# LEGALLY BLONDE

Callback Scenes

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START

#### ELLE

I love your top! It's so fatigue chic. So how psyched are you guys? Snaps, our first day at Harvard Law.

Silence.

Hi. I'm Elle Woods. And this is Bruiser Woods.

**ENID** 

(grudgingly)

Enid.

ELLE

Oh my god, we both have names that start with an E!

#### **EMMETT**

But I don't think dogs are exactly allowed in class.

#### **ELLE**

(smiles a bit)

Oh, Bruiser's not a dog. Bruiser's family. I'll just drop him off at my room. He'd be happier there anyway: Bruiser loves Glee. I'll see you later then.

As ELLE exits, STUDENTS RETURN, singing as they get in line to receive their syllabi from EMMETT. WARNER and VIVIENNE enter the line.

AARON \ P	ADAMADAN	ENID	WARNER,
I WON A FULBRIGHT		· ·	VIVIENNE & LL STUDENT
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## WARNER, VIVIENNE, ALL STUDENTS

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PLACE FOR...

ELLE re-enters at the end of the line and spots WARNER at the front.

ELLE

Warner!

ELLE weaves through the singing students to reach him.

**STUDENTS** 

AH-AH-AH-AH-AH

AH-AH-AH-AH-AH

AH-AH-AH-AH-AH

Excuse Me.

**ELLE** 

Pardon Me.

Coming through.

HARVARD'S THE PERFECT PLACE FOR ME.

#### **STUDENTS**

PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. GOOD TO KNOW. WELCOME TO HARVARD.

#### ACT TWO, SCENE SIX

## #17a-Kyle Gets Bandaged

KYLE displays a stuffed squirrel from the wings. He enters the stage with it and Rufus follows, eager to get at the squirrel. KYLE pets him.

PAULETTE watches wistfully.

**KYLE** 

C'mon, Rufus. Good boy. Sit.

PAULETTE

Wow... He really likes ya.

KYŁE

And I like him.

PAULETTE

Thanks for walking Rufus.

**KYLE** 

It was the least I could do. Consider this training a thank you for staying with me at the hospital.

PAULETTE

Trust me: the pleasure was all mine.

**KYLE** 

Well, I should be getting back to my route now. Duty calls.

KYLE exits.

**PAULETTE** 

Duty calls. All that AND he has a job.

(legaing RUFUS out)

C'mon, Rufus. It's time for your manicure.

ELLE enters with bags.

START

ELLE

Paulette, I just came to say goodbye.

**PAULETTE** 

What?! Goodbye??!!

**ELLE** 

I'm going back home to California -



#### PAULETTE

California? Why?

**ELLE** 

I'm going back to where I make sense.

#### **PAULETTE**

You're not making any right now. Honey, what happened?

#### ELLE

All this time I thought I was proving myself and making a difference.... but it turns out I'm just one big blonde joke. That's all anyone's ever gonna see.

STOP

## #18 – Legally Blonde Remix

VIVIENNE reveals herself from beneath a hair dryer, having overheard this:

VIVIENNE

That's not what I see.

ELLE

Vivienne?!

#### VIVIENNE

We girls have to stick together. Maybe Warner saw a blonde who was sleeping her way to the top, but all I see is a woman who doesn't have to.

I USED TO PRAY FOR THE DAY YOU'D LEAVE. SWORE UP AND DOWN YOU DID NOT BELONG. BUT WHEN I'M WRONG THEN I SAY I'M WRONG, AND I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU. SO LISTEN UP!

I SEE NO END TO WHAT YOU'LL ACHIEVE—THAT'S ONLY IF YOU DON'T TURN AND RUN.
YOU PROVED IT TO ME, NOW SHOW EVERYONE
WHAT YOU CAN DO.

ENID enters with a conservative lawyer suit.

#### VIVIENNE & ENID

AND YOU LOOK GREAT IN DARK BLUE!

PAULETTE

## Staff ACT ONE, SCENE SEVEN

ELLE sits in the salon chair at the Hair Affair, a slightly run-down salon.

#### **PAULETTE**

Hey there! Welcome to the Hair Affair. You're with Paulette so you're in good hands. I'm sorta like Allstate, but for hair.

ELLE

Make me a brunette.

**PAULETTE** 

What? Brunette? Honey,

(gestures to her hair)

you're a genetic lotto win! Alright, something else is goin' on here. Back up. Paulette's listenin'. Spill.

ELLE

Okay. I'm Elle Woods, and I came all the way out for Harvard Law School —

**PAULETTE** 

That's a good school!

ELLE

I know, right? And, I did it to follow my one true love Warner out here and now he's... (gagging)

he's dating this evil preppie.

**PAULETTE** 

So what's she got that you don't got? Three tits?

ELLE

She's

(air quotes)

"serious."

**PAULETTE** 

Seriously, she have three tits?

**ELLE** 

No, she's a constipated polo shirt with a mousy brown bob. Apparently that's what Warner wants. So, you have to make me a brunette.

**PAULETTE** 

Whoa, whoa, whoa. Do you know the number one reason behind all Bad Hair Decisions?

## 6

#### #7-Ireland

#### **PAULETTE**

(sings)

LOVE!

YOU'RE LOST WITHOUT YOUR LOVE.

YOUR HEART IS ON THE FLOOR.

I CAN HELP YOU, I BEEN THERE BEFORE.

music on next page

STOP

WHEN I NEED TO RELAX,
I JUST PUT ON SOME TRACKS

FROM THIS CD I BOUGHT FOR THE STORE...

PAULETTE starts the CD player. New Agey Irish music.

Isn't that relaxing? It's called "Celtic Moods".

(sings)

SEE, MY MOM WAS THREE QUARTERS ITALIAN, AND MY FATHER... I NEVER KNEW;
BUT MY GRANDFATHER CAME FROM...IRELAND.
THE DAND WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE.

ELLE

(dubious)

Ireland?

PAULETTE

(confident)

Ireland!

HE SAID ALL IRISH MEN ARE LIKE HEROES.
THEY'RE DESCENDED FROM POETS AND KINGS.
SO I SWORE I'D GET MARRIED IN IRELAND,
IN A WEDDING LIKE LORD OF THE RINGS.

AND MY REDHEADED GROOM: I CAN SEE 'IM!
AS WE STROLL PAST THE CHURCHES AND FARMS,
HE'S A SAILOR NAMED ..."BRENDAN"! ...OR "LIAM"!
HE CAN DANCE WITHOUT MOVIN' HIS ARMS.

IN A BAR ONCE I MET THIS GUY DEWEY.
AND HE BOUGHT ME LIKE FOURTEEN BEERS.



Paulette Off-Stage Voice

## **IRELAND**

1



#### WARNER

Everyone in the class wants it; nobody more than me. It's a guaranteed career. You're practically partner before you have a job offer.

START

VIVIENNE appears.

#### VIVIENNE

Elle. You're looking...fluffy. As usual.

#### ELLE

Hello, Vivienne. Thanks for your great tip on the "costume party." I see you came as Last Year's Sample Sale.

#### WARNER

Pooh B — Elle... You have to ace his course to get that internship and he's not called "C-Minus Callahan" for nothing.

#### ELLE

Warner, I'm completely cognizant of both those facts.

#### VIVIENNE

You're not going to make it through the semester, let alone get Callahan's internship. VIVIENNE looks her bunny costume up and down.

Even if you keep going... and going... and going...

Chuckles of amusement, everyone is watching this exchange.

Face it, bunny: One of these things is not like the other.

(gestures to the crowd)

Someday, we'll nominate Supreme Court justices... And you'll... tan.

(Collective 'ooohs' from the party.)

Run home, Elle, and change out of your skank costume.

ELLE takes a moment.

#### ELLE

Oh is THAT what you see, Vivienne? How unfortunate.

ELLE sees Enid twirling her glasses in her hand, runs up and snags them, and puts them on.

Because I am Gloria Steinen undercover, circa 1963, researching for her feminist manifesto 'I Was a Playboy Bunny.' Are you actually calling Gloria Steinem a SKANK?

ENID'S furious, like a mad dog.

#### **ENID**

Who's calling Gloria Steinem a skank?

VINIENNE



#### (ELLE)

WITHOUT ANYONE HOLDING MY HAND
I HAD TO FIND MY WAY.
THE DAY YOU BROKE MY HEART,
YOU HANDED ME THE CHANCE
TO MAKE A BRAND NEW START;
YOU HELPED ME FIND MY WAY.

THERE'S STILL SO MUCH TO LEARN;
SO MANY DREAMS TO EARN.
BUT EVEN IF I CRASH AND BURN
TEN TIMES A DAY,
I THINK I'M HERE TO STAY.
I'M GOING TO FIND MY WAY.

We transition to graduation day. The entire cast enters in cap and gown as a giant banner reads "CONGRATULATIONS HARVARD LAW GRADUATES." VIVIENNE addresses the graduating class, facing out toward the actual audience.

START

#### VIVIENNE

William Shakespeare wrote: "To thine own self be true. And it must follow as the night, the day. Thou cans't not then be false to any man." I believe this wise statement best applies to a woman. A blonde woman. For the past three years, she taught me, and showed us all, that being true to yourself never goes out of style. Ladies and gentlemen, your valedictorian, Elle Woods!

ELLE is at a lectern.

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#### ELLE

Ladies and gentlemen of the class of two thousand and...

Spotlight on PAULETTE, sitting in the back. She turns to the audience and addresses us directly.

#### **PAULETTE**

HERE'S THE PART WHERE SHE GIVES HER BIG SPEECH.
WE'RE SO PROUD, BUT ELLE'S NOT ONE TO PREACH.
SO SHE SAID WE COULD PLAY "WHERE ARE THEY NOW?"
HERE WE GO:

ENID PRACTICES FAMILY LAW.

VIVIENNE'S TRAINING FOR THE REACE CORPS.

WARNER QUIT, SAID HE MAKES MORE MODELING ANYHOW.

CALLAHAN RAN FOR GOVERNOR, BUT WAS DEFEATED OF COURSE,

AND HIS WIFE HIRED EMMETT TO HANDLE THEIR MESSY DIVORCE!

AND ME?

#### BROOKE & ELLE

(joyful)

WHO? (SNAP)

WHO? (SNAP)

DELTA NU NU NU!

DELTA NU NU NU!

YOU ARE A DELTA NU!

(SNAP SNAP)

DELTA NU NU NU!

DELTA NÚ NU NU!

YOU ARE A DELTA NU!"

START

They dissolve into snaps and giggles.

#### ELLE

Delta Nu's former U.C.L.A. President Elle Woods! I knew I recognized your mug shot!

#### **BROOKE**

Shut up!

#### ELLE

Oh yeah! Your DVD's got me in shape to be June for the Girls of U.C.L.A. calendar!

#### **BROOKE**

That's so great! Thank god someone on this legal team gets me!

#### **ELLE**

Sisterhood's forever. I believe you. And I will fight with everything I have to clear your good name. But that involves an alibi...

#### BROOKE

I can't tell it.

#### **ELLE**

Everyone has their secrets. For years I denied my highlights.

#### **BROOKE**

It's beyond highlights, Elle. It's a disgrace. My secret is nuclear and if it gets out, I could lose my fitness empire, which means everything to me. If I tell you...will you Delta Nu Sister Swear not to tell anyone?

#### ELLE

I will Double Delta Nu Sister Swear.

#### **BROOKE**

You're hard-core. Okay. On the day my husband was killed, I had... (whispers)

Lipo...

ELLE

What?...

BROOKE

(again, quiet)

Lipo...

ELLE

Brooke, you're going to have to speak up, I can't —

**BROOKE** 

(bursts like a geyser)

LIPOSUCTION! MINIMALLY INVASIVE, OUTPATIENT LIPO, BUT LIPO! *ELLE gasps*.

ELLE

Oh, my god!

A PRISON GUARD enters:

PRISON GUARD

Ms. Wyndham, your time is up.

**BROOKE** 

I had to do it. Serious cottage cheese was showing up on MY ass!

FLLE

Your secret's safe with me.

**BROOKE** 

(screams as she's being pulled out)

My fans are counting on me, I can't let them down! You gotta take care of me, Elle! You swore.

BROOKE's gone. Just then, everyone returns.

**EMMETT** 

Elle, there you are

STOP

CALLAHAN

Where's Brooke?



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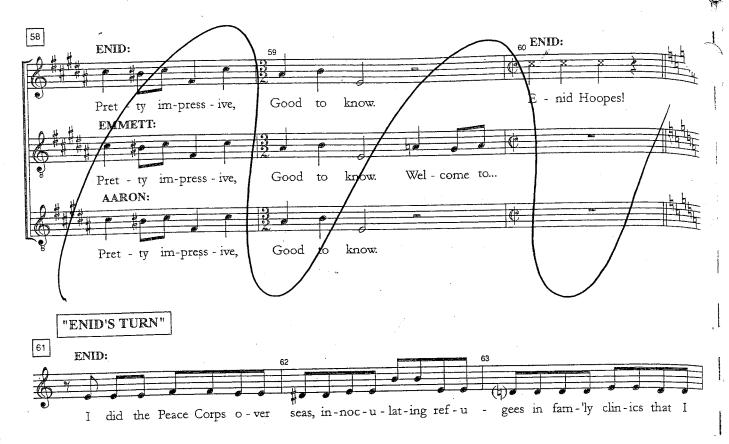
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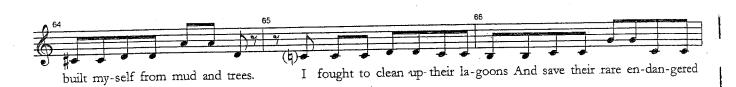
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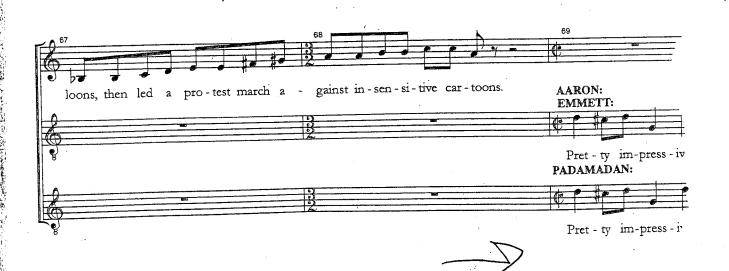
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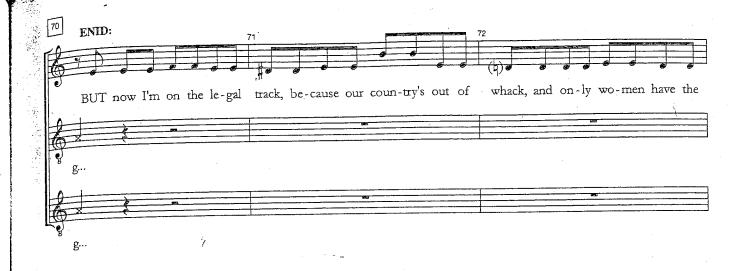


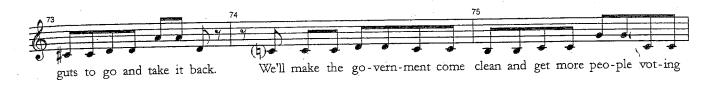






#4-The Harvard Variations







ELLE: "Anyone know where I can find (consulting roster) Criminal Law 101 with Professor Callahan & Warner Huntington III?"

EMMETT: "Well, we're all heading there, so I'm sure someone would be happy to-

But the STUDENTS have gotten up quickly and left.

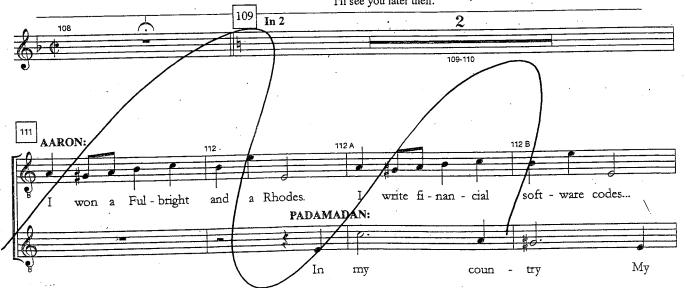
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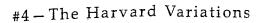
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EMMETT: "...show you... It's in Hauser. Over there, second building on the left."
ELLE: "Thanks."

EMMETT: "But I don't think dogs are exactly allowed in class."

ELLE: "Oh, Bruiser's not a dog, Bruiser's family. I'll just drop Bruiser off at my room. He'd be happier there anyway: Bruiser loves Glee. I'll see you later then."





## START

#### PILAR

Oh, honey, so good to see you... Look! We brought you new magazines. We've got Town and Country and your favorite, the one they named after you, Elle Magazine.

The DELTA NUs surround ELLE and try to cheer her up with the stack of magazines. ELLE listlessly leafs through an issue of "Town and Country" magazine.

#### ELLE

Thanks, Pilar. But it's gonna take more than "Elle" and "Town and Country" to bring me back from my Shame Spiral.

#### **MARGOT**

Well then sweetie, you're just gonna hafta hold on 'cause the new *Cosmo*'s not out 'til next week.

The GIRLS make a triangle symbol and look heavenward. ELLE smiles despite herself and flips through "Town and Country" then SCREAMS BLOODY-MURDER.

#### SERENA

What? Don't tell me ponchos are back in.

ELLE jerks to attention, holds up the magazine.

#### ELLE

No, worse! It's Warner's brother — Peyton Huntington the Fourth and his bride! Pictures from his wedding! LOOK!

MARGOT and SERENA inspect the photo and collectively CRINGE.

#### **SERENA**

(horrified)

Muffy Vanderbilt?!

## MARGOT, SERENA & PILAR

STOP

Muffy?!

#### ELLE

Wait a sec! That's the kind of girl Warner wants! Someone serious, someone lawyerly, someone who wears black even when nobody's dead. Girls, I have a completely brilliant plan.

#3 - What You Want (Part 1)



#### SERENA, MARGOT, PILAR

OMIGOD WE RAWK!

SERENA, MARGOT, PILAR, CHORUS

**U**'S THE SCENE OF THE—

JUDGE

HUSH!

ELLE

(to stenographer)

Now would the court stenographer please read that back?

COURT STENOGRAPHER

"Omigod we rawk, it's the scene of the-

ELLE

(points to steno roll)

No! Before that.

COURT STENOGRAPHER

Witness: "Yes, I was in the shower."

START

ELLE

Thank you. Now, Ms. Wyndham, you claim on the day of the murder, you got a perm. Was this your first perm?

#### CHUTNEY

No. I've permed my hair since junior high, about three a year.

#### ELLE

Interesting. My associate has just gotten a perm herself today. Exhibit B: Ms. Enid Hoopes.

ENID steps forward, her hair permed exactly like Chutney's. PAULETTE fusses around her with a comb.

Thank you, Ms. Buonfonte.

PAULETTE gets out of the way and joins Kyle.

Now Ms. Wyndham, would Exhibit B's perm be similar to your own?

CHUTNEY

Duh.

#### **ELLE**

And now, one more time, you didn't see the murder or hear the gunshot because you were where?...

The COURT groans, exasperated.

#### ALL

In the shower!!!!

#### ELLE

Thank you. Ms. Hoopes, would you step into the shower, please?

ENID enters the shower, closes the shower curtain, turns on the water. After a beat, she re-emerges, her perm stick-straight.

#### **CHUTNEY**

Idiot. You can't get a perm wet for 48 hours -

#### ELLE

Exactly! Water deactivates the perm's ammonium thiglycolate and completely ruins it. It's the cardinal rule of perm maintenance. Your perm is still intact so you couldn't have showered that day. Why would you lie about being in the shower?

#### **CHUTNEY**

I was-

#### ELLE

Why would you lie about NOT hearing the gunshot?

#### **CHUTNEY**

But I-

ELLE

Why would you -

#### **CHUTNEY**

THINK I LIKED BEING OLDER THAN MY DAD'S NEW ARM CANDY WIFE??? I didn't mean to hurt my father! I didn't mean to shoot him... I THOUGHT IT WAS BROOKE COMING THROUGH THE DOOR!

STOP

#### ELLE

OMIGOD...

EMMETT, WARNER, VIVIENNE, ENID, D.A. JOYCE RILEY & ASSISTANT D.A.

OMIGOD....

MARGOT, SERENA, PILAR, MOM, DAD, BROOKE, BAILIFF & JUDGE

OMIGOD...

**JUDGE** 

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EMMETT

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**ENID** 

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## #15a-Day Three of The Trial

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STOP

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## D.A. JOYCE RILEY

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**NIKOS** 

Cleaning the pool.

D.A. JOYCE RILEY holds something in her hand.

## D.A. JOYCE RILEY

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#### NIKOS

That was my uniform.

#### D.A. JOYCE RILEY

Was it Brooke's idea to have you wear this "uniform?"

#### NIKOS

Yes.

#### D.A. JOYCE RILEY

And could you please tell the court exactly what your relationship was to the defendant?

#### NIKOS

Brooke and I were LOVERS.

#### #15b-Lovers!

The COURT GASPS.

#### D.A. JOYCE RILEY

No further questions.

(CALLAHAN is thrown, leans over to BROOKE, whispers)

#### **CALLAHAN**

He was your lover?

#### BROOKE

Oh no. A Delta Nu would never sleep with a man in a thong! I just liked to watch him clean the filters...

#### **CALLAHAN**

Unbelievable! You're all making me look like an ass up there!

(Callahan stands and speaks to the judge)

Your honor! I request a 10-minute recess!

## #15c-Elle's Cell Phone

Just then, ELLE'S CELL PHONE VIBRATES. She looks at the caller I.D.

#### ELLE

Excuse me. I'll take this outside.

ELLE dashes out of the courtroom, cell phone in hand.

## START

#### **EMMETT**

Hello... Kitty...

EMMETT, bemused, takes in this bizarre surrounding.

EMMETT sees empty Red Bull cans littering her desk.

You drink a lot of Red Bull, don't you?

ELLE (O.S.)

It gives me energy!

**EMMETT** 

So you can stay up late studying?

ELLE (O.S.)

What?!

**EMMETT** 

I said studying!!! You do study, don't you? Where are those law books?

ELLE (O.S.)

They're under the —

EMMETT

Under the -

ELLE (O.S.)

- pile of -

**EMMETT** 

- pile of -

ELLE

(playfully irritated)

There!

ELLE lifts a pile of clothes off her dressing table — there's nothing underneath.

(genuinely confused)

They're here somewhere...

#### **EMMETT**

music next page YOU KNOW, THIS VANITY'S REAL PICTURESQUE, BUT IT STARTED ITS LIFE AS A DESK. CLEAR IT OFF AND FIND SOME ROOM FOR BOOKS INSTEAD.

ELLE

Hey, what are you doing?

#### **EMMETT**

(holding up cosmetics and clothes)

CAN YOU LIVE WITHOUT THIS? CAN YOU LIVE WITHOUT THAT? ...I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS...

(holding up diffuser)

ELLE

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(annoyed)

IT'S FOR HAIR!

**EMMETT** 

WEAR A HAT.

STOP

SPEND YOUR TIME IMPROVING WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR HEAD.

(holding up more things)

OUT! OUT!

PUT IT IN STORAGE.

SELL IT ON EBAY.

LEAVE IT BEHIND.

OUT! OUT!

WHAT, ARE YOU ANGRY?

GÒQD, SO GET ANGRY!

YOU MAY FIND THE

CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER.

ELLE

UGH!

EMMETT

OOH THE ROOM JUST GOT COLDER..

ELLÈ

HEY!

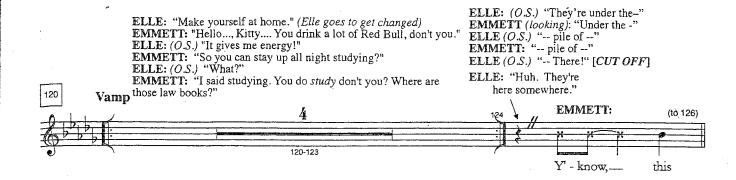
**EMMETT** 

BUT WITH THE CHANCE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN, WHY ARE YOU NOT DRIVEN AS HELL?
THERE'S JUST NO WAY AROUND IT;
GOTTA PLOW THROUGH TILL YOU...

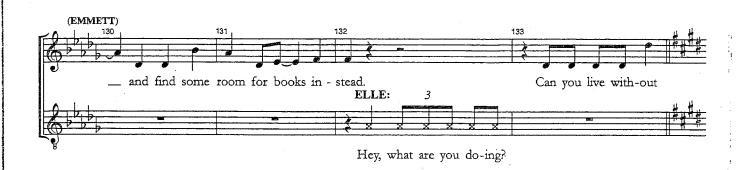
ELLE

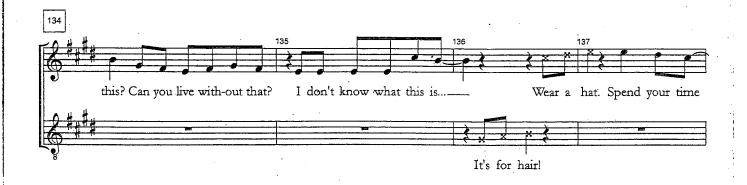
(holding up casebook)

FOUND IT!













# START

## ACT ONE, SCENE TWO

Romantic, slow jam plays as we meet WARNER HUNTINGTON THE THIRD in the Delta Nu foyer. WARNER then leads ELLE into an outdoor courtyard restaurant. A VIOLINIST strolls among the other diners.

ELLE

Oh, Warner. Tonight's just perfect.

WARNER

No, you're perfect.

ELLE

No, you are.

WARNER

No, YOU are.

**ELLE** 

No, you.

WARNER

No, you.

ELLE

You.

WARNER

You.

**ELLE** 

You. Okay, I'm even irritating myself.

#### WARNER

Elle, I want you to know how happy you've made me. Every guy dreams about finding a girl who looks like you.

(ELLE beams.)

STOP

#### #2 - Serious

WE BOTH KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE;
I SEE IT IN YOUR EYES.
I GUESS IT CALMS MY FEAR
TO KNOW IT'S NOT A SURPRISE.

## (CALLAHAN)

(sings)

A KIND OLD GRANDMA TOOK HER SAVINGS AND SHE SENT IT OFF TO YOUR CLIENT. ALL SHE SAVED SINCE SHE WAS BORN. WELL, HE PROMISED TO INVEST IT, BUT HE SPENT IT. ON PROSTITUTES. AND HEROIN. AND PORN.

#### AARON

No. I wouldn't want to take that case!

#### CALLAHAN

WRONG! THIS ONE IS A WIN, UNLESS YOU'RE LAZY.
GRANDMA'S BROKE! SHE'LL HAVE SOME HACK FROM LEGAL AID.
PUT HER ON THE STAND AND CALL HER OLD AND CRAZY;
YOUR GUY GOES FREE, AND HE SAN GET YOU HIGH AND LAID.
LOOK FOR THE
BLOOD IN THE WATER.
READ YOUR THOMAS HOBBES:
ONLY SPINELESS SNOBS
WILL QUARREL WITH THE MORALLY DUBIOUS JOBS.
WITH BLOOD IN THE WATER,
YOUR SCRUPLES ARE A FLAW

(spoken, to ENID:)

Ms...Hoopes, another hypothetical: would you be the right lawyer for the following client...?

(sings)

SAY THEY OFFER YOU A BUNDLE FOR DEFENDING A FAMOUS HIT MAN FOR THE MAFIA ELITE. SEEMS HE MISSED HIS CHOSEN PREY, KILLED A NUN AND DROVE AWAY, RUNNING OVER THREE CUTE PUPPIES IN THE STREET.

#### **ENID**

What you think I wouldn't defend him just because he's a typical man?

#### **CALLAHAN**

(chuckles indulgently)

Oh, you lesbians think you're so tough.

ENID is so apoplectic with rage she can't speak. Class is stunned.

OH DEAR, I FEAR MY COMMENT HAS OFFENDED.
...HARD TO ARGUE, THOUGH, WHEN YOU'RE TOO MAD TO SPEAK.

MUSIC

next

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#### (CALLAHAN)

YOUR EMPLOYMENT WILL BE VERY QUICKLY ENDED ONCE THEY SEE HOW YOUR EMOTIONS MAKE YOU WEAK.

SO WHAT'S MY POINT? I RUN A BILLION-DOLLAR LAW FIRM.

AND I HIRE FOUR NEW INTERNS EV'RY YEAR.

FROM THIS CLASS I WILL SELECT

FOUR YOUNG SHARKS WHOM I RESPECT,

AND THOSE FOUR WILL HAVE A GUARANTEED CAREER.

DO YOU FOLLOW ME?

SO I WANNA SEE...WHAT?"

music next page

CLASS

(nervously)

BLOOD IN THE WATER?

#### CALLAHAN

**STUDENTS** 

EXACTLY.

STOP LET THE GAMES BEGIN.

FOUR OF YOU WILL WIN...

BUT JUST THOSE FOUR

WITH A DORSAL FIN.

YES! BLOOD IN THE WATER

SO BITE AND SCRATCH AND

CLAW...

MM...

MM...

....00...

00...00...

YES! BLOOD IN THE WATER

AH AH AH AH AH

AH!

CALLAHAN notices ELLE in the front row, waving her hand.

CALLAHAN

(glancing at the front row)

Yes. Ms...?

ELLE

(brightly)

Woods. Elle Woods.

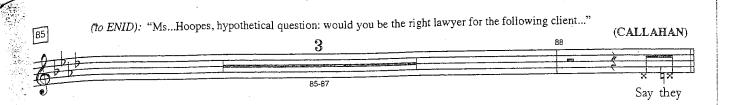
#### **CALLAHAN**

Someone's had their morning coffee. Would you summarize the case of State of Indiana v. Hearne from your reading, please.

#### ELLE

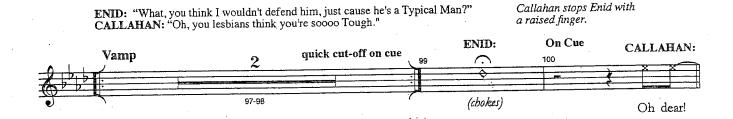
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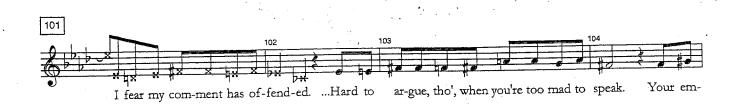
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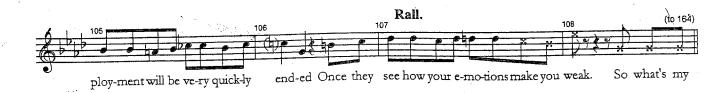












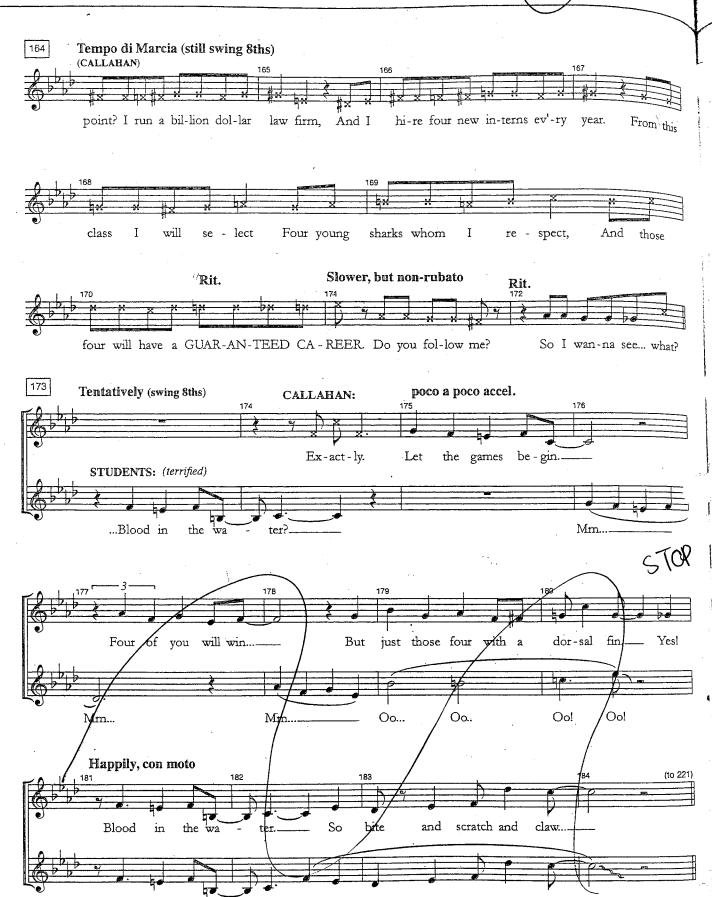


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Ooh

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## ACT TWO, SCENE THREE

...THE HAIR AFFAIR, where ELLE gets a manicure from PAULETTE.

#### **PAULETTE**

There. Now you're ready for your big trial. You sure you don't want me to paint vittle gavels on 'em for ya?

#### ELLE

It's okay, Paulette. That might be a bit too much.

#### **PAULETTE**

Classy lawyer pink it is. When the jury people see those nails, they'll know they can trust ya.

#### ELLE

Which is more than my team is doing. They're all over me to give up Brooke's alibi.

#### **PAULETTE**

Including your

(does air quotes)

"friend" Emmett?

ELLE

Well... he IS on the team too...

## PAULETTE

Yeah, in more ways than one. I see the way he looks atcha.

ELLE

Paulette, he's just my friend.

#### **PAULETTE**

Right. And I could use a friend like that.

PAULETTE suddenly sees KYLE and is instantly mute.

## START

#### **KYLE**

I've got a package. For Miss Paulette Buonufonte.

PAULETTE goes limp at the sight of him, but manages to raise a weak hand. Her hand remains in the air as KYLE approaches.

The name's Kyle. This is my new route and the first stop of the day. Kinda cool karma, huh?

ELLE grabs the stylus and signs for the package herself.

Alrighty, then.

KYLE's theme music plays as he starts to exit.

#### (KYLE)

Do me a favor? You have yourself a super day.

STOP

PAULETTE nods awkwardly as KYLE saunters out of the salon.

#### **PAULETTE**

God, the new UPS guy's like walking porn.

ELLE

So talk to him already.

#### **PAULETTE**

Right. I can'talk to guys like that. I'm not like you... I got nothing to offer.

MUSIC CUE as PAULETTE BENDS over...picks up the package and straightens: <u>SNAP!</u>

CHORAL MUSIC and LIGHTS reveal the GREEK CHORUS, striking a tableau of awe...

MARGOT

Oh my god!

**PILAR** 

Did you see that?

#### SERENA

She's got the most perfect Bend and Snap ive ever seen!

MARGOT, SERENA, PILAR

You're a natural! Hi, Paulette!

PAULETTE waves back slowly, freaked.

#### **PAULETTE**

I see dead people.

#### **ELLE**

No! It's just my Greek Chorus! I'm so psyched you can see them too now!

#### **PAULETTE**

But I haven't had any Jager.

#### SERENA

When your Bend and Snap has that much snap, it's been known to alter all laws of physics and logic.

#### **PAULETTE**

What are you talking about...Bend and Snap...?

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## ALL BUT ELLE

EMMETT/NIKOS

SO MANY SHADES OF GREY!

JUDGE

BUT IF HE TURNS OUT STRAIGHT, I'M PREE AT EIGHT ON SATURDAY!

MEN

WOMEN

IS HE GAY?

OR EUROPEAN?

GAY?

QR EUROPEAN?

GAY OR EURO...

GAY OR EURO...

EMMETT

Wait a minute!

Give me a chance to crack this guy.

I've an idea I'd like to try.

CALLAHAN

The floor is yours.

**EMMETT** 

START

(stands and speaks to Nikos)

So Mr. Argitakos, this alleged affair with Mrs. Wyndham has been going on for...?

NIKOS

Two years.

**EMMETT** 

And your first name again is...?

NIKOS

Nikos.

**EMMETT** 

And your boyfriend's name is...?

NIKOS

Carlos.

STOP

GASPS in the courtroom.

Sorry, I misunderstand. You say "boyfriend." I thought you say "best friend."

Carlos is my "best" friend.

(CARLOS stands up in the back of the courtroom.)

LEGALLY BLONDE

START

## ELLE'S DAD

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Good god, why? Law school is for boring, ugly, serious people. And you, Button,

WHAT YOU WANT, BUTTON, HEY, YOU JUST SAY THE WORD -BUT WHAT YOU WANT'S ABSURD, AND COSTS A WHOLE LOT OF SWAG, AND HELL WHY? BUTTON, WHEN YOU CAN STAY RIGHT HERE, PURSUE A FILM CAREER?

ELLE'S MOM

HOW 'BOUT A NICE BIRKIN BAG?

ELLE'S DAD

YES, THE EAST COAST IS FOREIGN:

THERE'S NO FILM STUDIOS.

IT'S COLD AND DARK,

NO VALET PARKING,

music next

ELLE'S DAD

ELLE'S MOM

ALL THE GIRLS HAVE DIFF'RENT NOSES— CHRIST! BUTTON, IT'S LIKE THE DAMN '

FRONTIER!

TELL ME WHAT'S OUT THERE THAT YOU

CAN'T GET RIGHT HERE?

ELLE

GUYS, LOVE!

TELL ME WHAT'S OUT THERE THAT YOU

CAN'T GET RIGHT HERE?

ELLE'S DAD & MOM

I'M GOING THERE FOR LOVE!

A LOVE I HAVE TO WIN

LOVE?

MOM

LOVE?

DAD

LOVE...

(Comprehending)

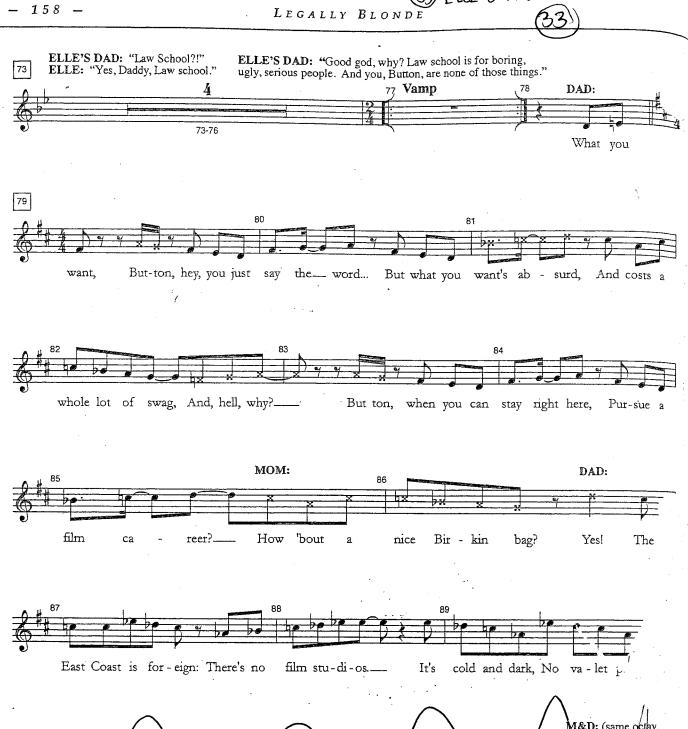
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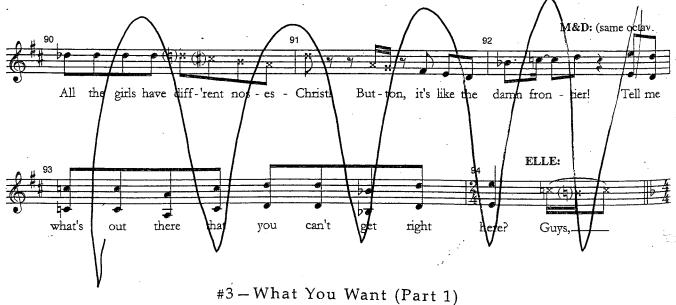
AH... AH AH AH AH!

I CAN LIVE WITHOUT SUN AND VALET; I <u>CAN'T</u> JUST WALK AWAY – BETRAY WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN...

ELLE'S DAD

FINE, OKAY, I'LL PAY YOUR WAY...IF YOU GET IN.





## ACT ONE, SCÈNE NINE

A DUMPY TRAILER has appeared. ELLE, with EMMETT by her side, turns to PAULETTE.

#### ELLE

Paulette, are you ready?

#### **PAULETTE**

I don't know, Elle. Dewey scares the crap outta me.

#### ELLE

And that's okay. Channel that fear and tell yourself you are a strong, independent woman. You MUST be reunited with your dog.

#### **EMMETT**

Anyone who bakes their dog a birthday cake deserves nothing less:

#### **PAULETTE**

(displays cake)

It IS shaped like a bone.

#### **ELLE**

And that kind of devotion cannot be ignored.

#### **PAULETTE**

It's not easy to find dog-friendly chocolate substitutes.

PAULETTE POUNDS on the trailer door.

Meet DEWEY. He sees PAULETTE, opens the door and stands in the door frame.

## START

#### **DEWEY**

Crap, not you again! Paulette, get your fat ass offa my property!

#### PAULETTE

I wanna see my dog, Dewey! I gotta right! I bet you didn't even know it's his birthday today.

#### **DEWEY**

(taunting, sings)

It's your birthday, it's your birthday... Well, you can't see him, Jelly Gut!

DEWEY takes the Bone Cake.

STOP

Best decision I ever made? Throwin' you out!

DEWEY slams the door.

PAULETTE'S breaking down.

GRANDMASTER

#### KATE

134: Not good enough. Try again.

# KATE & GRANDMASTER CHAD

Go! START

## GRANDMASTER CHAD

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE GROOVIN' BUMPIN' SHAKE DA ROOM?

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE PROVIN' SUMPIN', AND TA WHOM?

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE WOND'RIN' WHERE YA YOUTH IS GONE? MUSIC

WHAT U WANT?

YOU WANNA HOLD ON!

STOP

ELLE

HOLD ON!

ALL

WHO-OA!

KATE

151. Still not Harvard material... Once again!!

KATE & GRANDMASTER CHAD

Go!

## GRANDMASTER CHAD

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE BREATHIN' IN THE HEALT**N**Y AIR?

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE CHASIN' HIM AND HE DON' CAR

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA IGNORE THE PITY IN THEIR LOOKS?

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA SAY "SORRY, GOTTA

HIT ME BOOKS..."

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE SITTIN' LIKE A LONELY CHILD?

WHAT U WANT,

YOU WANNA BE DRIVIN' ALL THE FELLAS WILD?

ELLE

LOVE!

I'M DOING THIS FOR LOVE,

AND THAT'S HOW I'LL SURVIVE.

(handing test to KATE)

HERE YOU GO.

(to GRANDMASTER CHAD)

I SAID\NO

GO AWAY!

RIGHT HERE IS WHERE I'LL STAY

UNTIL THAT HAPPY DAY...

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EMMETT enters with a group of first-year law students. (Including AARON, ENID, PADAMADAN.)

#### **EMMETT**

Hello, I'm Emmett Forrest. Class of aught seven. Represent. Welcome to the hallowed halls of Harvard Law. I know firsthand how hard you've all worked to be here today, so let's go around and share a bit about yourselves.

SWY

#### AARON

Aaron Schultz.

I WON A FULBRIGHT AND A RHODES. I WRITE FINANCIAL SOFTWARE CODES. BUT THAT'S A CHALLENGE I'VE OUTGROWN -HOW MANY YACHTS CAN ONE MAN OWN? SOME SAY THAT I'M A POMPOUS CREEP.  $_{\odot}$  SOMEHOW I DON'T LOSE THAT MUCH SLEEP. WHY BOTHER WITH FALSE MODESTY? HARVARD'S THE PERFECT PLACE FOR ME.

AARON smugly straightens his tie as they sing:

Stop

## **EMMETT & STUDENTS**

PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. GOOD TO KNOW.

EMMETT

WELCOME TO HARVARD.

**PADAMADAN** 

WASSUP.

**ENID** 

Start

YO.

## **PADAMADAN**

Sundeep Agrawal Padamadan. But you may call me "Your Majesty."

IN MY COUNTRY

MY WORD WAS LAW,

BUT THEN I FLEE

BECAUSE OF STUPID COUP D'ETAT.

BUT HERE, I LEARN.

I MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

AND SOON, RETURN

IN BULLETPROOF MERCEDES BENZ.

STOP

music in

Emmett-Aaron

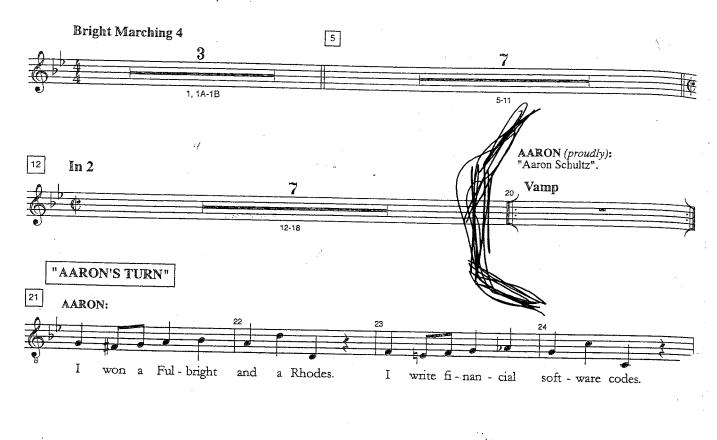
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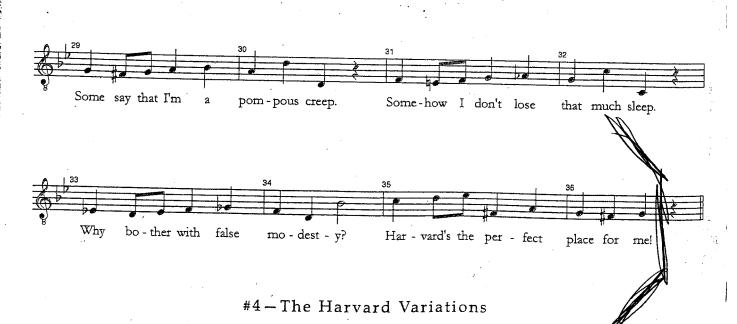
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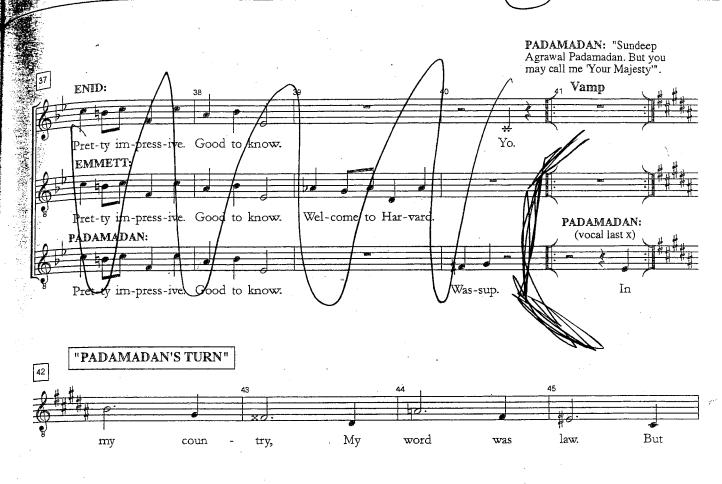
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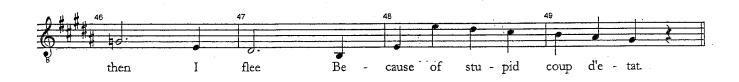


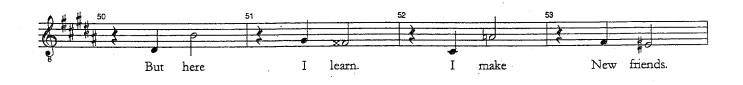














#4 - The Harvard Variations

START

## STORE MANAGER

OMIGOD!

**ELLE WOODS!** 

SORRY, OUR MISTAKE -

(to Saleswoman)

COURTNEY, TAKE YOUR BREAK -

(to Elle)

JUST IGNORE HER, SHE HASN'T BEEN WELL...

The MANAGER brings out a new dress.

TRY THIS! LATEST FROM MILAN...

GO ON, TRY IT ON.

I TAKE CARE OF MY BEST CLIENTELE.

music next

The DELTA NUS swirl around ELLE, hiding her from the audience.

IT'S A GIFT FROM ME TO ELLE!

STOP

The women part. ELLE re-appears, wearing the new dress, which is spectacular.

And pink.

EPTE

**DELTA NUS** 

AH AH AH AH AH AH AH

OH. MY. GOD. OMIGOD YOU GUYS!

AH

AH AH

THIS ONE'S PERFECT. AND IT'S JUST MY SIZE!

SEE? DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE.

AH

YOU NEVER HAVE TO COMPROMISE

OMIGOOOD!

DELTA NUS

OH MY-

- OH MY GOD. OMIGOD YOU GUYS!

LET'S GO HOME BEFORE SOMEONE CRIES!

Scene changes and suddenly we're back in the marble foyer of Delta Nu.

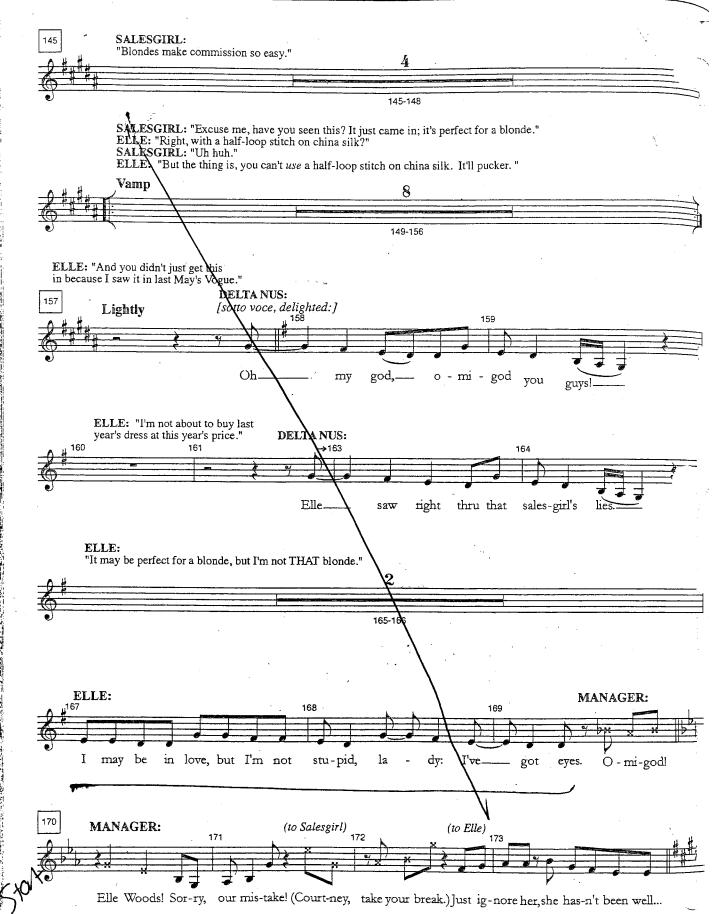
IF THERE EVER WAS A PERFECT COUPLE, THIS ONE QUALIFIES!
CAUSE WE LOVE YOU GUYS!

ELLE

NO I LOVE YOU GUYS!

**DELTA NU GIRLS** 

OHMIGOD...!





#1-Omigod You Guys

od!