# ACT ONE SCENE TEN

(CLIFF'S EDGE. A star-lit night. DONKEY prattles on, excited. SHREK is still stung by the helmet moment.)

#### DONKEY

And this is what I realized – if we escaped a dragon, then we could do *anything*. Man, I *could* be a steed. Or I could work the Crusades circuit if I wanted to. I could even be one of those horses who pull those wagons full of beer! I'd need some hair extensions on my ankles, but I could do it. Who do you wanna be?

SHREK

I don't wanna be anyone.

**DONKEY** 

Just for fun though, who would you pick?

**SHREK** 

I wouldn't.

DONKEY

But if you had to.

SHREK

Donkey -

#### DONKEY

Like if a guy had a sword at your throat and was like, "look here, you can't be an ogre anymore, pick something else," then who would you pick?

#### SHREK

I would pick that guy up and hurl him into a tree!

#### DONKEY

Man, you are no fun at all, you know it? Is this what it's gonna be like when we finish rescuing the princess? Us sitting around our swamp all day doing nothing?

# SHREK

Our swamp? Donkey, there is no our. There's no we. There's just me and my swamp. And when I do get back, the first thing I'm gonna do is build a ten foot wall around my land.

#### DONKEY

(beat)

You cut me deep, Shrek. You cut me real deep just now...

(8athers himself)

What's your problem anyway? What do you got against the whole world?

#### SHREK

I'm not the one with the problem, okay? It's the world who seems to have a problem with me. You saw how that princess reacted. That's how it *always* is. People take one look at me and it's all, "Aghhh! Help! A big stupid ugly ogre!" They judge me before they even know me. That's why I'm better off alone.

#### DONKEY

(after a moment)

But you know what, Shrek? When we met, *I* didn't think you was just a big, stupid ugly ogre.

# SHREK

(looks down at him, and softens)

Yeah I know.

(A moment between them. DONKEY decides to push the issue...)

#### DONKEY

So there's really no one else you'd rather be?

# #10 = Who I'd Be

(SHREK can't help smiling a bit. HE finally relents a little...)

### SHREK

I GUESS I'D BE A HERO— WITH SWORD AND ARMOR CLASHING, LOOKING SEMI-DASHING, A SHIELD WITHIN MY GRIP.

OR ELSE I'D BE A VIKING,
AND LIVE A LIFE OF DERRING,
WHILE SMELLING LIKE A HERRING
UPON A VIKING SHIP.

I'D SAIL AWAY.
I'D SEE THE WORLD.
I'D REACH THE FARTHEST REACHES.

I'D FEEL THE WIND.
I'D TASTE THE SALT AND SEA,
AND MAYBE STORM SOME BEACHES.
THAT'S WHO I'D BE.
THAT'S WHO I'D BE

# ACT TWO SCENE EIGHT

(SHREK'S SWAMP. DONKEY is assembling a line of rocks, some piled up and starting to resemble a wall.)

#### SHREK

Donkey? What are you doing?

### DONKEY

I'd think you of all people would recognize a wall when you saw one!

#### SHREK

Well—yeah. But the wall's supposed to go around my swamp, not through it.

#### **DONKEY**

It is. Around your half. See? That's your half, and this is my half.

## SHREK

Oh-your half?

### DONKEY

Yes, my half. I helped rescue the Princess. I did half the work, I get half the booty.

#### SHREK

Back off.

DONKEY

No, you back off.

SHREK

Stubborn jackass!

DONKEY

Smelly ogre!

SHREK

This is my swamp!

#### DONKEY

There you go again! My-my-my! Me-me-me! Well guess what, now it's my turn, so you just shut up and pay attention. You are mean to me, you insult me and you don't appreciate anything I do. You're always pushing me around or pushing me away! You're so wrapped up in layers, onion boy, you're afraid of your own feelings!

#### SHREK

If I treated you so badly, then why did you come back?!

#### DONKEY

Because that's what friends do! They forgive each other!

#### SHREK

Oh go away!

#### DONKEY

See! There you are doing it again! Just like you did to Fiona! And all she ever did was like you. Maybe even love you!

#### SHREK

Love me? She said I was ugly! A hideous creature! I heard the two of you talking!

#### DONKEY

She wasn't talking about you! She was talking about... uh... somebody else. (Silence.)

#### SHREK

She wasn't talking about me? Well then who was she talking about?

#### DONKEY

Uh-uh. No way. I ain't saying anything. You don't wanna listen to me, right? Right?

# SHREK

(getting frustrated)

Donkey!

# DONKEY

No.

(DONKEY holds his ground. Defiant.)

#### SHREK

(begrudgingly)

Okay - look, I'm sorry, alright?

(DONKEY raises an eyebrow, wanting more.)

#### SHREK

(genuine)

I'm sorry. I guess I am just a big, stupid... ugly ogre.

(beat)

Can you forgive me?

#### **DONKEY**

(looks Shrek up and down, satisfied)

Hey that's what friends are for, right?

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# SHREK

(smiles)

Right, Friends?

DONKEY

(confirms)

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SHREK

(after an uncomfortable pause)

So, um, what did Fiona say about me?

DONKEY

What are you asking me for? Why don't you just go ask her?

**SHREK** 

Ask her?

DONKEY

You wanna be a hero, now's your chance.

SHREK

(suddenly realizes)

Donkey! The wedding! We'll never make it in time!

DONKEY

Now what kind of noble steed would I be if I didn't have a plan? Follow me!

(THEY rush off.)

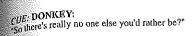
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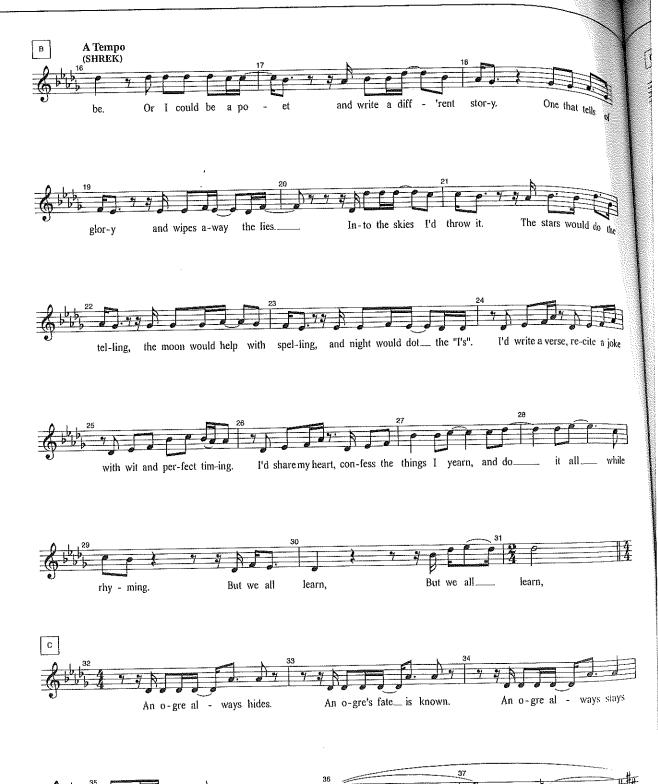












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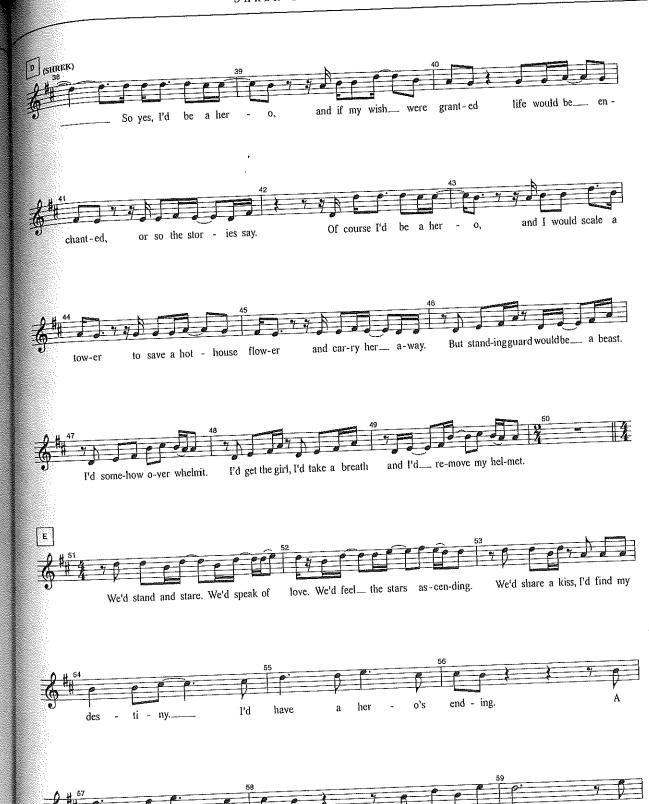
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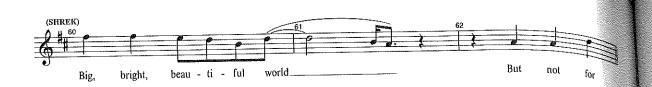
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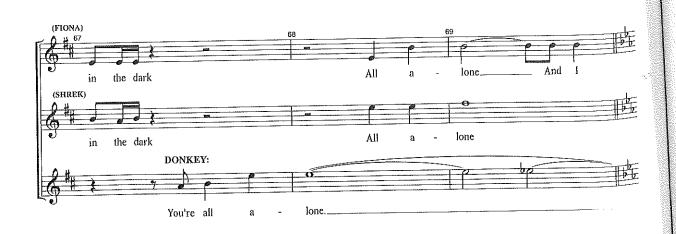
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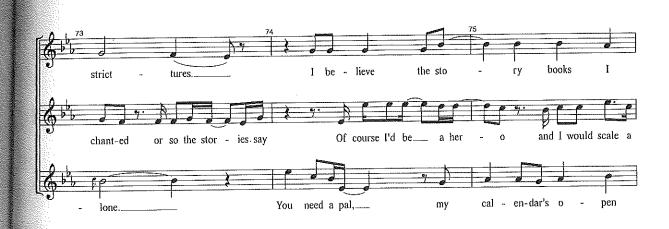






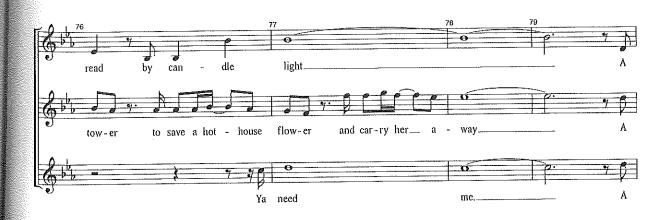
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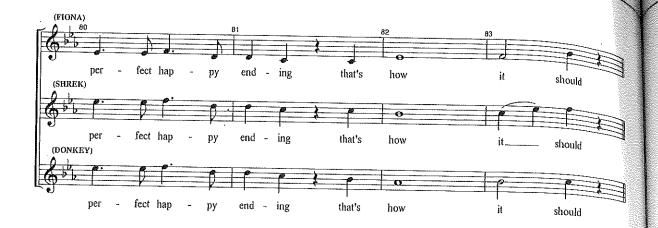


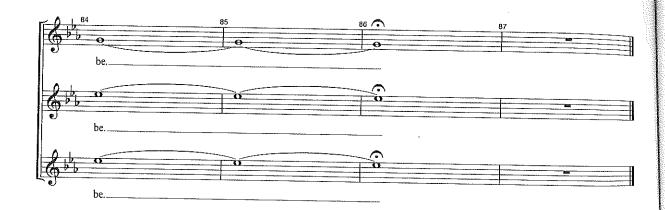
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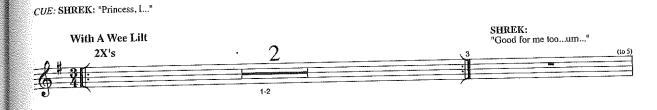


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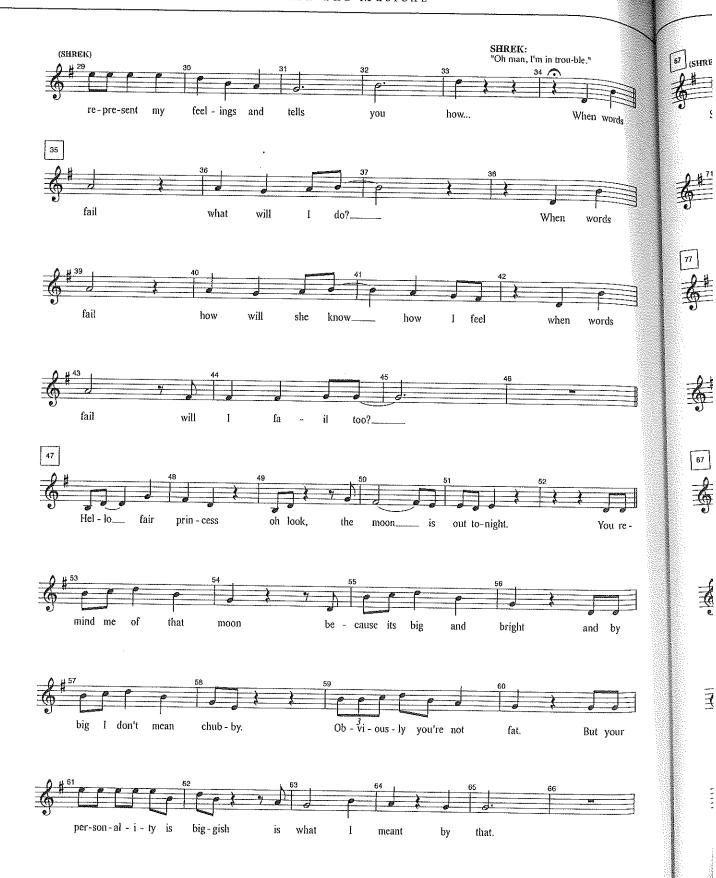






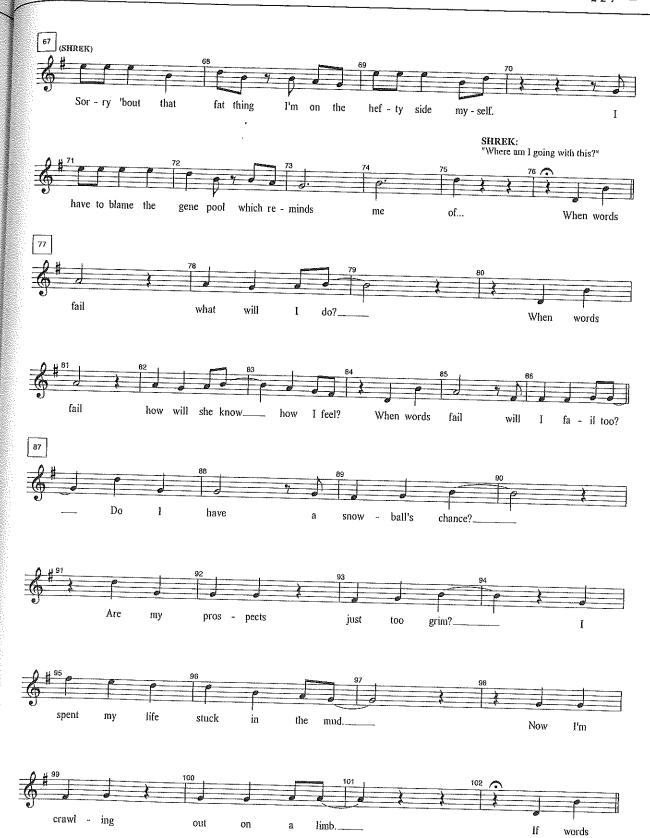
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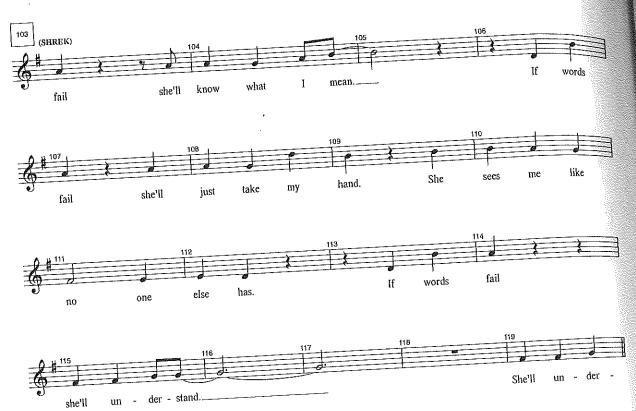
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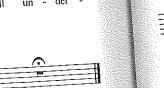


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