ACT ONE SCENE FOUR

(FARQUAAD'S TORTURE CHAMBER. His GUARDS march in as we transition.)

GUARDS

FARQUAAD IS ON HIS WAY.

HE'S ON HIS WAY.

HE IS NEARLY HERE.

HE'S DOWN THE HALL. GETTING CLOSE.

HE IS JUST OUTSIDE.

BEHIND THE DOOR.

HE IS ON HIS WAY.

HERE HE IS. RIGHT HERE.

(A door far upstage is thrown open to reveal a terrifying, back-lit figure. A spot-light hits him – KA-CHUNK! We see that Lord Farquaad is only four feet tall.)

FARQUAAD

Thelonius, I'm ready. Bring in the cookie!

#4b - Farquaad's Chamber

(Familiar cries of a terrified GINGERBREAD MAN, who is wheeled in on a shrouded cart.)

VOICE OF GINGY

Ohhhh, gosh. Uh-oh, what's happening now? Oooo, this is scary. Ohhhh, geez. Ohh, no.

(The shroud is whipped off to reveal the petrified Gingy on a cookie sheet. His legs have been broken off. FARQUAAD relishes the moment.)

FARQUAAD

Ha ha heh heh heh...

GINGY

Oh-no-oh-no-oh-nooo....

(and then he sees Farquaad)

Ohhhhh, it's you...

FARQUAAD

"Run, run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me—I'm the Gingerbread Man!"

GINGY

Look what you've done to my legs! You're a monster!

FARQUAAD

I'm not the monster here, you are. You and the rest of that fairy tale trash poisoning my perfect kingdom.

GINGY

It's not a kingdom! Because you're not a king!

FARQUAAD

Oh, but I will be. Just as soon as I find a princess to marry. And I hear you know of one. Tell me where she is!

GINGY

Eat me!

(spits in Farquaad's face)

GUARDS

Ahhh!

(Farquaad's GUARDS all pull out torture devices – a rolling pin, a giant spatula, an egg-beater, a carton of milk, etc...)

FARQUAAD

(through clenched teeth)

No! I've tried to be fair to you creatures, but now my patience has reached its end!

GINGY

(stalling)

Uh-uh, uhh, okay, well, maybe I have heard tell of a princess.

FARQUAAD

From who?

GINGY

Do you know the Muffin Man?

FARQUAAD

The Muffin Man?

GINGY

The Muffin Man.

FARQUAAD

Yes. I know the Muffin Man. Who lives on Drury Lane?

GINGY

Well, I heard it from the Muffin Man.

FARQUAAD

The Muffin Man?!

GINGY

The Muffin Man!

FARQUAAD

(thoughtful, to himself)

He heard it from the Muffin Man...

GINGY

Can I go now?

FARQUAAD

You haven't told me where the she is!

GINGY

I can't!

FARQUAAD

You must!

GINGY

I won't!

FARQUAAD

Tell me or I'll-!

(reaches for Gingy's buttons)

GINGY

No! Not the buttons! Not my gumdrop buttons!

FARQUAAD

Then where is the princess?!

GINGY

(broken)

Okay... I'll tell you. She's a day's walk from here. In a dragon-guarded castle, surrounded by hot boiling lava.

FARQUAAD

Well that sounds dangerous.

GINGY

Ya want a princess or not?!

FARQUAAD

Go on,

GINGY

In the highest room in the tallest tower, you'll find a fiery red-head named Princess Fiona.

FARQUAAD

Ooo, Princess Fiona. She's sounds perfect.

Except for that dragon and lava thing. I'll have to find someone else to go...

GINGY

(to himself)

Big surprise.

FARQUAAD

(in his own revelry)

I shall make Fiona my Queen, and Duloc will finally have the perfect King!

(to his underlings)

Captain, round up your men, summon the citizens, and bring that cookie to the swamp!

GINGY

Swamp?! That's the thanks I get?!

FARQUAAD

Thelonius, tell the Royal Coiffuer I need to get my hair pressed. We're going to get a queen!

#4c - Regiment Reprise

GUARDS

FARQUAAD WILL GET A QUEEN.

HE'LL GET A QUEEN.

HE HAS A PLAN.

SOMEONE WILL GO. AGAINST THEIR WILL.

THEY WILL FETCH OUR QUEEN.

WE'LL DRAW A NAME.

WHAT A PLAN ... HE ... HAS!

IT... CAN'T... FAIL! GOOD... PLAN!

FIONA

(stops - shocked)

Oh. You... you heard what I said?

SHREK

Every word. Especially, "who could love such a hideous ugly beast?!"

FIONA

But... I thought that wouldn't matter to you.

SHREK

Yeah, well it does.

(sound of approaching army)

#17 - The Arrival Of Farquand

Ah, right on time. Princess, I've brought you a little something.

VOICE OF FARQUAAD

(approaching)

FIOOOONA!

FIONA-FIONA-FIONA!

FIONA-FIONA-FIONA!

FIOOOONA!

(rears his horse)

Whooooa, Plastic Horse!

[OR: Condoleeza, Seahawk, Sprinkles, et al.]

(FIONA is confused. SHE looks from Shrek to Farquaad.)

FARQUAAD

Princess Fiona?

SHREK

As promised... now about my swamp-

FARQUAAD

Cleared off, as agreed. And the deed has been put in your name. Now step away before I change my mind.

(FIONA and SHREK exchange a look. SHREK snatches the deed and turns his back.)

FARQUAAD

Forgive me, Princess, for startling you. I am Lord Farquaad.

FIONA

(composing herself)

Lord Farquaad. Forgive me, for I was just saying a short...

(as Farquaad is lifted out of his leg extenders)

...farewell.

FARQUAAD

(chuckles)

Oh, that is so sweet, but you don't have to waste good manners on the ogre. It's not like it has feelings.

FIONA

(looks at Shrek and steels herself)

No, you're right, "it" doesn't.

FARQUAAD

(take her hand)

Princess Fiona, beautiful, fair, flawless Fiona...

(gets down on one knee... sort of)

I ask your hand in marriage. Will you be the perfect bride for the perfect groom?

FIONA

(pause, glares at Shrek)

Lord Farquaad... I accept. Nothing would make me-

FARQUAAD

Excellent! I'll start the plans... for tomorrow we wed!

FIONA

No!

(SHREK spins around hopeful.)

I mean, ah, why wait? Let's get married today. Before sunset.

(SHREK scowls and turns away.)

FARQUAAD

Oh! Anxious are we? Captain, ride ahead and tell them it's a Code Red! You're right. The sooner the better. There's so much to do! We'll be married by sunset!

(FIONA and FARQUAAD mount the horse, the perfect rescue image. DONKEY enters stretching.)

Farquaad Ensemble

Ballad Of Farquaad

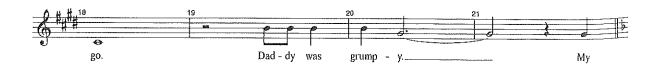
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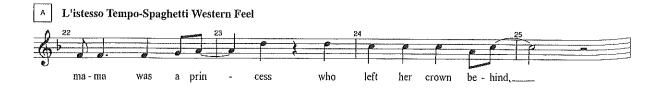






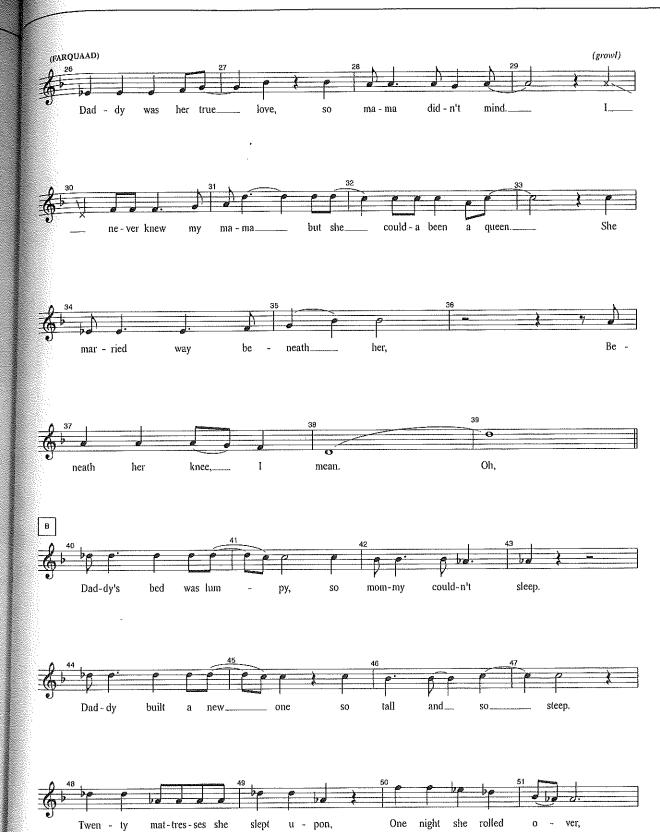




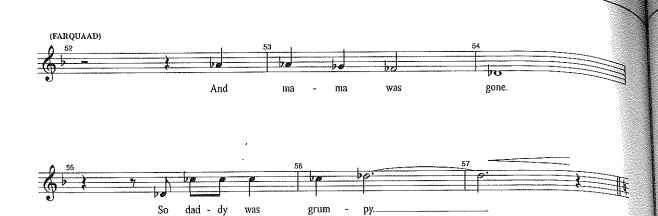


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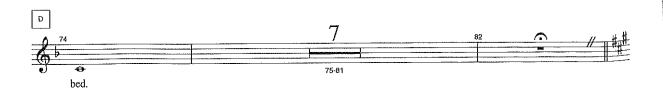
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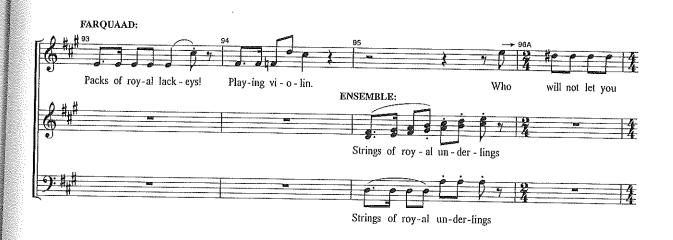


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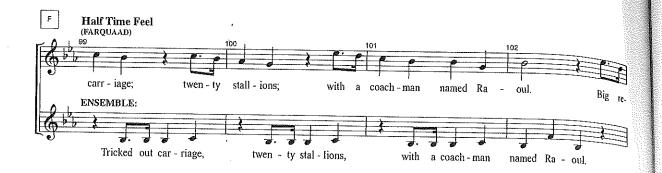


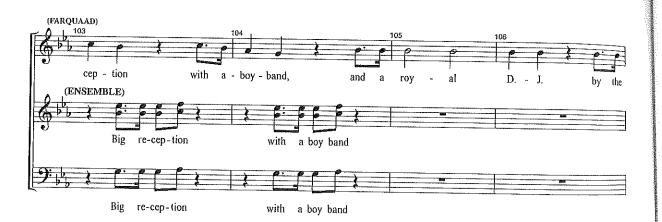
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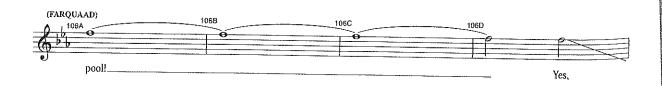


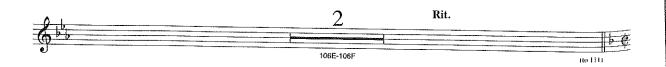
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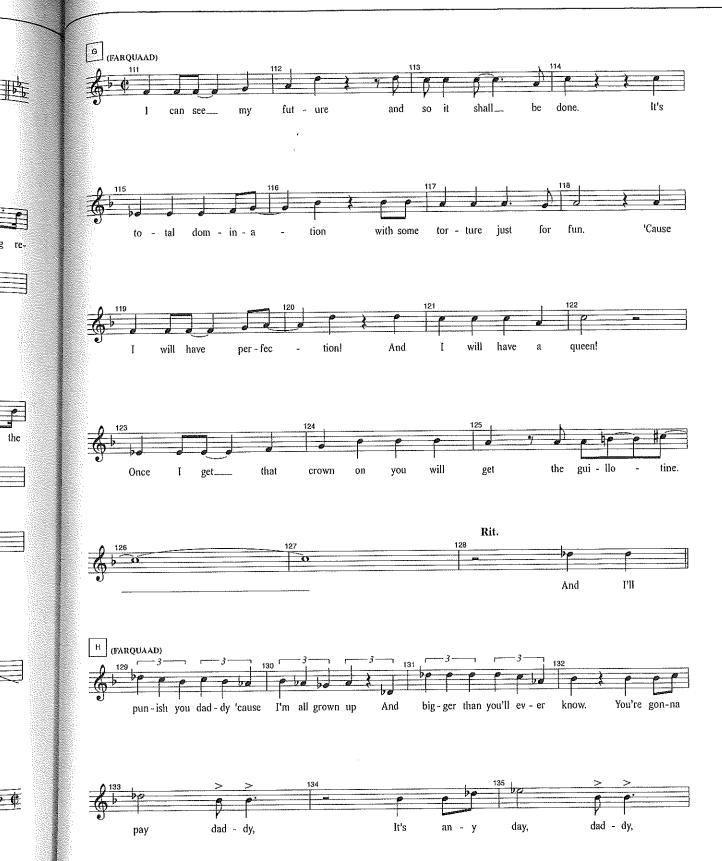








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