

ZACK

SCHOOL OF ROCK

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102.

SUMMER

And we really have permission?

DEWEY

I told you. We have permission to go to our concert. Excuse me?

Billy enters with a garish sequined costume on a dress form. Dewey stops dead.

BILLY

What do you think?

DEWEY

What? Did I lose a competition? It looks like Siegfried and Wrong.

BILLY

It's glitter rock. It's glam, it's fabulous. Have you no vision?

DEWEY

I have twenty/twenty vision. I have seen salads dressed better than this. *This* is not style.

BILLY

You talk to me about style? You can't even dress yourself. You wear the same ugly clothes every day. Fine. I give up. They can just wear their uniforms.

23. SCHOOL OF ROCK (PART 1 - ZACK)

Zack begins playing what he has been writing down.

~~DEWEY~~~~That's not a bad idea.~~~~BILLY~~~~Not a bad idea? I was kidding.~~**START →**

DEWEY

Hey, what is that? No, don't stop.

ZACK

It's nothing. It's just an idea I was fooling around with.

DEWEY

You wrote it? You wrote a song?
Play it. I want to hear it.

ZACK

I'm not much of a singer.

DEWEY

Play it.

~~ZACK~~

~~BASE, WE WERE MARKIN' STRAIGHT A'S,
BUT WE WERE STUCK IN A DUMB DAZE.~~

~~ZACK (CONT'D)~~

~~COULDN'T TAKE MUCH TO MEMORIZE YOUR LINES
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HYPNOTIZED.~~

There is something wild and
exciting in the sound Zack is
making. The class is mesmerized.

DEWEY

It's great, Zack.

ZACK

You really like it?

DEWEY

I really like it because it's
really good. Lawrence! Freddy!
Katie! Rock positions, let's go.

The kids run to their instruments.

ZACK

Wait, what are you doing?

DEWEY

We're going to learn your song.

ZACK

Why?

DEWEY

That's what bands do. You got
lyrics?

Zack hands him a piece of paper.
The band figures out their
individual parts through the
following:

STOP.

BOY SIDE 3 (Zack):

~~MR WILLIAMS~~

~~Your old school was falling apart. Do you know how long we've been on the waiting list for Horace Green?~~

~~TOMIKA~~

~~But I miss my friends—~~

~~MR SPENCER~~

~~Don't be silly! You can make friends anywhere you go!~~

~~MR WILLIAMS~~

~~More... attractive friends.~~

~~TOMIKA~~

~~They're so much smarter than me!~~

~~MR SPENCER~~

~~No one is smarter than you, Tomika. No one is better than you.~~

~~MR WILLIAMS~~

~~And how cute do you look in that uniform!~~

~~The men Kiss.~~

~~TOMIKA~~

~~But I don't know how talk to anyone there.~~

~~MR. WILLIAMS~~

~~Tomika. We know what's best for you.~~

START-----

Zack has arrived home to find his father dialling.

ZACK

Hey, Dad. You won't believe the day we had -

Mooneyham cuts him off as he speaks into the telephone.

MOONEYHAM

I'm just on the 'phone -

He punches in the number.

MOONEYHAM (CONT'D)

What is it? What happened?

ZACK

We're studying music and I'm really starting to -

Mooneyham cuts him off with his hand as he speaks into the 'phone.

MOONEYHAM

Jim? I want ten thousand shares in Northbrook Chemicals. Never mind why. I know what I know. Just do it.

He clears the line and punches in another number.

MOONEYHAM (CONT'D)

What were you saying?

ZACK

It's just the way our new teacher -

MOONEYHAM

Ssh. Bob? Are you at the meeting tomorrow? Or am I on my own?

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~~The light fades but Zack walks forward, joining the line of kids who are now downstage. They sing to the audience.~~

~~11. IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN~~

~~ZACK~~

~~YOU ALWAYS TALK, TALK, TALK ALL THE TIME.
YOU NEVER LET ME GET IN A WORD.
I WISH I HAD, I HAD A DIME
FOR EV'RY THOUGHT I'VE SWALLOWED UNHEARD.
NO MATTER WHAT IT IS THAT I DO,
IT'S LIKE I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH.~~

~~TOMIKA~~

~~I'VE GOT SO MUCH TO SAY
IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN.~~