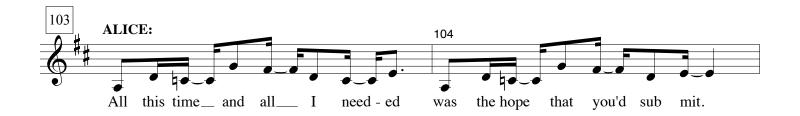
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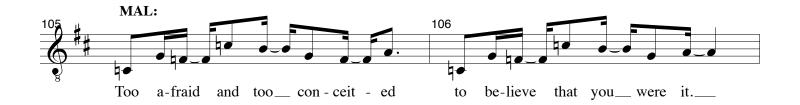
MAL: For you, baby. Just for you.

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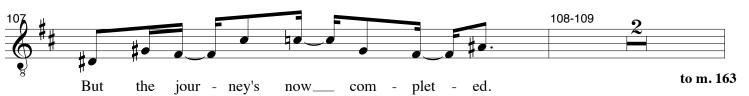


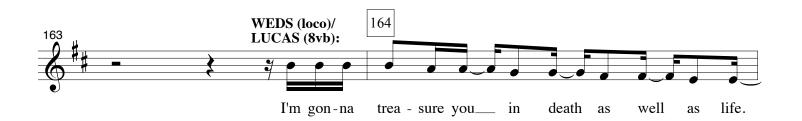
I'll drop the plan. You'll be the man in

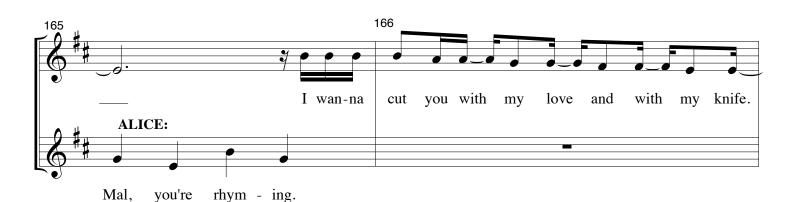




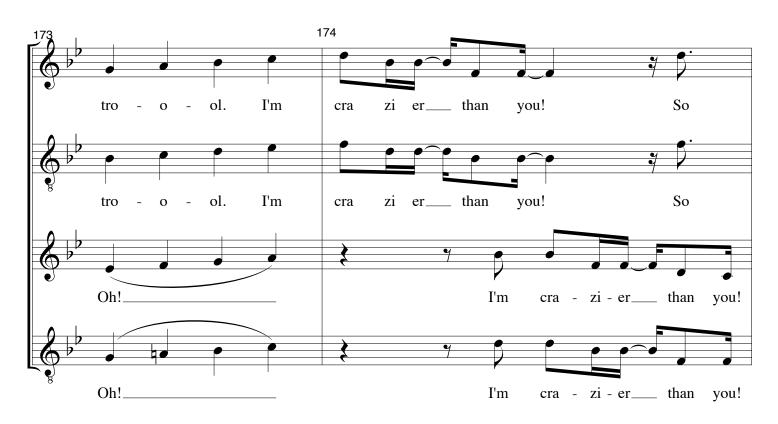
ALICE: I missed you, pumpkin! Come to Mama!

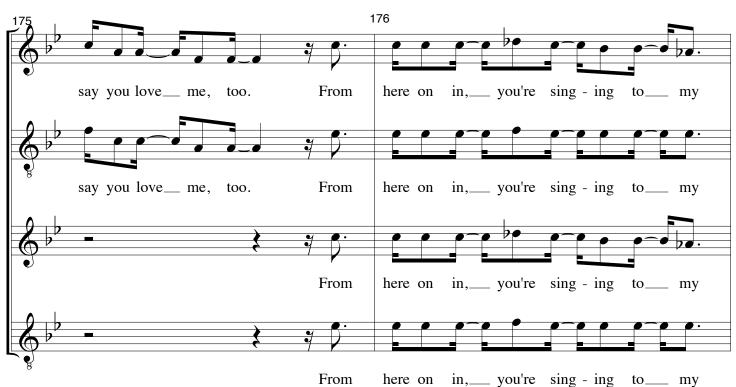


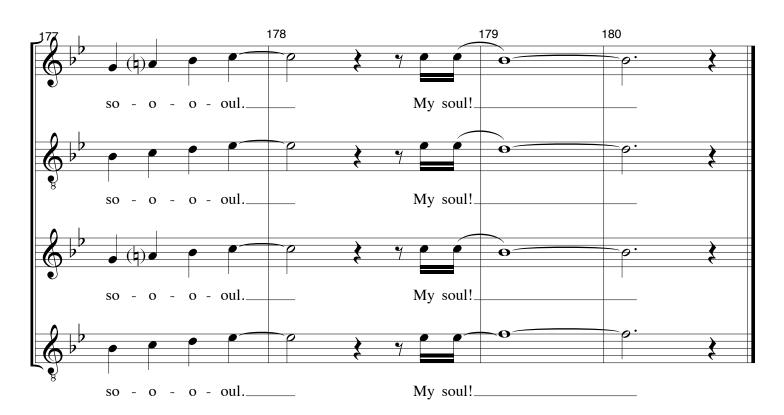












## The Addams Family

## **NOT TODAY**

[Rev. 5/25/12]

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**GOMEZ:** Where's that hotel guide? Ah! Hotel Merde. Rue de Toilette. Condemned six times by the Board of Health. Not enough. *Voila!* Hotel Nosferatu. Rating: minus three stars. No windows. No towels. No staff. *Bingo!* [MUSIC]

(cont.) The worst hotel in Paris! Get them on the line! Hurry, this is the final round, my friend!







**LURCH:** (Groans)

**GOMEZ:** Is that my call to Paris? It's about time! 'Allo? Hotel Nosferatu? Listen, the future of my marriage





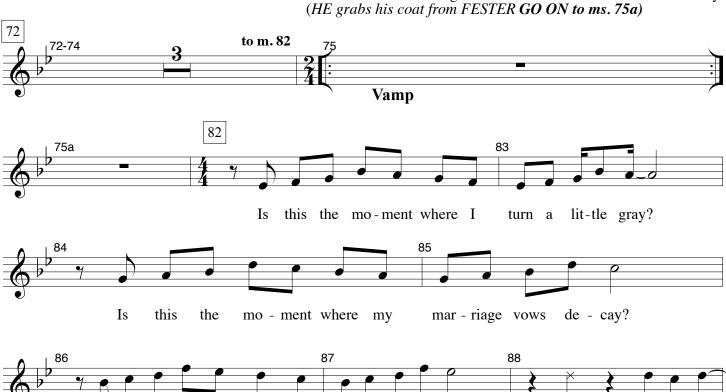


(FESTER enters)

FESTER: Gomez! Gomez! Morticia's leaving!

**GOMEZ:** What?

**FESTER:** She's at the gate with a valise! It's the end of the family!







## Iddamo LIVE BEFORE Family WE DIE

[Rev. 1/14/12]

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

MORTICIA: That's different. My mother was condescending, judgmental, and withholding,

and loved nothing more than stirring up trouble.

GOMEZ: Uh-huh.

**MORTICIA:** Oh God, I've turned into my mother. **GOMEZ:** And Wednesday is you. Isn't it wonderful?

**MORTICIA:** You did that like a lawyer.

[MUSIC]

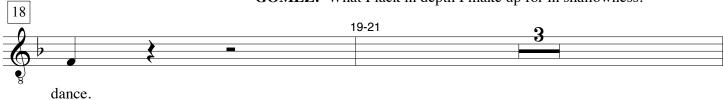
**GOMEZ:** No, just a husband and a father. Not so easy. In fact, very difficult.

[GO ON]



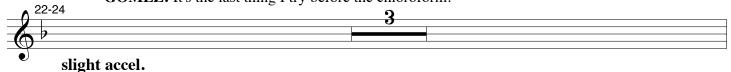
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**MORTICIA:** Mother told me to beware of clever men with silver tongues. **GOMEZ:** What I lack in depth I make up for in shallowness.

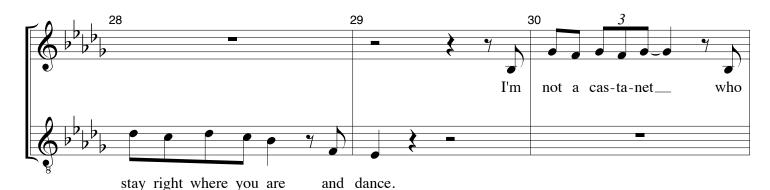


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**MORTICIA:** You really think you can sway me with a joke? **GOMEZ:** It's the last thing I try before the chloroform.

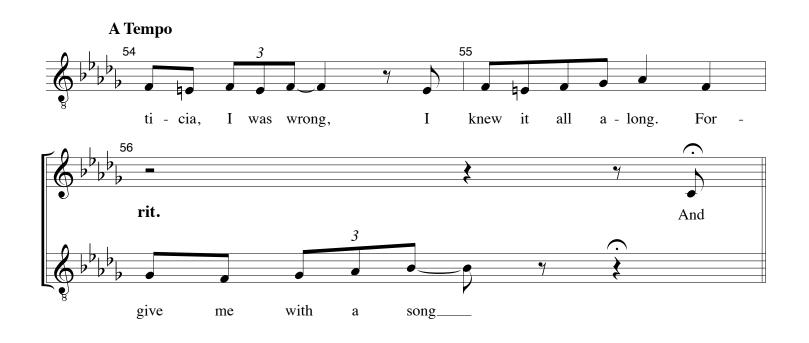












## **#22 Tango De Amor**

**GOMEZ:** *Mi Amor*. Creature of constant surprises. You have legs! **MORTICIA:** Ladies-[GO ON]



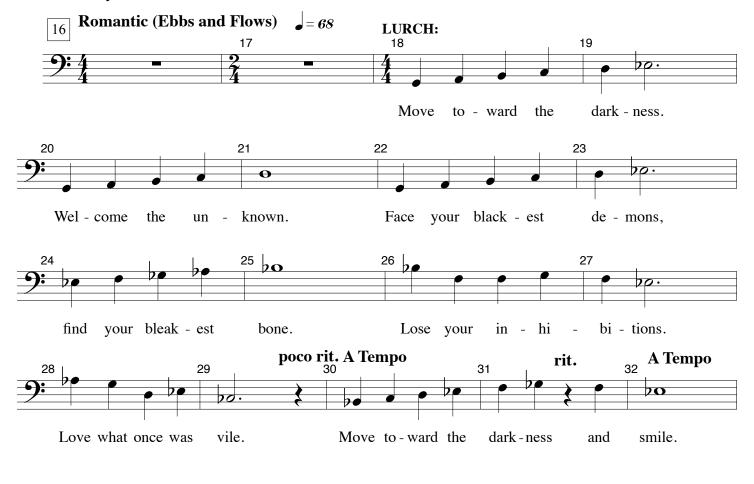
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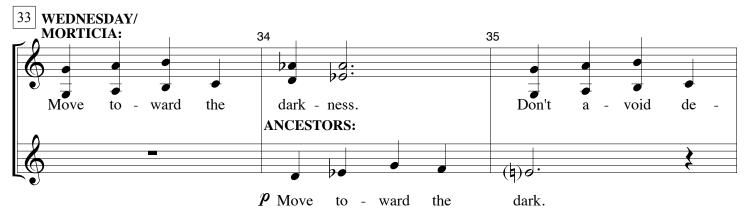
## The Addams MOVE TOWARD Family THE DARKNESS

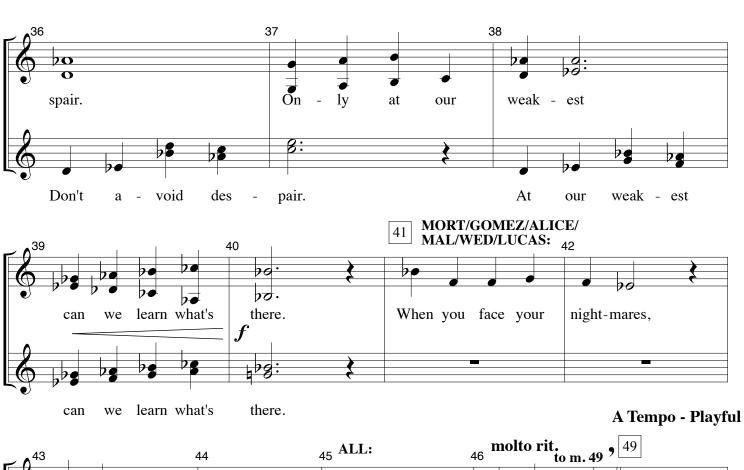
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**GOMEZ:** (*proudly*) My son. You embraced the darkness of your despair and suddenly the world makes sense. You are a true Addams!









**GOMEZ:** Fester, Fester - What are you doing?

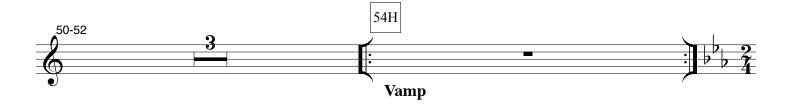
FESTER: I'm embracing the unknown! I'm

moving toward my darkness!

MORTICIA: Au revoir, Fester. May you find your bliss.

**ALICE:** Excuse me, Fester, but where are you going? **FESTER:** To the moon, Alice.

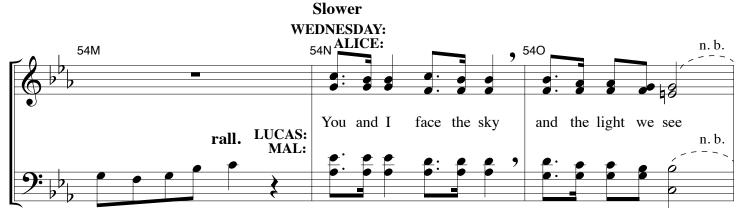
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Something new.

Some-one bold.



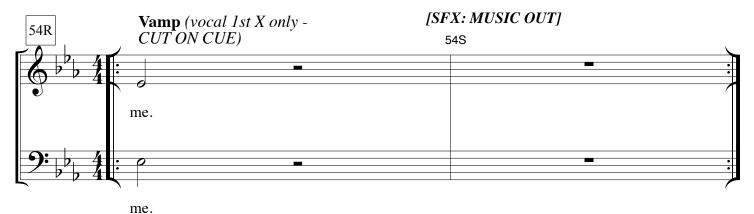
Some-one new in charge.

You and I face the sky

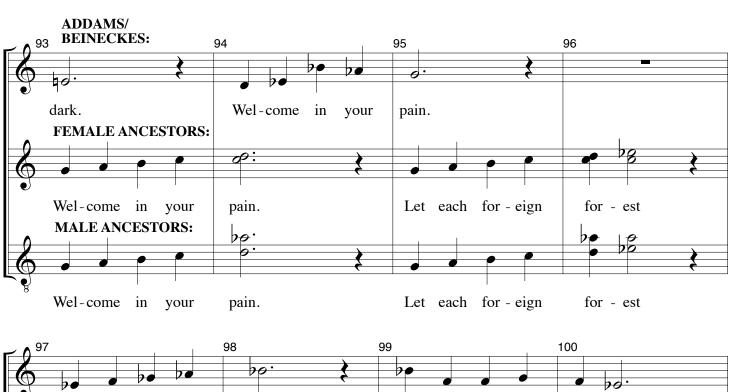
and the light we see

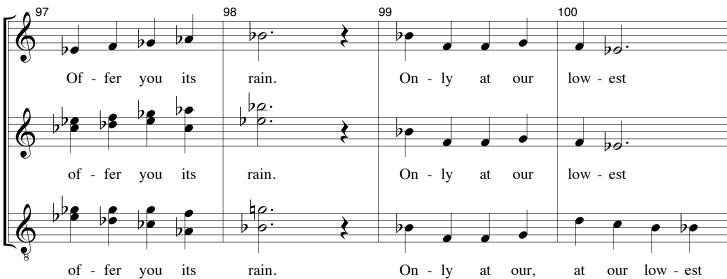


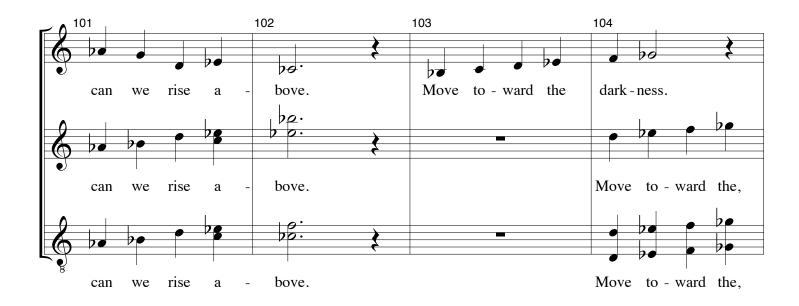
**FESTER:** Pugsley, will you do the honors? I'm coming, my love. Stay full!











Love.

Love.

P Ooh.

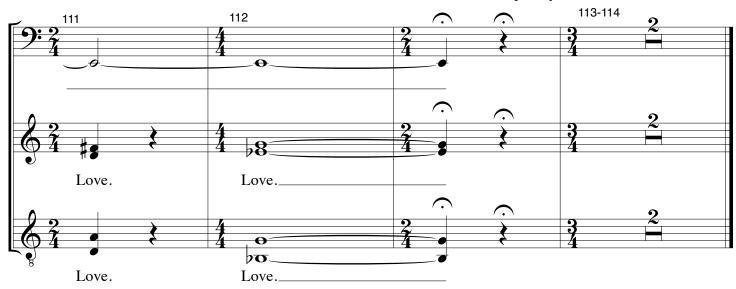
P Ooh.



**GOMEZ:** Are you unhappy, my darling? **MORTICIA:** Oh yes, yes. *[MUSIC OUT]* (in the clear) Completely.

Love.

Love.



## The Addams Family

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## **Bows**

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