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Space Pirates

CHARACTERS

Museum Guide*

KIDS

Gabby (lead)
Jai (lead)
Taylor (lead)
Jack (young lead)
Casey*
Riley*
Dylan*
Blake*
Kid Ensemble*

** Can double as alien/pirate roles*

SPACE PIRATES

Pirate Captain (lead)
Argyle
Kevlar
Zargon
Goldarg
Jolar
Baart
Garr
Orb
Pirate Ensemble (optional)

ALIENS

Captain Jot (lead)
Anderdash
Allbot (the robot)
Amberding
Baz
Margella
Esterly
Shocky
Lolop
Sealy
Alien Crew Ensemble (optional)

ALIEN SCIENTISTS:

Professor Lool
Croton
Fimmal
Flerp
Glerp

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PLOT SUMMARY

The show opens in a museum, where a school group is learning about artifacts from the ancient Roman world. All the kids find this “old stuff” really boring and would rather be playing with their latest electronics. Everyone, that is, except for GABBY who is fascinated by history (OLD STUFF).

Two of the popular kids, Taylor and Jai, ask to be excused to take Jai’s younger sibling Jack to the rest room. The Guide assigns Gabby to go with them. When Jai and Taylor make fun of Gabby for being a “know-it-all”, she’s left alone and sings about how she’s tired of never fitting in (ALWAYS ON THE OUTSIDE). By the end, Gabby decides to take a risk and ditch the class with the cool kids. However when she meets up with Taylor, Jai and Jack they all mysteriously become transported to outer space!

Up in outer space, the Space Pirate Captain and his two cohorts notice that a “really heavy treasure” from Earth has been transported to an alien space ship from Zooglebotz. They decide to go after it!

Taylor, Jai, Jack and Gabby suddenly appear on the alien spaceship from Zooglebotz. Taylor, who’s watched one too many alien movies, sings about how they should be very, very worried about what the aliens might do to them (THAT’S WHAT ALIENS DO).

Suddenly an announcement over the loudspeaker requests all the aliens to gather for the morning report. The kids hide and observe the aliens as they describe how much they have loved their mission of exploring earth’s history (BLARG A RIPTOO).

After the morning report the kids accidentally reveal themselves to the aliens. Just as they try to explain, the alien ship suddenly gets taken over by the Space Pirates (SPACE PIRATES!). The kids manage to escape to the lab room. The other aliens get tied up by the Space Pirates before they go on search for the “really heavy treasure”.

In the lab room the kids meet five wacky alien scientists who are overly excited to be in the presence of humans. When asked why the aliens love earth so much, the aliens explain the history of their own planet, Zooglebotz (ZOOGLEBOTZ). By the end, they realize Jack is missing!

Turns our Jack, who’s always been enamored by pirates, went to try and joing the priate crew. When she meets three pirates keeping guard, they explain the ins and outs of becoming a pirate (IF YOU WANT TO BE A PIRATE). But when the pirates turn on Jack, Gabby steps in to help her escape.

Meanwhile, all the aliens are tied up in the supply closet. They sing the blues to lament their situation (CAPTURED BY SPACE PIRATES BLUES).

As Gabby and Jack return to the crew, Jack asks Gabby if there’s anyway she can save them so they can return home. Remembering the Museum Guide’s lecture about ancient Rome, Gabby comes up with a plan (ALWAYS ON THE OUTSIDE REPRISE).

On the main deck of the ship, the aliens are tied up and the Pirate Captain is threatening to zap everyone back to Zooglebotz if they don’t turn over the “really heavy treasure”. One of the alien scientists enters and explains he’s ready to hand over the heavy treasure; an old ancient statue. When the Pirate Captain goes to unveal the statue, Gabby, Taylor, Jai and Jack are hidden inside and surpise the pirates! They gain control of the transporter. But suddenly the pirates (everyone except the Pirate Captain) plea that they only became pirates to collect anitques - they really love old stuff too (ARGH A RIPTOO)! The Pirate Captain becomes frustrated with his crew and makes fun of them for being soft. This creates a mutiny as the pirates turn against their captain and zap him…to Zooglebotz! From that point on, the pirates and aliens decide to work together to explore the universe’s ancient treasures (IF YOU WANT TO BE A PIRATE REPRISE). After thanking the kids for their bravery, they send them back home to earth.

When the kids arrive back at the museum and are confronted by some other classmates, it’s clear they have a better understanding of why history is important. Taylor and Jai apologize to Gabby for making fun of her, and they all celebrate the joy of being unique and confident with who you are (BLARG A RIPTOO FINALE).

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SPACE PIRATES!

A New Children's Musical

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SCENE 1: The Museum

Front of curtain. The MUSEUM GUIDE enters leading a group of KIDS on a tour. All of the kids look bored, except for GABBY.

Old Stuff

MUSEUM GUIDE
Moving on, here is our exhibit of artifacts from the ancient Roman world. I'm sure you'll agree -- it's hard to imagine anything more fascinating than these old, dead cultures.

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GABBY
Oh! I read this book that said the word "senate" comes from the Latin word senex which means "old man". Isn't that interesting guys?

MUSEUM GUIDE
Wow Gabby, very good!

(All KIDS give a loud groan.)

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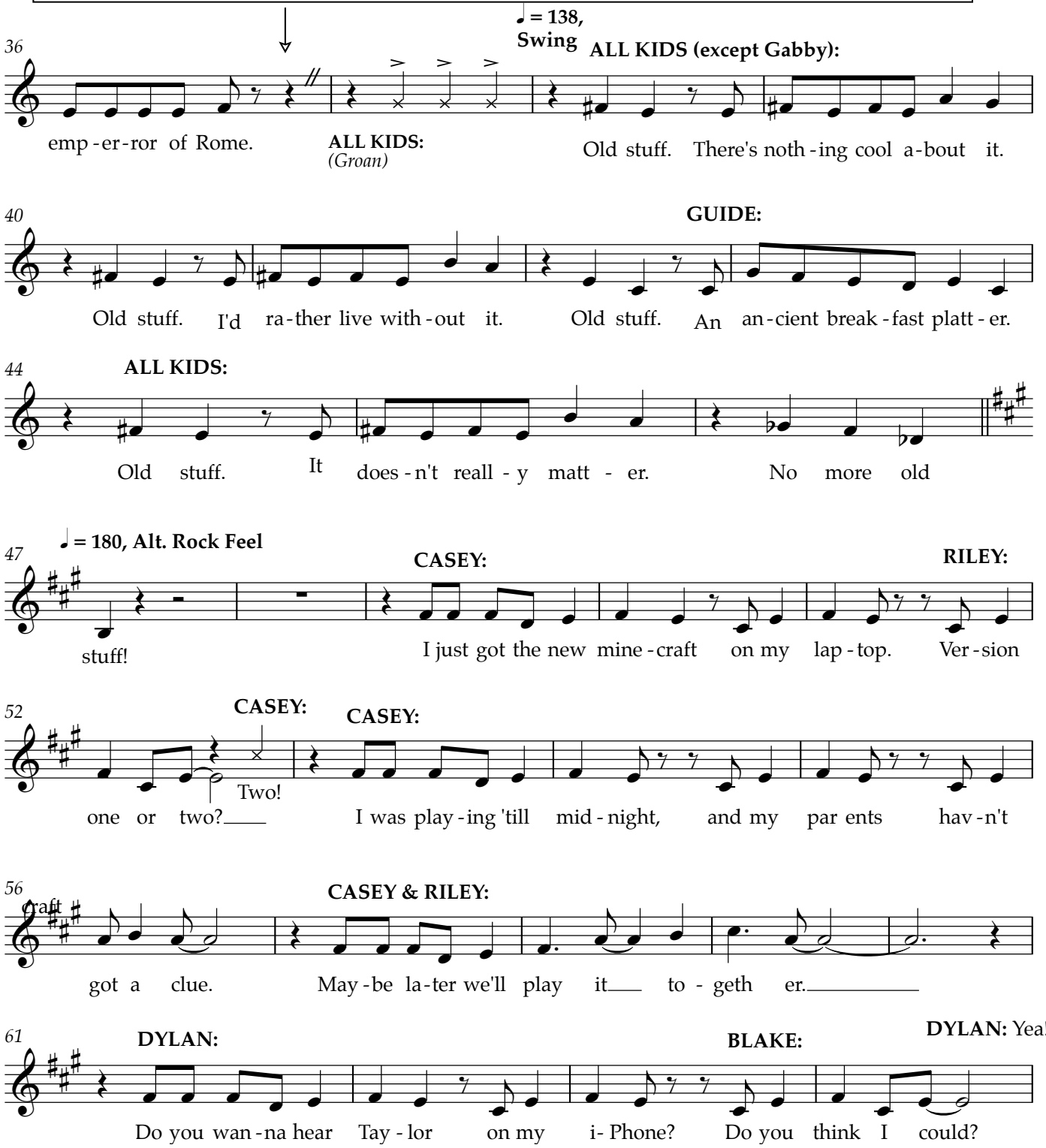
GABBY
Augustus, the first emperor of Rome! Hey Taylor, did you know his great uncle was Julius Caesar?

(All KIDS give an even louder groan.)



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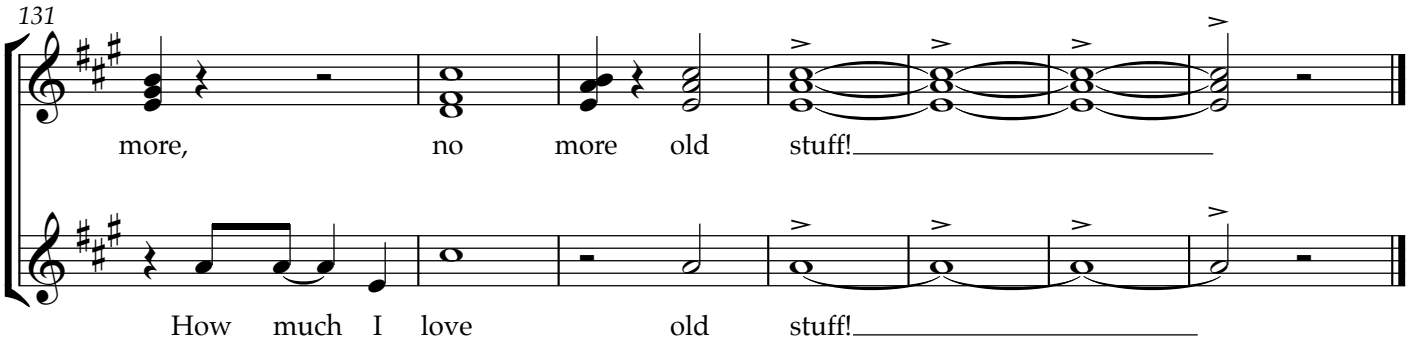

MUSEUM GUIDE
Now this ancient map is one of my favorite pieces. We acquired it after the owner brought it to be appraised on Antiques Roadshow.

JAI
Ugh, my mom watches that show.

GABBY
Ooh, did you see the one with the old blanket that turned out to be a rare piece of Native American art?

JAI *(in a silly voice, making fun of GABBY)*
Hi, I'm Gabby…I love boring stuff. The more boring, the better!

(The whole class chuckles.)

MUSEUM GUIDE
Students, stop! There's nothing wrong with being passionate about something… especially history. Now if you follow me, we'll meet back up with your teachers in the Egyptian wing.

JAI *(raising his hand)*
Um, Mrs. Guide lady…my little sister needs to use the restroom…is it OK if I take her and meet you over there?

TAYLOR *(getting a nudge from JAI)*
I have to go too!

MUSEUM GUIDE
Fine. As long as *Gabby* goes with you.

(JAI and TAYLOR sigh. The class moves on leaving Jai, Taylor, Jack and Gabby behind.)

TAYLOR
I'm starving. Let's sneak away to find some food.

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JACK
But I want to see that ancient map!

JAI
Jackie, remember what mom said: if you come on this trip, you're not allowed to leave my side.

JACK
Aargh, the name's Jack! And I'm a pirate! I just thought we'd see more gold and treasure and stuff.

TAYLOR *(mocking)*
Hey, since Gabby is so obsessed with the museum, maybe she can help us find a vending machine.

GABBY
Oh, but if we do that, we might miss the Egyptian wing with the pottery that looks like…

(She trails off noticing the annoyed look from JAI and TAYLOR.)

JAI
Ugggh, Gabby, why are you into things that are so weird? This is why nobody hangs out with you.

JACK
I like hanging out with Gabby.

TAYLOR
Come on, let's go find snacks.

(TAYLOR, JAI and JACK leave.)

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Always on the Outside

♩ = 145, Swing

GABBY:

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When - ev - er I am talk - ing ev - 'ry one sighs.

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And sud - den - ly they're mock - ing all that I prize. All their

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laugh - ing's grow - ing thin I'm al - ways on the out - side just tryin' to fit in.

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I show them some - thing bril - liant they think it's dumb.

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Like rub - ber I'm re - sil - lient still I feel numb. I don't ev - er

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seem to win I'm al - ways on the out - side just tryin' to fit in. And I won

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- der if I should break a rule toss off school be less good.

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(GABBY runs offstage. Lights change as TAYLOR, JAI and JACK enter from the other direction.)

TAYLOR
Come on, it's gotta be here somewhere!

(GABBY runs onstage.)

GABBY
There you are! I got so tired of looking at boring old stuff.

JAI
You did?

(Suddenly there is a strange beeping sound. Suddenly it grows louder and louder and the lights begin to flash.)

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JAI
What is that sound?

GABBY
I have no idea.

JACK *(Slowly begins to spin in place.)*
Why am I spinning?

TAYLOR *(Slowly begins to spin in place.)*
Why are *you* spinning? Why *am I* spinning?

JAI *(Slowly begins to spin in place.)*
This isn't funny you guys!

ALL KIDS *(Gradually spins faster in place.)*
Aaaaaaaa!!

(The noise grows and grows and the kids spin and spin until blackout.)

SCENE 2: Pirate Spaceship

(On another part of the stage, lights up on the steering section of a pirate spaceship. THE PIRATE CAPTAIN is speaking into a speaker device. During the opening lines, ARGYLE and KEVLAR, two pirates, enters with a chart.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Good afternoon, scoundrels. This is yer Captain speaking. For three days now, we be orbiting the Milky Way, and still, not a single ship worth ransackin'. It's makin' your captain cranky. Any mate gets in my way today, he'll be walkin' the zero gravity plank!

ARGYLE
Ahoy, captain!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Argyle, what did I say about interruptin' me?

ARGYLE
Aar, I'm sorry, Cap'n! But Kevlar here saw something on the monitor --

KEVLAR
A spaceship we can ransack!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Finally! What planet be they from?

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KEVLAR
From Zooglebotz, sir!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Do you both have barnacles for brains? There be no treasure on Zooglebotz!

ARGYLE
Aye, Captain! But we detected a huge transporter signal between the spaceship and planet Earth!

KEVLAR
They just beamed up something big and heavy…reaally heavy.

PIRATE CAPTAIN
So this ship be carryin' treasure from Earth, eh? Kevlar, set a course. If this ship has any Earth treasure, it will soon belong to me! Ha-HA!

(The PIRATE CAPTAIN strikes a pose. ARGYLE and KEVLAR immediately imitate it.)

ARGYLE & KEVLAR
Ha-HA!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
What are ye waiting for? Go!

SCENE 3: Alien Spaceship: Main Deck

(An alien spaceship. When the lights rise we see GABBY, TAYLOR, JAI and JACK spinning and screaming like before. They come face-to-face with AMBERDING and BAZ, two aliens, who are near a transporter machine.)

GABBY, JAI, JACK, TAYLOR, AMBERDING, BAZ
Aaaaaaaa!

TAYLOR
Aliens! They're aliens!

BAZ
Humans! Humans on our ship!

AMBERDING
I told you we shouldn't be playing with the teleportation machine! We're only interns!

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BAZ
This is a terrible mistake. You have to go home!

GABBY
We're in space?

CAPTAIN JOT *(voice offstage)*
Attention crew! This is your Captain speaking. Please report to your assigned stations at once. Frackzul!

("Frackzul" means "Thank you" in alien speak.)

BAZ
We have to go now! What do we do about them?

AMBERDING *(To the KIDS)*
We shall return later and figure out how to get you back to Earth. For now – stay right there. Stay. Stay. Good humans!

(AMBERDING grabs BAZ and bolts offstage.)

JAI
Whoa.

TAYLOR
Gabby, what did you do?! Where did you take us?!

GABBY
I…I…I don't know, I was just looking for the vending machine and…

TAYLOR
Those. Are. ALIENS! We're doomed!

GABBY
They seem… nice?

TAYLOR
Nice? Aliens are not nice! Haven't you seen any movies, ever?

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That's What Aliens Do

GABBY: And you know this how?
TAYLOR: Gabby, you need to spend more time in front of the TV.

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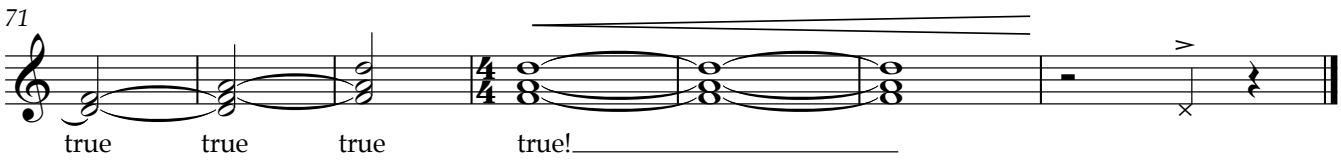

(An announcement comes over a speaker system.)

CAPTAIN JOT *(voice offstage)*
Attention crew! Please assemble on the main deck for the morning report. Frackzul!

TAYLOR
Quick, hide!

(The KIDS all duck into a corner as ALL ALIENS begin to walk on. While they assemble, lights go up on the PIRATES.)

SCENE 4: Pirate Spaceship

(The PIRATE CAPTAIN, ARGYLE, KEVLAR step onto a different part of the stage and look out over the audience.)

KEVLAR
Captain, I've locked onto the alien ship.

ARGYLE
The ship with the really heavy treasure! Ooh, Kevlar, what do you think it be?

KEVLAR
Perhaps gold?

ARGYLE
Perhaps jewels?

KEVLAR
Perhaps a porcelain tea set?

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Silence! I'll tell you what that really heavy treasure be. It be ours! Ha HA!

ARGYLE & KEVLAR
Ha HA!

(The PIRATES exit.)

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SCENE 5: Alien Spaceship: Main Deck

(The ALIEN CREW, including ALLBOT, have assembled for their morning briefing. ALLBOT is a robot and speaks like a robot.)

ALLBOT
Good mor-ning, crew. Please stand at a-ttention for Cap-tain Jot.

(ALL ALIENS salute. CAPTAIN JOT enters to fanfare, walks to the front of the room and salutes. ALLBOT, the First Mate, & ANDERDASH, the Chief of Security, stand alongside him.)

CAPTAIN JOT
I don't need to tell you that today is a bittersweet day for all of us. It has now been seven hundred and nine space years since we left Zooglebotz and began our mission:

ALL ALIENS
To explore strange new worlds. Especially Earth!

CAPTAIN JOT
Throughout our mission, we have transported books and artifacts from Earth, one at a time, taking great pains not to disturb the humans' everyday lives. Each of these has brought us one step closer to understanding Earth culture. Of course, there have been a few mishaps and accidental repeats. I asked Commander Margella to bring something here today…

(MARGELLA dumps out the contents of a container: dozens of random socks.)

MARGELLA
Three hundred thousand unmatched socks from Earth's dryers. We're lucky they make good antennae warmers.

ALL ALIENS
Mm-hmm!

CAPTAIN JOT
Unfortunately, it is time to move on to the next galaxy. But we will never forget what we learned from our time studying Earth. Esterly, would you like to begin the final report?

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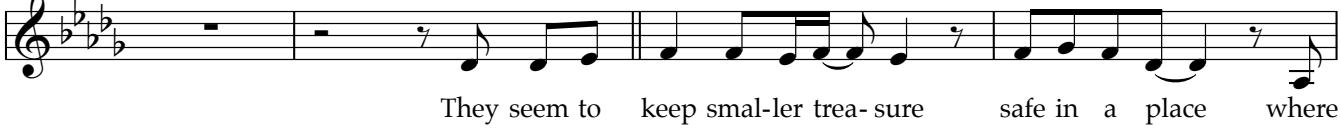
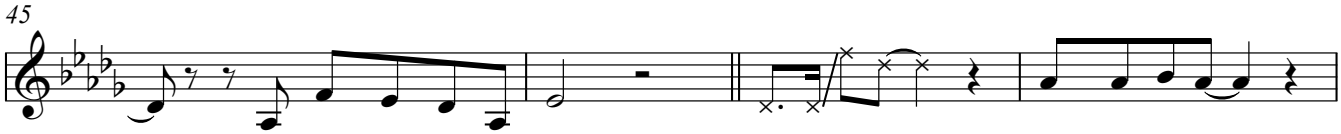
TAYLOR:
Wow, they really like Earth, huh?

JAI:
Even the boring stuff.

ALL ALIENS (or divide into groups):





ALL ALIENS (or solo/duet):

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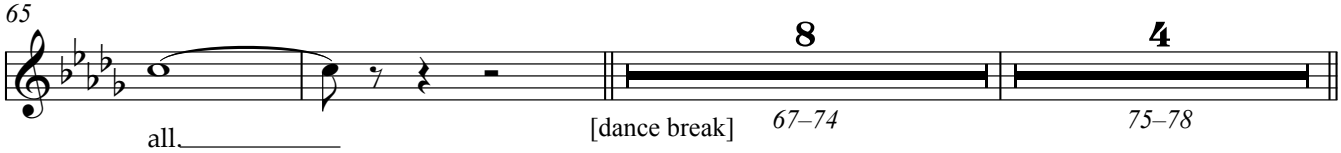
ESTERLY, SEALY, LOLOP:
Break it down now!



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CAPTAIN JOT
That concludes our presentations.

ANDERDASH
Captain Jot, I have one more thing!

CAPTAIN JOT
Proceed, Lieutenant Anderdash.

ANDERDASH
Before the transporter broke, I managed to beam up one last Earth artifact.
(ANDERDASH holds up a teacup.)
We already have a few like it. I believe the humans use this to wash their toes after a long walk.

JACK *(to Jai)*
They don't know what a teacup is?

JAI
Ssh!

ALLBOT
Or per-haps it is a ti-ny hat!

ANDERDASH
No, it is most certainly designed to hold water.

(GABBY jumps up and blurts out)

GABBY
It's a teacup! We drink tea out of it!

KIDS
Gabby!

GABBY
Sorry.

(The aliens all turn slowly towards the KIDS, who emerge from their hiding place.)

TAYLOR
We… come in peace?

ALLBOT
Could it be?

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ANDERDASH
Are they –

CAPTAIN JOT
Humans! How did you get onto the ship?

GABBY
We don't know. There was a noise, and we started spinning –

CAPTAIN JOT
Who was on transporter duty this morning?

(AMBERDING and BAZ step forward, sheepishly.)

AMBERDING and BAZ
We were.

AMBERDING
I was trying to beam up something from the museum!

BAZ
A souvenir!

AMBERDING
And then it made a weird noise.

BAZ
And we ran away.

CAPTAIN JOT
From now on, no more interns at the transporter – that's an order!

ANDERDASH
Don't get too close, Captain – they may have germs.

JACK
I do not!

TAYLOR
We come in peace! We have no weapons! Or germs!

ANDERDASH
Sir, if we don't rid of these humans immediately, the "you-know-who" will be hot on our trail!

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CAPTAIN JOT
They're children, Anderdash. Let them speak. What's the worst that could happen?

(Suddenly there's a loud crash sound effect and the lights shut off! The SPACE PIRATES enter in the dark shining little flashlights up on their faces.)

Space Pirates!

SPACE PIRATES:

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JAI
Run! Go! Go!

JACK
But Jai, real pirates!

GABBY
Hide!

(The KIDS hide on a part of the stage, or in front of the stage, visible to the audience, but not visible to the Space Pirates.)

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CAPTAIN JOT
I'm afraid you've come to the wrong ship. We are peaceful explorers.

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Aye -- peaceful explorers who be carryin' treasure from Earth! Who here be the captain?

CAPTAIN JOT
I am the captain of this ship.

ZARGON
Wrong answer!

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GOLDARG
Completely wrong.

KEVLAR
Absolutely wrong.

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Could somebody please tell him the correct answer?

ARGYLE
You be captain of this ship!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
I be captain of this ship! And from now on, your crew answers to me. Now, Kevlar and Argyle detected something really heavy from Earth bein' transported onto your ship. Just tell us where the treasure be, and we'll be on our way.

ANDERDASH
We'll never tell you!

ALLBOT
Not ev-er!

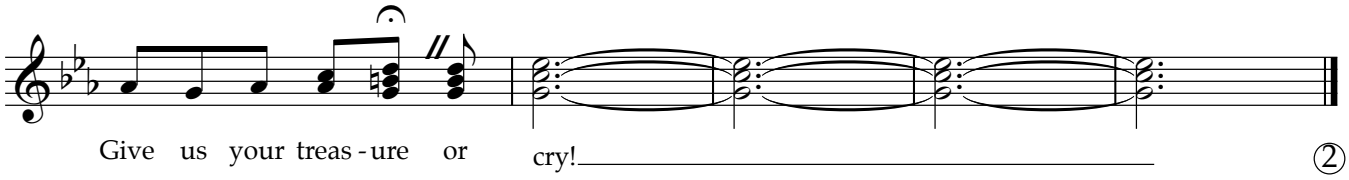
PIRATE CAPTAIN
I think you will, 'cause if we don't see that treasure by Blarg tonight, we'll zap all of you back to where you came from!

ALL ALIENS
Nooo!

ANDERDASH *(to the KIDS, pointing offstage)*
Hurry, go hide in the lab, that way!

(The KIDS run offstage.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Pirates, lock the prisoners up! One of them's sure to crack. And if they don't – well, you heard the song.



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SCENE 6 – Alien Spaceship: The Lab

(Front of curtain. The KIDS run into the lab. Five alien scientists, LOOL, CROTON, FIMMAL, FLERP and GLERP, are busy studying a slinky. They are very quiet. Initially, the KIDS don't see the ALIENS. Slowly, the aliens begin to notice the KIDS and stare at them, wide-eyed.)

JACK
Real pirates! Did you guys see that? Let's go back!

TAYLOR
I'm freaking out! This is scarier than the last Harry Potter movie!

JACK
Real live pirates! I am so glad I came on this field trip!

JAI
Let me get this straight: first we were beamed up onto a spaceship, with a bunch of aliens obsessed with stuff from Earth, and now that ship is being attacked by space pirates…who are also obsessed with stuff from Earth?! What is going on?!

GABBY
I don't know…but we'll be OK…

(Suddenly GABBY and the KIDS notice the ALIEN SCIENTISTS who are staring at them, wide-eyed. LOOL steps right up to TAYLOR examining her with fascination.)

TAYLOR
Um…who are these guys?

LOOL
Extraordinary!

(The other ALIEN SCIENTISTS begin inspecting the kids: poking them, checking their teeth,etc.)

JAI
Hey! Hey, cut that out!

CROTON
Professor Lool, they're real!

FIMMAL
How is it possible?

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FLERP & GLERP
They're HUMANS!

(Suddenly, the ALIEN SCIENTISTS become extremely excited.)

GABBY
Yes, we're humans, but that's not the most important thing right now…

LOOL *(cutting her off)*
I'm Professor Lool! We love your planet!

GABBY
That's great, but --

CROTON
You have wonderful music and laundry detergent! I'm Croton.

GABBY
Thanks. But do you realize --

FIMMAL
I'm Fimmal! Can you tell me what this slinky is used for?

GABBY
But –

FLERP
Earth is our favorite planet!

JAI
I really don't understand why you guys are so obsessed with Earth.

FLERP
There's so much history!

GERP
And culture!

FIMMAL
And pizza!

JAI
Earth isn't that great…

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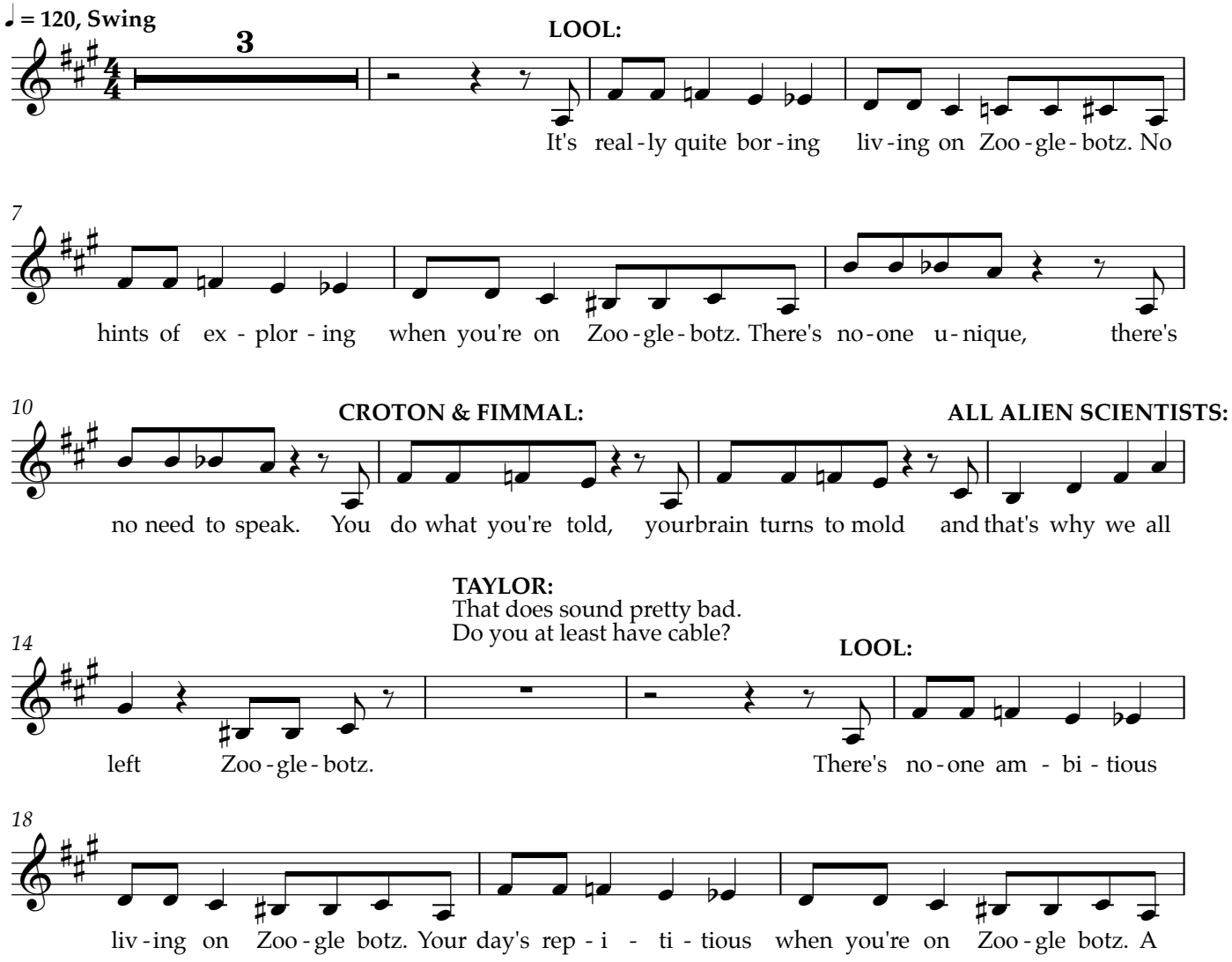
GLERP
You begin to appreciate these things when you grew up on Zooglebotz, our home planet.

ALL KIDS
Zooglebotz?!

LOOL
There's nothing interesting on Zooglebotz at all, really. That's why we went to space in the first place!

(During the song, JACK sneaks away.)

Zooglebotz



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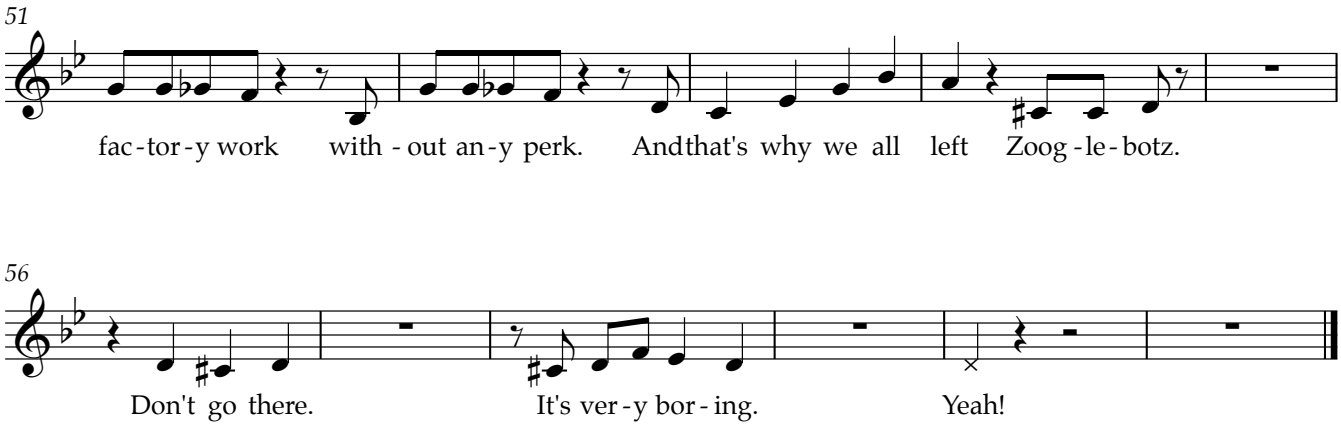

JAI
So, um, your ship is under attack by space pirates?

ALIEN SCIENTISTS
What?!

LOOL
Why didn't you say something? We need to hide our precious artifacts!

TAYLOR
You guys! Where did Jack go?

JAI
Oh, no.

GABBY
I have a feeling I know. Wait here!

(GABBY quickly exits.)

JAI
Gabby, no!

SCENE 7 – Alien Spaceship: Main Deck

(The PIRATE CAPTAIN is pacing onstage. ZARGON, JOLAR and BARRT enter.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Tell me one of you mangy mutts found the treasure!

ZARGON
Sorry, Captain – the crew won't tell us a thing!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Aar, do I have to do everything me-self? Mind the deck while I be doin' yer dirty work!

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(The PIRATE CAPTIN exits.)

JOLAR
Aye-aye, sir! Well, matey, looks like we're in charge.

ZARGON
In charrrge!

JOLAR
Let's look for things to plunder!

(JACK bursts into the room.)

JACK
Oh good, you're still here!

JOLAR
Aar! Why isn't this one tied up?

JACK
Cuz I'm one of you! A pirate!

ZARGON
You are not!

JACK
Try me!

JOLAR
All right – show Barrt here what ya got.

(JOLAR pushes BARRT, a tiny new apprentice pirate, forward. A showdown ensues:)

BARRT
Arr!

JACK
Arr!

BARRT
Swab the decks!

JACK
Shiver me timbers!

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BARRT
Aye, matey!

JACK
Yo-ho-ho!

BARRT
She's good.

ZARGON *(Wink, wink, nudge, nudge.)*
I guess you are one of us. So that means you've got to help us do all the things that pirates do.

JACK
Awesome! I mean, aye-aye! So what's first?

ZARGON
Just sit back, and we'll show you everything you need to know.

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(Dance break. It starts with a soft-shoe call and response, then grows into a high-kick big band style.)

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JOLAR
Now, matey -- a real pirate doesn't keep secrets from his shipmates. Tell us about this big, heavy treasure you be transportin' from Earth. Is it gold?

BARRT
Is it a rare piece of art?

ZARGON
Is it a vintage tea set?

JACK
Actually, they do have a teacup. And a slinky and some other stuff from Earth.

ORB
Whaaat?

JACK
But I can't steal stuff from my new friends!

GARR
If yer a real pirate, you'll take us to that big, heavy treasure now!

JACK
I didn't even see anything big and heavy!

JOLAR
Aye, mateys, this one is just as useless as the rest! Let's make her walk the zero gravity plank!

JACK
No!

(The PIRATES begin to close in on Jack. GABBY pokes her head onto the deck and stage-whispers to Jack)

GABBY
Jack! This way!

JACK *(to SPACE PIRATES)*
Wait! Before you throw me overboard – can you show me the dance again?

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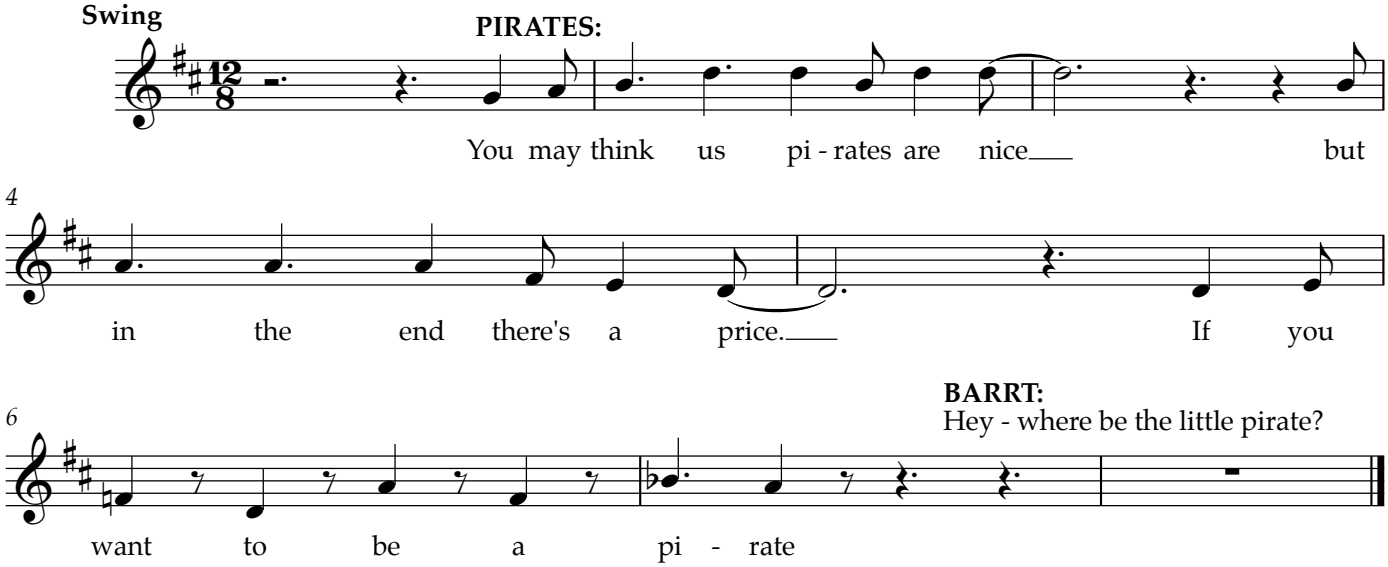
(The PIRATES launch into their dance, not noticing as JACK and GABBY sneak offstage.)



SCENE 8 – Alien Spaceship: Supply Closet

(Front of curtain. Lights up on the ALIEN CREW who've been tied up together and locked in a ship closet. These are all the ALIENS except the ALIEN SCIENTISTS.)

BAZ
This is all our fault.

SEALY
It could be worse.

LOLOP
What do you mean, it could be worse?

SEALY
I'm just saying, there are worse places to be than a supply closet.

SHOCKY
There are worse places to be than tied up in a supply closet while pirates steal all your stuff?

SEALY
Maybe not.

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LOLOP
Do you think someone will come along and rescue us?

SHOCKY
Maybe. All I know is, when this day started, I sure didn't expect to end up here.

Captured By Space Pirates Blues

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(Lights dim on the ALIENS as we flow directly into the next scene, still front of curtain.)

SCENE 9 - Alien Spaceship: A Hallway

(Front of curtain. GABBY and JACK are running from the pirates. They pause to catch their breath.)

GABBY
I think we lost them!

JACK
They wanted to kidnap me, Gabby! They're mean and horrible! And weirdly obsessed with teacups.

GABBY
I'm just glad I found you in time!

JACK
I never want to be a pirate!

GABBY
Jack, you don't have to be like them. You can be a good pirate, like Captain Hornigold. He hunted bad pirates, and when he captured them, he wouldn't hurt them – he'd just steal their hats!

JACK
Gabby, you know so much stuff. Can't you figure out how to save us, and bring us back home?

GABBY
I only know about weird stuff that no one likes. That's what Jai says, anyway.

JACK
Forget about him! We have bigger problems! Did anybody from history ever come up with a great plan to defeat pirates?

Always on the Outside (Reprise)

(A vision of the MUSEUM GUIDE, visible only to Gabby, appears.)

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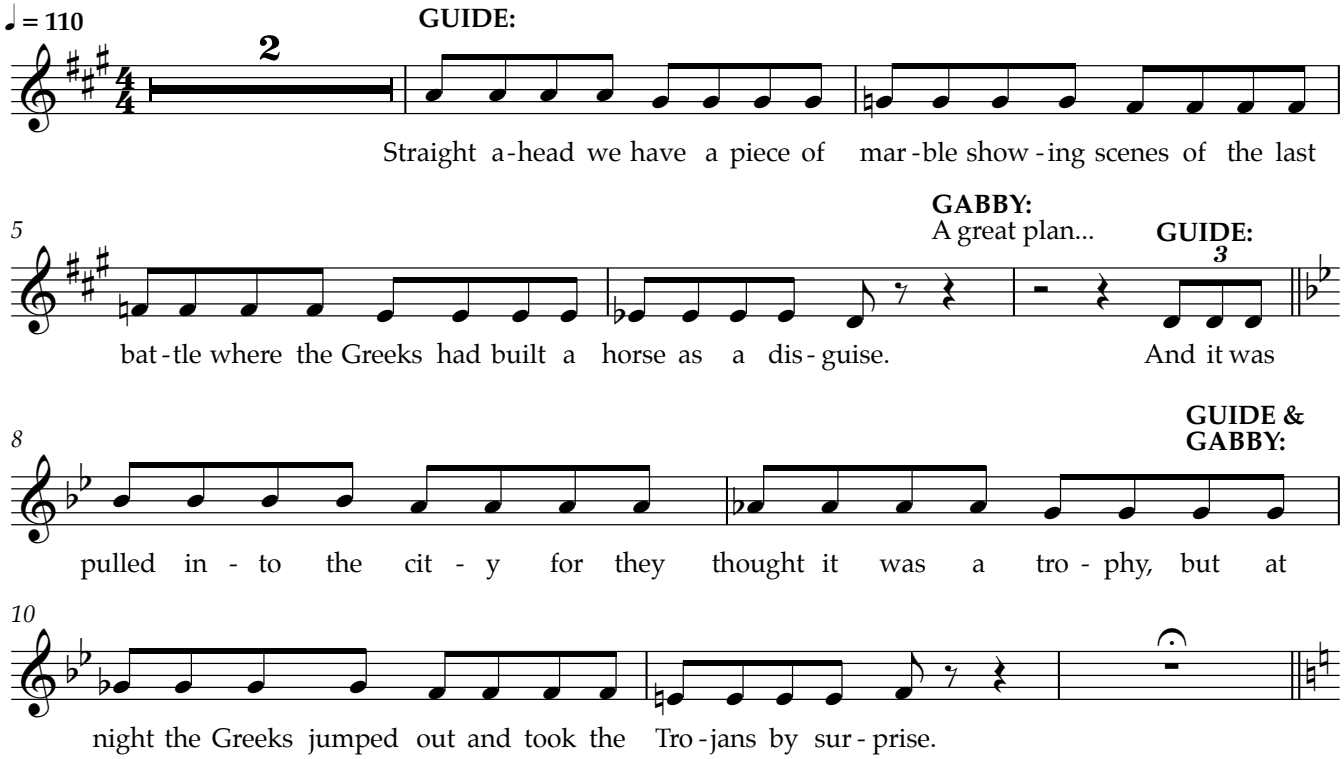

GABBY
Jack, that's it! We need to give the pirates the treasure they want!

JACK
Huh?

GABBY
Quick, go get everybody from the lab! And bring the Earth artifacts!

JACK
Whatever you say, Captain Gabby! *(JACK runs offstage.)*

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(GABBY runs offstage.)

SCENE 10 - Alien Spaceship: The Main Deck

(All of the ALIENS (except the ALIEN SCIENTISTS) are tied up like before, but this time they are sitting on the floor of the main deck.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
All right, this be your last chance! Where are ye hiding the really big treasure?

ANDERDASH
We'll never tell!

ESTERLY
We're not afraid of pirates!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Very well! Zargon, Jolar – bring over the transporter!

(ZARGON and JOLAR bring PIRATE CAPTAIN the teleportation device.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Me mateys have been tinkerin' with your machine. Every time I push this button, one of your crew will disappear. And I'll keep pushing it, until someone tells me where the Earth treasure be!

CAPTAIN JOT
What do you mean disappear?

PIRATE CAPTAIN
I mean they'll suffer the worst fate possible. They'll be sent back to Zooglebotz!

(ALIENS all gasp.)

ESTERLY
Nooo!

LOLP
Not Zooglebotz!

ALL ALIENS
It is so boring!

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PIRATE CAPTAIN
And the first alien goes in three… two…

(Professor LOOL runs in.)

LOOL
Wait!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Aar, how did this one get loose?

LOOL
I heard you're looking for that big, heavy treasure we transported from Earth! I want to hand it over. It's a collection of very large, very old statues

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Statues? Aye, those should fetch a pretty penny at the black hole market! Bring them to me or else!

(LOOL and the ALIEN SCIENTISTS enter, pushing four big boxes.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Aye, now this is more like it! A larrrrge treasure. And it's mine. All mine!

(The PIRATE CAPTAIN pulls the lid off a box and out pops JACK.)

JACK
Gotcha!

(TAYLOR, JAI, and GABBY come out of the remaining boxes. JAI holds the can of air freshener. TAYLOR holds the slinky.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
What be this?

GABBY
Surprise!

JAI
Air freshener attack!

(JAI sprays a can of air freshener into the air and the PIRATES double over coughing. TAYLOR begins flinging around the slinky to keep the rest of the pirates away.)

SPACE PIRATES
Aaaaaar!

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TAYLOR
Beware the slinky!

SPACE PIRATES
AAAAAAAR!

(While this occurs, LOOL and the ALIEN SCIENTISTS start untying the aliens. GABBY and JACK grab the teleportation machine and bring it over to CAPTAIN JOT.)

CAPTAIN JOT
Everyone behind me!

(JOT gets between the pirates and aliens, pointing the teleportation machine at them. The PIRATES raise their hands in surrender.)

CAPTAIN JOT
This your only chance. Surrender and no one gets zapped into space!

ORB
Wait! We're not like the Captain, we love earth's artifacts, just like you!

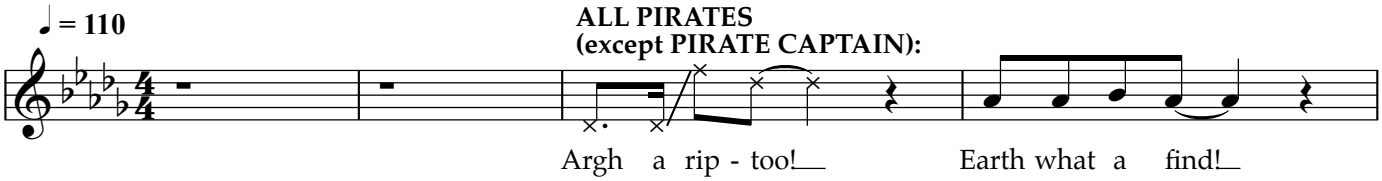
GARR
We've just been trying to complete our antique collections!

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Blimey! What you be sayin'?

GOLDARG
We love earth!

GABBY
Prove it.

Argh A Riptoo



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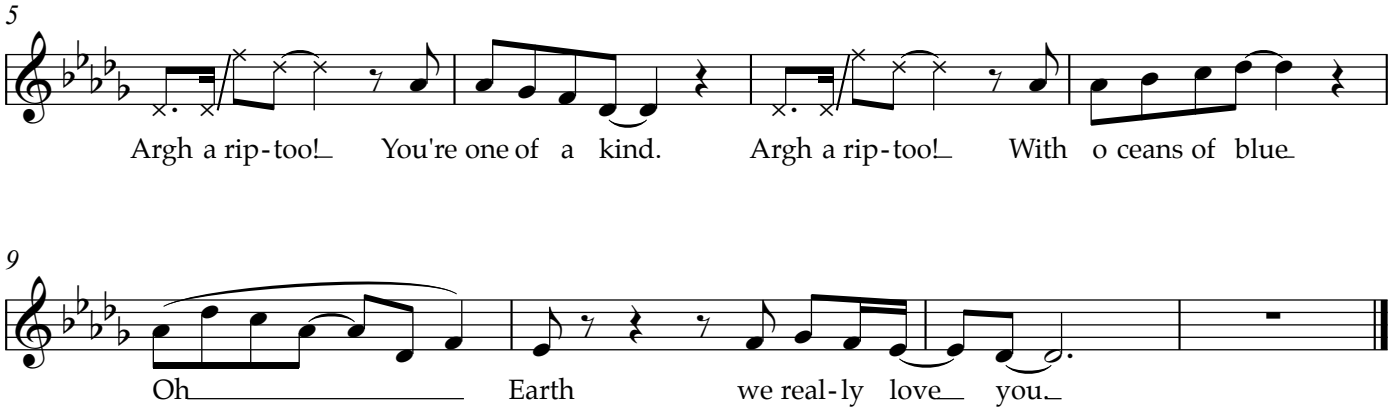

ARGYLE *(grabbing a teacup from the box of artifacts)*
Look…this teacup is vintage English Lenox from 1945.

JOLAR
Yes, and it's in mint condition.

ARGYLE
An incredible find if you have the rest of the tea set at home! Which I do.

GOLDARG
Oo, what does the teapot look like?

ARGYLE
It's got little blue flowers all over it. It matches my Victorian throw pillows.

PIRATE CAPTAIN
You fools!! Who cares about the teacup? We be pirates so we can pillage and plunder! You're the most sorry excuse for Space Pirates I've set me eyes on! How could you be interested in something so silly as earth's history.

(Mocking them, just as JAI and TAYLOR were doing to GABBY in scene one.)
"Ohhh, I know everything about teacups. And pretty little flowers. I looooove history and artifacts and…"

(The SPACE PIRATES start to turn, angrily, toward the PIRATE CAPTAIN. JAI has a moment of realizing how badly he's been treating GABBY.)

CAPTAIN JOT
Captain, looks like you've got a mutiny on your hands.

(The PIRATES cross over and join with the ALIENS. With CAPTAIN JOT's nod of approval, AMBERDING and BAZ take hold of the teleportation machine and point it at the PIRATE CAPTAIN.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Um…pirates….friends??

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(We hear that same malfunctioning-beep sound that we heard when the kids were transported onto the ship, and the PIRATE CAPTAIN begins to spin.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Shiver me timbers! What did you rapscallions do to me?

AMBERDING
Thought you might like to take a trip –

BAZ
-- to Zooglebotz!

(The PIRATE CAPTAIN spins offstage, yelling.)

PIRATE CAPTAIN
Nooooo! There be no treasure on Zooglebotz! And it's reallllllly booooooring!

(All the ALIENS cheer.)

CAPTAIN JOT *(to the KIDS)*
Frackzul, small earthlings, for all your bravery.

JAI
We couldn't have done it if Gabby hadn't come up with a plan. She's the really brave one.

(GABBY blushes and smiles.)

TAYLOR *(to the PIRATES)*
So wait a minute – you all became pirates so you could collect antiques?

ARGYLE
All of us except the captain. He just likes to steal stuff.

JACK
Why did you join his crew then?

ARGYLE
The pirate's life is all we know! And I have an excellent collection of Bakelite jewelry.

JACK
Well…what if you joined the alien crew? You could travel around, see cool stuff, and you wouldn't have to be mean anymore!

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(Everyone looks to CAPTAIN JOT.)

CAPTAIN JOT
You pirates do have a wonderful appreciation for history and culture.

ARGYLE
Excuse us for a moment while we discuss.

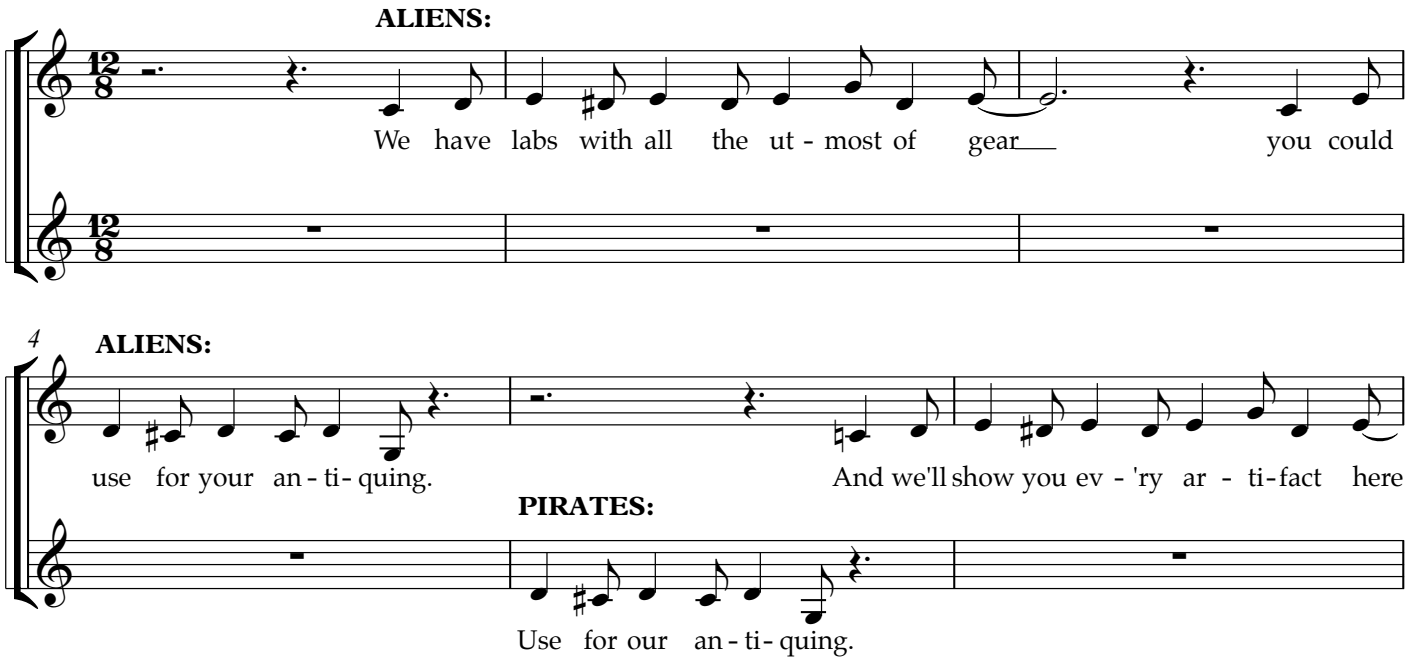
(The PIRATES step aside and whisper, then break.)

KEVLAR
Could we still say "aar"?

(The KIDS and ALIENS nod.)

PIRATES
Aar! We'll do it!

If You Want to Be A Pirate (Reprise)



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JACK
Now can we go back home?

CAPTAIN JOT
Of course. We'll transport you right back to the museum, and all the Earth artifacts with you.

MARGELLA
I wish they could stay longer!

GABBY
Me too. But Earth is where we belong.

JAI
Yeah. Turns out it's a pretty cool place after all.

ALLBOT
We will nev-er for-get you.

ANDERDASH
Frackzul for everything.

TAYLOR
Frackzul to you too.

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CAPTAIN JOT
Transporter, engage!

ALIENS & KIDS
Bye! Goodbye!

(The teleportation machine sounds begins and the KIDS start spinning offstage as the lights go down.)

SCENE 11: Back at the Museum

(We hear the sound of the transporter as the KIDS come spinning in. The MUSEUM GUIDE is on stage with two students, BLAKE and DYLAN.)

MUSEUM GUIDE
And that concludes our tour. I do hope you children have learned something, and will come visit us again soon.

JACK
We're back! We're back!

JAI
I never thought I'd be so happy to see this museum.

TAYLOR
And that guide.

GABBY
Now you know how I feel!

(BLAKE & DYLAN run up to TAYLOR and JAI.)

BLAKE
Taylor, Jai, there you are! We were dying of boredom.

DYLAN
That museum person won't stop talking about some old horse.

TAYLOR
You mean the Trojan Horse? The one the Greeks were hiding in, and the other guys thought it was a treasure, but it was actually a surprise attack? The Trojan Horse is awesome.

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JAI
Yeah! We are so lucky to have such amazing history. You know on Zooglebotz they don't have any history at all.

BLAKE and DYLAN
Zoogle-what?

JAI *(with a smile to the others)*
Nevermind.

(BLAKE and DYLAN exit in a huff.)

JAI
Gabby, I'm sorry for making fun of you. I think it's really cool to have stuff you're into, even if other people don't always get it. Like how Taylor's obsessed with movies…

TAYLOR
Guilty.

JAI
Jack can't get enough of pirates…

JACK
Actually I'm good with pirates for awhile.

GABBY
And what about you?

JAI *(A beat.)*
I don't know. I'd like to find something.

GABBY
You will! Just don't be afraid to learn things!

JACK
And get excited about stuff!

TAYLOR (with a smile)
Even if it's a little weird.

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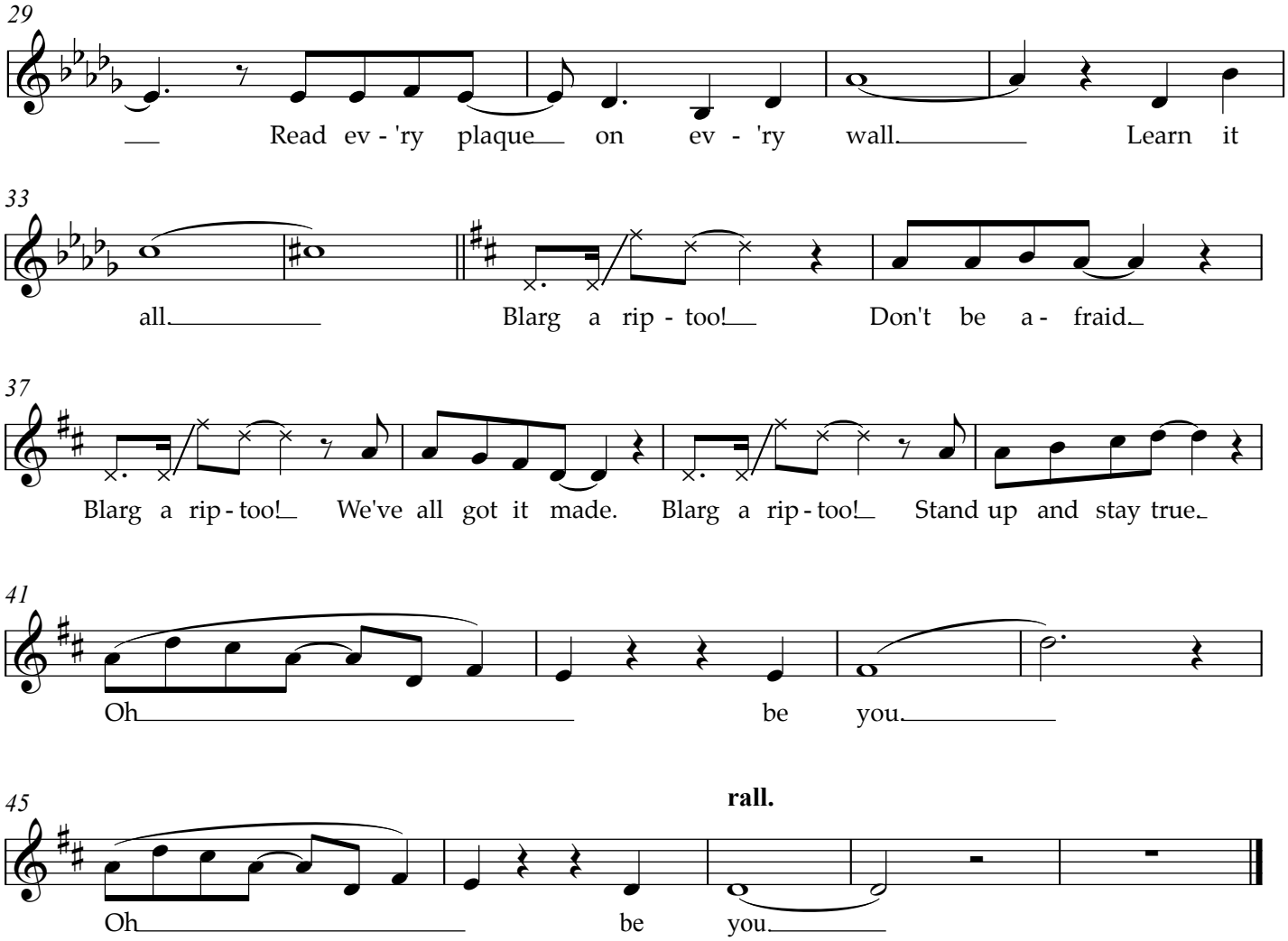

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