

SPRING 2023 CONCERTS

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JAN 27-28	ALL DAY	Sonoma County Honor Bands	Weill
JAN 29	2:00 PM	Faculty Concert	Schroeder
FEB 10-19		Once Upon a Mattress	Person
FEB 23	7:30 PM	Faculty Recital- Christa Durand & Krista Wigle	Schroeder
FEB 26	2:00 PM	Symphony Orchestra: Family Concert	Weill
MARCH 1	1:00 PM	Department Repertory Recital	Schroeder
MARCH 2	7:30 PM	Jazz Combos	Schroeder
MARCH 3	7:30 PM	Jazz Orchestra	Weill
MARCH 4	ALL DAY	NATS Choral Event	Schroeder
MARCH 6	7:30 PM	SSU Concert Band with High School Guest	Weill
MARCH 8-10	ALL DAY	Sonoma Invitational Wind Band & Orchestra Festival	Weill
MARCH 13	7:30 PM	Sonoma Musica Viva	Schroeder
MARCH 15	1:00 PM	Vocal Repertory Recital	Schroeder
MARCH 16	7:30 PM	Faculty Composers	Schroeder
APRIL 2	7:30 PM	Concerto Competition	Schroeder
APRIL 6	7:30 PM	New Music Sonoma	Schroeder
APRIL 7	7:30 PM	Jason Vieaux, classical guitarist	Schroeder
APRIL 17	7:30 PM	Noma Winds	Weill
APRIL 19	1:00 PM	Instrumental Repertoire Recital	Schroeder
APRIL 22	7:30 PM	Concert Choir and SonoVoce	Schroeder
APRIL 27	2:00 PM	Chamber Music Showcase	Schroeder
APRIL 28	ALL DAY	CMEA State Band and Orchestra Festival	Weill
APRIL 29	7:30 PM	Symphony Orchestra: Season Finale	Weill
APRIL 30	2:00 PM	Brass Ensemble	Schroeder
MAY 9	7:30 PM	Music Theatre Scenes	Schroeder
MAY 10	1:00 PM	Department Repertory Recital	Schroeder
MAY 10	7:30 PM	Jazz Orchestra	Weill
MAY 12	7:30 PM	Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Concert Band	Weill
MAY 13	7:30 PM	Rock Collegium	Schroeder
MAY 14	2:00 PM	Navarro Trio	Schroeder
MAY 14	7:30 PM	Student Composers	Schroeder
MAY 15	7:30 PM	Jazz Combos	Schroeder
MAY 16	7:30 PM	Vocal Repertory Recital	Schroeder
MAY 17	1:00 PM	Vocal Repertory Recital	Schroeder

Sonoma State University Department of Music Presents

Vocal Repertory Recital: Spring 2023 Finals Concert #2

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Songs About the Ties That Bind

From the Vocal Studios of:

Christa Durand

M. Jane Erwin

Pamela Hicks

Mark Kratz

Krista Wigle

Collaborative Pianists:

Yvonne Wormer

Dan Cromeenes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 1:00 pm Schroeder Hall

PROGRAM

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Les Berceaux

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Sully Prudhomme (1839-1907)

June Ivanetich, soprano

Stay With Me from Into the Woods

Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021)

Nora Sarault, mezzo soprano

Children will Listen from Into the Woods

Stephen Sondheim

Rachel Archambault, mezzo soprano

So Big/So Small from Dear Evan Hansen

Benj Pasek (b. 1985) Justin Paul (b. 1985)

Gabrielle Giddings, mezzo soprano

Little Green

Joni Mitchell (b. 1943)

Michaela Thomas, soprano

Danny's Song

Kenny Loggins (b. 1948)

Alexander Pletkin, tenor with Michaela Thomas, soprano

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Samuel Martin-lead Alexander Pletkin- tenor Brayden Simmons-Ayala- baritone David Kerr- bass

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Traditional Irish melody Text by Frederic Edward Weatherly (1848-1929) Arr. by Dan Cromeenes

Emily Rae Fealy, soprano

Everything I Know from *In The Heights*

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Kathryn Rodriguez, mezzo soprano

Sa Ugoy ng Duyan

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Charlie Whitaker, soprano

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Laurie's Aria from The Tender Land

Aaron Copland (1900-1990) Horace Everett (1927-2001)

Julianne Nguyen, soprano

Love Who You Love from A Man of No Imporance

Music by Stephen Flaherty Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

John Kirk, baritone

Edges of the World from *Fun Home*

Jeanine Tesori (b. 1961) Lisa Kron (b. 1961)

Kyle Piet, bass

Everything Else from Next to Normal

Tom Kitt (b. 1974) Brian Yorkey (b. 1970)

Corwin Wilson, alto

Light from Next to Normal

Tom Kitt Brian Yorkey

Emily Rae Fealy, soprano Nora Sarault, mezzo soprano Rachel Archambault, mezzo soprano Corwin Wilson, alto Kyle Piet, bass

TEXTS & TRANSLATIONS

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Les Berceaux

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Sully Prudhomme (1839-1907)

Le long du quai, les grands vaisseaux, Que la houle incline en silence, Ne prennent pas garde aux berceaux Que la main des femmes balance, Mais viendra le jour des adieux, Car il faut que les femmes pleurent, Et que les hommes curieux Tentent les horizons qui leurrent! Et ce jour-là les grands vaisseaux, Fuyant le port qui diminue, Sentent leurs masse retenue Par l'âme des lointains berceaux.

Along the quays, the large ships,
Rocked silently by the surge
Do not heed the cradles
Which the hands of women rock,
But the day of farewells will come,
For the women are bound to weep,
And the inquisitive men
Must dare the horizons that lure them!
And on that day the large ships,
Fleeing from the vanishing port,
Feel their bulk held back
By the soul of the far away cradles.

Stay With Me from Into the Woods Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021)

What did I clearly say?
Children must listen.
What were you not to do?
Children must see. And learn.

Why could you not obey? Children should listen. What have I been to you? What would you have me be? Handsome like a price?

Ah, but I am old, I am ugly. I embarrass you. You are ashamed of me. You are ashamed. You don't understand.

Don't you know what's out there in the world? Someone has to shield you from the world. Stay with me.

Princes wait there in the world, it's true. Princes, yes, but wolves and humans too. Stay at home. I am home. Who out there could love you more than I? What out there that I can not supply? Stay with me.

Stay with me, the world is dark and wild. Stay a child while you can be a child. With me.

Children will Listen from Into the Woods

Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021)

How do you say to your child in the night? Nothing's all black, but then nothing's all white How do you say it will all be all right When you know that it might not be true What do you do?

Careful the things you say
Children will listen.
Careful the things you do
Children will see and learn.
Children may not obey, but children will listen.
Children will look to you for which way to turn
To learn what to be
Careful before you say "Listen to me"
Children will listen.

Careful the wish you make Wishes are children
Careful the path they take Wishes come true, not free Careful the spell you cast, Not just on children
Sometimes the spell may last Past what you can see And turn against you
Careful the tale you tell
That is the spell
Children will listen

How can you say to a child who's in flight "Don't slip away and I won't hold so tight"
What can you say that no matter how slight
Won't be misunderstood
What do you leave to your child when you're dead?

Only whatever you put in it's head
Things that your mother and father had said
That were left to them too
Careful what you say
Children will listen
Careful you do it too
Children will see and learn
Guide them then step away
Children will glisten
Tamper with what is true
And children will turn
If just to be free
Careful before you say "Listen to me"
Children will listen.

So Big/So Small from Dear Evan Hansen

Benj Pasek (b. 1985) Justin Paul (b. 1985)

It was a February day
When your dad came by before goin' away
A U-haul truck in the driveway
The day it was suddenly real.

I told you not to come outside
But you saw that truck and you smiled so wide
A real live truck in your driveway
We let you sit behind the wheel.
Goodbye, goodbye
Now it's just me and my little guy.

And the house felt so big And I felt so small.

That night I tucked you in to bed I will never forget how you sat up and said, "Is there another truck coming to our driveway, A truck that will take Mommy away?"

And the house felt so big
And I felt so small.
And I knew there would be moments that I'd miss
And I knew there would be space I couldn't fill
And I knew I'd come up short a million different ways
And I did, and I do, and I will.

But like that February day
I will take your hand, squeeze it tightly and say:
"There's not another truck in the driveway
Your Mom isn't going anywhere
Your Mom is staying right here
No matter what, I'll be here."

When it all feels so big 'Til it all feels so small.

Little Green

Joni Mitchell (b. 1943)

Born with the moon in cancer Choose her a name she will answer to Call her green and the winters cannot fade her Call her green for the children who've made her Little green, be a gypsy dancer He went to california Hearing that everything's warmer there So you write him a letter and say, "her eyes are blue." He sends you a poem and she's lost to you Little green, he's a non-conformer Just a little green Like the color when the spring is born There'll be crocuses to bring to school tomorrow Just a little green Like the nights when the northern lights perform There'll be icicles and birthday clothes And sometimes there'll be sorrow Child with a child pretending Weary of lies you are sending home So you sign all the papers in the family name You're sad and you're sorry, but you're not ashamed Little green, have a happy ending Just a little green Like the color when the spring is born There'll be crocuses to bring to school tomorrow Just a little green Like the nights when the northern lights perform There'll be icicles and birthday clothes

And sometimes there'll be sorrow

Danny's Song

Kenny Loggins (b. 1948)

People smile and tell me I'm the lucky one
And we've just begun
Think I'm gonna have a son
He will be like she and me, as free as a dove
Conceived in love
Sun is gonna shine above
And even though we ain't got money
I'm so in love with you, honey
And everything will bring a chain of love, oh, oh, oh
In the mornin', when I rise
You bring a tear of joy to my eyes
And tell me everything is gonna be alright

Seems as though, a month ago, I was Beta-Chi
Never got high
Oh, was a sorry guy
Now, I smile and face the girl that shares my name, yeah
Now I'm through with the game
This boy'll never be the same
And even though we ain't got money
I'm so in love with you, honey
And everything will bring a chain of love, oh, oh, oh
In the morning, when I rise
You bring a tear of joy to my eyes
And tell me everything is gonna be alright

Pisces, Virgo rising is a very good sign
Strong and kind
And the little boy is mine
Now I see a family where once was none
Now we've just begun
Yeah, we're gonna fly to the sun
And even though we ain't got money
I'm so in love with you, honey
And everything will bring a chain of love, oh, oh, oh
And in the morning, when I rise
You bring a tear of joy to my eyes
And tell me everything is gonna be alright

Love the girl who holds the world in a paper cup Drink it up Love her and she'll bring you luck And if you find she helps your mind
Better take her home, home, yeah
Don't you live alone
Try to earn what lovers own
And even though we ain't got money
I'm so in love with you, honey
And everything will bring a chain of love, oh, oh, oh
In the morning, when I rise
You bring a tear of joy to my eyes
And tell me everything is gonna be alright

That's Family from It Shoulda Been You

Barbara Anselmi (1943-2018) Brian Hargrove (b. 1956)

So you think your daughter's going to marry a guy.
All you plan to do that day is stand by and cry.
She wears your dress, she wears your pearls,
And then she says she's pregnant and she sleeps with girls.
But am I surprised?
That's family.

There's a chance I should have known that my son would be gay. I encouraged everything to make him that way. I showed him plays with thespians. It worked so well he's gay and sleeps with lesbians. But am I surprised? That's family.

You can make plans by the score. Involve your children, And just watch the plans fly out the door.

Now our kids are getting ready to add to the clan. With so many of us bubbees, It's useless to plan. The child will grow, we'll fret and fuss, Then the kid'll do to them what they just did to us. Will they be surprised? Bet on it That's family.

Did you see that?
Our two wives are now relating.
Is this real, or are we both hallucinating?
Yes. It's true. Oy vey!

Betcha stranger things will happen When you become family.

You can make plans by the score. Involve your children, And just watch the plans fly out the door. You can make plans by the score. Involve your children, And just watch the plans fly out the door.

Now our kids are getting ready to add to the clan. With so many of us bubbees, It's useless to plan.
The child will grow, we'll fret and fuss,
Then the kid'll do to them what they just did to us.

A word to the wise: When you become family. Crazy, contented, devoted, demented Loving neurotic adoring psychotic, Mostly happy family!

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Avant de quitter ces lieux from Faust Charles Gounod (1818-1893) Johann Wolfgang Goethe (1749-1832)

Avant de quitter ces lieux
Sol natal de mes aïeux
A toi, Seigneur et Roi des cieux
Ma sœur je confie
Daigne de tout danger
Toujours, toujours la protéger
Cette sœur si cherie!
Daigne de tout danger la protéger
Daigne la protéger de tout danger

Délivré d'une triste pensée
J'irai chercher la gloire
La gloire au seins des ennemis
Le premier, le plus brave au fort de la mêlée
J'irai combattre pour mon pays
Et si vers lui, Dieu me rappelle
Je veillerai sur toi fidèle
O Marguerite!

Before leaving these places Native soil of my ancestors To you, Lord and King of heaven My sister I entrust Deign of all danger Always, always protect her This sister so dear! Deign to protect her from all danger Delivered from a sad thought I will seek glory Glory in the breasts of enemies The first, the bravest at the height of the fray I will go fight for my country And if towards him, God calls me back I will watch over you faithful O Margaret!

Evening Prayer from Hansel & Gretel

Engelbert Humperdinck (1854-1921) Adelheid Wette (1858-1916)

Abends, will ich schlafen gehn, Vierzehn Engel um mich stehn: Zwei zu meinen Häupten, Zwei zu meinen Füßen, Zwei zu meiner Rechten, Zwei zu meiner Linken, Zweie, die mich decken, Zweie, die mich wecken, Zweie, die mich weisen, Zu Himmels-Paradeisen.

When at night I go to sleep
Fourteen angels watch do keep
Two my head are guarding
Two my feet are guiding
Two are on my right hand
Two are on my left hand
Two who warmly cover
Two who o'er me hover
Two to whom 'tis given
To guide my steps to heaven

Somewhere Out There from An American Tail

James Horner (1953-2015) Barry Mann (b. 1939) Cynthia Weill (b. 1940)

Somewhere out there beneath the pale moonlight
Someone's thinking of me and loving me tonight
Somewhere out there someone's saying a prayer
That we'll find one another in that big somewhere out there
And even though I know how very far apart we are
It helps to think we might be wishin' on the same bright star
And when the night wind starts to sing a lonesome lullaby
It helps to think we're sleeping underneath the same big sky

Somewhere out there, if love can see us through Then we'll be together somewhere out there Out where dreams come true

The Phone Call from Lucky Stiff

Stephen Flaherty (b. 1982) Lynn Ahrens (b. 1948)

Uh, hello?
Mary Alice! Can you hear me?
Listen, honey, I'm calling to tell you...
There's a problem...
Are you sitting?
Well, I won't be home for dinner tonight!

You know Nicky? Rita's husband? Well I think he is planning to kill me! Mary Alice, it's not funny! And I won't be home for dinner tonight.

Don't hold the meatloaf!
Don't toss the salad!
Don't talk to strangers and make up some excuse for mom.
Call all my patients, break my appointments,
Please, Mary Alice, just be calm!

Are you finished? Are you better? Mary Alice, you're overreacting. Honey bunny? Are you crying?

It's your birthday. Gee, I'm sorry.
Mary Alice, it's only a birthday!
So you're forty!
I'm in danger!
And I won't be home for dinner to...

Blow out the candles!
Open the presents!
Please, Mary Alice!! I'm in Europe, in an airport
With no wallet, no cards and no money,
With my sister who is crazy
And she's got me in an awful jam!
So the answer, Mary Alice, is I won't be home for dinner, Mary Alice...
Mary Alice?
Damn!

ORPHANS & OUTCASTS

In der Fremde (Liederkreis, Op. 39) Robert Schumann (1810-1856) Joseph von Eichendorff (1788-1857)

Aus der Heimat hinter den Blitzen rot Da kommen die Wolken her, Aber Vater und Mutter sind lange tot, Es kennt mich dort keiner mehr.

Wie bald, ach wie bald kommt die stille Zeit, Da ruhe ich auch, und über mir Rauschet die schöne Waldeinsamkeit, Und keiner kennt mich mehr hier.

From the direction of home, behind the red flashes of lightning There come clouds, But Father and Mother are long dead; No one knows me there anymore.

How soon, oh how soon will that quiet time come, When I too shall rest, and over me the beautiful forest's loneliness shall rustle, And no one here shall know me anymore.

Maybe from Annie

Charles Strouse (b. 1928) Martin Charnin (1934-2019)

Maybe far away, or maybe real nearby, He may be pouring her coffee, she may be straight'ning his tie. Maybe in a house all hidden by a hill, She's sitting playing pianah, he's sitting paying a bill.

Betcha they're young, betcha they're smart, Bet they collect things like ashtrays and art. Betcha they're good, why shouldn't they be, Their one mistake was giving up me. So, maybe now it's time, and maybe when I wake They'll be there calling me "Baby," Maybe.

Betcha he reads, betcha she sews, Maybe she's made me a closet of clothes. Maybe they're strict, as straight as a line. Don't really care as long as they're mine. So, maybe now this prayer's the last one of its kind: Won't you please come get your baby? Maybe.

Stranger to the Rain from Children of Eden

Music & lyrics by Stephen Schwarts (b. 1948)

Shed no tears for me
There'll be rain enough today
I'm wishing you godspeed
As I wave you on your way
This won't be the first time
I've stayed behind to face
The bitter consequences
Of an ancient fall from grace
I'm a daughter of the race of Cain
I am not a stranger to the rain

Orphan in the storm
That's a role I've played before
I've learned not to tremble
When I hear the thunder roar
I don't curse what I can't change
I just play the hand I'm dealt
When they lighten up the rations
I tighten up my belt
I won't say I've never felt the pain
But I am not a stranger to the rain

And for the boy who's given me
The sweetest love I've known
I wish for him another love
So he won't be alone
Because I am bound to walk
Among the wounded and the slain
And when the storm comes
Crashing on the plain
I will dance before the lightning
To music sacred and profane

Oh, shed no tears for me Light no candle for my sake This journey I'll be making Is one we all must make Shoulder to the wind
I'll turn my face into the spray
And when the heavens open
Let the drops fall where they may
If they finally wash away the stain
From a daughter of the race of Cain
I am not a stranger to the rain
Let it rain

Crowded Table

Brandi Carlisle (b. 1981) Natalie Hemby (b. 1977) Lori McKenna (b. 1968)

You can hold my hand When you need to let go I can be your mountain When you're feeling valley-low I can be your streetlight Showing you the way home You can hold my hand When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table And a place by the fire for everyone Let us take on the world while we're young and able And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open Your picture's on my wall Everyone's a little broken And everyone belongs Yeah, everyone belongs

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
And bring us back together when the day is done

DEPARTED LOVED ONES

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977) arr. David Kerr (b. 1997)

Fly away Glory Hallelujah! Some glad morning when this life is over I'll fly away To a home on God's celestial shore, Oh Glory! When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, When the shadows of this life have gone, Like a bird from prison bars has flown

Danny Boy

Traditional Irish melody
Text by Frederic Edward Weatherly (1848-1929)
Arr. Dan Cromeenes

Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling From glen to glen, and down the mountain side. The summer's gone, and all the roses falling, It's you, it's you must go and I must bide. But come ye back when summer's in the meadow, Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow, It's I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow,—Oh, Danny boy, Oh Danny boy, I love you so!

But when ye come, and all the flowers are dying, If I am dead, as dead I well may be, Ye'll come and find the place where I am lying, And kneel and say an Avé there for me. And I shall hear, though soft you tread above me, And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be, For you will bend and tell me that you love me, And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!

Everything I Know In The Heights

Lin Manuel Miranda (b. 1980)

In this album, there's a picture
Of the ladies at Daniela's
You can tell it's from the 80s by the volume of their hair
There's Usnavi, just a baby
'87, Halloween
If it happened on this block Abuela was there

Every afternoon I came
She'd make sure I did my homework
She could barely write her name,
But even so she would stare at the paper and tell me,
"Bueno, Let's review. Why don't you tell me everything you know?"

In this album there's a picture
Of Abuela in Havana
She is holding a rag doll
Unsmilling, black and white
I wonder what she's thinking
Does she know that she'll be leaving
For the city on a cold dark night?

And on the day they ran
Did she dream of endless summer?
Did her mother have a plan?
Or did they just go?
Did somebody sit her down and say,
"Claudia, get ready,
To leave behind everything you know."
Everything I know
What do I know?

In this folder there's a picture
Of my high school graduation
With a program, mint condition
And a star beside my name
Here's a picture of my parents
As I left for California
She saved everything we gave her
Every little scrap of paper
And our lives are in these boxes
While the woman who held us is gone
But we go on, we grow, so

Hold tight, Abuela, if you're up there I'll make you proud of everything I know Thank you, for everything I know

Sa Ugoy ng Duyan

Lucio Diestro San Pedro, Sr. (1913-2002) Levi Celerio (1910-2002)

Sana'y di nagmaliw ang dati kong araw, Nang munti pang bata sa piling ni Nanay; Nais kong maulit ang awit ni inang mahal, Awit ng pag-ibig habang ako'y nasa duyan.

Sa aking pagtulog na labis ang himbing, Ang bantay koʻy tala, ang tanod koʻy bituin; Sa piling ni Nanay langit ay buhay! Puso kong may dusa sabik sa ugoy ng duyan. Nais kong matulog sa dating duyan ko Inang. Oh! Inay

I wish the memories didn't fade, As a small child in the arms of mother; I want to hear again my beloved mothers song, A song of love while I was in the cradle. In my sleep that is so sound,

My guardian is Venus, my keepers are the stars.
In the arms of mother life is heaven!
My heart with grief is longing for the sway of the cradle
I want to sleep in my old cradle Mom.
Oh! Mom
In my sleep that is so sound,
My guardian is Venus, my keepers are the stars.
In the arms of mother life is heaven!
My heart with grief is longing for the sway of the cradle
I want to sleep in my old cradle Mom.

FAMILY PRESSURES

Laurie's Aria from *The Tender Land* Aaron Copland (1900-1990) Horace Everett (1927-2001)

Once I thought I'd never grow tall as this fence Time dragged heavy and slow But April came and August went Before I knew just what they meant And little by little I grew And as I grew I came to know How fast the time could go

Once I thought I'd never go outside this fence
This space was plenty for me
But I walked down the road one day
And just happened I can't say
But little by little it came to be
That line between the earth and sky
Came beckoning to me

Now the time has grown short The world has grown so wide I'll be graduated soon Why am I strange inside?

What makes me think I'd like to try
To go down all those roads beyond that line
Above the earth and 'neath the sky?
Tomorrow when I sit upon
The graduation platform stand
I know my hand will shake
When I reach out to take that paper
With the ribboned band

Now that all the learning's done O who knows what will now begin? O it's so strange I'm strange inside The time has grown so short The world so wide

Love Who You Love from A Man of No Importance

Music by Stephen Flaherty (b.1960) Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens (b.1948)

I'm not one to lecture.
How could I dare?
Someone like me who's been mainly nowhere.
But in my experience, be as it may,
You just have to love who you love.

Your common sense tells you best not begin. But your fool heart cannot help plungin' in, And nothing and no one can stand in your way. You just have to love who you love.

People can be hard sometimes, and their words can cut so deep. Choose the one you choose, love, and don't lose a moment's sleep. Who can tell you who to want? Who can tell you what you were destined to be? Take it from me...

There's no fault in loving,
No call for shame.
Everyone's heart does exactly the same.
And once you believe that, you'll learn how to say:
"I love who I love who I love."
Then just go and love who you love.

Edges of the World from Fun Home

Jeanine Tesori (b. 1961) Lisa Kron (b. 1961)

I fucking love beginnings Flying high It's hard to know where to start It's all so fast I'm trying not to spin. I guess I'm older And it's harder when you're older to begin

Peeling plaster, Sagging roof, Two missing stairs, A buckled wall I'm fired up to do this But on my own for it all...

So much damage, Broken windows, Pipes are shit, Crap veneer It's hours later, Jesus, I'm still standing here.

But when the sunlight hits the parlor wall At certain times of day I see how fine this house could be. I see it so damn clear What's the matter? Why am I standing here? Bad foundation, Twisting floorboards, Shoddy pipes, A gaping hole It's a lot to keep under control

Something's cracking, Something's rotting, Piles of ruin, and debris Killing me!
Crushing me!
Pushing me!

Dear Al, I'm scared.
I had a life I thought I understood
I took it and I squeezed out every bit of life I could
But the edges of the world that held me up have gone away
And I'm falling into nothingness
Or flying into something so sublime.

And I'm A man I don't know Who am I now? Where do I go? I can't go back I can't find my way through I might still break a heart or two

But when the sunlight hits the parlor wall At certain times of day I see how fine this house could be. I see it so damn clear! Oh my god Why am I standing here?

Everything Else from Next to Normal

Tom Kitt (b. 1974) Brian Yorkey (b. 1970)

Mozart was crazy Flat fucking crazy Batshit, I hear But his music's not crazy It's balanced, it's nimble It's crystalline clear

There's harmony, logic You listen to these You don't hear his doubts Or his debts or disease You scan through the score And put fingers on keys And you play And everything else goes away Everything else goes away

And you play 'til it's perfect
You play 'til you ache
You play 'til the strings or your fingernails break
So you'll rock that recital
And get into Yale
So you won't feel so sick
And you won't look so pale
'Cause you've got your full ride
And your early admit
So you're done with this school
And with all of this shit
And you graduate early
You're gone as of May
And there's nothing your paranoid parents can say

And you know that it's just a sonata away And you play And you play

And everything else goes away

Light from Next to Normal

Tom Kitt (b. 1974) Brian Yorkey (b. 1970)

We need some light. First of all, we need some light. You can't sit here in the dark. And all alone, it's a sorry sight. It's just you and me. We'll live, you'll see.

Night after night, We'd sit and wait for the morning light. But we've waited far too long, For all that's wrong to be made right.

Day after day, Wishing all our cares away. Trying to fight the things we feel, But some hurts never heal. Some ghosts are never gone, But we go on, We still go on.

And you find some way to survive
And you find out you don't have to be happy at all,
To be happy you're alive.

Day after day,
Give me clouds, and rain and gray.
Give me pain, if that's what's real.
It's the price we pay to feel.
The price of love is loss,
But still we pay.
We love anyway.

And when the night has finally gone.
And when we see the new day dawn.
We'll wonder how we wandered for so long, so blind.
The wasted world we thought we knew,
The light will make it look brand new.
So
Let it
Shine, shine, shine.

Day after day,
We'll find the will to find our way.
Knowing that the darkest skies will someday see the sun.
When our long night is done,
There will be light.

When we open up our lives.
Sons and daughters, husbands, wives.
And fight that fight.
There will be light.

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