

LEADING PLAYER

Revolution!

ALL

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(PIPPIN and the PROTESTORS go off.

FASTRADA speaks to the audience)

Start



Terrible. A son speaking against his very own father that way! In fear of my beloved husband's life, I brought Pippin's activities to his attention.

(Lights up on CHARLES)

Pippin is disloyal to you, my lord...

CHARLES

Every son is disloyal to his father at one time or another, my lady...

FASTRADA

But Lewis loves you, my lord...

CHARLES

Lewis is an asshole, my lady.

FASTRADA

(To audience)

Despite this rejection, I took upon my tiny shoulders the task of effecting a rapprochement between two men for whom I felt... deeply...

#9 - Spread a Little Sunshine

BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS,
 IF THINGS WERE GOING WRONG
 I MIGHT SULK, I MIGHT POUT
 NOW I'VE LEARNED IF I JUST PITCH IN AND DO WHAT'S RIGHT
 THINGS WILL ALWAYS WORK OUT
 AND IF WE ALL COULD SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE
 ALL COULD LIGHT A LITTLE FIRE
 WE ALL WOULD BE A LITTLE CLOSER
 TO OUR HEART'S DESIRE...

skip



Start

→ My lord.

CHARLES

Yes, my lady?

FASTRADA

Will you be praying at Arles next month?

CHARLES

No, I don't think so, my lady.

FASTRADA

Oh, but my lord, you always feel so much better after your yearly prayer.

CHARLES

I do?

FASTRADA

Yes, you do.

(In the Broadway Production, she put CHARLES into a magic cabinet.)

I sought out Pippin.

(SHE opens the door of the cabinet to reveal PIPPIN)

Your father loves you, Pippin.

PIPPIN

Freedom and dignity for all men is more important than the love between one father and one son.

FASTRADA

Still, your name will be on his lips when he prays...

(Pause)

...at Arles... next month... *alone*...

PIPPIN

Alone?

FASTRADA

And unguarded.

PIPPIN

What date?

FASTRADA

The fifteenth. Pippin, I beg you to bring this estrangement to an end.

PIPPIN

I intend to.

FASTRADA

May I tell your father of this resolve?

PIPPIN

No. Let it be a surprise.

(PIPPIN exits)

FASTRADA

A surprise.

(To audience)

I love surprises.

(FASTRADA opens the door of the cabinet; LEWIS is revealed.)

LEWIS

Mama... if Pippin kills Father...

FASTRADA

You'll be next in line for the throne, darling.

LEWIS

But if Father discovers Pippin's plot and executes him...

FASTRADA

You'll be next in line for the throne, darling.

LEWIS

Mama, no matter what happens... I'll move up!

FASTRADA

Yes, darling.

(Sings)

I KNOW THE PARABLES TOLD IN THE HOLY BOOK
I KEEP CLOSE ON MY SHELF
GOD'S WISDOM TEACHES ME WHEN I HELP OTHERS,
I'M REALLY HELPING MYSELF.
Skip → AND IF WE ALL COULD SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE
ALL COULD LEND A HELPING HAND
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TO THE PROMISED LAND

(FASTRADA opens the cabinet to reveal CHARLES - he comes out of the cabinet on a unicycle)

CHARLES

Well, I'm off to Arles to pray.

LEWIS

Safe travels, Father!

CHARLES

Goodbye!

FASTRADA

(Bows low)

Goodbye, my lord...

Oh my. Events move so swiftly, it's hard for a simple woman like me to keep up. But something tells me that one day... soon... I will be able to say what every mother wants to say... "My son, the King".

(FASTRADA dances.)

DANCE BREAK

ALL

AND IF WE ALL COULD

FASTRADA

SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE

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FASTRADA

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ALL

TO THE PROMISED LAND...

FASTRADA

DOO DOO DOO DOO

DOO DOO DOO DOO DOO...

Skip →

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... After all, I'm just an ordinary housewife and mother, just like all you housewives and mothers out there.

end →

(SHE dances off, waving goodbye to the audience)