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Matilda Character Breakdown

Matilda Wormwood

The hero of the show. She's brilliant, resilient, creative, and kind, despite growing up in difficult circumstances. Her parents treat her poorly, but Matilda escapes into a world of books, which puts her reading level far above the other children in her class, and she develops a bit of magical power in an effort to defeat Trunchbull. Cast a fantastic singer and great actress in this role who can embody both Matilda's cleverness and her

kindness.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: D5 - Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Audition Song: Naughty

**Eric** 

A student at school with Matilda. He has the very first solo line of the entire show, so make sure to cast a good singer in this role. He also has some featured moments as one of Matilda's schoolmates, so it's helpful if Eric is also an expressive actor.

Gender: male - Vocal range top: Eb4 - Vocal range bottom: C3

Audition Song: When I grow up

**Amanda** 

A student at school with Matilda. She has a few solos and lines, but her most featured moment is when Trunchbull throws her through the air using her pigtails. Cast a good singer and mover in this role.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: Eb5 - Vocal range bottom: C4

Audition Song: When I grow up

#### **Bruce**

One of Matilda's schoolmates. He has the bad luck to get caught after eating Trunchbull's cake. Bruce goes through quite a transformation throughout the show and has some important solos, so cast an excellent singer and actor. Keep in mind that just because Bruce eats the cake, it doesn't mean he has to be physically larger than the other children – just cast an actor who can portray Bruce's journey throughout the show.

Gender: male - Vocal range top: F#4 - Vocal range bottom: C3

Audition Song: Revolting Child

#### Hortensia

Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy are classmates of Matilda who each sing solos, and Hortensia has a few lines. These roles are great for good singers and movers who may be newer to the stage.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: D5 - Vocal range bottom: C4

Audition Song: When I grow up

#### Alice

Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy are classmates of Matilda who each sing solos. These roles are great for good singers and movers who may be newer to the stage.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: D5 - Vocal range bottom: C4

Audition Song: When I grow up

**Tommy** 

Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy are classmates of Matilda who each sing solos. These

roles are great for good singers and movers who may be newer to the stage.

Gender: male - Vocal range top: Eb4 - Vocal range bottom: C3

Audition Song: When I grow up

Lavender

One of the kids at school with Matilda. She is kind and bright (though not as brilliant as

Matilda) and quickly decides that Matilda is her best friend. Cast an actress in this role

who can portray Lavender's likability and friendliness.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: D5 - Vocal range bottom: C4

Audition Song: Miracle

Nigel

One of the kids at school with Matilda. He is enthusiastic, sweet, and always in a bit of a

panic. Nigel has a few solos and some great featured moments in the show, so cast a

strong actor and singer in this great supporting role.

Gender: male - Vocal range top: D4 - Vocal range bottom: C3

Audition Song: School Song

#### Mr. Wormwood

Matilda's father. He is egotistical, rude, and not very bright, not to mention a liar. Though Mr. Wormwood is not a good person and he is mean to Matilda, his harebrained schemes can be hilariously funny, so cast a fantastic character actor in this role who can really land the comedy and isn't afraid to play an unlikeable character. It's helpful if Mr. Wormwood reads as older onstage and makes a dynamic pair with Mrs. Wormwood.

Gender: male

\*\*NO audition song

#### Mrs. Wormwood

Matilda's mother. Like her husband, she dislikes Matilda and does not understand why her daughter loves to read. Mrs. Wormwood is selfish, obsessed with her own appearance, and believes everything she sees on TV. Her dancing lessons with Rudolpho are the most important part of her day. Cast a great actress who can portray Mrs. Wormwood's nastiness but also play up her ridiculousness and lean into the comedy.

Gender: female

\*\*NO audition song

#### Michael

Matilda's brother. He is not very bright, though he is the apple of his father's eye. This is a hilarious supporting role for a younger actor with comedic timing, as Michael's contributions to the scene usually function as deadpan one-liners.

Gender: male

\*\*NO audition song

## Mrs. Phelps

The kindly librarian who loves hearing Matilda's stories. This is a great featured role for a stronger actress who reads as older than Matilda onstage.

Gender: female

\*\*NO audition song

## **Escapologist**

A character of Matilda's creation. Everything this character does is grand and exaggerated – he's performing for the cheap seats! Cast a solid actor and mover in this fun featured role.

Gender: male - Vocal range top: F3 - Vocal range bottom: E3

Audition Song: Acrobat Story

#### Acrobat

A product of Matilda's imagination. Cast an actor in this featured role that can give their all!

Gender: female - Vocal range top: A4 - Vocal range bottom: D4

Audition Song: Acrobat Story

## **Miss Honey**

A teacher at Matilda's school. She is kind, is generous, and really cares about the children despite her own desperate circumstances. Cast an excellent actress and singer who can portray Miss Honey's sweetness and her strength. It's helpful if the actress reads as older than the kids from onstage.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: D5 - Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Audition Song: This Little Girl

## **Agatha Trunchbull**

The quintessential terrifying tyrant. As headmistress, she runs her school like a dictator, making up arbitrary rules to suit her every whim and dreaming up creative punishments. The Trunchbull can be played by a male or female (though the character is female). It's helpful if Trunchbull is physically larger than the actors playing children. Cast a fantastic character actor and singer who can command the stage and embody Trunchbull's larger-than-life villainy.

Gender: female - Vocal range top: F#5 - Vocal range bottom: C4

Audition Song: The Hammer

## Rudolpho

Mrs. Wormwood's self-obsessed dance teacher. This is a hilarious featured role for a comedic performer who moves well.

Gender: male

\*\*NO audition song

## Sergei

A customer was swindled by Mr. Wormwood. Though he shows up looking for payback, Matilda has had quite enough of revenge, and Sergei lets the Wormwoods escape. This is a great featured role for an actor who can embody Sergei's intimidating presence.

Gender: male

\*\*NO audition song

#### **Ensemble \*\*NO AUDITION REQUIRED, JUST REGISTER**

Ensemble roles include Russians, Little Kids, Big Kids (including Big Kid 1, Big Kid 2, and Big Kid 3), Kids, Mums, Dads, the Cook, and the Mechanic.

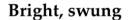
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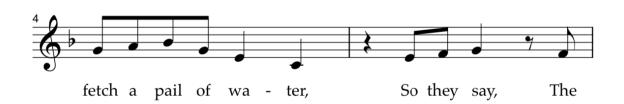
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Score: Matilda Wormwood

# **NAUGHTY**











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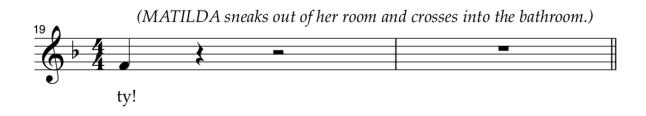
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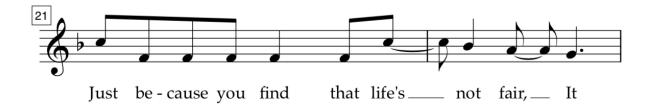
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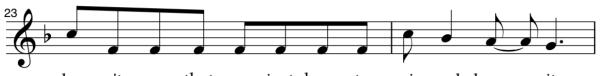












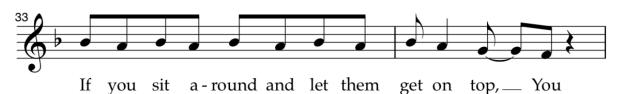
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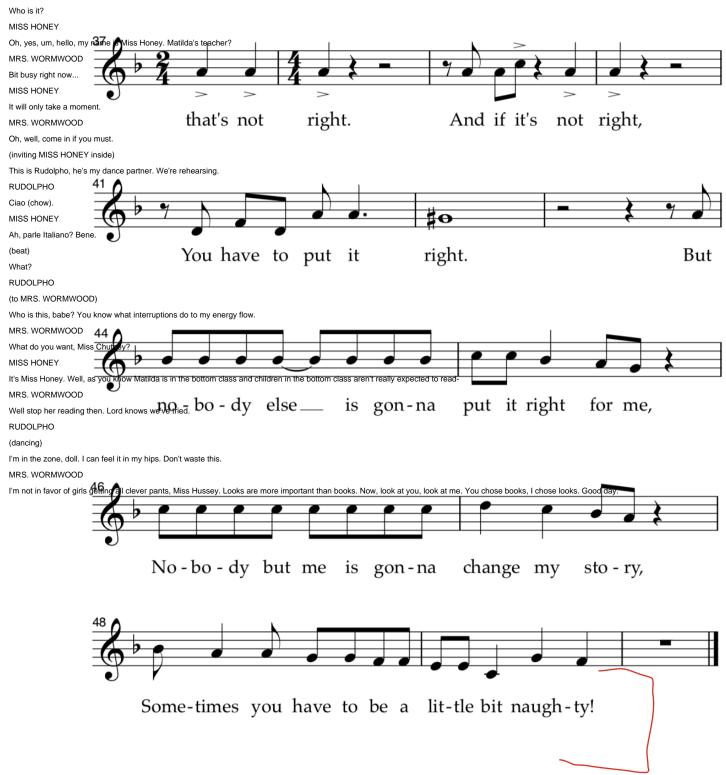








# Script: Miss Honey Xt here MISS HONEY I'm not strong like you, Matilda. My father died when I was young. Magnus was his name and he was very kind. But when he was gone, my aunt became my legal guardian. She was mean and cruel like you can hardly imagine END SIDE 2 MRS. WORMWOOD Who is it?



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SCRIPT: MATILDA, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist

MRS. PHELPS

What? Is there a child at school who's behaving like a bully?

MATILDA

Not a child exactly. Do you want to hear the next part of the story?

MRS. PHELPS

What are we waiting for?

**MATILDA** 

As they prepared themselves for the most dangerous feat that had ever been performed, the Acrobat gave her husband a kiss-

**ACROBAT** 

Smile - we have done this a thousand times.

**ESCAPOLOGIST** 

First I escape from the cage, lean out, catch you with one hand, grab a fire extinguisher with the other, and put out the flames on your specially designed dress before they reach the dynamite and blow your head off!

MRS. PHELPS

(screams)

Ahhhhhhh!

(beat)

Sorry. Go on.

**MATILDA** 

The trick started well. The moment the dress was set alight, the Acrobat swung into the air. S he hurled over the sharks and spiky objects - suddenly the padlocks pinged open and the huge chains fell away - the door flung open and the Escapologist reached out to catch his wife and the child-

MRS. PHELPS

Oh, I can't look!

# **REVOLTING CHILDREN**

## Freely / colla voce

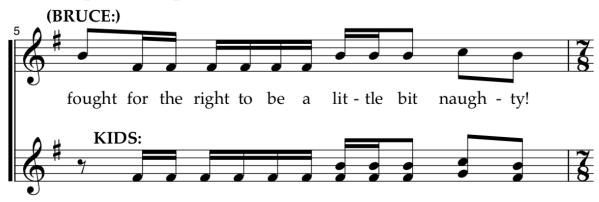


Ne-ver a-gain will she get the best\_ of me,





## Poco a poco a tempo



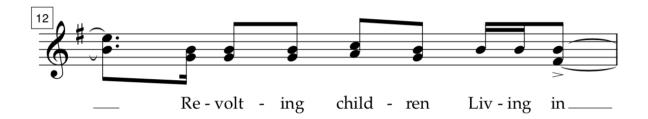
For the right to be a lit - tle bit naugh - ty!



my mum-my says I'm a mi-ra-cle. Nev-er a-gain.









\_\_\_\_ Re-volt-ing times. We sing \_\_\_\_ Re-volt-ing songs Us-ing



\_\_\_ Re-volt-ing rhymes. We'll be \_\_\_ Re-volt-ing child-ren 'Til



Script: Bruce SIDE 1

#### **BRUCE**

(to the audience)

Okay, look, I stole the cake. And honestly I was really, definitely, sort of almost thinking about owning up ... maybe? But I was having a lot of trouble with my belly.
The Trunchbull's cake was so good that I'd scoffed it down too quick and now it was

beginning to fight back.

(His belly rumbles.)

See?

(TRUNCHBULL)

Well?

(They have no idea what she means.)

Come along, Bogtrotter.

**BRUCE** 

What? Where?

**TRUNCHBULL** 

Oh, did I not mention? That was the first part of your punishment. There's more. The second part. And the second part is... chokey!

**BRUCE** 

What?

MISS HONEY

No, Miss Trunchbull please, you can't!

**TRUNCHBULL** 

Do you think I would allow myself to be defeated by these maggots? Did you? Who do you think I am, Miss Honey? A weakling? An idiot? You?

(The TRUNCHBULL storms back to BRUCE and grabs him by the wrist.)

**BRUCE** 

No, please! Not that! Don't take me to chokey. Not that! Nooo!

(The TRUNCHBULL drags BRUCE out.)

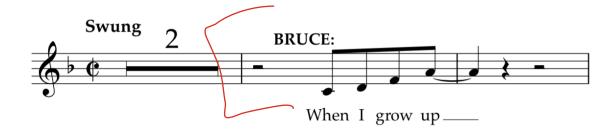
**MATILDA** 

That's not right!

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Score: Eric Amanda, Hortensia, Alice, Tommy

# WHEN I GROW UP











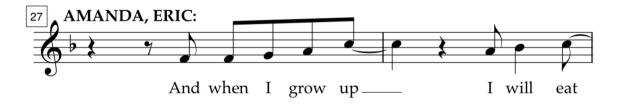




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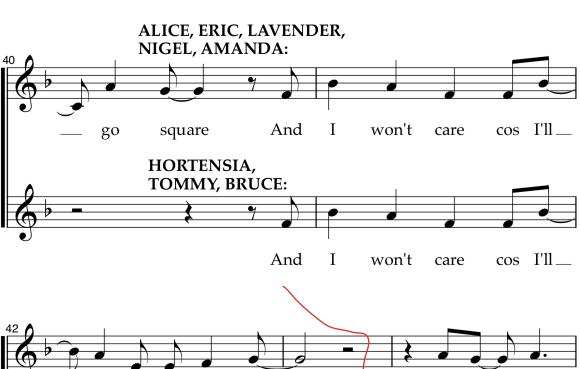


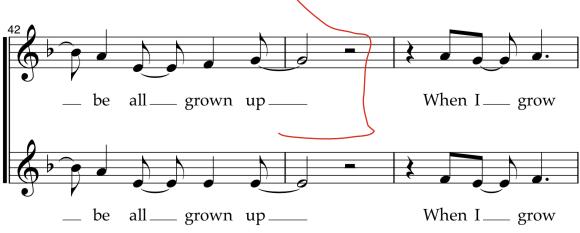


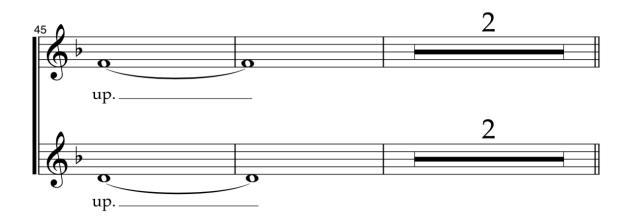


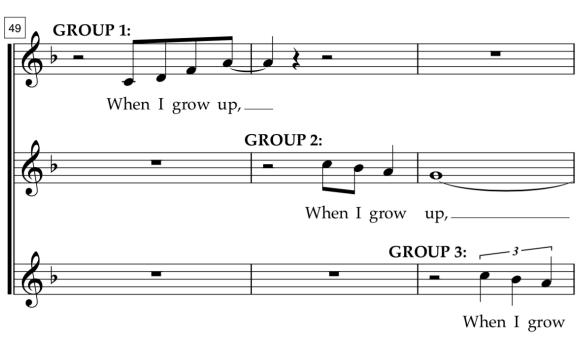


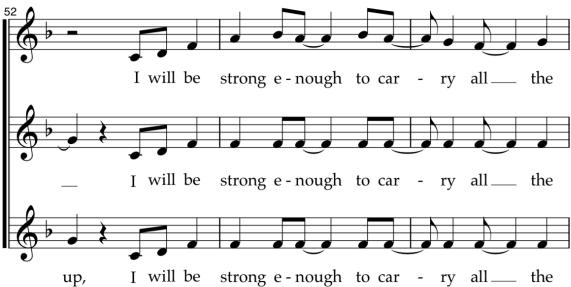




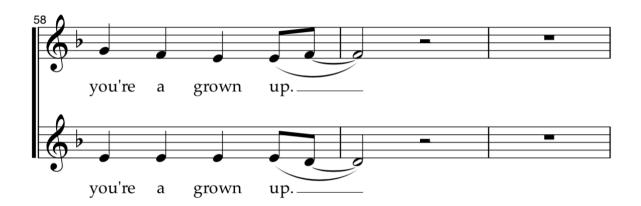


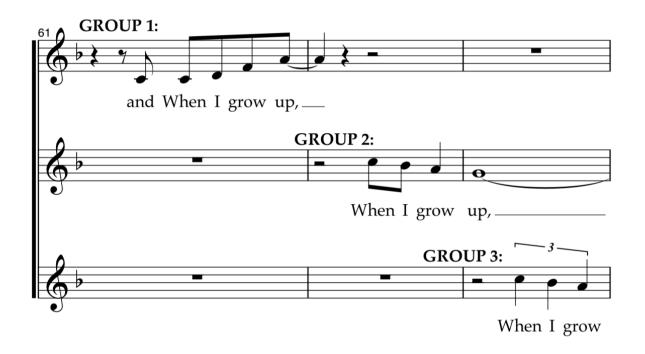




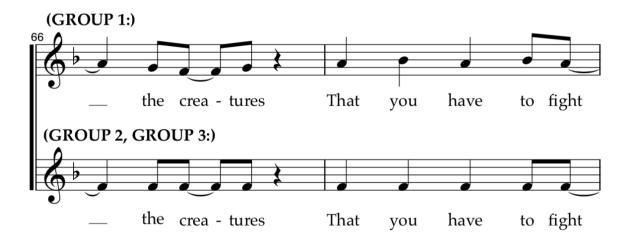


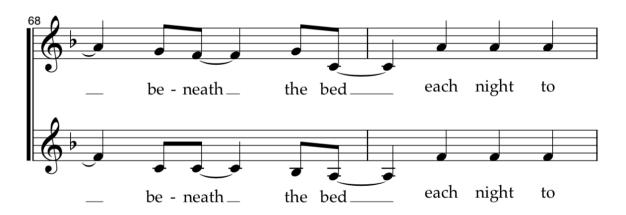












Script: Eric, Amanda, Hortensia, Alice, Tommy

\*\*Rehearse all the student lines

#### **NIGEL**

Cat; C-A... F! Cat.

(TRUNCHBULL glares at him.)

I... I got it wrong, Miss. You have to put me in chokey too.

**TRUNCHBULL** 

Whaaaat...?

**ERIC** 

Dog; D-Y-P. Dog. And me.

**AMANDA** 

Table; X-A-B-F-Y. And me.

**TRUNCHBULL** 

What are you doing? What's going on? Stop this!

**HORTENSIA** 

You can't put us all in chokey. Banana; G-T-A-A-B-L!

MATILDA

Bully; P-Y-T-L-F-D-R-V-S-W

**END** 

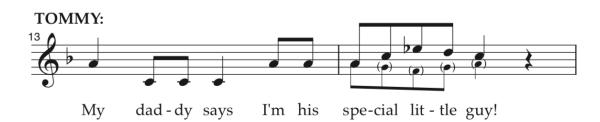
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Score: Lavender

# **MIRACLE**









# AMANDA, LAVENDER, ALICE, HORTENSIA:



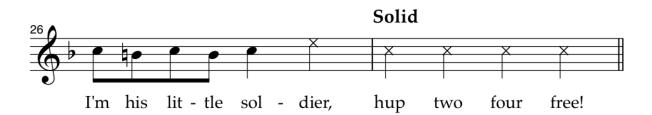
Mum says I'm an an - gel sent down from the sky.

# BRUCE, ERIC, TOMMY, NIGEL:









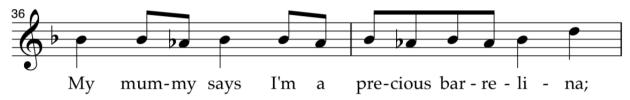


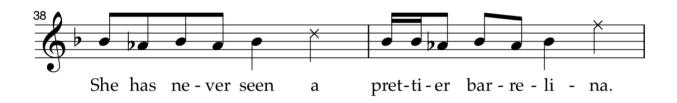






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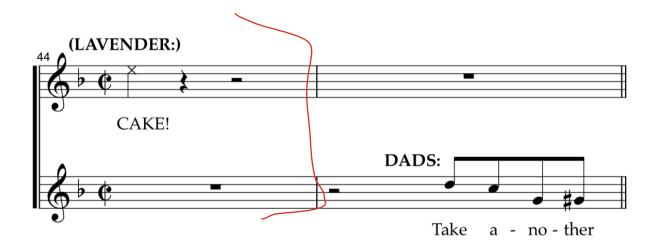


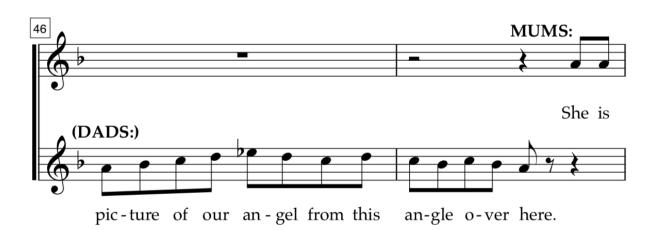






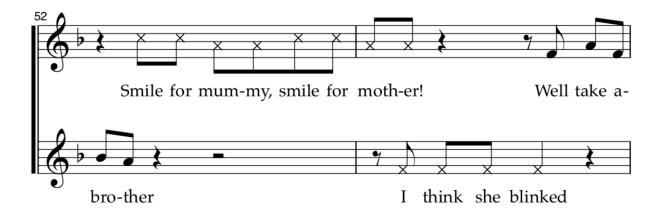
I'm a bar-re-li-na so GIVE ME MORE









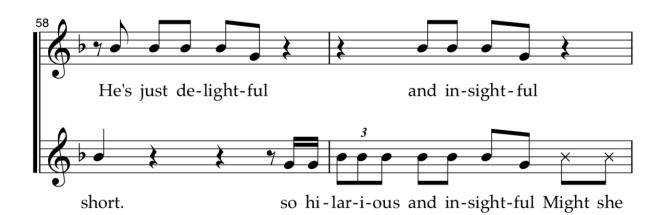


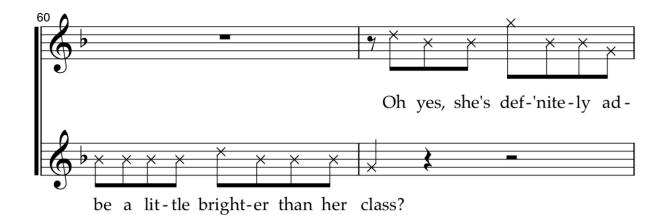


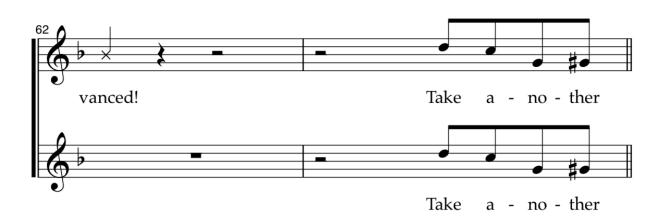
Have you seen this school re - port? He got a C on his re-



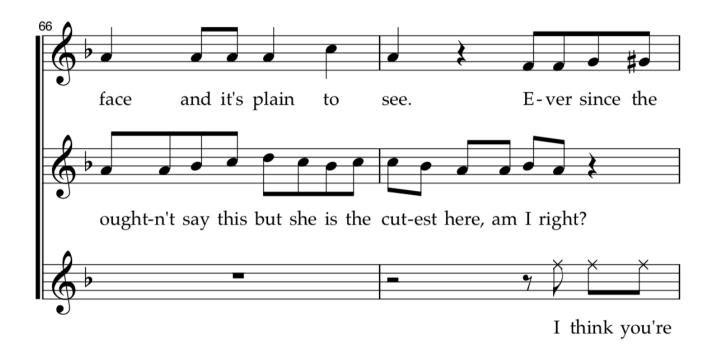
port. We'll have to change his school, the teach-er's clear-ly fall-ing

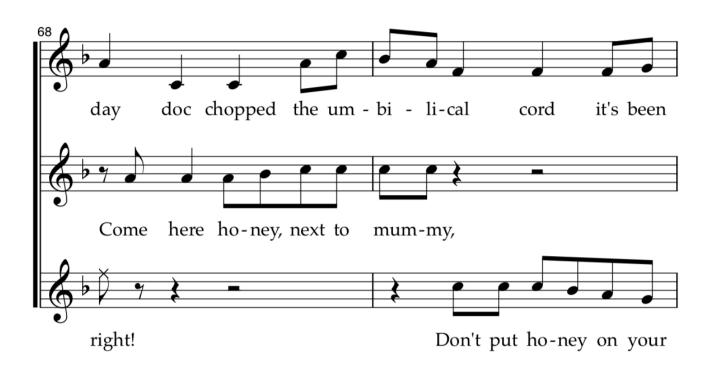














Script: Lavender

#### **LAVENDER**

Matilda, do all those brains in your head give you a headache? I mean it's got to hurt, all squished in there.

**MATILDA** 

No, it's fine. I think they just... fit.

**LAVENDER** 

Well, I'd better hang around just in case they start to squeeze out of your ears. I'm Lavender. And I think it's probably for the best if we're best friends.

(LAVENDER holds her hand out. They shake. NIGEL enters, panicked.)

**NIGEL** 

Hide me! Someone poured a whole can of treacle onto Trunchbull's chair! Someone told her I did it and now she's after me!

**MATILDA** 

That's not fair!

BIG KID 2

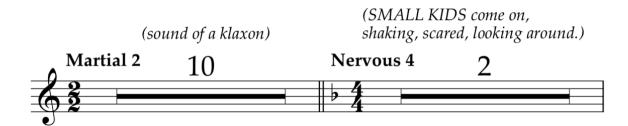
Once Agatha Trunchbull decides you're guilty you are squished.

**END** 

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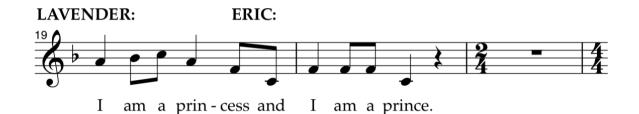
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# SCHOOL SONG



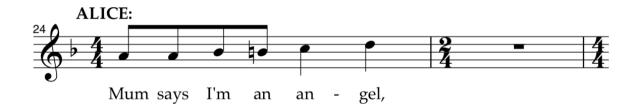












#### Moderato

(BIG KIDS burst in, through the gates, terrifying.)



Mum says I'm an an-gel,

And so you think you're





Be - ing a prince or a prin - cess; you will soon





E-ven if you put in heaps of Eff-ort, you're just wast-ing e-ner-



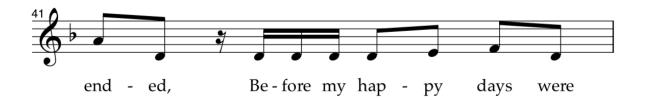


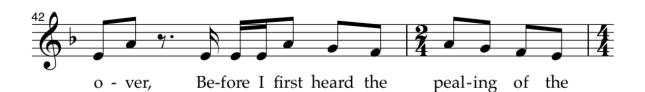
I have suf-fered in this jail, \_\_ Have been trapped in-side this

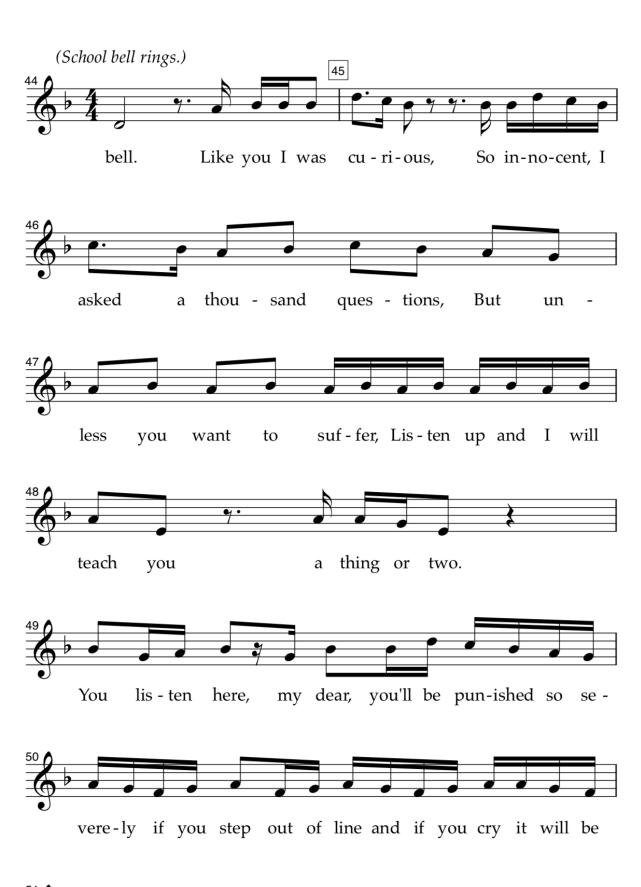


Cage for a - ges, This pris - on cell, But if I try I can re-



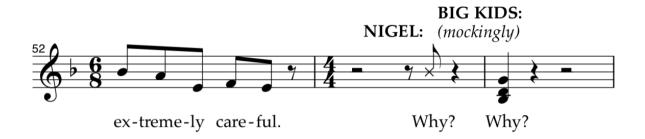




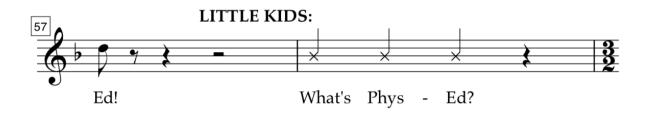


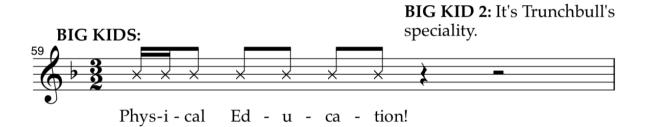


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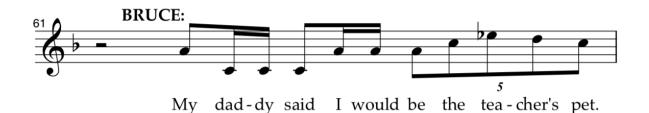












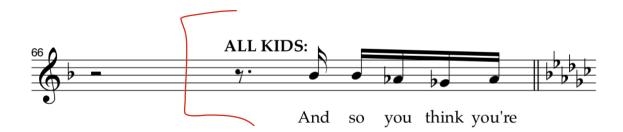




Dad said I'd learn the al - pha - bet.

**BIG KID 3:** The alphabet? You've got to learn to listen, kids. (During the following they produce the letters of the alphabet in correlation with each underlined letter. A for "able", B for "being", C for "See", D for "Tragedy" etc.)



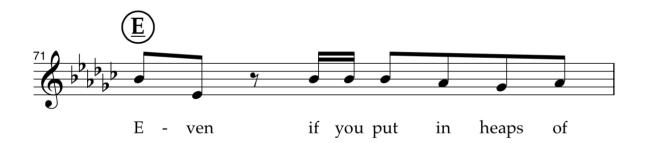




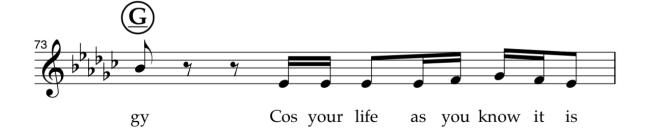


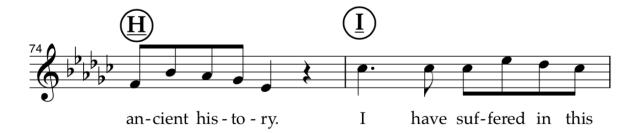
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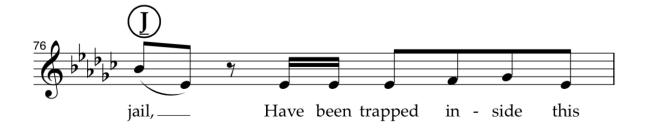






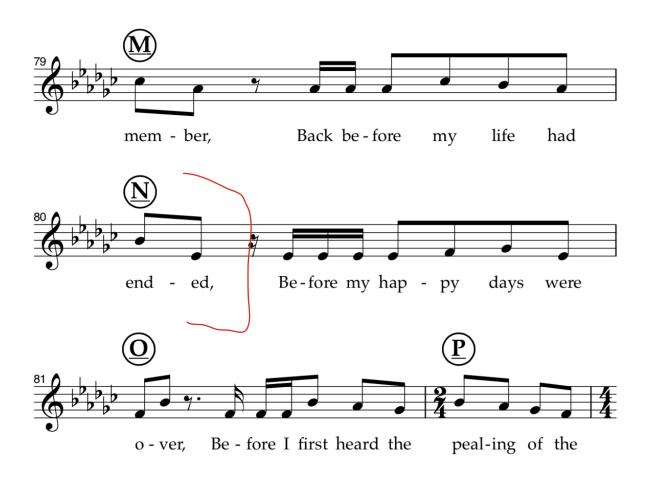


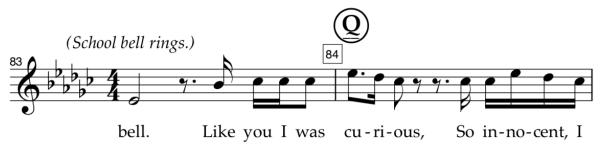


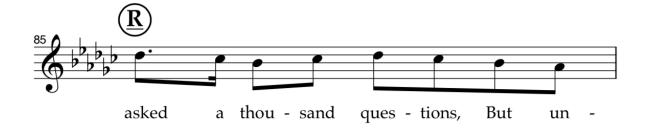




Cage for a-ges, This pris-on cell, But if I try I can re-







Script: Nigel SIDE 1

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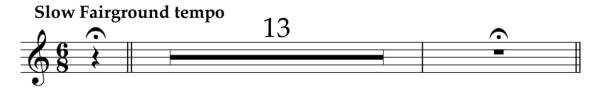


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Score: Escapologist, Acrobat

## **ACROBAT STORY (PART 1)**

(MATILDA:) ...the two greatest circus performers in the world—an escapologist, and an acrobat fell in love and got married.
ACROBAT: They performed some of the most incredible feats together and people would come from miles around!
ESCAPOLOGIST: Kings, Queens, Celebrities, and Astronauts.
And not just to see their skill but also to see their love for one another.
MATILDA: Which was so deep that it was said cats would purr as they passed them and dogs would weep with joy.
ACROBAT: They moved into a beautiful, old house—



# **ESCAPOLOGIST:** And although they loved each other – they were sad.





#### **ESCAPOLOGIST:** We do not have a child.



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#### **MATILDA**

## THIS LITTLE GIRL

And so the great day arrived

(MATILDA)

Everything was arranged by the Acrobat's sister - a frightening woman who used to be an Olympic-class hammer thrower, and who loved Bathing the than to scare the children of the town. Suddenly, out came the Escapologist.

**ESCAPOLOGIST MISS HONEY:** Ladies and dentlement, boys and girls... (chord) The Burhing Woman Hurling Through The Air (chord) With Dynamite In Her Hair (chord) Over Sharks And Spiky Objects (chord), Caught By The Man Locked In The Dage... (chord) has been ... cancelled. MRS. PHELPS Stop being pa -No!

**ESCAPOLOGIST** 



**MATILDA** 

No!

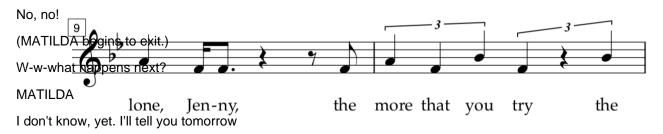
the-tic, Jen-ny. Just get on your feet, Jen-ny. You are going to

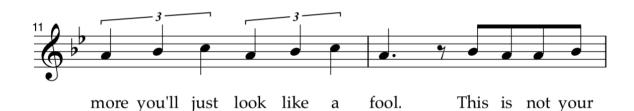
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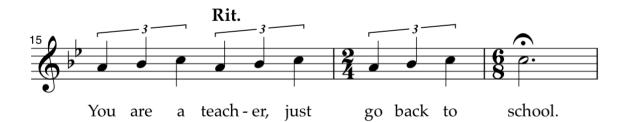
I have paid for the posters, publicity, the contest pic, the lighter facilities. EVANERY COLINY priority. A contest esita contract. You will perform on this day or off to prison you both shall go!

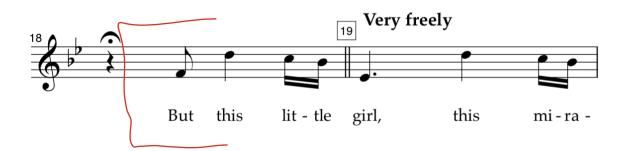
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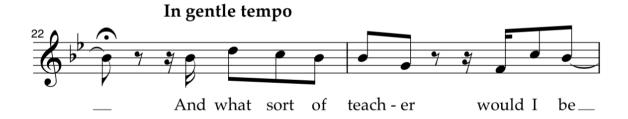








cle... She seems not to know \_\_\_\_ that she's spe-cial at all.







# strong \_\_\_ to fight by her side. In-stead she's found





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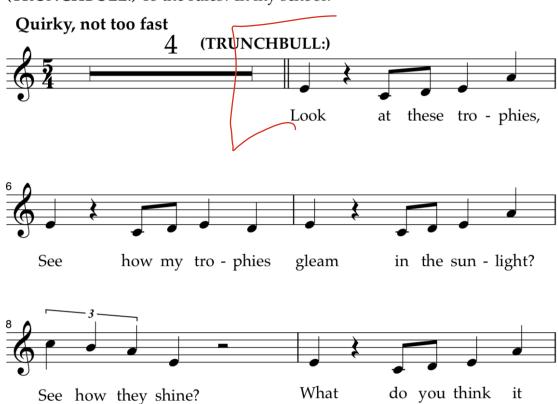


## Audition Central: Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR.

Score: Agatha Trunchbull

## THE HAMMER

(TRUNCHBULL:) To the rules? In my school?

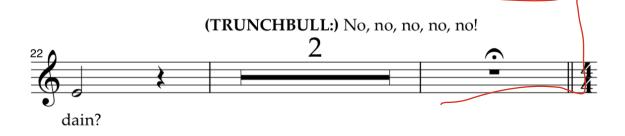














If you want to throw the ham-mer for your count-ry

Script: Miss Honey, Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho SIDE 1

MISS HONEY

I'm not strong like you, Matilda. My father died when I was young. Magnus was his name and he was very kind. But when he was gone, my aunt became my legal guardian. She was mean and cruel like you can hardly imagine. And then, when I got my job as a teacher, she presented me with a bill for looking after me all those years. And she made me sign a contract to pay her back every penny. She even produced a document that said my father had given her his entire house.

**END** 

SIDE 2

MRS. WORMWOOD

Who is it?

MISS HONEY

Oh, yes, um, hello, my name is Miss Honey. Matilda's teacher?

MRS. WORMWOOD

Bit busy right now...

MISS HONEY

It will only take a moment.

MRS. WORMWOOD

Oh, well, come in if you must.

(inviting MISS HONEY inside)

This is Rudolpho, he's my dance partner. We're rehearsing.

**RUDOLPHO** 

Ciao (chow).

MISS HONEY

Ah, parle Italiano? Bene.

(beat)

What?

**RUDOLPHO** 

(to MRS. WORMWOOD)

Who is this, babe? You know what interruptions do to my energy flow.

MRS. WORMWOOD

What do you want, Miss Chutney?

MISS HONEY

It's Miss Honey. Well, as you know Matilda is in the bottom class and children in the bottom class aren't really expected to read-

MRS. WORMWOOD

Well stop her reading then. Lord knows we've tried.

**RUDOLPHO** 

(dancing)

Script: Mr Wormwood & Mrs. Wormwood

MR. WORMWOOD

In business, son, a man's hair is his greatest asset. Good hair means a good brain.

(MR. WORMWOOD removes the towel, revealing his hair is now bright green.)

(MRS. WORMWOOD and MATILDA enter.)

MRS. WORMWOOD

Your... hair! It's... It's... green!

(MRS. WORMWOOD holds up a mirror.)

MR. WORMWOOD

My hair's green!

MRS. WORMWOOD

Why on earth did you do that?

**MATILDA** 

Maybe you used some of mummy's peroxide by mistake?

MRS. WORMWOOD

That's exactly what you've done, you stupid man!

MR. WORMWOOD

My hair! My lovely hair?

(sudden thought)

I've got my deal today! The Russians... what am I going to do?

**MATILDA** 

I know what you can do.

MR. WORMWOOD

What?

**MATILDA** 

You could pretend you're an elf.

MR. WORMWOOD

What are you talking about you fool? The boy's a loony.

**END** 

Script: Trunchbull

**TRUNCHBULL** 

(to MISS HONEY)

Sit.

(MISS HONEY sits.)

Miss Honey, you believe in kindness and fluffiness and books and stories. That is not teaching! To teach the child, we must first break the child.

(She blows a whistle. The KIDS march on, stop, silent. Pause.)

Quiet you maggots!!!

MISS HONEY

But no one was speaking, Miss Trunchbull.

**TRUNCHBULL** 

Miss Honey, when I say 'Quiet, you maggots', you are entirely included in that statement. Where is my jug of water?

**LAVENDER** 

I'll get it Miss Trunchbull.

(LAVENDER gets up. She is hugely excited. She cannot help but give the audience a huge

thumbs-up as she goes.)

**TRUNCHBULL** 

Stupid girl.

(to the others)

Look at you. Flabby! Disgusting! Revolting! Revolting, I say! I think it's time we toughened you all up with a little... Phys-ed.