

Piano/vocal Score

AGAIN

An Opera in 10 Minutes

Music By JAKE HEGGIE

Libretto By DAVID PATRICK STEARNS

Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano, Tenor and Baritone
with Chamber Orchestra

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as part of a program titled “Six 10-minute Operas”

Lucy (soprano) Susannah Waters
Ethel (mezzo-soprano) Kimberly Barber
Ricky (tenor) Matthew Chellis
Fred (baritone) Dean Ely

EOS Orchestra, conducted by Jonathan Sheffer

INSTRUMENTATION

2 Oboes
2 Clarinets in B $\flat$
2 Bassoons
Alto Saxophone in E $\flat$
Percussion
Piano
Strings (54321)

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Moderately (in two)

♩. = ca. 66

Piano

4

6

8

Lights up.

mp

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11

poco rit.
a tempo

Ricky is sitting in front of a television. Lucy is standing
and holding an ice pack over a black eye. Lucy *mf*

mp

17

gain.

Ricky *mp*

20

poco rit.

A little faster

She begins to pack a suitcase furiously.

24

L. *mf*

gain! Nev- er!

27

30

L. *f*

I'm go-ing home to

33

L. *mf*

moth- er! Don't try to

R. *mf*

A - gain?

36 *poco rit.* $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

L. *stop me.*

R. *Wait.*

poco rit. $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

dim.

40 **A tempo (more relaxed) in two** *mp*

R. *Lis-ten... I'll make a deal with you... You can sing a*

p

43 *f* $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

L. *Ha! Ha. Ha. Each end-ing with a*

R. *song at the club. Two songs?*

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$



47

L. pie in the face, a- gain?

R. Of course! That's how it's done...

8

50

L. *f* I make the pies and you

R. *f* You make the pies and I

8

53

L. *mf* throw them at me. All times! Most all of the time

R. throw them At times. Some-times I said

8

56

L. ah, but nev-er at you! That's not

R. some of the time. Not at me!_____

59

L. fair. So al-ways at me. All of the

R. Who said it was fair?_____ At you.

62

L. time!_____ But nev-er a-gain.

R. Some-times.

p *f* *mp*

65

L. *free*

R. *p* The deal is off.

We have a con-tract.

free

p

69

R. *a tempo* *mp*

Tell you what. You can sing ev - ery third show.

pp *f*

72

Ethel and Fred enter. Ethel notices Lucy's black eye. Ethel *mf*

Oh! Not a - gain!

p

75

L. Yes. A - gain.

E. Not a - gain!

77 *Lucy nods; Ricky shrugs*

E. *Ah!*

F. *Fred to Ricky* ***f*** *Pow!* *3* *Right in the kiss- er?* *Hey,*

79 *Slightly slower*

F. *Trix- ie.* *At least I nev-er do that stuff to you.*

mp *mf, a bit jaunty*

83 *Ethel sides with Lucy*

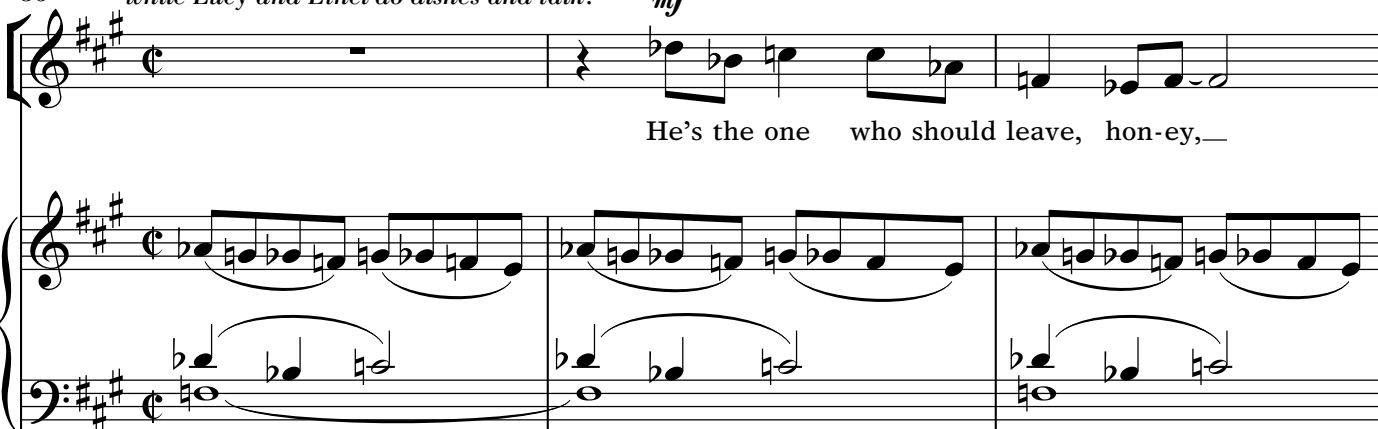
E. *My name's not Trix - ie.*

F. *Fred rushes to Ricky*

Slightly faster

*Ricky and Fred watch the fights on television
while Lucy and Ethel do dishes and talk.* **mf**

86

E. 

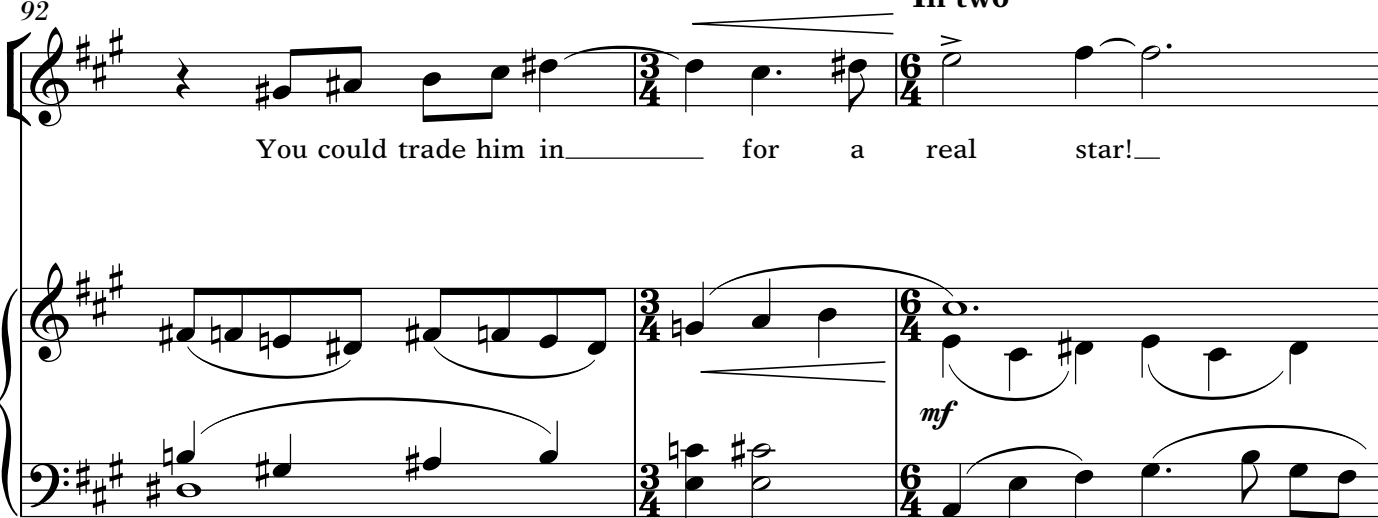
He's the one who should leave, hon-ey,—

89

E. 

not you. Have him writ-ten out!

92

E. 

You could trade him in _____ for a real star!—

In two

mf

95 *mf*

L. *Some-one nice? Some-one ex-cit - ing!*

E. *Some-one hot! Some-one like... Oz-zie Nel-son!*

98 *take time* *f* *a tempo*

L. *Dick van Dyke! or Troy Don-a - hue! Ah!*

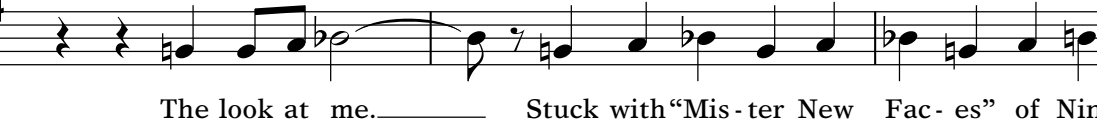
E. *or Troy Don-a - hue! Ah!*

102

L. *Just i - mag-ine it!*

E. *Just i - mag-ine it!*

105

E. 

The look at me. _____ Stuck with "Mis-ter New Fac-es" of Nine-teen Six -

[illegible]

110

L. hap - py I thought so hap - py

E. — You re-mem-ber hap - pi - ness? —

112

A little faster

115

118

120 *mf with a lilt*

L. Just for fun, I start-ed to sing_ to the rad - i - o.____

E. Like you

mf

123

L. Just for fun like I al-ways do - de-lee - do_

E. al-ways do?_ La da da

mf

126 *slightly out of tune*

L. do-de-lee-do "La la la la la" "La la la la la" "La la

R. Here we go a-gain. Ay yi yi!

mf

130

L. *f* *ah* —

R. *f* *ah* —

8 Not a-gain. Not a-gain. A-gain ah —

6/4

134 ($\text{♩} = \text{♩.}$) but faster

L. And sud-den-ly, he turned and screamed at me: —

R. Ah, —

($\text{♩} = \text{♩.}$) but faster

6/4

137

L. Can't we get through a sin-gle night with-out an au - di - tion? —

R. Can't we get through a sin-gle night with-out an au - di - tion? —

8

6/4

140

L. And then... And then

R. 8 O - ver and o - ver and o - ver and o - ver a -

142

She points to her black eye. *Fred moves over and sides with Lucy too.*

L. A - gain.

E. A - gain.

R. 8 gain! —

p

146

More relaxed

L. You said it was-n't fair.

R. *mf* That's not fair. Look at all I've

More relaxed

p

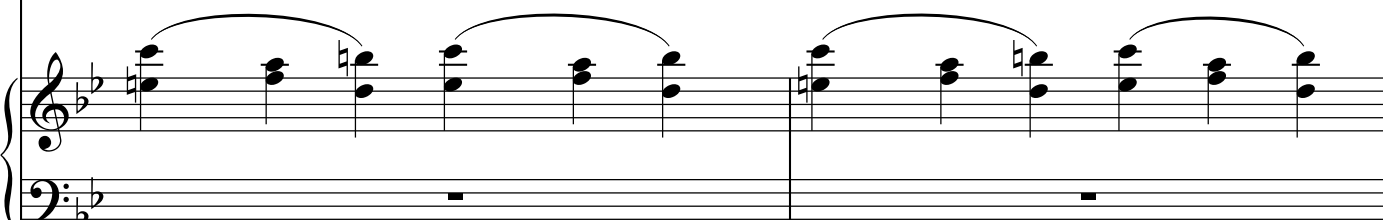
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L. 

A black eye?

R. 

done for you!_____ For all of you!_____



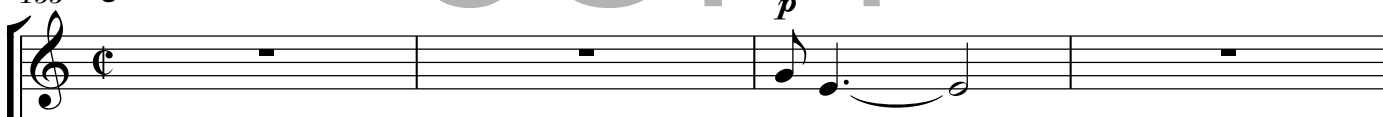
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R. 

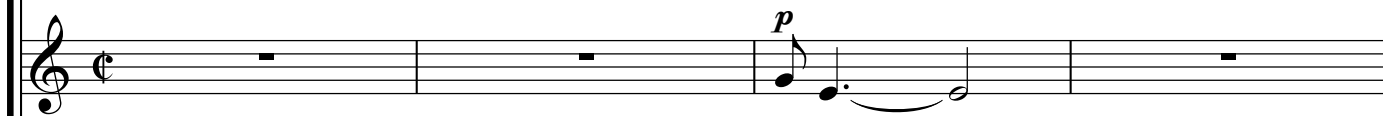
The show. The house. And the cars. And the



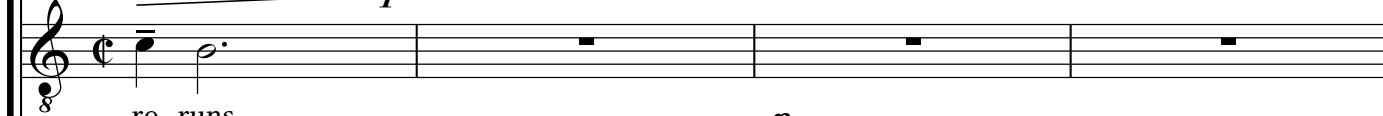
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L. 

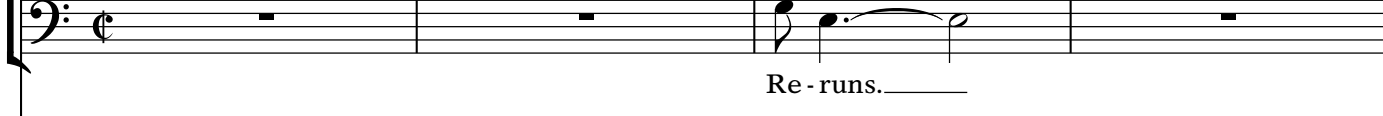
Re - runs._____

E. 

Re - runs._____

R. 

re - runs.

F. 

Re - runs._____



157 *mp*

L. Re-runs that keep me stuck in time black and white. O-ver and o-ver a -

161

L. gain. Left - o - ver

E. *p* Re-runs that keep me from ag - ing.

F. *p* Re - runs that keep me a - live. Nas - ty and cheap.

164

L. laughs. Left - o - ver friends.

E. Left - o - ver looks. A game of

R. *mf* Left - o - ver life to sell.

F. Eas - i - er than be - ing nice

167

E. cards.

R. — Re - runs that keep us young and beau - ti - ful,

F. Year af - ter year

169

L. Young and beau - ti - ful As

E. Beau - ti - ful?

R. and keep the checks roll - ing in, a - gain and a - gain and a -

F. Old, but a - live!

172

L. long as I'm fun-ny, I'm use-ful.

E. As long as I say "yes."

R. gain.

F. As long as I go a-long with

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175

L. O-ver and o-ver a - gain

E. O-ver and o-ver a - gain

F. you. 'Til it's o-ver a -

p legato

179

L. Los-ing the same old fights.

E. Read - ing the same old lines a - gain

R. Liv-ing the same old lies a - gain is

F. gain. Read - ing the same old lines a - gain.

183

L. Re-pet-i-tive

E. And com-fort-ing.

R. lu - cra-tive. A ha!

F. De - pend - a - ble.

186

L. *Who's side are you on?*

E. *Yours, of course. But, hon-ey — he's got a*

p

189

L. *A point?*

E. *point There's com-fot in know-ing what's*

p

192

L. *A punch in the eye?*

E. *next. Com - fort in know-ing just what to ex -*

f *mf*

194

E. *pect or not.*

R. *mf*
And watch-ing the mon-ey roll in. And

F. *mf*
And know-ing the plot in ad - vance. Fun-ny or not.

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196

L. *mf*
Re -

R. *f*
hon - ey, re - runs — make us im - mor - tal!

F. *mf*
And rich!

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199

L. *lent - less.* *Le - thal.* *Re - runs will fi - nally*

E. *mp* *mf* *f*
Com-fort-ing. De-pend-a - ble o - ver and

R. *mp* *mf* *f*
Com-fort-ing. De-pend-a - ble o - ver and

F. *mp* *mf* *f*
Com-fort-ing. De-pend-a - ble o - ver and

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202

L. *kill* *me!*

E. o - ver and o - ver and o - ver and

R. o - ver and o - ver and o - ver and

F. o - ver and o - ver and o - ver and

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♩ = ♩. Faster (in two)

205 *mf* *p*

L. *O - ver and o - ver a - gain.*

E. *O - ver and o - ver a - gain.*

R. *O - ver and o - ver a - gain.*

F. *O - ver and o - ver a - gain.*

♩ = ♩. Faster (in two)

p

208 *freely* *p* *He draws Lucy to him.*

R. *For - ev - er to - geth - er. For -*

*Lucy starts to smile.
Then she laughs.
Then they all start to laugh.*

211 *Lucy begins to soften.*

R. *ev - er beau-ti - ful, young, and in love. Don't go. Babaloo? Babalooooo?*

Rather naive, but with a bounce

215 ♩ = 104

Measures 215-219. Treble clef, common time. Bass clef, common time. Measure 215 starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The melody in the treble clef features eighth and sixteenth notes, while the bass clef provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with dotted half notes.

Measures 220-224. Treble clef, common time. Bass clef, common time. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass clef accompaniment remains simple with dotted half notes.

Measures 225-228. Treble clef, common time. Bass clef, common time. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass clef accompaniment remains simple with dotted half notes.

Measures 229-232. Treble clef, common time. Bass clef, common time. Measure 229 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass clef accompaniment remains simple with dotted half notes.

Measures 233-237. Treble clef, common time. Bass clef, common time. Measure 233 starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes, and the bass clef accompaniment remains simple with dotted half notes.

Something happens and suddenly
Ricky reels back and hits Lucy hard.

237 **Faster than at the beginning**

ff *sub. mp*

240

E. *f* A - gain!

F. *f* A - gain!

f

242 *poco rit.* *p* A - gain.

Lucy smiles.
Blackout.

p *pp*