CAESAR THE MUSICAL

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CHARACTERS

The score is currently written for 9 bass/baritone/tenor leads And 5 alto soprano leads. Chorus size from 5-15.

NARRATOR, written male voice, age 45 or above suggested.

CAESAR, written male voice, ages 20-55.

AURELIA, written female voice. Age minimum 40 suggested.

DECIMUS, Male voice, ages 25-50.

CASSIUS, Male voice, ages 35-60.

POMPEY, Male voice, age 55-60.

SERVILIA, female voice, ages 30-50.

BRUTUS, male voice, ages 25-45.

VITA, female, age 30.

CALPURNIA, female voice, ages 30-45.

MARC ANTONY, male voice, ages 30-50

TREBONIUS, male voice ages 45-55.

ALBINUS, male voice, ages 55-65.

CLEOPATRA, female voice, age 20-25.

PTOLEMY XIII, male or female voice, age 13.

CHORUS, 5 to 15 members. Will portray chorus, soldiers, Roman citizens and pirates.

TIME & ACTION

The story takes place in Italy, Greece, Gaul, and the Mediterranean Sea $80\ B.C.E.$ to $44\ B.C.E.$ Rome is the primary location.

SONG LISTING

Act One

(1.) See the Sight Narrator and Chorus (2.) A Politician Doesn't Care Aurelia (3.) Stupid and Arrogant Men Narrator, Caesar, & Company (4.) Mars Protect Your Son Decimus, Caesar, & Company (5.) Goodbye (6.) The Eagle Flies Caesar, Decimus, & Company (7.) Servilia Chorus (8.) All Hail Julius Caesar Pompey, Caesar, & Company (9.) All That Glitter's Isn't Gold Servilia (10.) I Live Well Marc Antony, Caesar & Company (11.) Tiger by the Tail Cassius, Pompey, & Company (12.) The Die is Cast Caesar (13.) Pharsylus Narrator (14.) Pompey That's Me Pompey, Cassius, Brutus (15.) You Don't Know Servilia & Calpurnia (16.) In Pompey's Tent Chorus (17.) Victory Belongs to the Hungry Caesar & Chorus

Act Two

(18.) Veni, Vidi, Vici (19.) Alexandria (20.) I Understand You	Company & Caesar Company, Ptolemy, Caesar Cleopatra & Caesar
(21.)Brutus We Must	Cassius, Albinus, Trebonius
(22.) Veni, Vidi, Vici (reprise)	Chorus
(23.) Anyone But Him	Brutus
(24.) Pay the Piper	Cassius, Decimus, Brutus
(25.)A Soldier	Marc Antony, Caesar, & Company
(26.) In the Senate	Cassius
(27.) This Man	Servilia & Caesar
(28.) Decimus	Chorus
(29.)Beware the Ides of March	Caesar & Narrator
(30.) To The Senate	Chorus, Servilia, Aurelia
(31.) The Author	Brutus
(32.) See the Sight (reprise)	Spurrina
(33.) There is Caesar (curtain call)	Company

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- (9.) All That Glitters Isn't Gold
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- (12.) The Die is Cast
- (13.) Pharsalus
- (14.) Pompey That's Me
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SYNOPSIS

A narrator (soothsayer) guides us through the events in Caesar's life that shaped who he was and led those around him to want to bring about his end, culminating in his assassination in the Senate at the hands of Brutus and his rivals.

ACT ONE

(In a spotlight, CAESAR lies dead on the floor just left of center. CASSIUS, BRUTUS, and DECIMUS hover over him frozen with knives out. CALPURNIA, CLEOPATRA, POMPEY, and MARC ANTONY are also frozen in dim light around the stage. The NARRATOR enters from the back of the house as the music begins. The CHORUS dressed in black hooded robes Greek-type masks also enter from the house and wings as the NARRATOR begins the song and approaches CAESAR's body.)

(MUSIC #1. SEE THE SIGHT) <<Track 1>>

NARRATOR

SEE THE SIGHT, SEE THE FRIGHT, SEE THE FIGURE ON THE RIGHT LYING COLD ON THE FLOOR, NEVER BREATHING ANYMORE.

MORE THAN MAN, MORE THAN KING

MORE THAN MORTAL ANYTHING

A LEGEND FOR THE AGES FILLING ALL OF HISTORIES PAGES

(Moves to CAESAR who is lying center stage.)

THERE ARE BOOKS, THERE ARE SCROLLS,
THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE ARE TOLD, BUT THE QUESTION IS, THE QUESTION
WAS - - JUST HOW DID THIS UNFOLD?

(Gestures towards CAESAR and the trio above him.)

SEE THE END BUT DO YOU KNOW HOW THE STORY ALL BEGAN?
THE TWISTS AND ALL THE TURNS THAT MADE A MAN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD?

NOW WE'LL SHOW AND WE'LL TELL HOW THIS GIANT FINALLY FELL THIS IS THE TALE ABOUT WHO HE IS SET WITH ALL THE PUZZLE PIECES

NARRATOR & CHORUS

CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR!

NARRATOR

(NARRATOR walks behind DECIMUS, CASSIUS, and BRUTUS.)
WITNESS BRUTUS, AND DECIMUS, AND CASSIUS BEFORE US,
THE SENATORS AND RIVALS WHO HAVE MURDERED HIM IN CHORUS
POLITICS OR JEALOUSY - WHAT WAS THE MOTIVATION
FOR SUCH TREACHERY AND TREASON THAT DIVIDED UP A NATION?
SHE IS FAIR, SUCH A SIGHT... CALPURINA THE WIFE
TO HER HUSBAND TRUE DEVOTED THROUGH THE TURNINGS OF HIS LIFE

NARRATOR (Cont.)

IN THE SHADOWS WHO IS HE? THAT'S THE FAMED MARC ANTONY NO ONE BRAVER, NO ONE BOLDER, CAESAR'S GENERAL AND SOLDIER

AND OVER HERE IS POMPEY, THE ONE WHO STOOD IN CAESAR'S WAY, HIS STRATEGIES AND BATTLE PLANS ARE WITH US TO THE DAY

AND SERVILIA HIS LOVER, AND TO BRUTUS SHE WAS MOTHER HOW DID SHE BALANCE WHAT SHE FELT FOR TWO WHO CAME TO HATE EACH OTHER?

NOW YOU KNOW ALL THE FACES, THE PARTICIPANTS AND PLAYERS
WE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PLACES OF THE INFAMOUS AND FAMOUS
LET US GO BACK TO ROME TO THE STREETS THAT ARE THE HOME
TO THE GREATEST OF THE GREATEST THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

NARRATOR & CHORUS

CAESAR CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR, CAESAR! (Blackout. NARRATOR and CHORUS move to stage center apron, all other actors exit. Scene change. We are now in the home AURELIA.)

NARRATOR

OUR TALE BEGINS IN THE HOME OF CAESAR'S MOTHER THE ONE WHO INSPIRED THE MAN THAT HE WOULD BE AURELIA COTTA A WOMAN LIKE NO OTHER SHE LOST HIS FATHER WHEN CAESAR WAS SIXTEEN

(The CHORUS and NARRATOR gesture upstage as a younger presenting CAESAR enters. The CHORUS and NARRATOR disperse.)

CAESAR

(Looks around the house anxiously) Mother? Mother, are you here?

AURELIA

(Entering)

Gaius! Nothing brings more joy to a mother's heart than a visit from her only son. My boy... my young man! I'm so happy to see you.

CAESAR

And I you Mother. I'm sorry it's been so long. I haven't known what to do. Since our illustrious dictator's order that I divorce my wife, I've had to stay in hiding. I fear for my life daily and barely understand why.

AURELIA

I know. I know...

CAESAR

What do Cornelia and I have to do with any of this? Sulla is now dictator, fine. But I have to divorce my wife because her father supported Sulla's rival? I had to refuse.

AURELIA

These things happen in Rome, my son... the politics of winners and losers.

CAESAR

It's horrible and ridiculous.

AURELIA

Perhaps, but someday when you are dictator or consul, you may order someone to divorce their wife, or kill them.

CAESAR

Mother!

AURELIA

It's true. It's the way of rulers my son, and you are destined to be a great one. (Pause) But you needn't worry about Sulla anymore Gaius. I have spoken to him and taken care of it. You and Cornelia are safe.

CAESAR

You spoke to Sulla Mother?

AURELIA

I did, and all the necessary parties. Your father, Gaius Julius Caesar, your namesake, was a praetor and governor before he died. His brother a consul of Rome. My father, my grandfather, my three brothers were all consuls of Rome. Your family is of the greatest lines in the history of the city; descendants of Venus. Do you think I would allow my son's life to be threatened? I'm Aurelia Cotta, and you Gaius Julius Caesar. It couldn't be. You and Cornelia are now safe my son.

CAESAR

Mother... you're incredible.

AURELIA

(Smiles.) But you and Cornelia must leave the city for a time.

AURELIA (cont.)

Out of sight, out of mind is the best thing for now. (CAESAR nods.)

And my son, you must learn to not be attached to Cornelia... or any wife that you may have. You are destined to lead this city. It's in your blood and I will see to it. But love and attachments are not in your stars. Distance yourself from such things. They are not a part of your future. You must learn to be a great politician and a leader of men. Resolve yourself to it.

CAESAR

Distance myself from my wife for the sake of my political aspirations and the preservation of our family name?

AURELIA

Yes. Of course. You must learn...

(MUSIC #2. A POLITICIAN DOESN'T CARE) << Track 2>>

A POLITICIAN DOESN'T CARE
DOESN'T CARE ABOUT HIS WIFE
RARELY CARES ABOUT HIS CHILDREN
BARELY CARES ABOUT HIS LIFE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU LOSE SOMETIMES
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BEND
ALL THAT MATTERS WHEN IT'S SAID AND DONE
THAT YOU'RE THE WINNER IN THE END.

A POLITICIAN DOESN'T CARE
IF YOU'RE FRIEND OR IF YOU'RE FOE.
IT'S REALLY ALL THE SAME TO HIM.
AND EITHER ONE MAY HAVE TO GO.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE AT ALL.
CAUSE AT THE ENDING OF THE DAY.
THERE IS NEVER ANY LOYALTY.
IF THEY'RE STANDING IN YOUR WAY.

YOU CAN'T BE SOFT. YOU CAN'T BE BLIND YOU SHOULD BE SELFISH. YOU CAN'T BE KIND YOU MUST BE RUTHLESS, WITH A HEART OF STONE AND THE TRUTH IS, YOU'LL ALWAYS FEEL ALONE.

A POLITICIAN DOESN'T CARE
IF IT'S THE TRUTH OR IT'S A LIE.
TELL THEM WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR
AND YOU SIMPLY SAY "GOODBYE".
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU LOSE SOMETIMES

AURELIA (Cont.)

SOMETIMES YOU LOSE A LOT. BUT WHAT MATTERS WHEN IT'S SAID AND DONE IS THE VICTORY THAT YOU GOT.

A POLITICIAN ONLY CARES ONLY CARES TO BE THE TOP. TO BE THE ONE AND ONLY RULER THAT NO OTHER MAN CAN STOP. IT'S IN YOUR BLOOD MY BOY EVERY FIBER OF YOUR BEING DON'T FIGHT IT CAUSE IT'S WHAT YOU ARE AND YOU'RE ONLY JUST BEGINNING. OTHER PEOPLE ARE JUST TRIVIAL THEY DON'T REALLY MEAN A THING YOU'RE A CAESAR AND YOU JUST DON'T CARE BECAUSE YOU'RE MEANT TO BE A KING. YOU'RE A CAESAR AND YOU JUST DON'T CARE BECAUSE YOU'RE MEANT TO BE A KING! (Lights dim as AURELIA and CAESAR freeze. Spotlight on NARRATOR)

NARRATOR

Caesar moves away from Rome for some time, steering clear of the dictator Sulla, while Sulla is in power. It is while he is living outside the city, that he finds himself set upon by Sicilian pirates, as he sails alone to study in Greece.

(MUSIC #3. STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN) <<Track 3>>

(The NARRATOR waves his hands and the setting changes to a pirate ship as the music begins. He becomes the PIRATE captain. AURELIA exits, the PIRATES enter.)

NARRATOR & PIRATES

AH, AH, AH, AH, AH, AH

NARRATOR

WHAT HAVE WE HERE? A YOUNG ROMAN NOBLEMAN FAR FROM HIS HOME AND SAILING ALONE ON MY SEAS! NOT A GOOD IDEA BOY, NOT SO VERY SMART DIDN'T ANYBODY WARN YOU OF PIRATES AND CUTTHROATS THE LIKES OF WHICH I JUST MIGHT HAPPEN TO BE? TAKE A LOOK AT HIM LADS POLISHED AND TRIM WITH HIS MANICURED TUNIC AND EYES OF CONTEMPT FIXED ON ME NOT A GOOD IDEA BOY, NOT SO VERY SMART PERHAPS YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THIS SCOUNDREL

NARRATOR (Cont.)

COULD SLICE UP YOUR GIZZARDS TO FEED TO THE CROWS SUCH AN HONOR!

PIRATES

SUCH AN HONOR!

NARRATOR

TO BE WITNESS

PIRATES

TO BE WITNESS

NARRATOR

HOIST UP THE BANNERS AND SOUND ALL THE HORNS SAME OLD ENDING, SAME OLD STORY
SEE THE FOLLY, WATCH THE DOWNFALL
OF STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN

NARRATOR & PIRATES

SEE THE FOLLY, WATCH THE DOWNFALL OF STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN

NARRATOR

THINK OF ALL THE FUN IN STORE

PREFER YOU THE SWORD OR THE KNIFE?

CROSS THE NECK OR IN THE EYE

HAVE YOU A PREFERENCE ON HOW YOU MIGHT NOW LIKE TO DIE?

BUT WHERE ARE MY MANNERS...

HAVE YOU A NAME ROMAN?

CAESAR

I AM JULIUS CAESAR.

NARRATOR

JULIUS CAESAR? GODS WHAT A NAME,
AND I'M GROWING TIRED OF THIS LITTLE GAME,
AND I THINK THAT I WANT YOU DEAD
CUT OFF HIS HEAD!

(PIRATES move to bring CAESAR to a position where they can cut his head off.)

(Jostled and struggling.)

CAESAR

YOU HAVE THE BEST OF ME, IT'S VERY CLEAR I'M JUST A BOY IT'S TRUE
NO ONE TO FEAR

CAESAR (cont.)

BUT PRAY YOU JUST A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME TO GIVE TO THIS CONDEMNED MAN FOR HIS DUE? AND I WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT JULIUS CAESAR, THE BOY, THE FOOL IS SMARTER THAN YOU

NARRATOR

SEE THE FOLLY, WATCH THE DOWNFALL OF STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN! SAY YOUR PIECE BOY...

CAESAR

IT'S TRUE I'VE NO EXPERIENCE
I'M NO GREAT PIRATE OR A MASTER THIEF
BUT WHAT I SEE THAT YOU DO NOT
THIS SITUATION HERE IS OPPORTUNITY
MY EDUCATION TELLS ME FRIEND TO MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT THE GODS PRESENT
TODAY AND KILLING ME RIGHT NOW YOU LOSE A GIFT
AND THROW YOUR FORTUNE ALL AWAY

NARRATOR

A FORTUNE? WHAT FORTUNE?

CAESAR

A RANSOM FRIEND!

NARRATOR

A RANSOM!

PIRATES

A RANSOM!

NARRATOR

YOU'VE GOT PLUCK LITTLE ROMAN
NOT A BAD IDEA THERE
SURE YOUR FAMILY'S LOTS OF COIN
LOVE TO SEE THEIR DEAR BOY SPARED
I HAVE CHANGED OUR PLANS MEN
WE SAIL FOR ROME RIGHT NOW
TWENTY SILVER PIECES TO SPEND
I WILL SHOW YOU HOW!
(PIRATES laugh.)

CAESAR

EXCUSE ME OH GREAT CAPTAIN BEGGING PARDON SIR

CAESAR (Cont.)

I THINK YOU MAY HAVE UNDERSHOT THE VALUE YOU HAVE HERE TWENTY SILVER PIECES
IT'S INSULT - NOT ENOUGH
YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT FIFTY
SO THEY WILL THINK YOU'RE TOUGH

NARRATOR

FIFTY?

PIRATES

FIFTY?

CAESAR

SEE THE WISDOM, TAKE THE MONEY
OF STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN
AND ONE MORE THING WHEN YOUR DEED IS DONE
AND YOU'RE PAID AND ON YOUR WAY
YOU CAN MARK MY WORDS EVERY ONE OF YOU
WILL LIVE TO RUE THIS DAY
THIS DEGREDATION I'VE ENDURED WILL NOT GO UNREPRISED
I WILL HAVE MY SOLDIERS HUNT YOU DOWN
AND SEE YOU CRUCIFIED.
(PIRATES laugh.)

NARRATOR

SUCH AN HONOR, TO BE WITNESS
HOIST UP THE BANNERS AND SOUND ALL THE HORNS
SAME OLD ENDING, SAME OLD STORY
SEE THE FOLLY, WATCH THE DOWNFALL OF STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN

PIRATES

SEE THE FOLLY, WATCH THE DOWNFALL OF STUPID AND ARROGANT MEN

NARRATOR

LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA
LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA

(Music playoff as CAESAR is led by the PIRATES to a waiting soldier, and a servant who carries a bag of coins. They make the exchange of CAESAR with the PIRATES. The NARRATOR speaks over the playoff.)

NARRATOR

Caesar remains with the pirates for thirty-eight days before they return him for their ransom. Upon returning, Caesar immediately begins assembling a fleet of ships to pursue them.

(The Scene changes to a somber military hall as a statue of the Mars is shown. DECIMUS helps to dress CAESAR in his soldier's armor as the surrounding SOLDIERS sing. POMPEY stands with a sword to present to CAESAR as CAESAR, once dressed, slowly moves towards POMPEY to receive it. At the songs conclusion, POMPEY places the sword horizontally in CAESAR'S hands. CAESAR turns and hoists it.)

(MUSIC #4. MARS PROTECT YOUR SON) << Track 4>>

DECIMUS

GUIDE MY HAND THIS DAY

CAESAR

THIS DAY

DECIMUS

AND KEEP ME SAFE FROM HARM

CAESAR

AND KEEP ME SAFE FROM HARM

DECIMUS, CAESAR & SOLDIERS

SHOW ME FAVOR IN THE FIELD

MARS PROTECT YOUR SON, YOUR SON

MARS PROTECT YOUR SON

RUM, RUM, RUM, RUM, RUM, RUM, RUM, RUM
KEEP THIS SERVANTS SACRIFICE, OH, OH, OH
HONORING YOUR NAME, OH, OH, OH
SHIELD ME TILL THE BATTLES WON
MARS PROTECT YOUR SON, MARS PROTECT YOUR SON

RUM, RUM, RUM, SEE MY HEART IS PURE

AND SEE MY CAUSE IS JUST

ALL I AM I GIVE TO YOU

MARS PROTECT YOUR SON, YOUR SON, MARS PROTECT YOUR SON, YOUR SON! (The SOLDIERS cheer.)

SOLDIERS

Huzzah!

(The SOLDIERS disperse singing "Rum, rum, rum" from the song, and bring forth two PIRATES to present to CAESAR.)

(The NARRATOR in a spotlight, speaks his lines, then joins the other captives, placing himself in the action.)

NARRATOR

True to his word, Caesar hunts down the pirates who captured him.

(CAESAR confronts the three PIRATES.)

(MUSIC #5. GOODBYE) <<Track 5>>

CAESAR

WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

A FEW SCURVY PIRATES WHO THOUGHT THEY WOULD STEAL FROM AND INSULT A NOBLE OF ROME!

NOT A GOOD IDEA BOYS

NOT SO VERY SMART

DIDN'T ANYBODY WARN YOU THAT CAESAR COULD SLICE UP

YOUR GIZZARDS TO FEED TO THE CROWS

CRUCIFY THEM!

CRUCIFY THEM!

BUT FIRST, CUT THEIR THROATS

YOU SEE, I'M NOT WITHOUT MERCY

GOODBYE

(The NARRATOR steps out of the scene and into a spotlight as the SOLDIERS usher away the other two PIRATES as the music plays off. During the playoff music, a woman dressed for a wedding joins CAESAR, with AURELIA just stage left of them. The NARRATOR speaks.)

NARRATOR

While he is away, Caesar's wife Cornelia dies during childbirth. It isn't long before Aurelia arranges another wedding for Caesar to Pompeia, the granddaughter of the dictator Sulla.

(CAESAR and POMPEIA wave at an imaginary crowd, then kiss, AURELIA walks POMPEIA away.)

It doesn't last.

(The playoff music ends, and the introduction of the next song begins.)

However, Caesar's military career quickly becomes the talk of all Rome. His bravery and exploits on the battlefield become the stuff of legend.

(MUSIC #6. SEE THE EAGLE RISE) <<Track 6>>

(DECIMUS enters hurriedly, and salutes CAESAR.)

CAESAR

SALVE' GOOD CENTURION
I HOPE YOU BRING ME NEWS
THAT WE FINALLY CROSSED THEIR LINES
AND VICTORY NOW ENSUE

DECIMUS

IT IS AS YOU SAY MY LORD THEIR FORCE IS BEATEN BACK THEIR FLANK COLLAPSED AS YOU FORESAW THE MOMENT WE ATTACKED

DECIMUS & CAESAR

SEE THE EAGLE RISE SEE THE EAGLE FLIES (As they sing, we see CAESAR'S standard, a golden eagle, rise above the stage.)

DECIMUS

THE MEN ALL PRAISE THE NAME OF CAESAR AND LOSSES SIR WERE FEW BUT AS THEY FLED AND DID RETREAT SOMEHOW THEY CAPTURED TWO

THE PRISONERS THEY TOOK TO THE SOUTH THE OTHERS MUSTER WEST
IT'S BEST THAT WE PURSUE THEM THERE
BEFORE THEY CAN ATTACK

CAESAR

IT IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR CAESAR'S MEN TO BE HOSTAGE TO SUCH ANIMALS
THEY MUST BE FOUND AND FREED
THEN TO THE WEST WITH ALL OUR MEN
DON'T LET THEIR FORCE REGROUP
I WILL FIND OUR CAPTURED FRIENDS
AND SEE TO THEIR RESCUE
YES, I ALONE WILL SEARCH THEM OUT
AND SEE TO THEIR RESCUE

DECIMUS & CAESAR

SEE THE EAGLE RISE SEE THE EAGLE FLIES!

(DECIMUS gives a Roman salute and exits. CAESAR leaves upstage as enemy troops with two Roman prisoners move to downstage center. CAESAR appears from the wings stage right.)

CAESAR

HAIL TO THEE SIRS!

SEE I KNOW LAY DOWN MY WEAPON
(Lays down his sword.)

CAESAR (Cont.)

I AM BUT A MESSENGER OF THE ROMAN CAPTAIN CAESAR
VERY SOON YOU'LL BE SURROUNDED BY AT LEAST A HUNDRED MEN
YOU'VE NO HOPE OF SURVIVING ONCE THE FIGHTING DOES BEGIN
SO SEE THE WISDOM FRIENDS OF THE DEAL I NOW PROFFER
FREE THESE PRISONERS HERE RIGHT NOW
AND YOU'LL ESCAPE AND WILL NOT SUFFER
ON THE WORD, OF CAESAR

ENEMY SOLDIER

(Considers this.)

Let the Romans go.

(The Roman prisoners have their bonds cut by the ENEMY SOLDIERS.)

No wait, it's a trick!

(CAESAR pulls a knife from his belt and slashes at two of the enemy. The freed Roman centurions attack their captors. The others flee.)

CAESAR & FREED SOLDIERS

SEE THE EAGLE FLIES!

(Blackout. The NARRATOR moves to a spotlight. As the playoff music begins, the set changes to the home of SERVILIA.)

(MUSIC #7. SERVILIA) <<Track 7>>

NARRATOR

It is often said that behind every great man there is a woman. In the case of Julius Caesar, truly there were several, but perhaps none more important than Servilia, mother of Brutus, and Caesar's well-known mistress.

CHORUS

THE HOME OF SERVILIA

(SERVILIA and BRUTUS sit chatting as VITA enters.)

VITA

Servilia!

SERVILIA

Vita! What a wonderful surprise.

VITA

And hello Brutus.

BRUTUS

Vita...

SERVILA

Please come in. Sit with me. (VITA walks towards them)

CHORUS

THE MOTHER OF BRUTUS

VITA

Thank you. I came to see the beheading of that horrible Thracian everyone was talking about, and I thought "Servilia is right here, how can I not stop."

CHORUS

SHE IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT ROME

BRUTUS

Please take my seat. I will leave you two to catch up.

VITA

So kind of you Brutus, but don't leave on my account.

BRUTUS

Truly I am meeting with Cassius in the Senate and was just leaving.

CHORUS

AS THE MISTRESS OF CAESAR

VITA

So nice to see you Brutus.

BRUTUS

And you, Vita. Goodbye Mother.

(Brutus exits.)

SERVILIA

Goodbye Brutus.

VITA

He is an impressive young man Servilia. You must be so proud.

SERVILIA

I am. And apparently he has a knack for politics I'm told.

VITA

So I've heard.

SERVILIA

Honestly I am thrilled you stopped Vita. Thank you. And your timing could not be more perfect. I've just had a letter, but have yet to open it.

VITA

A letter... from whom?

SERVILIA

From Caesar.

VITA

Of course...

SERVILIA

Since his new marriage, I barely see him.

VITA

Oh yes, Calpurnia... (snorts)

SERVILIA

He says it's necessary... for money and for politics, but... I miss seeing him every day. I do.

VITA

Of course you would. Men and their dreams of glory... and we pay the price.

SERVILIA

And tomorrow he becomes Consul of Rome. I'm happy for him, but what will it mean? Will I ever see him? I honestly feel I can't bear it sometimes. When Brutus was a child, it seemed we almost lived as a family... and now... I just don't know. (Pause)

Would you do me a favor Vita? Would you read the letter to me?

VITA

Servilia really... I'm not sure I should hear his words in that letter.

SERVILIA

I am certain that your ears have heard worse Vita! Please? It would be as if he were here with me, and I could use that.

VITA

If that is your wish. (Reaches for the letter.)

SERVILIA

And honestly, what could you hear in this letter that everyone in Rome hasn't already said about us?

VITA

I suppose that is true. (Laughs. Opens letter) Here we are then... (Reading.)

"My one and perfect love, Servilia, you have no idea how it pains me to be so close to you in Rome and not be able to share your touch and your kisses. My marriage of convenience has turned out to be anything but. Calpurnia has me parading to parties like a prized pig, and all I can ever think of are your sweet lips and how I crave them..." Servilia?

SERVILIA

Go on...

VITA

"Please know that this marriage is purely about positioning, and that my heart lies with you every moment of every day. I think of you and Brutus and wish that we might have those moments together as we once did. Perhaps one day I can even claim him as my son. My sweet Servilia, I know that I have been more absent these past months, but please let me see you tomorrow at the ceremony, however briefly. Being made Consul of Rome would mean nothing to me without you being there to see it happen. I mean it truly and from my heart. Yours forever, Caesar."

SERVILIA

Thank you Vita.

VITA

Will you go tomorrow?

SERVILIA

I will. I must. Even if it pains me. You are a dear friend Vita. (They hug.)

(MUSIC #8. ALL HAIL JULIUS CAESAR) << Track 8>>

POMPEY

GOOD PEOPLE OF ROME IT IS MY GREAT PRIVILEGE TO HONOR THE BRAVERY OF AN EXCEPTIONAL SOLDIER WITH THIS CROWN OF OAK LEAVES...

CASSIUS

TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF YOUR NEW MILITARY TRIBUNE ...

ALBINUS

TO PRESENT TO YOU YOUR NEWLY ELECTED CONSUL OF ROME

POMPEY, CASSIUS & ALBINUS

I GIVE YOU JULIUS CAESAR!

(CAESAR appears center stage with arms raised up as the crowd begins to sing.)

CHORUS

ALL HAIL JULIUS CAESAR, JULIUS CAESAR FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE, CHAMPION OF ROME JUPITER'S BLESSED HIM, NO ONE CAN BEST HIM HE IS OUR LEADER, HE ALONE

LA, LA, LA, LA, LA

ALL HAIL JULIUS CAESAR, JULIUS CAESAR

HEART OF A LION, BITE OF A SNAKE

CITIZENS CHEER HIM, RIVALS ALL FEAR HIM

NO ONE CAN STOP THE RISE HE WILL MAKE

NO ONE CAN STOP THE RISE HE WILL MAKE

(The action stops. CAESAR in spotlight, gesturing towards POMPEY, CASSIUS, AND ALBINUS.)

CAESAR

I AM FLATTERED BY YOUR AFFECTION AND THE ATTENTION NOW GIVEN HERE BUT I HAVE DONE NO MORE, NO LESS, THAN ANY GOOD CITIZEN SHOULD DO WE LIVE AS ONE FOR ROME'S GREAT HONOR ROME'S NOT A PLACE, IT IS HERE IN OUR HEARTS

SO I ACCEPT THIS FOR ALL OF YOU

AS TOGETHER WE'LL GIVE THE GODS THEIR DO

(As the music picks up again, the crowd makes an aisle for CAESAR. He acknowledges them and treats them as a red-carpet celebrity would.)

CHORUS

(The music stops. Spotlight on CASSIUS and POMPEY with DECIMUS in soldier's garb standing beside them.)

CASSIUS

LISTEN TO THEM, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT THEY LOVE HIM SO MUCH? WHAT IS HIS MAGIC?

ALBINUS

IT ISN'T MAGIC, IT IS HIS PURPOSE USING THE PEOPLE TO FURTHER HIS CAUSE

POMPEY

I DO NOT LIKE IT

HE SHOULD KNOW BETTER

YOU NEVER TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THE NECK OF THE PEOPLE

EVERY GOOD ROMAN NOBLEMAN KNOWS THIS

WHAT IS HIS PROBLEM?

WHY DOESN'T HE?

(The music starts again in tempo. The crowd hoists CAESAR on their shoulders for a brief time.)

CHORIIS

(The music stops abruptly again. CASSIUS in spotlight talks to POMPEY and ALBINUS.)

POMPEY

CAESAR'S ANNOYING, HERE'S A SOLUTION
HE'S SEEKING VICTORIES TO FURTHER HIS STATURE
SEND HIM TO GAUL WHERE VICTORY'S UNLIKELY
HE CAN FIGHT THERE FOR YEARS

POMPEY (Cont.)

AND BE OUT OF OUR HAIR

(CASSIUS and ALBINUS nod in agreement. The music starts again in tempo. CAESAR dances with them.)

CHORUS

ALL HAIL JULIUS CAESAR, JULIUS CAESAR ROLLING IN POWER, ROLLING IN FAME

CHORUS (Cont.)

LAWYER AND SOLDIER

BUSINESSMAN, STATESMAN

EVERYONE TURNS THEIR HEAD AT HIS NAME

LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA

LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA

LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA

(At the songs conclusion, the crowd disperses a bit, congratulating CAESAR as they go about their business. Through the crowd, SERVILLIA and BRUTUS call to CAESAR for his attention. CAESAR goes to them.

SERVILIA

My Lord! My Lord Caesar!

CAESAR

(Pulls away from a conversation with POMPEY and CASSIUS.)
Ah, Servilia and Brutus too! I'm so pleased to see you here today.
(Walks towards them.)

SERVILIA

We wouldn't have missed the day our friend becomes the new Consul of Rome.

CAESAR

Servilia, you and Brutus are much more than friends to be sure. I have always thought of you Brutus as the son I never had, and of course, Servilia, as my closest of confidantes.

BRUTUS

My Lord, you must know how much I look up to you, and appreciate your guidance since my Father died.

CAESAR

Brutus you are a joy to me, and I know that you will always make your sweet Mother proud. But if you will excuse us my son, I need a word with this beautiful woman on a matter of some delicacy.
(BRUTUS nods and backs away.)

SERVILIA

Is the fair Calpurnia with us today?

CAESAR

My wife? Yes, she does gaze upon just now. (CALPURNIA with AURELIA close by in a spotlight glares at them at a distance.)

SERVILIA

I've heard that you leave for Gaul tomorrow, and that you may not return for a very long time?

CAESAR

It is true. Sadly true.

SERVILIA

Then you must write to me Caesar.

CAESAR

I must.

SERVILIA

And I will miss you.

CAESAR

And I you.

SERVILIA

Caesar...

(MUSIC #9. ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD) <<Track 9>>

ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD
AND YOU'LL FIND IT OFTEN IS FORGOTTEN
AS WE YEARN FOR SOMETHING BETTER
AS WE LONG FOR SOMETHING BRIGHTER
THAN THE THINGS WE HAVE RIGHT NOW
IT'S THE STORY LEFT UNTOLD
LOSING SELF FOR FOOLISH GAIN
LEAVES YOU WISHING THAT YOU'D KNOWN
OR SOMEHOW LEARNED ALONG THE WAY
ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD

SO MUCH TIME IS WASTED
AND GREAT DREAMS MISPLACED
FOR JUST THE LOOK OF THINGS
WONDERS THAT WILL SHINE AND SHIMMER
CAN BEWITCH YOUR EYES
AND BEAR A HEAVY PRICE
AND BE A SAD MIRAGE

WHAT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL MAY FOOL YOU AND YOU'LL FIND MAY NOT BE ALL IT SEEMS AS YOU SEE WHAT CAN BE BOUGHT AS YOU SEE WHAT CAN BE GOT

SERVILIA (Cont.)

WITH LOTS OF MONEY AND WITH POWER

IT'S THE STORY LEFT UNTOLD

THAT WHAT REALLY MATTERS MOST

ISN'T WHAT WE HAVE BUT

HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER

ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD

THE VERY BEST OF EVERYTHING IS IN OUR HEARTS

ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD

Farewell then.

CAESAR

Farewell.

(CAESAR walks away, SERVILIA looking after him. BRUTUS returns to her looking at CAESAR as he departs. They exit. CAESAR moves to his battlefield tent in Gaul, at his desk.)

NARRATOR

For several years Caesar battles the Gauls but cannot defeat them, and it is there that he receives news of his Mother's death. (We see CAESAR reading and pausing to reflect.)
And then fate and destiny intervene.

CAESAR'S GUARD

(Enters his tent.)

My Lord, the new cohorts have arrived in camp. Their commander Marc Antony requests permission to see you.

CAESAR

By all means, send him in.

(MARC ANTONY enters.)

Cousin Antony! It is way too long since I have seen you. You look well.

MARC ANTONY

Thank you my Lord. I am feeling well.

CAESAR

I'm very pleased to have you with me here Antony. And you certainly intrigue me. Tales of viciousness, debauchery, depravity, and... bravery surround you Cousin. Tell the truth to your blood relative, are the stories as outrageous as they sound?

(MUSIC #10. I LIVE WELL) <<Track 10>>

ANTONY

WHAT CAN I SAY?

I AM WHO I AM

I MAKE NO APOLOGIES FOR ME BEING ME

THE STORIES ALL PALE COMPARED TO WHAT I'VE DONE FOR REAL

MY REPUTATIONS BAD ENOUGH

BUT THE TRUTH WOULD EVEN MAKE YOU BLUSH

I LIVE WELL MY FRIEND
I LIVE WELL
I TRY TO GET THE MOST THAT I CAN GET OF EVERY DAY
MEN LIKE US, CAN NEVER TELL
WHOSE KNIFE MIGHT FIND OUR BACK
WHICH FRIEND MAY SOON ATTACK
SO FOR MY LIFE, I ALWAYS LIVE IT WELL

I LIVE WELL MY FRIEND, I LIVE FAST
I DON'T GO SNEAKING ROUND THE CORNER
I AM FULL ATTACK. I KNOW NO COMPROMISE
I HAVE NO SECOND PLACE
WHAT IS DIPLOMACY?
FOR ME IT'S IN YOUR FACE
MY ENEMIES ALL GO TO HELL
CAUSE I LIVE WELL

I LIKE A NASTY FIGHT, I LIKE TO DRINK GOOD WINE
I LIKE THE ODDS AGAINST ME LIKE MY WOMEN FINE
I WON'T GET CHEATED WHEN THE GODS DO SUMMON ME
AND SAY THE TIME IS UP FOR YOU MARC ANTONY
CAUSE I LIVE WELL MY FRIEND I LIVE WELL
I TRY TO GET THE MOST THAT I CAN GET OF EVERY DAY
MEN LIKE US, CAN NEVER TELL
WHICH DAY MAY BE THERE LAST
WHICH SNAKE MAY BE AN ASP
I'VE JUST THIS LIFE AND I WILL LIVE IT WELL
LA, DA, DA, DIE, DA, DA
LA, DA, DA, DA, LA, DA, DA, DA

CAESAR

I LIKE YOUR STYLE ANTHONY
I LIKE YOUR FLAIR
I THINK I'D RATHER HAVE YOU ON MY SIDE THAN ANYWHERE
A THOUGHT OCCURS TO ME
WHAT IF WE SHOULD TEAM?
AND I AM LOOKING OUT FOR YOU AND YOU FOR ME?

CAESAR (Cont.)

NO ONE CAN BEAT ONE OF US
TOGETHER WE'D BE WAY TOO MUCH
FOR ANY MAN, OR ANY ARMY
OR ANY COUNTRY, OR GOVERNMENT, OR GOVERNMENT

I GUARANTEE YOU ANTHONY
THAT YOU AND I WILL ALWAYS BE
AS BROTHERS, AND LIKE THIS
(Gestures to ANTHONY with crossed fingers.)

YOU WILL LIVE WELL MY FRIEND
YOU WILL LIVE GREAT
ANYTHING THAT YOU DESIRE
THEY'LL SERVE UP ON A PLATE
THEY'LL BE NO COMPROMISE
THEY'LL BE NO SECOND BEST
WE'LL OWN THE WORLD TOGETHER
ROME CAN HAVE WHAT'S LEFT
OUR ENEMIES WILL GO TO HELL
CAUSE WE'LL LIVE WELL
LA, LA, LA, LA, LA, LA
LA, LA, LA, LA, LA

(The music builds. CAESAR and ANTHONY are fighting enemies back to back, side by side, without care. Defeating everyone easily, till they have vanquished all and raise swords together in victory. CAESAR and ANTONY blackout. The NARRATOR appears in a spotlight.)

NARRATOR

Caesar and Antony conquer Gaul. Meanwhile, back in Rome.

(Lights up on POMPEY, CASSIUS, ALBINUS, and TREBONIUS as they enter with other SENATORS. We are in the Senate.)

(MUSIC #11. TIGER BY THE TAIL) << Track 11>>

CASSIUS

WE HAVE A GROWING PROBLEM GENTLEMEN
IT'S CAESAR WHO GETS STRONGER BY THE DAY
HE'S CONQUERED GAUL AND NOW IS FAT WITH PLUNDER
ALL THE PEOPLE LOVE HIM MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY
THERE IS A BIG CAT, SCRATCHING AT OUR DOORSTEP
WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS TIGER BY THE TAIL
BY THE TAIL, BY THE TAIL

(He sits, ALBINUS and TREBONIUS rise.)

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

WE HAVE A CAESAR PROBLEM GENTLEMEN
HIS ARMIES SWELL, THERE'S POWER IN HIS SIGHTS
HE WILL COME BACK TO ROME
AND MAY DEMAND A THRONE
HE MUST BE STOPPED
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY
HE IS A BEAST THAT
MUST BE PUT IN OUR TRAP
WE NEED TO GET THIS TIGER BY THE TAIL, BY THE TAIL,
BY THE TAIL
(They sit, POMPEY rises.)

POMPEY

IT'S TRUE THAT CAESAR IS A PROBLEM GENTLEMEN
BUT DON'T FORGET IT'S WE WHO HAVE THE POWER
THIS SENATE MAKES THE LAWS AND CAN REWRITE THEM ALL
THIS MONSTER CAN BE CAGED WITHIN THE HOUR

I NOW DECLARE THAT CAESAR IS A CRIMINAL FOR CRIMES HE HAS COMMITTED IN HIS WAR AND IF HE EVER DARES TO COME TO ROME AGAIN WE'LL THROW THE MAN IN JAIL AND BAR THE DOOR

WE MAKE A FENCE THAT
PROTECTS US FROM THE BIG CAT
THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE TIGER BY TAIL

SENATORS

WE MAKE A FENCE THAT
PROTECTS US FROM THE BIG CAT
THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE TIGER BY TAIL

POMPEY

BY THE TAIL, BY THE TAIL, BY THE TAIL

SENATORS

THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE TIGER BY THE TAIL

POMPEY

HE WOULDN'T DARE DEFY THE SENATE HE WOULDN'T DARE TO COME TO ROME THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE TIGER POMPEY & CHORUS

THAT'S HOW YOU GET THE TIGER BY THE TAIL (SENATORS show approval to CASSIUS. They all exit. Scene shifts to CAESAR at his camp in Gaul. A centurion brings him a scroll. He reads it quickly then holds in the air.)

(MUSIC #12. THE DIE IS CAST) << Track 12>>

CAESAR

THE SENATE HAS DECIDED I AM NOW A VILLIAN
I THEIR GREATEST GENERAL SECOND TO NONE
THE SENATE HAS DECIDED THAT I NOW AM WRONG
FIGHTING FOR MY COUNTRY AS I'VE DONE
WHO ARE THEY TO TELL ME FRIGHTENED LITTLE MEN
I HAVE SPILLED THE BLOOD CONQUERING THIS LAND
LET THEM HAVE THEIR WORDS, LET THEM PLAY THEIR GAMES
THEY WILL SOON DISCOVER WE ARE NOT THE SAME

THE DIE IS CAST, THE LINES ARE DRAWN
I WILL BE REWARDED, THEY WOULD HAVE ME GONE
THE DIE IS CAST, THE GAUNTLET THROWN
I WON'T BE DENIED, I AM GOING HOME

THEY WOULD TAKE MY ARMY MAKE ME JUST A MAN
THEY WILL STEAL MY HONOR IF THEY CAN
IT IS ROMAN LAW SOLDIERS MAY NOT GO
CROSS THE CITY LIMITS OR IT'S WAR
WHO ARE THEY TO TEST ME FRIGHTENED LITTLE MEN
THEY DON'T WANT A WANT A WAR
BUT A WAR THEY'LL GET

THE DIE IS CAST, WE'RE MARCHING ON
CROSS THAT RIVER --THE RUBICON
THE DIE IS CAST, IT HAS COME TO PASS
THE CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST AND CAESAR'S MAD

I WILL GO TO ROME KICK DOWN THE DOOR THE DIE IS CAST NOW WE HAVE A WAR!

(CASSIUS enters catching up to BRUTUS as he walks to the Senate.)

CASSIUS

Oh, Brutus! A word please... (Out of breath and panting.)

BRUTUS

Of course Cassius.

CASSIUS

I fully realize that you and your mother have a... unique relationship with Caesar. But you are no fool Brutus. You have to realize that this shameful gambit he has now undertaken will certainly fail. Pompey and the Senate will crush him easily, and if you do not make it abundantly clear to Rome whose side of the fence you sit upon, you will be placing yourself and your Mother in grave danger. The situation is no longer about loyalties or personal feelings, this is now about right and wrong. I have heard you speak on it, and you, as much as any man in Rome, understand that a government without laws and consequences is destined for carnage. If you side with what is right, I believe your future in government is very bright sir, but... are we in agreement?

BRUTUS

You do know me Cassius, and you can have no fear that as long as I breathe, I will side with tradition and the preservation of our Republic.I could never side with a rogue or dictator. For me it would be impossible.

CASSIUS

(Smiles.) I never doubted it Brutus. It just had to be said. Let us see to it then.

(The NARRATOR appears on a scaffold above the action acting as a puppeteer directing the movements of CAESAR's army and the SENATE, and POMPEY's army. Explaining as he goes.)

(MUSIC #13. PHARSALUS) << Track 13>>

NARRATOR

AND SO IT COMES TO PASS
THAT CAESAR DOES IN FACT CROSS PAST THE RIVER RUBICON
WITH ALL HIS SOLDIERS
AN ACT OF TREASON, AND OF WAR THAT NO ONE'S DARED BEFORE
BUT PEOPLE SAY THAT CAESAR HAD GOOD REASON

BUT THERE WILL BE NO BLOODSHED IN THE CITY PROPER AS HIS RIVAL SENATORS WITH ALL THEIR PRETTIES HAVE NOW FLED TO GATHER ARMIES FOR A WAR THEY'RE NOT IN ROME ANYMORE POMPEY THE FAMOUS GENERAL

NARRATOR (Cont.)

CAESAR'S OLD FRIEND AND CO-CONSUL
WILL LEAD THE OPPOSITION FORCE AGAINST HIM
CAESAR LEAVES MARC ANTONY IN ROME
WHILE HE AND ALL HIS FINEST TROOPS
BEGIN PURSUIT OF THEIR NEW ENEMIES
PHARSYLUS A BATTLE MAXIMUS
PHARSYLUS, DECIDES THE FATE OF US

IT ALL LOOKS WELL FOR CAESAR

TILL HE MAKES A BAD MANUEVER

LEAVING HIS WHOLE ARMY

ALL CUT-OFF, EXPOSED, AND TRAPPED

AND SO THE BATTLE STAGE IS SET

POMPEY WITH MORE THAN TWICE THE MEN

THE HIGHER GROUND, THE FOOD, AND ALL ADVANTAGE

CAESAR'S ARMY WORN, OUT, TIRED, AND STARVING

THE NOOSE HAS TIGHTENED AND THE TITAN

NOW MUST MAKE HIS FINAL STAND

PHARSYLUS! A BATTLE MAXIMUS

PHARSYLUS, WHERE CAESAR MAY GO BUST!

(Scene change. We are now in POMPEY'S field camp at Pharsylus.)

(POMPEY pours three glasses of wine and hands a glass to CASSIUS and BRUTUS.)

(MUSIC #14. POMPEY, THAT'S ME) << Track 14>>

POMPEY

GOOD CASSIUS AND BRUTUS
LET US RAISE A GLASS
CAESAR'S FORCE IS CRIPPLED
AND VICTORIES IN OUR GRASP
MY PLAN HAS WORKED EXQUISITELY, HIS ARMIES WASTE AWAY
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE THREE
ARE PLANNING A PARADE
Gentlemen, I propose a toast. To me...

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO BE POMPEY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

TO BE POMPEY

POMPEY

WHEN YOU KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT CAESAR ON THE RUN

BRUTUS & CASSIUS THE RUN POMPEY IF YOU'RE POMPEY BRUTUS & CASSIUS IF YOU'RE POMPEY POMPEY YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY BRUTUS & CASSIUS ON YOUR WAY POMPEY CAUSE THE BATTLES WON AND NOW YOU'RE HAVING FUN BRUTUS & CASSIUS HAVING FUN POMPEY IT'S A GOOD DAY BRUTUS & CASSIUS IT'S A GOOD DAY POMPEY TO BE POMPEY BRUTUS & CASSIUS TO BE POMPEY POMPEY AND SOON THEY WILL BE SCULPTING YOU A BUST BRUTUS & CASSIUS A BUST! POMPEY IF YOU'RE POMPEY BRUTUS & CASSIUS IF YOU'RE POMPEY

POMPEY

IT'S A HOLIDAY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

HOLIDAY

POMPEY

CAUSE YOUR NEMESIS WILL SHORTLY JUST BE DUST

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

BE DUST!

POMPEY

AND YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL GO TO ROME WITH A WREATH UPON YOUR HEAD AND CAESAR WILL BE BOWING TO YOU OR BETTER HE'LL BE DEAD

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

BE DEAD!

POMPEY

IT'S A PARTY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IT'S A PARTY

POMPEY

IF YOU'RE POMPEY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IF YOU'RE POMPEY

POMPEY

WITH ALL THE ROMAN EMPIRE AT YOU'RE FEET JULIUS IS HISTORY, HE GOES DOWN IN DEFEAT AND EVERYTHING HE HAD

BECOMES my PRIVATE PROPERTY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

PROPERTY!

POMPEY

CAUSE I'M POMPEY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

CAUSE YOU'RE POMPEY

POMPEY

AND IT'S A GOOD DAY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IT'S A GOOD DAY

POMPEY

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO BE POMPEY AND THAT'S ME

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

THAT'S ME

YOU ARE POMPEY

POMPEY

Yes, I am!

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

YOU'LL HAVE VICTORY

POMPEY

You can say that again.

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

AND ALL THE SENATE SOON WILL KISS YOUR FEET.

POMPEY

After I take my socks off.

IT'S BEEN A LONG WAY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IT'S A LONG WAY

POMPEY

TO THIS GRAND BUFFET

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

GRAND BUFFET

POMPEY

BUT THE CAESAR SALAD'S NEVER BEEN SO SWEET

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

SO SWEET

POMPEY

I WILL HAVE GAMES AT CIRCUS MAXIMUS
MY CHARIOT WILL LEAD 'EM

WITH ALL THE PLEBS AND ALL THE PRAETORS FILLING UP THE COLISEUM, IF YOU'RE POMPEY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IF YOU'RE POMPEY

POMPEY

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY

POMPEY

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO BE POMPEY AND THAT'S ... MOI

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

THAT'S ME, THAT'S HIM, THAT'S YOU!

(Dance break. They use their swords as canes for a soft shoe routine.)

POMPEY

It's time for the old soft-sandal, boys.

And now we shuffle off to Rome.

Caesar, I don't even know her.

Help yourself to the buffet. All you can eat!

IT'S A GOOD DAY...

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IT'S A GOOD DAY

(Music accompaniment breaks down. A brief pause.)

POMPEY

Wait... it's a great day!

IT'S A GREAT DAY!

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IT'S A GREAT DAY

POMPEY

TO BE POMPEY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

TO BE POMPEY

POMPEY

AND YOUR THIS FAR FROM YOUR CROWNING VICTORY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

VICTORY

POMPEY

IF YOUR POMPEY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

IF YOUR POMPEY

POMPEY

IT'S A BANNER DAY

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

BANNER DAY

POMPEY

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE POMPEY AND THAT'S ME

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

THAT'S ME

POMPEY

THAT'S ME

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

THAT'S ME

POMPEY

THAT'S ME

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

THAT'S HIM

POMPEY

In case you forget...

THAT'S ME

BRUTUS & CASSIUS

THAT'S HIM!

(POMPEY, BRUTUS, AND CASSIUS exit. Scene change. We are now outside CAESAR and CALPURNIA'S villa. SERVILIA enters and calls loudly to the windows for her attention. CALPURNIA comes to the balcony after she calls and looks at her.)

SERVILIA

Calpurnia! Calpurnia! Have you heard? The whole city speaks the news. Caesar is surrounded. Pompey outnumbers him three to one. But of course Caesar will never surrender. They say it will be just a day now before the final blow is struck. I thought that you should hear.

(MUSIC #15. YOU DON'T KNOW) <<Track 15>>

CALPURNIA

YOU DON'T KNOW

MY LOVE IS MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE HIM TO BE

IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU WILL SEE

OR SOMETHING ANYONE CAN HEAR

AND IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER

IF THE WORLD KNOWS THAT IT'S THERE

CAUSE WHAT'S INSIDE OF HIM IS GREAT BEYOND COMPARE

AND HIS HEART WILL NEVER LET HIM DOWN

SERVILIA

YOU DON'T KNOW

YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY KNOW HIM THE WAY I DO

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY SAY

IT DOESN'T MEAN A THING AT ALL

CAUSE THERE'S NO ONE

WHO CAN STOP HIM FROM HIS PURPOSE

AND HE IS STRONER THAN THE BEST OF MEN COULD EVER BE

AND I KNOW THAT HE'LL BE COMING HOME TO ME

YOU DON'T KNOW ...

CALPURNIA

YOU DON'T KNOW

SERVILLIA

MY LOVE IS MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE HIM TO BE

CALPURNIA

MY LOVE IS MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE

SERVILLIA & CALPURNIA

IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU WILL SEE

OR SOMETHING ANYONE CAN HEAR

AND THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN STOP HIM FROM HIS PURPOSE

FOR HE IS STRONGER THAN

THE BEST OF ME COULD EVER BE

AND I KNOW THAT HE'LL BE COMING HOME TO ME

BUT, YOU DON'T KNOW

(SERVILLIA and CALPURNIA stare at each other and exit. Scene change. We are now with BRUTUS and POMPEY in POMPEY'S camp at Pharsylus.)

(MUSIC #16. IN POMPEY'S TENT) << Track 16>>

CHORUS

(Directed by the NARRATOR.)
IN POMPEY'S TENT IN PHARSALUS

POMPEY

(Washing his face and cooling himself with a towel while addressing BRUTUS.)

What was Caesar thinking? Twenty-three thousand men.

(Shakes his head.)

And how many do I have?

BRUTUS

Including your horsemen, Sir... fifty-two thousand.

POMPEY

(Points a finger up.) Fifty-two thousand!

CHORUS

THE MORNING OF THE FIGHT.

POMPEY

And that's when we started this. He probably has half of that as of this morning. You would have thought I taught him better. No matter, he has made his bed, and shortly he will sleep in it.

CHORUS

THE FUTURE'S LOOKING UP FOR BRUTUS

POMPEY

Brutus my boy. (Puts his hand on BRUTUS' shoulder.) When this day is done, the name Caesar will begin to be a fading memory, and you my young friend, will be in line to be the first man in Rome. You do realize that don't you.

CHORUS

IT SEEMS THE SIDE HE CHOSE WAS RIGHT

BRUTUS

I have actually, just recently allowed myself to imagine what the future might look like under your leadership, my Lord.

POMPEY

There you go! You truly are a rising star.

POMPEY (Cont.)

That tawdry business between Caesar and your mother notwithstanding... and mind you, I don't fault her one bit. He is a master at charming the strongest among us, myself included. But you... you Brutus have proven yourself to be the type of Roman traditionalist that the Republic needs going forward. I see it, the Senate sees it. I think you are the man for us, and after today's victory, whatever I say, ha, will be the only thing that matters to anyone in Rome.

Congratulations Brutus, in a matter of

hours, you will be my right hand, and the heir apparent to the glory that will once again be Rome. You deserve it. You see the correct order of things and where everyone needs to be placed. So let us now finish the business at hand, and then you and I will begin the business of running the world.

(BRUTUS smiles. They exit. CAESAR enters center stage, sword over his shoulder, his exhausted troops gather around him.)

(MUSIC #17. THE HUNGRY) << Track 17>>

CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

OH, OH, CAESAR OH, OH, CAESAR

CAESAR

THERE COMES A TIME WHEN A MAN HAS TO FIGHT CAUSE THE WORLD HAS HIM TRAPPED IN A CORNER A TIME WHEN THERE'S NO MORE TO LOSE AND YOU DIE IF YOU CAN'T GO FORWARD FOR ALL OF US THAT TIME IS TODAY THERE'S NO MORE TO PLAN AND NO MORE TO SAY THE MOMENT IS NOW AND THE HOUR IS THUS APPOINTED

AND WE KNOW THAT FOR EACH ONE OF US
THERE ARE FOUR MEN WHO STAND IN OUR PATH
FOUR MEN WHO ARE FED AND SAFE IN THEIR BEDS
SECURE WITH THEIR BELLIES FAT
BUT WHAT I HAVE LEARNED AND WHAT YOU MUST KNOW
WHEN THE BATTLE CRY SOUNDS AND THE TRUMPETS BLOW
THE ADVANTAGE WE OWN IS THE LACK OF WHAT'S INSIDE

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE HUNGRY HUNGER WILL WIN THE DAY NOTHING CAN BEAT THE HUNGRY NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE HUNGRY HUNGER WILL WIN THE DAY NOTHING CAN STOP THE HUNGRY NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY

CAESAR

THE MEN WHO ARE OUT THERE WAITING FOR US ARE SURELY JUST FOOLS TO BE SURE THEY HAVE NO IDEA THE FORCE WE WILL BRING AS WE BATTLE LIKE HELL FOR OUR CURE

CAESAR & CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE HUNGRY HUNGER WILL WIN THE DAY NOTHING CAN STOP THE HUNGRY NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY

CAESAR

DON'T FIGHT FOR YOUR COUNTRY DON'T FIGHT FOR YOUR WIVES

FIGHT FOR YOUR FOOD AND THE NEED TO SURVIVE

(The battle begins. CAESAR and his troops fighting POMPEY'S men with passion. It continues as they sing through the end of the song, with POMPEY and BRUTUS watching from atop the scaffold.)

CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE HUNGRY

CAESAR

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE HUNGRY

CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

HUNGER WILL WIN THE DAY

CAESAR

HUNGRY WILL WIN THE DAY

CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

NOTHING CAN STOP THE HUNGRY

CAESAR

NOTHING CAN STOP THE HUNGRY

CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY

CAESAR

NOTHING NO, NOTHING NO

CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY

CAESAR

NOTHING CAN STAND IN THEIR WAY

CAESAR & CAESAR'S SOLDIERS

WE WILL WIN THE DAY!

(CAESAR and his soldiers strike a victorious pose with swords raised. POMPEY and BRUTUS watching from their perch. Blackout.)

NARRATOR

(His voice is heard)

Caesar defeats Pompey and becomes dictator of Rome.

End of Act One

ACT TWO

(MUSIC #18. VENI, VIDI, VICI) << Track 18>>

(The ROMAN CITIZENS are excited and celebrating. Banners drape the stage. CAESAR appears on top of a scaffold with MARC ANTONY and DECIMUS at his side. CASSIUS, BRUTUS, ALBINUS, and TREBONIUS are in the crowd watching.)

ROMAN CITIZENS

VENI, VIDI, VICI
THAT IS HOW YOU SAY IT
VENI, VIDI, VICI
A LASTING LEGACY
I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED
A PHRASE SO PLAIN AND TRUE
I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED
AND NOW THE WAR IS THROUGH
VENI, VIDI, VICI
FOR ALL OF HISTORY
VENI, VIDI, VICI
ARE CAESAR'S WORDS FOR OWNING VICTORY

POMPEY IS DEFEATED

AND ALL OF THE SENATORS BATTLING CAESAR SOON FALL

BRUTUS AND FRIENDS ARE FORCED TO SURRENDER

AND CAESAR THEN PARDON'S THEM ALL

A NEW ORDER IN ROME HAS RISEN WITH CAESAR ALONE AT THE TOP

THE EMPIRE IS HIS AND GROWING WITH NO TELLING WHERE HE WILL STOP

VENI, VIDI, VICI FOR ALL OF HISTORY VENI, VIDI, VICI ARE CAESAR'S WORDS FOR OWNING VICTORY

CAESAR

MY FRIENDS LET'S PUT THIS NASTY WAR BEHIND US
YOUR DEFEAT DON'T THINK OF AS LOSS BUT OPPORTUNITY
I'M YOUR FRIEND AND BEAR YOU NO GRUDGE
AND HOPE YOU HAVE NONE IN RETURN
IN CAESAR'S ROME THERE IS ROOM FOR ALL
MUCH MORE THAN THERE USED TO BE
YOUR JOBS AS SENATORS HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT
YOU'LL SERVE THE PEOPLE AS YOU DID
BUT NOW WITH HELP FROM ME

ROMAN CITIZENS

VENI, VIDI, VICI FOR ALL OF HISTORY VENI, VIDI, VICI ARE CAESAR'S WORDS FOR OWNING VICTORY

SOLO CITIZEN ONE

ROME IN HIS HANDS CAESAR NOW SEEKS TO GO FURTHER

SOLO CITIZEN TWO

EGYPT HAS GRAIN THAT HE NEEDS BUT THEY HAVE CIVIL WAR

SOLO CITIZEN THREE

KING PTOLEMY JUST A BOY BATTLES HIS SISTER CLEOPATRA

ALL THREE CITIZENS

CAESAR EMBARKS TO RESOLVE THIS AND GAIN SOMETHING MORE

ROMAN CITIZENS

VENI, VIDI, VICI
FOR ALL OF HISTORY
VENI, VIDI, VICI
ARE CAESAR'S WORDS FOR OWNING VICTORY!
ARE CAESAR'S WORDS FOR OWNING VICTORY!

(Lights change, scene shifts to CAESAR arriving at the gates of Alexandria. The townspeople are now Egyptian. CAESAR, MARC ANTONY, and DECIMUS, accompanied by a centurion, are met by PTOLEMY'S SERVANT.)

NARRATOR

Pompey has run away to Egypt and Caesar now pursues him there. Caesar also hopes to resolve the civil war between Cleopatra and her thirteen-year-old brother Ptolemy XIII.

(MUSIC #19. ALEXANDRIA) << Track 19>>

EGYPTIAN CITIZENS

WITNESS ALEXANDRIA
LIFEBLOOD OF EGYPT
ANCIENT ALEXANDRIA
CAREFUL HOW YOU TREAT IT
BEHOLD ALEXANDRIA, MANY GIFTS SHE'LL SHOWER

EGYPTIAN CITIZENS (Cont.)

NAUGHTY ALEXANDRIA PRIMAL IS HER POWER

PTOLEMY'S AGENT

IT IS AN HONOR OH GREAT EMPEROR

TO WELCOME CAESAR MAKES US PROUD

PREPARE YOU NOW TO MEET KING PTOLEMY

IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU BOW

(CAESAR looks at MARC ANTONY and DECIMUS as KING PTOLEMY and an EGYPTIAN GUARD carrying a box. CAESAR and the others bow slightly.)

PTOLEMY XIII

KING PTOLEMY BESTOWS A GIFT LORD CAESAR

IN HOPES THAT YOU WILL FAVOR ME AND MY CAUSE

YOUR ENEMY POMPEY SOUGHT SANCTUARY HERE IN EGYPT

KING PTOLEMY DENIED HIM

HERE IS HIS HEAD INSIDE THIS BOX!

(The EGYPTIAN SOLDIER opens the box showing POMPEY'S head for all to see.)

CAESAR

HIS HEAD! HIS HEAD?

HAVE YOU NO SENSE YOU STUPID BOY

YOU OVERSTEP - HE LED MY PEOPLE

YOU HAD NO BUSINESS WITH HIS LIFE

YOU HAVE INSULTED ME AND ROME

HEED MY WORDS YOU LITTLE IMP

RESOLVE THIS QUARREL WITH YOUR SISTER FAST

OR EGYPT FEELS THE BITE OF CAESAR'S WRATH

(A flustered PTOLEMY exits with his SERVANT. MARC ANTONY takes the box from the EGYPTIAN GUARD and clumsily hands it to CAESAR. The crowd and CAESAR'S men disperse.)

EGYPTIAN CITIZENS

BEHOLD ALEXANDRIA

MANY GIFTS SHE'LL SHOWER

NAUGHTY ALEXANDRIA

PRIMAL IS HER POWER

NAUGHTY ALEXANDRIA

PRIMAL IS HER POWER

(CLEPATRA'S AGENT slyly approaches CAESAR who is fumbling with the box as he walks to his quarters.)

CLEOPATRA'S AGENT

GREAT CAESAR, I BRING A GIFT FOR YOU

FROM THE EXILED QUEEN CLEOPATRA

CLEOPATRA'S AGENT (Cont.)

SHE ASKS THAT YOU OPEN IT IN PRIVATE AND DISCREETLY

CAESAR

Another gift. Perfect!

(CAESAR follows CLEOPATRA'S AGENT, all others have now exited. CAESAR sets down his box, crosses his arms. Two Egyptians bring in a large rug and unroll it revealing CLEOPATRA in the center of it. She tidies herself, they stare at each other moving slowly in silence and mimicking each others gestures. Then she sings.)

(MUSIC #20. I UNDERSTAND YOU) << Track 20>>

CLEOPATRA

CAN YOU TELL ME WHY IT IS?
THAT WHEN I LOOK INTO YOUR EYES
YOU SEEM TO KNOW JUST WHAT I'M THINKING
SO MUCH SO I DO BELIEVE THAT...

CAESAR

I UNDERSTAND YOU?

CLEOPATRA

Yes.

CAESAR

BECAUSE IT IS THAT WHEN I WATCH YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO IT SEEMS THAT I AM YOU, AND YOU ARE ME SO MUCH SO IT'S GOT BE THAT...

CLEOPATRA

I UNDERSTAND YOU?

CAESAR & CLEOPATRA

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T EXPLAIN THE CUT OF YOU AND ME IS JUST THE SAME IT'S AS IF WE ARE TWO INSTRUMENTS THAT PLAY IN PERFECT HARMONY

CAESAR

HOW CAN IT BE THAT SOMEONE COMPREHENDS JUST WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE AS ME

CAESAR (Cont.)

THE WEIGHT OF THE WHOLE NATION RESTS UPON MY SHOULDERS DAILY, YET

CAESAR & CLEOPATRA

I UNDERSTAND YOU

CLEOPATRA

IT'S SO IMPOSSIBLE
AND BEAUTIFUL AND POWERFUL
TO MEET SOMEONE WHO'S SO LIKE ME
NO EXPLANATION'S NECESSARY

CAESAR & CLEOPATRA

I UNDERSTAND YOU
WE ARE DANGEROUS
THERE'S NEVER BEEN TWO OTHERS QUITE LIKE US
AND IT'S CERTAIN THAT THERE
NEVER, EVER WILL BE

CAESAR

SO TELL ME CLEOPATRA

CLEOPATRA

TELL ME CAESAR

CAESAR

IF WE'RE SO ALIKE

CLEOPATRA

AND SIMILIAR

CAESAR & CLEOPATRA

JUST WHERE IT IS YOU THINK THIS CONVERSATIONS REALLY GOING? I UNDERSTAND!

(CAESAR takes CLEOPATRA in his arms. They move to kiss then Blackout.) CASSIUS, ALBINUS, and TREBONIUS are pacing in the villa of BRUTUS and SERVILIA, they both sit and listen as CASSIUS sings.)

(MUSIC #21. BRUTUS WE MUST) << Track 21>>

CASSIUS

BRUTUS WE MUST DO SOMETHING WITH CAESAR BRUTUS WE MUST TAKE ACTION TODAY EACH ONE OF US IS NOTHING WITH CAESAR BRUTUS WE MUST MAKE CAESAR NOW GO AWAY

CASSIUS & ALBINUS

BRUTUS WE MUST DEAL SWIFTLY WITH CAESAR

CASSIUS

BRUTUS WE MUST BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

CASSIUS & ALBINUS

EACH ONE OF US HAS PROBLEMS WITH CAESAR

CASSIUS

BRUTUS DON'T FUSS, IT'S JUST WHAT MUST BE HIS FATE

HE TAKES OUR LANDS

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

AND HE TAKES OUR MONEY

CASSIUS

THE SENATE'S A SHAM

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

HE'S TAKEN OUR POWER

CASSIUS

SPREADING OUR WEALTH

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

AMONG COMMON PEOPLE

CASSIUS

WITHOUT A DOUBT IT'S OUR DARKEST HOUR

CASSIUS & ALBINUS

BRUTUS WE MUST DO SOMETHING WITH CAESAR

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

BRUTUS WE MUST TAKE ACTION TODAY

CASSIUS & ALBINUS

EACH ONE OF US IS NOTHING WITH CAESAR

CASSIUS

BRUTUS WE MUST MAKE CAESAR NOW GO AWAY, AWAY AND HAVE YOU HEARD

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

THE LATEST FROM EGYPT

CASSIUS

HE'S MADE A BABY

CASSIUS & ALBINUS

WITH THAT CLEOPATRA

CASSIUS

CAN YOU IMAGINE

CASSIUS & TREBONIUS

WHAT WILL BE COMING

CASSIUS

WHEN HE MAKES HIS HEIR

CASSIUS & ALBINUS

AN EGYPTIAN BASTARD

(SERVILIA rises and exits while BRUTUS looks after her deep in thought.)

CASSIUS, ALBINUS & TREBONIUS

BRUTUS WE MUST DO SOMETHING WITH CAESAR

BRUTUS WE MUST TAKE ACTION TODAY

EACH ONE OF US IS NOTHING WITH CAESAR

BRUTUS WE MUST MAKE CAESAR NOW GO AWAY

BRUTUS WE MUST MAKE CAESAR NOW GO AWAY

CASSIUS

AWAY!

(Blackout. Spotlight on the NAARATOR.)

NARRATOR

Cleopatra joins Caesar in Rome with her new baby, Caesarion. He is believed to be Caesar's son.

(The streets of Rome. ROMAN CITIZENS sing as CAESAR and CLEOPATRA, who holds a baby, parade into the city past CALPURNIA, SERVILIA, and BRUTUS who are watching. CASSIUS and the ROMAN CITIZENS sing, but as they realize what they are seeing, the singing grows less and less enthusiastic and they leave the stage one by one, leaving a solo child singing alone the last line.)

(MUSIC #22. VENI, VIDI, VICI Reprise) <<Track 22>>

ROMAN CITIZENS

VENI, VIDI, VICI

THAT IS HOW YOU SAY IT

ROMAN CITIZENS (Cont.)

VENI, VIDI, VICI A LASTING LEGACY

I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED A PHRASE SO PLAIN AND TRUE I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED AND NOW THE WAR IS THROUGH

VENI, VIDI, VICI FOR ALL OF HISTORY VENI, VIDI, VICI

ARE CAESAR'S WORDS FOR OWNING VICTORY

(At songs conclusion, CAESAR holds the baby in the air. The lone crowd member left claps. Blackout. In a spotlight is BRUTUS, SERVILIA walks up to him and speaks.)

SERVILIA

Brutus, I must talk to you.

BRUTUS

Mother? (They sit on a bench.)

SERVILIA

Brutus, I believe I have wronged and misled you. You are not a fool, you obviously have known about my relationship with Caesar all these years, and that we are not merely friends. And, that there is much I have never told you about my relationship with him, and how it has shaped your life and our lives. But I fear that was been between Caesar and I all these years has caused you to wear blinders, and now I am asking you to forget about what he once meant to me and to us, and to see him for what he has become... a fake and a charlatan. Not the man we once knew. Not the good man who helped me to raise you. (She rises.)

Whatever Cassius and these other Senators are urging you to do… do it! Stop him. End this insult. He makes us all look like fools. Having a baby with that Egyptian tart, taking the money of nobles to give to plebs, reducing the Senate to a bad joke. You can do this. You need to do this for me. You need to save the Republic and restore the honor of our family. You have my urging and my blessing Brutus.

(She walks away leaving BRUTUS alone. He rises.)

(MUSIC #23. ANYONE BUT HIM) << Track 23>>

BRUTUS

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAS ALWAYS ON HIS SIDE
IT'S TRUE THAT HE WAS WHO I DID ADMIRE
EVERYTHING HE SAID AND EVERYTHING HE DID
I BELIEVED IN HIM LIKE WHEN I WAS A KID
BUT NOW MY NEW CONCLUSION
IS HE WAS ALL ILLUSION
THE THINGS THAT HE SAID HE'D DO
TURNS OUT COULD NEVER BE TRUE
AND HE'S LEFT NOTHING HERE FOR ANYONE
AND WE'D BE BETTER OFF WITH ANYONE - BUT HIM

IT'S TRUE THAT HE WAS WHO INSPIRED ME
IT'S TRUE THAT HE WAS WHO I WANTED TO BE
MORE THAN POWERFUL AND BETTER THAN THE REST
BUT NOW I SEE THE PRICE
YOU PAY TO BE THE BEST
AND NOW WHAT I WANT TO BE
IS LESS LIKE HIM AND MORE ME
I'D RATHER JUST BE GOOD
THEN RULE THE WORLD AS HE WOULD
CAUSE HE'S LEFT NOTHING HERE FOR ANYONE
AND WE'D BE BETTER OFF WITH ANYONE — BUT HIM

I WILL NOW CLAIM WHAT HE HAS TAKEN

IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE
BUT HE MADE THIS, HE MADE THIS
HE MADE THIS
AND HE'S LEFT NOTHING HERE FOR ANYONE
AND THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR ANYONE
AND WE'D BE BETTER OFF WITH ANYONE - BUT HIM
ANYONE BUT HIM
(Blackout at songs end. CASSIUS moves off the scaffe)

(Blackout at songs end. CASSIUS moves off the scaffold to the street. He looks side to side cautiously. DECIMUS and BRUTUS approach him.)

CASSIUS

Decimus...

DECIMUS

Cassius...

BRUTUS

Cassius...

CASSIUS

Brutus...

BRUTUS

Decimus...

DECIMUS

Brutus...

CASSIUS

Can you do this Decimus? You've always been his friend.

(MUSIC #24. PAY THE PIPER) << Track 24>>

DECIMUS

I LIKE THE PLAN WE'VE GOT
IT IS THE PERFECT PLOT
WE HAVE THE PLACE THE SPOT
AND THE MEN TO PULL IT OFF
AND YOU WANNA BET
THAT HE WON'T SUSPECT
WHAT HE'S GONNA GET
WHEN THE SUN COMES RISING
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE
YOU'RE GONNA PAY THE PIPER
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE
YOU'RE GONNA PAY THE PIPER
SOMEHOW...

CASSIUS

SOMEHOW...

BRUTUS

SOMEHOW...

CASSIUS

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU MUST DO
YOU MAKE SURE HE'S LATE
YOU SEE HIM AT HIS HOME
AND YOU MAKE HIM WAIT
WE KNOW WHO'S ON OUR SIDE
THE REST WILL RUN AND HIDE
THEY'LL BE A CRIMSON TIDE
WHEN THE KNIVES COME OUT
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE
YOU NEED TO PAY THE PIPER
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE

CASSIUS (Cont.)

YOU'RE GONNA PAY THE PIPER SOMEHOW ...

DECIMUS

SOMEHOW...

BRUTUS

SOMEHOW...

AND ANTONY

I'LL MAKE CERTAIN HE IS FAR AWAY

FROM THE FIGHT THAT WILL BE

HE'LL GO ROUNDABOUT

WE WILL LOCK HIM OUT

HE WILL SCREAM AND SHOUT

WE WON'T LET HIM IN

IF YOU CALL THE TUNE

YOU NEED TO PAY THE PIPER

IF YOU CALL THE TUNE

YOU'RE GONNA PAY THE PIPER SOMEHOW ...

DECIMUS

SOMEHOW...

CASSIUS

SOMEHOW...

DECIMUS

I LIKE THE PLAN WE'VE GOT

CASSIUS & BRUTUS

I LIKE THE PLAN WE'VE GOT

DECIMUS

IT IS THE PERFECT PLOT

CASSIUS & BRUTUS

IT IS THE PERFECT PLOT

DECIMUS

WE HAVE THE PLACE THE SPOT

CASSIUS & BRUTUS

WE HAVE THE PLACE THE SPOT

DECIMUS

AND THE ...

MEN TO PULL IT OFF!	DECIMUS, CASSIUS & BRUTUS
AND YOU WANNA BET	DECIMUS
AND YOU WANNA BET	CASSIUS & BRUTUS
THAT HE WON'T SUSPECT	DECIMUS
THAT HE WON'T SUSPECT	CASSIUS & BRUTUS
WHAT HE'S GONNA GET	DECIMUS
WHAT HE'S GONNA GET	CASSIUS & BRUTUS
WHEN THE SUN COMES RISING	DECIMUS, CASSIUS & BRUTUS
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE	DECIMUS
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE	CASSIUS & BRUTUS
YOU'RE GONNA PAY THE PIPER	DECIMUS, CASSIUS & BRUTUS
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE	DECIMUS
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE	CASSIUS & BRUTUS
YOU NEED TO PAY THE PIPER	DECIMUS, CASSIUS & BRUTUS
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE	DECIMUS
IF YOU CALL THE TUNE	CASSIUS & BRUTUS

DECIMUS, CASSIUS & BRUTUS

YOU NEED TO PAY THE PIPER

DECIMUS

NOW!

CASSIUS

NOW!

BRUTUS

NOW!

DECIMUS, CASSIUS & BRUTUS

PAY THE PIPER NOW!

(In silence, they all separate. CASSIUS calls after DECIMUS.)

CASSIUS

Decimus, what turned you against him?

DECIMUS

When we were soldiers, we fought our enemies side by side. Now that he's Dictator, he thinks everyone is his enemy. (during playoff music, BRUTUS exits. CASSIUS sneaks to a perch in a tavern, DECIMUS joins CAESAR, MARC ANTONY and several soldiers who are enjoying a meal and drink. CAESAR and MARC ANTONY sit center stage.)

CAESAR

Antony we have done well for ourselves. The world is ours today, as we did dream it to be. To live as kings is good. I have just one concern… that feckless Senate. I don't trust them. They're a different breed. Not like you and me.

(MUSIC #25. A SOLDIER) <<Track 25>>

ANTONY

THE ONLY MAN YOU CAN COUNT ON IS A SOLDIER
HE'S THE ONLY KIND OF MAN, WORTH A DAMN
THE ONLY MAN WHO HAS HONOR IS A SOLDIER
ONLY HE CAN YOU TRUST WITH YOUR LIFE IN HIS HANDS
HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU
WHETHER WRONG OR RIGHT
HE'S NOT A FRIEND, HE'S YOUR BROTHER
STANDING BY YOUR SIDE TO WIN THE FIGHT

THE ONLY MAN WHO HAS HONOR IS A SOLDIER HE'S THE ONLY KIND OF MAN, I CAN STAND

ANTONY (Cont.)

THE ONLY MAN WHO HAS PURPOSE IS A SOLDIER FOR HIS COUNTRY HE RISKS, ALL THAT HE HAS HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU WHETHER WRONG OR RIGHT HE'S NOT A FRIEND HE'S...

ANTONY & SOLDIERS

YOUR BROTHER!

ANTONY

STANDING SIDE BY SIDE TO WIN THE FIGHT
THE ONLY MAN YOU CAN COUNT ON IS A SOLDIER
HE'S THE ONLY KIND OF MAN, I CAN STAND
THERE IS NO ONE MORE LOYAL
THERE IS NO ONE MORE TRUE
A SOLDIER'S OATH WILL NOT BE BROKEN
IT IS SOLID GOLD IF HE'S WITH YOU
THE ONLY MAN WITH A CONSCIENCE IS A SOLDIER
IF HE GIVES HIS WORD, HE WILL NOT RECANT
I HAVE TO SAY I WORRY FOR YOU
THERE ARE JACKALS ALL AROUND
WAITING FOR A LITTLE SLIP
TO BRING MY GOOD FRIEND CAESAR DOWN

DECIMUS

IT IS TRUE MARC ANTONY
I HAVE HEARD THE RUMORS TOO
OF PLOTS AND SCHEMES TO MAKE HIM DEAD, WHICH IS WHY YOU'LL
NOTICE
HE IS STANDING NEXT TO YOU!

ANTONY, DECIMUS, and CAESAR

THE ONLY MAN YOU CAN COUNT ON, IS A SOLDIER HE'S THE ONLY KIND OF MAN WORTH A DAMN

THE ONLY MAN WHO HAS HONOR,
IS A SOLDIER
ONLY HE CAN YOU TRUST
WITH YOUR LIFE IN HIS HANDS
ONLY HE CAN YOU TRUST,
WITH YOUR LIFE IN HIS HANDS!

(At songs end, ANTONY, CAESAR and SOLDIERS do a bit of back-slapping. CASSIUS is revealed in a spot above them on a scaffold, watching the action. He sings.)

(MUSIC #26. IN THE SENATE) <<Track 26>>

CASSIUS

WE WILL MURDER CAESAR IN THE SENATE THAT'S THE ONLY KIND OF PLAN

WORTH A DAMN

WE WILL ALL KILL CAESAR IN THE SENATE ALL TOGETHER WE WILL DEFEAT THIS MAN

WE WILL STOP THIS DICTATOR

AND BRING ORDER TO ROME

THE ARISTOCRACY WILL TRIUMPH

AND POWER WILL GO BACK WHERE IT BELONGS

WE WILL MURDER CAESAR IN THE SENATE

HE WILL DIE TOMORROW BY OUR HAND

HE WILL DIE TOMORROW BY OUR HAND!

(CASSIUS and DECIMUS exit. Scene changes to CAESAR and CALPURNIA's villa. CAESAR sits looking at a map. A worried CALPURNIA enters and disturbs him.)

NARRATOR

March fifteenth, forty-four B.C. At the home of Caesar. The Ides of March.

CALPURNIA

Caesar?

CAESAR

Calpurnia? Is there something wrong?

CALPURNIA

Yes! I... I had a dream last night. A terrible dream, and it still troubles me.

CAESAR

A dream? Interesting ... I had a dream as well. I was flying above the clouds and shaking hands with Jupiter... but when I awoke, I did notice you murmuring in your sleep.

CALPURNIA

In my dream, our house had collapsed and you were stabbed and bleeding in my arms.

CAESAR

I like my dream better. (Returns to reading his map.)

CALPURINA

(Walks to him.) Caesar, do you think you could cancel the Senate today, and stay home with me?

CAESAR

(Surprised.) Calpurnia. You want me to cancel the Senate because of a bad dream?

CALPURNIA

I do.

CAESAR

You've never been superstitious Calpurnia. I'm a bit surprised.

CALPURNIA

There are so many who question you, my love. Would it hurt for just this one day to stay away from them?

CAESAR

If I ran from enemies, I wouldn't be sitting here now.

CALPURNIA

You wouldn't be running... (Pause) Could you at least consult with someone before you go... about the dream. A priest?

CAESAR

(Stares at her.) Only for you my love. I will stop to see the soothsayer on the way to the Senate. Will that suffice?

CALPURNIA

Yes. Thank you. (Pause.) Do you ever think about retiring, living quietly?

CAESAR

I don't.

CALPURNIA

Could you? Would you?

(MUSIC #27. THIS MAN) <<Track 27>>

SOME MEN, CAN LIVE

WITHOUT ARMIES OR POWER OR ENEMIES LYING IN WAIT

SOME MEN, CAN LIVE

PEACEFUL QUIET EXISTENCES

FAR FROM THE NOISE OF THE CROWD

CALPURNIA (Cont.)

THIS MAN, HAS DONE

PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER HAS DONE BEFORE

WHY CAN'T YOU SEE

THAT YOU CAN SIMPLY BE

LIKE ANY OTHER MAN, IF YOU WOULD CHOOSE?

CAESAR

IT ISN'T ME..

THIS MAN, HAS LIVED

WITH VICTORIES AND TRIUMPHS

THE WORLD WILL NEVER FORGET

THIS MAN, HAS LIVED

THROUGH FIRES AND TRIALS

THAT OTHERS WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED

THIS MAN

CALPURNIA

THIS MAN

CAESAR

HAS DONE

CALPURNIA

HAS DONE

CAESAR & CALPURNIA

PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER HAS DONE BEFORE

CAESAR

I'VE NEVER BEEN

CALPURNIA

WHY CAN'T YOU SEE?

CAESAR

LIKE ANY OTHER MAN

CALPURNIA

THAT YOU CAN SIMPLY BE

CAESAR

NO ONE CAN WIN

CALPURNIA

LIKE ANY OTHER MAN

CAESAR

LIKE I KNOW I CAN

CALPURNIA

THE FATES MUST HAVE THEIR PLAN

CAESAR

THE FATES BE DAMNED

CALPURNIA

YOU'VE NO MORE TO PROVE

CAESAR

I KNOW WHO I AM, AND I MUST

CALPURNIA

WHAT MORE CAN YOU DO? WHY MUST YOU

CAESAR & CALPURNIA

WALK THROUGH THE DOOR EVERY DAY LIKE THIS MAN - TO THE END! (At songs end. DECIMUS enters and speaks. CALPURNIA rushes out.)

(MUSIC #28. DECIMUS) << Track 28>>

DECIMUS

My Lord Caesar.

CAESAR

Decimus my friend. To what do I owe the honor?

DECIMUS

I was on my way to the Senate and thought you might enjoy some company on your walk there my Lord.

CHORUS

THE PLAN IS IN MOTION

CAESAR

Ha. That's very kind or you Decimus. Ironically, my wife was just encouraging me to take the day off.

DECIMUS

Take the day off? From the Senate?

CAESAR

Yes, I know... she had a bad dream and ... it's not important.

DECIMUS

A bad dream?

CHORUS

PLAYED BY HIS SOLDIER

CAESAR

Sometimes attempting to be a good husband presents us with challenges my friend. You understand I'm sure. (DECIMUS smiles.)

CHORUS

CAESAR WASN'T SUSPECTING

CAESAR

I will however take you up on your offer, but I do need to make a stop on the way there, if the delay is not an inconvenience to you?

DECIMUS

Of course my Lord. Whatever you wish, I am your humble servant.

CHORUS

A BETRAYAL BY A FRIEND

CAESAR

Ah... you are kind Decimus. It shouldn't take long. All right then, to the Senate my friend.

CHORUS

HAIL CAESAR, OUR LEADER ALL PRAISE HIM, OUR CAESAR

(CAESAR and DECIMUS exit the home and during playoff music, make their way to the soothsayer's shop. The NARRATOR is the soothsayer. CAESAR and DECIMUS enter the shop. The NARRATOR has his back to them , and doesn't realize at first that it is CAESAR.)

(MUSIC #29. THE IDES OF MARCH) <<Track 29>>

CAESAR

TELL ME SIR, ARE YOU THE SOOTHSAYER?

NARRATOR

YES, MY FRIEND THAT IS I ...

(Turns to see CAESAR and DECIMUS standing there. A bit flustered seeing CAESAR.)

NARRATOR (Cont.)

FORGIVE ME MY LORD, CAESAR
I SPOKE BEFORE I LOOKED
YOU HONOR ME WITH YOUR PRESENCE GREAT CAESAR
HOW MAY I SERVE YOU TODAY?

CAESAR

I REQUIRE THE SERVICE OF YOUR ARTS IF YOU NOW HAVE THE TIME?

NARRATOR

ONLY A FOOL WOULD SAY 'NO' TO CAESAR

CAESAR

Right!

I SEEK TO KNOW WHAT CAN BE TOLD OF MY FUTURE

NARRATOR

LET US SEE...

(NARRATOR grabs disgusting items from a shelf and puts them in a bowl. They create smoke.)

NARRATOR

FROM THE WATERS DEEP AND DARK
FROM DEPTHS OF ALL THE PAINTED EARTH
I PRAY THE GODS WILL GIVE ME SIGHT
TO FAST DEVINE WHAT LIES IN STORE
FOR HE WHO STANDS BEFORE ME NOW
I SEEK THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE THROUGH A SIGN
MMM, MMM, MMM

CAESAR

TELL ME MAN, TELL ME QUICK
IS THERE A MESSAGE HERE?
SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW, SOMETHING I OUGHT TO KNOW?

NARRATOR

ALL THAT I SEE, ALL THAT I HEAR ALL THAT I'M TOLD TO IMPART BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH!

CAESAR

THIS IS NONSENSE, SUCH A FRAUD YOU ARE THIS IS THE FIFTEENTH, THE IDES OF MARCH YOUR WORDS ARE NO USE TO ME!

(CAESAR storms out. DECIMUS tosses the NARRATOR a few coins. They begin the walk to the Senate. DECIMUS behind CAESAR.)

(MUSIC #30. TO THE SENATE) <<Track 30>>

CHORUS

HAIL CAESAR, OUR LEADER ALL PRAISE HIM, OUR CAESAR

(CAESAR and DECIMUS walk into the Senate. BRUTUS speaks to MARC ANTONY and guides him out the door, then locks it. SERVILIA looks on at a distance in a spotlight in the house. She sings.)

SERVILIA

ALL THAT GLITTERS ISN'T GOLD

AURELIA

BECAUSE YOU'RE MEANT TO BE A KING

CHORUS

HAIL CAESAR, OUR LEADER ALL PRAISE, OUR CAESAR

(SENATORS surround and stab at CAESAR as he attempts to defend himself. He finally sinks to the floor with BRUTUS, CASSIUS, and DECIMUS over him as in the first scene.)

CAESAR

(To BRUTUS.) You too my child?

(All but BRUTUS freeze as he is in spotlight and sings.)

(MUSIC #31. THE AUTHOR) <<Track 31>>

BRUTUS

I AM THE AUTHOR OF WICKEDNESS
I AM THE ONE WHO IS STRONG
TAKING THE LIFE OF MY HERO
A THING THAT I KNOW TO BE WRONG
BUT WHAT IS WRONG IS RIGHT
AND WHAT IS RIGHT IS NOT
AND I HAVE CHOSEN THIS TO BE LOT
SO NOW THE WORLD WILL FINALLY KNOW
THAT HE WAS ONLY JUST A MAN
AND WAS IT EVIL OR JUST COINCIDENCE
THAT BROUGHT HIM TO US
AND CHANGED THE WORLD

I AM THE AUTHOR OF INFAMY

BRUTUS (cont.)

I AM THE DEATH OF A KING
I'LL BE THE FAMOUS ASSASIN
THE ONE WHO IS BLAMED FOR THIS THING
BUT WHAT I'VE DONE IS RIGHT
AND WHAT IS RIGHT IS NOT
AND THIS DAY MAY NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

SO NOW ALL HISTORY WILL DISCUSS IF WHAT WAS DONE TODAY WAS JUST AND WILL THE TELLERS OF THIS TALE CONDEMN ME OR APPLAUD FOR I DECIDED HE SHOULD DIE TO SAVE US ALL.

WILL THERE EVER BE ANOTHER? WILL MANKIND SEE THIS AGAIN?

(BRUTUS freezes. The scene is as it was in the opening number. SPURRINA moves in to sing.)

(MUSIC #32. SEE THE SIGHT Reprise) <<Track 32>>

NARRATOR

SEE THE SIGHT, SEE THE FRIGHT, SEE THE FIGURE ON THE RIGHT LYING COLD ON THE FLOOR, NEVER BREATHING ANYMORE.

MORE THAN MAN, MORE THAN KING

MORE THAN MORTAL ANYTHING

A LEGEND FOR THE AGES FILLING ALL OF HISTORIES PAGES

NOW YOU KNOW A LITTLE MORE

THEN YOU MAYBE DID BEFORE

'BOUT THIS LEGEND

'BOUT THIS LEGEND

ONE WITH EVER-RANGING POWER

OVER COUNTRIES, OVER MAN

NARRATOR & CHORUS

CAESAR!

CHORUS

CAESAR

NARRATOR & CHORUS

CAESAR!

CHORUS

CAESAR

NARRATOR & CHORUS

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CAESAR!

CHORUS

CAESAR

NARRATOR & CHORUS

CAESAR!

(Blackout. Lights return for curtain call.)

END OF ACT TWO

(MUSIC #33. THERE IS CAESAR) << Track 33>>

CAST

AND SO IT IS OUR HISTORY
IN WHAT THE WORLD HAS COME TO BE
FOR GOOD, FOR BAD, IN WHAT WE LEARN
IN ALL WE HAVE BECOME
THERE IS CAESAR
THERE IS CAESAR

THE BATTLE PLANS AND STATEGIES
THE POLITICS AND POLICIES
IN WHAT WE'VE LEARNED
IN WHAT WE'VE MADE
IN WHAT WE HAVE TODAY
THERE IS CAESAR
THERE IS CAESAR
SEE HIS MARK, SEE HIS MARK

CAST (Cont.)

HIS LEGACY, HIS LEGACY HE HAS SHAPED, HE HAS SHAPED ALL THAT WE ARE, OUR DESTINIES

IN HOW ARE LIVES ARE NOW DEFINED IN WHAT WE KNOW AS ALL MANKIND IN LIFE AND DEATH IN WHAT IS TIME

IN FUTURES THAT WE SEE
THERE IS CAESAR, THERE IS CAESAR
THERE IS CAESAR, THERE IS CAESAR
THERE IS CAESAR, THERE IS CAESAR

(Blackout.)