



I  **BROADWAY**

A Salute to Musical Theater



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SONG LIST:

On Broadway
When I Grow Up (*Matilda*)
I Won't Grow Up (*Peter Pan*)
Seize The Day (*Newsies*)
You're Never Fully Dressed (*Annie*)
Consider Yourself (*Oliver*)
Brand New Day (*The Wiz*)

THE SYNOPSIS

One kid - or several - have dreams of being stars on Broadway. (On Broadway). Everybody tells them it will never happen. (When I Grow Up). Another group of cast members absolutely do not want to grow up. (I Won't Grow Up). The dreamers friends encourage them to have the courage to chase their dreams. (Seize The Day). The dreamers have grave doubts about whether they are good enough; they have their tap shoes, their dance clothes, their greasepaint, etc, but they are missing one thing. (You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile). They finally reach Broadway and all of the folks who are already there welcome them to the Broadway family. (Consider Yourself). They realize that they may not immediately get to be a Broadway star, but they are here in this magical place, a place where everyone has a role: onstage, backstage, in there orchestra pit, in publicity, ticket sales, ushering, directing, choreographing, costumes; endless possibilities where everyone can find a place to belong. This is what Broadway is all about. When the world catches up to Broadway, the world could be as beautiful as a Broadway show. (Brand New Day!).

THE CAST

The Dreamers

The Doubters

The Encouragers

Broadway Citizens

SONG 1

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ON BROADWAY!

SCENE 1

(The show opens with the full cast performing "On Broadway".)

(In a school or on a playground)

Dreamer: I think Broadway must be the most wonderful place on Earth.

Dreamer 2: Me too! And someday I'm going to be the star of a real Broadway show!

Dreamer 3: That's always been my dream too. But it seems so far-fetched to think it could really happen.

Doubter 1: Well, you know what they say: "How do you get to Broadway?"

All Dreamers: *(Dejectedly)* I know...Practice!

Doubter 2: Well, that and learn to wait tables!

(Doubters 1 and 2 really laugh at their own joke).

Doubter 3: Look, you bunch of dreamers, being on Broadway is one of the hardest gigs to get.

Doubter 4: People train for years and still don't make it. Besides, you're just a bunch of kids and, let's face it, it's never gonna happen.

All Doubters: Never!

Dreamer 1: We'll see about that!

SONG 2
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WHEN I GROW UP

SCENE 2

Doubter 1: Nice song. But are you crazy? Why would anyone want to grow up?

Doubter 2: Yeah, look how good we kids have it!

Doubter 3: Someone feeds us.

Doubter 4: Someone get us clothes and takes us places we want to go.

Doubter 5: All of our teachers love us with out reservation!

(The entire cast looks slowly at the audience and smile in a cheesy way.)

Doubter 6: Forget Broadway! The best thing in the world would be to stay right here and never, ever, ever grow up!

SONG 3
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I WON'T GROW UP

SCENE 3

Encourager 1: Oh, don't believe what those doubters tell you. I think you all have what it takes to make it big on Broadway!

Dreamer 2: Do you really think so? Do you really think we can make it?

Encourager 2: Sure you can! You've been dreaming about this for your whole life!

Encourager 3: This is your big chance and, you know, you only live once!

Encourager 4: Now is the time to grab the brass ring.

Encourager 5: Now is the time to go for it!

Encourager 6: Carpe Diem!

Encourage 7: Seize this moment!

Encourager 8: Seize this day!

SONG 4

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SEIZE THE DAY!

SCENE 4

Dreamer: (*excitedly*) Okay! Okay! We're ready to go!

Dreamer 2: I've got my tap shoes, my jazz shoes, and my ballet shoes!

Dreamer 3: I've got leotards and leg warmers.

Dreamer 4: I've got my resume up to date and thirty-seven different head shots!

Dreamer 5: I've got my uncle's credit card!

Encourager 1: Well, you'll need all of that! But don't you think you are all missing something rather important?

All Dreamers: (*in unison*) What's that? What are we missing?

Encourager 1: Well.....

SONG 5

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YOU'RE NEVER FULLY DRESSED

SCENE 5:

Dreamer 5: (*Holding a Tony award and speaking like an acceptance speech*) I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your amazing support! I want to thank my agent, my manager, my family, my music teacher, and all the rest of you little people. I really couldn't

have won this without your splendid encouragement!

Doubter 1: *(An aside to an encourager)* Umm....*(He/she/they)* hasn't done anything yet.

Encourager 1: *(shrugging)* Well, I guess it doesn't hurt to practice.

Dreamer 6: Come on everybody....it's time to go!

Dreamers: *(Together)* Broadway! Here we come!

(Everybody spins around a few times. There are some lighting effects and they are all on Broadway. They are surrounded by the peel of Broadway. Singers, dancers, actors, choreographers, set and costume designers, conductors, stage hands, ticket seekers, ushers, etc.)

Dreamer 3: Oh my goodness! I can't believe we actually made it to Broadway!

Dreamer 4: And look at all these people?

Dreamer 5: It looks like all the people who create Broadway shows are here.

Set Designer: Yep! I design the sets!

Set builder: And I build 'em!

Ticket seller: I sell the tickets!

Publicist: I publicize the show!

Choreographer: *(Doing a dance step)* I choreograph the dance scenes!

Costumer: I make the costumes!

Taxi Driver: I drive people to the shows in my taxi!

Waiter: I wait tables and go every night to open mic!

Stage Manager: I manage the stage!

Girl in a red wig and red dress: *(Singing boldly)* "The sun'll come out!"

All: We know what she does!

Dreamer 6: I can't believe we finally got here and all of you are here to greet us!

Actor: Of course, that's what happens here on Broadway!

Actress: The people of Broadway are like one big, happy family.

Man in a half white mask and cape: And now you are a part of it! Sing for me! Siiiiiiiiiiing for me!

SONG 6
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CONSIDER YOURSELF

SCENE 6

Dreamer 1: This is the most wonderful place I have ever been!

Dreamer 2: It's even better than I expected.

Dreamer 3: I see now that Broadway is so much more than I ever dreamed.

Dreamer 4: It seems that there is a place for everybody on Broadway.

Dreamer 5: It takes people with all kinds of passions and talents to create the real magic of a Broadway show.

Actor: That's right! It takes people on and off stage, working together to make something wonderful!

Dreamer: Wouldn't it be great if the whole world was like that?

Actress: It can be. Here on Broadway, we believe it can be. And it's our job to show the world how to do it.

Dreamer 2: I feel something special just being here.

Dreamer 3: I do too!

Everyone: Me too!

Dreamer 4: *(To the audience) Can You? (pause) Can you feel the hope-filled energy of everyone working together to make something truly wonderful? Can you feel the magic of(Spreads their arms) Broadway?*

SONG 7
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BRAND NEW DAY!