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The Best Years of Our Lives
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SYNOPSIS

Once upon a time in a far away swamp there lived an ornery ogre named Shrek (Mike Myers) whose precious solitude is suddenly shattered by an invasion of annoying fairy tale characters. There are blind mice in his food, a big, bad wolf in his bed, three little homeless pigs, and more, all banished from their kingdom by the evil Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow).

Determined to save their home—not to mention his own—Shrek cuts a deal with Farquaad and sets out to rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) to be Farquaad's bride. Accompanying him on his mission is a wisecracking Donkey (Eddie Murphy) who will do anything for Shrek . . . except shut up. Rescuing the Princess from a fire-breathing dragon may prove the least of their problems when the deep, dark secret she has been keeping is revealed.

Shrek is based on the children's book by William Steig.

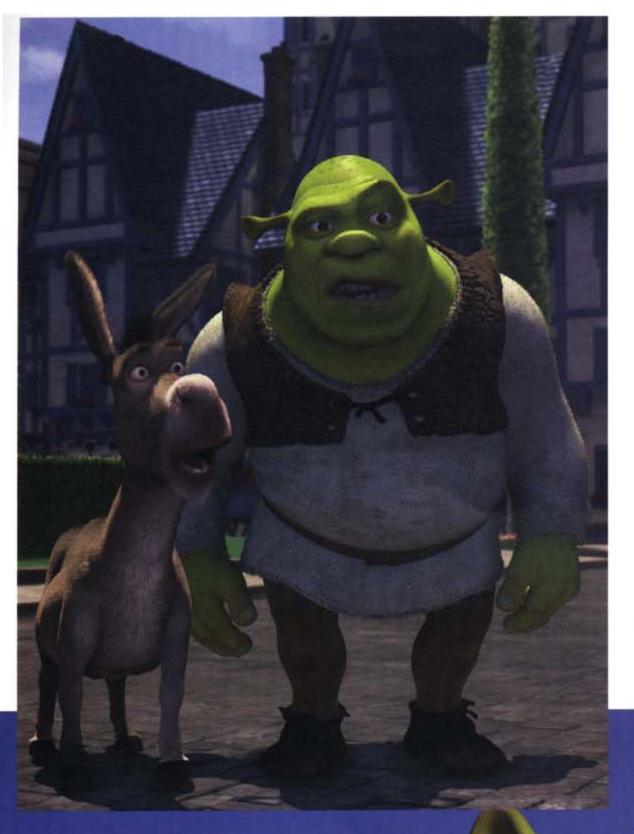
"Working with the band Halfcocked on the song "Bad Reputation" was a true pleasure. What a great band, and what a great movie!!!"

- Joe Barresi, producer of "Bad Reputation"

"We really enjoyed working on the soundtrack for the movie Shrek. It was the first animated movie I personally had ever seen and thought Eddie Murphy was off the hook. We hope to be a part of a DreamWorks production again soon."

- Isaiah Taylor, Baha Men





ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

In some ways, *Shrek* is your classic fairy tale. It has a hero, a beautiful princess, and a dastardly villain. Unlike the fairy tales of old, however, the hero is an ugly, ill-tempered ogre, the princess is not all she appears to be, and the villain has some obvious shortcomings.

Shrek producer and DreamWorks principal Jeffrey Katzenberg notes, "Shrek kind of looks backwards at all the fairy tale traditions we grew up on, and takes great fun turning all those storytelling conventions upside-down and inside-out."



"We (Halfcocked) had an amazing time being involved with the *Shrek* soundtrack. Not only are we extremely honored to cover a song by one of our heros, Joan Jett, but we also feel privileged to be part of such a great, successful project that uses a bitter, ugly, green ogre as its star. Thanks, *Shrek!!*"

Rock on!

 Sarah Reitkopp, lead singer for Halfcocked (performed "Bad Reputation") Producer and head of PDI/DreamWorks Aron Warner agrees that a lot of the fun in *Shrek* comes from lampooning some of our most beloved fairy tale characters, even throwing in some Mother Goose favorites for good measure. "We basically took every fairy tale in the book and turned it on its side. Nothing is sacred; every fairy tale gets roasted. These characters are ripe for parody because they're part of the cosmic consciousness, so to speak."

In addition to breaking the mold of fairy tale conventions, *Shrek* also showcases some amazing breakthroughs in what have been referred to as the "Holy Grails" of computer animation, the first being realistic humans, who are able to express both dialogue and emotion through a complex facial animation system developed at PDI. Using special tools called "Shapers," the animators were able to achieve sophisticated facial and body movements by applying interacting layers of bone, muscle, fat, skin, hair, and clothing. There are also advances in the creation of rich, organic environments; clothing that moves, wrinkles and reacts to light like real-life fabric; fire; and fluids of different viscosities, achieved using PDI/DreamWorks' award-winning Fluid Animation System (FLU).

"The computer has been revolutionary in animation—not evolutionary, *revolutionary*. There is absolutely no question that *Shrek* is far and above anything that's been done in computer animation," says Katzenberg, who is quick to qualify, "for at least ten seconds. Yes, it's state of the art, but do I think it will be the benchmark for a long time to come? No. It will be the benchmark for about a day or two. I say that with a sense of humor, but that's what's exciting about computer animation; it's evolving exponentially. With today's digital tools, it seems if we can dream it, we can make it."

Of course, long before they could dream it, the filmmakers had to read it. The movie *Shrek* has its origins in a short illustrated book of the same name by award-winning children's author William Steig. Steig's story of an ogre who sets out into the world to find adventure first came to the attention of producer John H. Williams via a very close source. Williams recounts, "Every development deal starts with a pitch and my pitch came from my then kindergartner, in collaboration with

his pre-school brother. Upon our second reading of *Shrek*, the kindergartner started quoting large segments of the book pretending he could read them. Even as an adult, I thought *Shrek* was outrageous, irreverent, iconoclastic, gross, and just a lot of fun. He was a great movie character in search of a movie."

Screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio, who had previously worked with Katzenberg and Warner on *Antz*, collaborated with Joe Stillman and Roger S. H. Schulman to adapt the story into an animated action adventure, told with humor and heart, under the direction of Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson.

The heart of the story is found in what could be called—in the language of all fables—the moral of the story. Vicky Jenson relates, "The story is about self-acceptance and that things aren't always as they appear. We definitely turn the concept of beauty on its ear, which I think is a very powerful theme."

That being said, Adamson adds, "Yes, there's a moral to the story and it has tremendous heart, but all of that, I hope, comes ultimately through humor."

"We set out to create a joyful, fun expression of all the things we'd like to see and, really, to make ourselves laugh," Warner agrees. "I think humor is universal when it's good, and there's a lot of stuff to laugh at in this movie, depending on what you know and remember about the world of fairy tales. We hit on elements that have been so much a part of all our lives, and we had the right actors in the right place at the right time. It just all came together."





ABOUT THE MUSIC

Accompanying the characters on their adventures is a musical score composed by Harry Gregson-Williams and John Powell, who had previously collaborated on the scores of DreamWorks' animated hits *Antz* and *Chicken Run*. Juxtaposed with the orchestral score in the film are song selections from an eclectic group of artists, including Baha Men, Smash Mouth, Joan Jett, Rupert Holmes, Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, and DreamWorks recording artists eels, Self, Leslie Carter, and Dana Glover. Glover's song, "It Is You (I Have Loved)," was originally a score cue from composers Gregson-Williams and Powell, to which Glover wrote lyrics, turning it into one of the featured songs in the film.

Like the story, the songs will relate differently to audiences, depending on their age and musical tastes, but, Katzenberg offers, "As much as any movie I've worked on these last 20 years, this one genuinely has something for everyone. It's such an irreverent comedy, but at its core is an incredible heart. It really talks to the fact that there's a place for each and every one of us, and someone to share it with."

Long before *Shrek* was animated, the filmmakers handpicked many of these songs. Each holds a lyric that tells us
more of our story and expresses Shrek's point of view. The
songs are as eclectic as our fairy tale creatures. These
musicians and songwriters have great wit and a keen
sense of adventure. Our composers, Harry and John,
blended these songs with their original underscore to create a one of a kind musical journey.

Warner agrees, "I think its theme is a very important one these days—that beauty not only isn't everything, it can mean absolutely nothing. We live in a world that's obsessed with the way people look. I love the fact that we were able to tell a story where the so-called beautiful people don't always win."

Katzenberg concludes, "It really is an allegory in which we can find something about our own lives. Each of our characters comes to understand that there is something wonderful—warts and all—about who they are. I think that's true for all of us: that the people who ultimately come to know and love us see the strengths inside of us. Whether you're a princess, a donkey, or even a big, green, stinky ogre, you can find love and happiness."

Shrek was the third film that Harry and I scored together for Jeffrey Katzenberg and DreamWorks. So you'd think that it would be getting easier, wouldn't you? Whilst it was a wonderful film to work on (we could tell that from the first rough cut we saw), and whilst we were teamed up with a great group of people (some of whom we knew very well by then—the darling Marylata Jacob, for one), Shrek was still, with all of these advantages, a difficult project to do. At times Harry and I felt as if we were crossing the same rickety bridge that Shrek and Donkey crossed above the lake of fiery lava (but I can't reveal who was the frightened one). Making music for this film required us to walk a thin line between sentiment and subversion, truthful emotion and sticky sap, comedy and action, fruit and nuts. But like Shrek and Donkey, we got to the other side and wondered what all of the hollering had been about.

 John Powell, co-composer of musical score (with Harry Gregson-Williams)

"It is rare to have an opportunity to work on a movie such as *Shrek*. I was thrilled and honored to collaborate with composers I so admire."

— Dana Glover, artist and lyricist for
"It Is You (I Have Loved)"



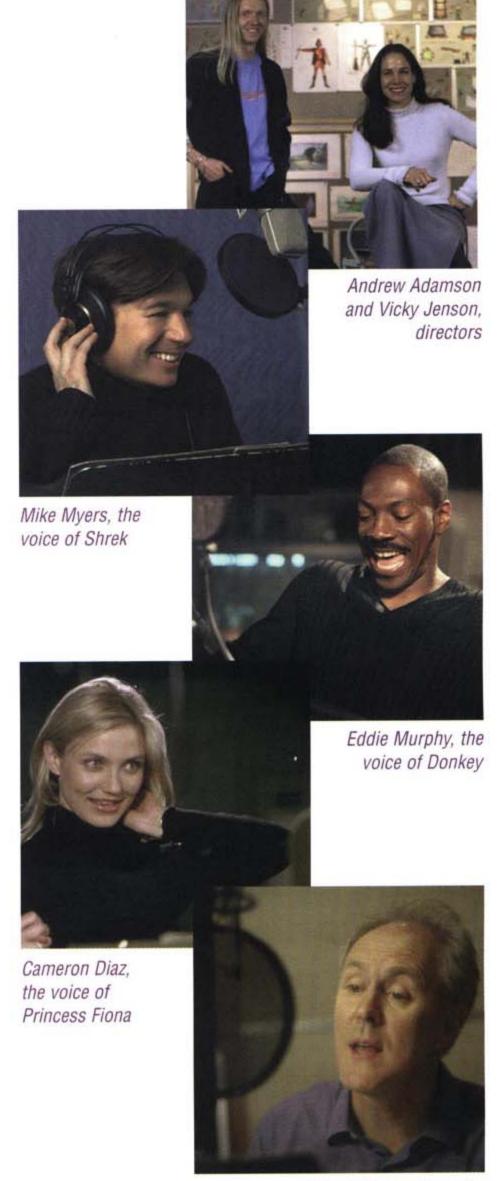
CAST OF CHARACTERS

SHREK — Voiced by Mike Myers, Shrek is a big, green, ugly, smelly ogre. Perfectly content just living alone in his swamp, he enjoys taking mud showers, eating forest critters, and scaring the spit out of anyone who crosses his path. It takes a princess that packs a punch to finally soften his heart.

DONKEY — Voiced by Eddie Murphy, this Donkey's no jackass—he talks, sings, hums, dances, and just won't shut up. As Shrek's unlikely sidekick, it doesn't take long to see his charming and optimistic nature. He finds true friendship and a hot romance where he least expects it.

PRINCESS FIONA — Voiced by Cameron Diaz, Princess Fiona is every guy's dream. She is not only beautiful, but she's able to drop-kick a band of outlaws and eats weed-rats with the best of them. She's smart, tough, and spirited, but she is also a princess with a deep, dark secret who waits patiently for her one true love to sweep her off her feet.

LORD FARQUAAD — Voiced by John Lithgow, Lord Farquaad, the measly four-foot-tall ruler of Duloc, is the antithesis of Shrek—neat, orderly, and power-hungry. He's a control freak who would like nothing better than to rid the land of all undesirable fairy tale creatures and create his own perfect world.



John Lithgow, the voice of Lord Farquaad



Stay Home

Words and Music by Matt Mahaffey













I'm a Believer

Words and Music by Neil Diamond



Original key: F# major. This edition has been transposed up one half-step to be more playable.







Like Wow

Words and Music by Jimmy Harry and Sandra St. Victor















It Is You (I Have Loved)

Words by Dana Glover Music by Harry Gregson-Williams, John Powell and Gavin Greenaway

















The Best Years of Our Lives (Part I)

Words and Music by David Jaymes and Geoffrey Deane







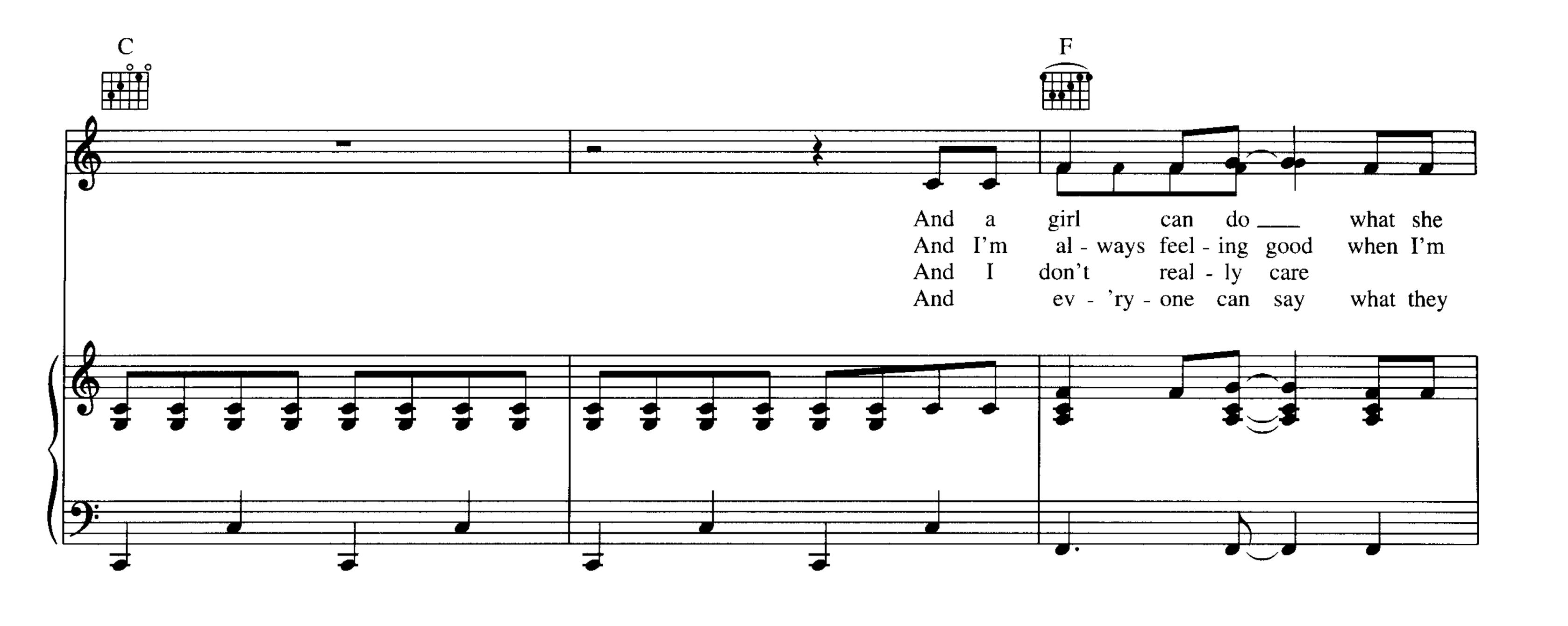


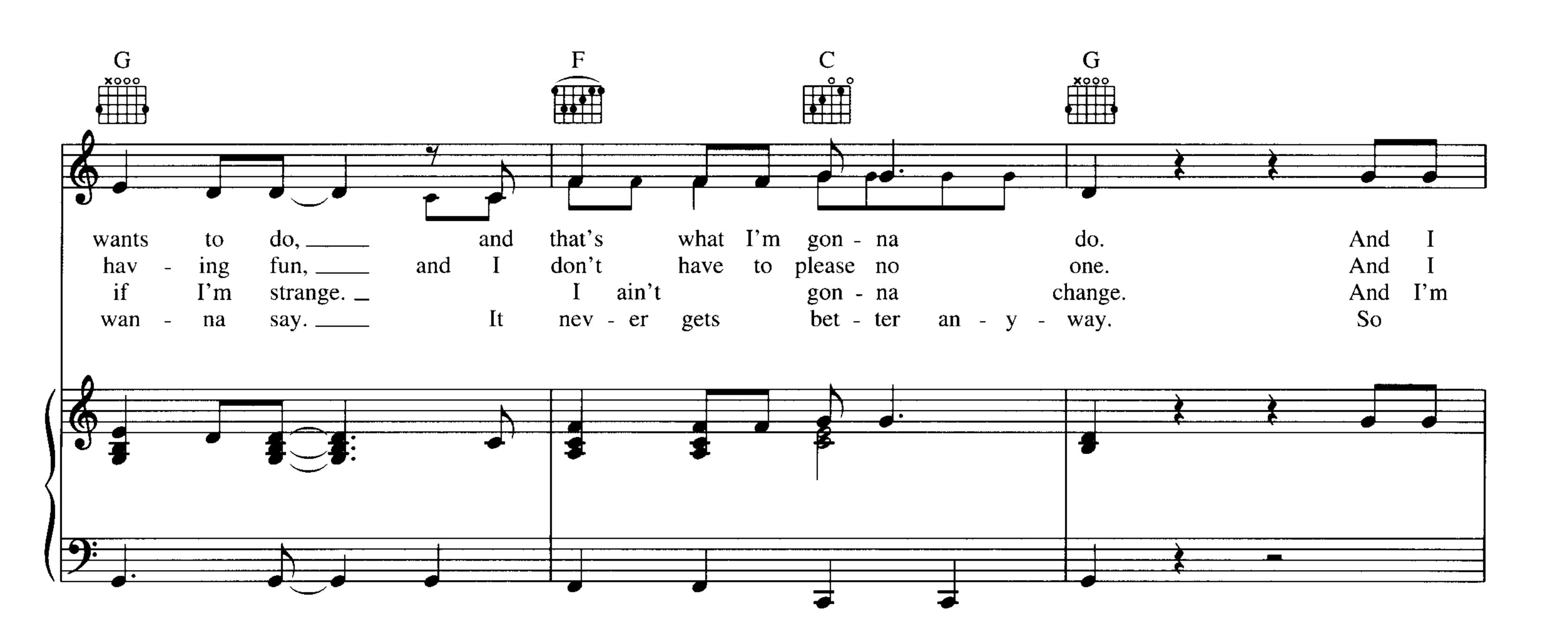
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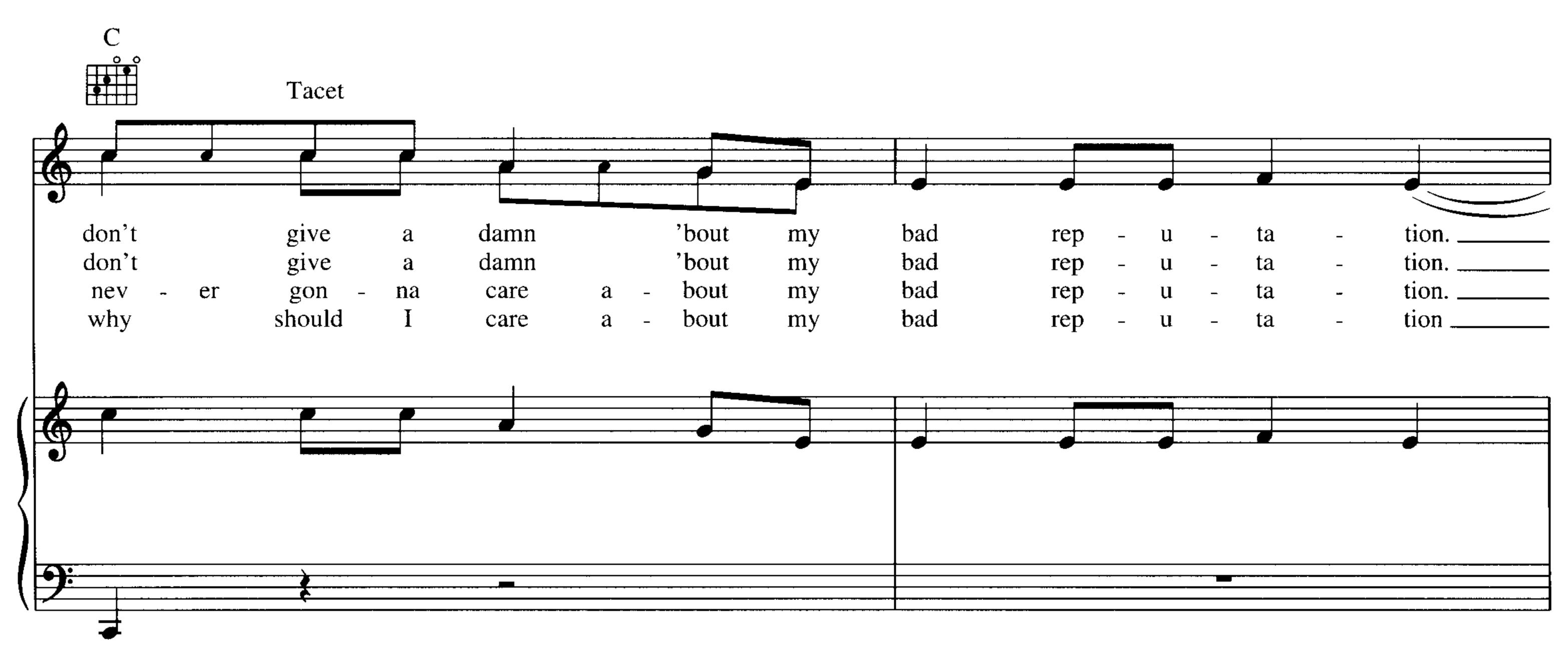
Words and Music by Joan Jett, Kenny Laguna, Ritchie Cordell and Marty Kupersmith



^{*}Recorded a half step lower.













My Beloved Monster

Words and Music by







You Belong to Me

Words and Music by Pee Wee King, Redd Stewart and Chilton Price



^{*} Recorded a half-step lower.





All Star

Words and Music by Greg Camp



^{*}Recorded a half step lower.















Hallelujah

Words and Music by Leonard Cohen









Additional Lyrics

Your faith was strong, but you needed proof.
 You saw her bathing on the roof.
 Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you.
 She tied you to a kitchen chair.
 She broke your throne; she cut your hair.
 And from your lips she drew the Hallelujah. (To Chorus)

- 3. Maybe I have been here before.
 I know this room; I've walked this floor.
 I used to live alone before I knew you.
 I've seen your flag on the marble arch.
 Love is not a victory march.
 It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah. (To Chorus)
- 4. There was a time you let me know
 What's real and going on below.
 But now you never show it to me, do you?
 And remember when I moved in you,
 The holy dark was movin' too,
 And every breath we drew was Hallelujah. (To Chorus)
- 5. Maybe there's a God above,
 And all I ever learned from love
 Was how to shoot at someone who outdrew you.
 And it's not a cry you can hear at night.
 It's not somebody who's seen the light.
 It's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah. (To Chorus)

I'm on My Way

Words and Music by Charles Reid and Craig Reid













l'm a Believer (reprise)

Words and Music by Neil Diamond







True Love's First Kiss

Music by Harry Gregson-Williams and John Powell







