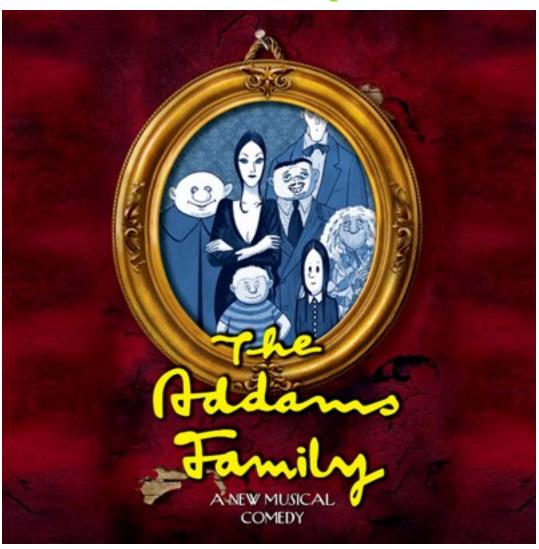


# Performing Arts Department.



AUDITION PACKET
GOMEZ ADDAMS

# SCENE 2

(MORTICIA'S BOUDOIR)

(Revealing GOMEZ, fencing with LURCH, who holds his foil absolutely still while GOMEZ swipes at it extravagantly.)

#### **GOME Z**

Fight sir, fight like a man! Feel the kiss of my Spanish steel! Ha! Ha! Ha! Foiled again!

(GOMEZ strikes LURCH's sword down.

LURCH pokes GOMEZ with it.)

Oww! Damn your lightning reflexes!

(GOMEZ retains his sword. MORTICIA enters with a bouquet of yellow flowers.)

#### MORTICIA

Gomez, look.

#### **GOME Z**

Ugh! Flowers! Who would send something so tasteless?

# MORTICIA

(reads the card)
"The most precious gift there is,
More goody-licious than gold,
Is that blessing we call friendship,
Whether new or very old."

# **GOME Z**

"Goody-licious?" Who talks like this?

(MORTICIA removes the flowers from the stems, During--)

# MORTICIA

The Beinekes. Wednesday's friend Lucas and his parents. They're coming for dinner tonight.

#### **GOME Z**

Lucas?

# MORTICIA

Yes.

**GOME Z** 

But Lucas is a boy's name.

MORTICIA

Yes.

**GOME Z** 

Wednesday has a friend who's a boy?

(They both look at Lurch. Finally--)

MORTICIA

It's nothing, darling. Puppy love.

(hands Lurch the stems)

Put these in water.

(WEDNESDAY enters, carrying her crossbow and a goose with an arrow sticking out of it.)

WEDNESDAY

Mom, Dad, I shot dinner.

MORTICIA

(taking it)

Oh, Wednesday, that's lovely. Wherever did you find it?

WEDNESDAY

Petting zoo.

MORTICIA

Thank you, dear. Come, Lurch - we'll whip up something really special. And this time, we'll actually cook it.

(shares a laugh with Lurch)

Oh, Gomez - guests for dinner! Fresh meat!

(They exit. WEDNESDAY looks nervously after them.)

WEDNESDAY

Daddy, I have something very important to tell you.

**GOME Z** 

What?

# WEDNESDAY

Can you keep a secret?

(WEDNESDAY produces a ring from around her neck.)

**GOME Z** 

Of course.

WEDNESDAY

Look.

**GOME Z** 

If I didn't know any better I'd say that looked like an engagement ring.

(she just looks at him)

What are you saying?

WEDNESDAY

Oh daddy, Lucas wants to marry me!

**GOME Z** 

What?!

WEDNESDAY

Lucas Beineke loves me and he wants to marry me.

**GOME Z** 

Do you want to marry him?

WEDNESDAY

Yes. I think so.

**GOME Z** 

You think so?

WEDNESDAY

Well, I've never even met his parents, and he's never met mine, and - I just need to be sure.

**GOME Z** 

That he's the one?

WEDNESDAY

That the families can get along. I mean, he has to know what he's getting into.

# **GOME Z**

What are you saying?

#### WEDNESDAY

I'm saying we're who we are, and they're from Ohio.

# GOMEZ

(slicing the air with his sword)

Ohio? A swing state!

#### WEDNESDAY

That's what I mean.

#### **GOME Z**

You're right, this is important. Let's go tell your mother.

#### WEDNESDAY

No.

# GOMEZ

No? But we have to tell your mother -

#### WEDNESDAY

Daddy, please! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing.

#### **GOME Z**

You don't want me to tell your mother you're getting married?

#### WEDNESDAY

After dinner and we're all friends, then we'll tell her.

# **GOME Z**

But I've never kept anything from your mother.

# WEDNESDAY

(getting desperate)

Daddy, please!

# **GOME Z**

But-

#### WEDNESDAY

If you love me.

# ACT ONE SCENE 1:

(OVERTURE/PROLOGUE)

(A hand parts the curtain, revealing The Addams Family: GOMEZ, MORTICIA, WEDNESDAY, PUGSLEY, GRANDMA, LURCH and FESTER. A huge, bare Spanish oak, The Addams Family Tree, spreads its boughs over The Addams Family Graveyard.)

# ANCESTRAL VOICES

AH AH AH AH AH AH AH

(GOMEZ steps forward)

#### **GOME Z**

(deep inhale)

Aaaahh... The intoxicating smell of the graveyard.

(then)

Once a year, we gather beneath our Family Tree, to honor the great cycle of life and death. Come, every member of our clan - living, dead -

(re: Lurch)

- and undecided - and let us celebrate what it is to be an Addams.

(to Morticia)

Come to me, my luscious wife - oh she of skin so pale, eyes so black, and dress cut down to Venezuela - and tell us what it is every Addams hopes for!

# MORTICIA

Darkness and grief and unspeakable sorrow.

#### **GOME Z**

(overcome, embracing her)

I love it when you talk sexy!

# #1 WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS

WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS
YOU NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE MOONLIGHT
WHEN YOU'RE AN ADDAMS
YOU NEED TO FEEL A LITTLE CHILL

# SCENE 7

(THE GROTTO.)

(GOMEZ and MAL are puffing on cigars. MAL is seated on an old oaken chair.)

MAL

Interesting chair. Antique?

**GOME Z** 

Fifteenth century. "The Heretic's chair." Once owned by Tomas de Torquemada, Grand Inquisitor of Madrid.

MAL

You collect this stuff?

**GOME Z** 

A man must have his hobbies. Some play cards, some play golf. Me, I collect "instruments of persuasion." "Why," you ask.

(then)

Go on, ask. Ask!

MAL

Why?

**GOME Z** 

It's fun! The history of the world told in agony and dismemberment. Get up, I show you.

(Mal gets out of the chair)

You sit, they ask you a question. They don't like the answer...

(GOMEZ pulls a lever. A giant spike

shoots up.)

Oooooooooooooo! That'll make you believe, eh?

(a laugh, then retracts the lever)

Sit down. Let me ask you a question.

MAL

Some other time.

**GOME Z** 

Okey-dokey.

(then)

So how about these crazy kids, eh?

MAL

What about 'em?

**GOME Z** 

They seem very fond of each other, no?

MAL

I guess. But it's not like they're getting married.

**GOME Z** 

Married? Of course not. They're so young. Of course, they marry young these days, do they not?

MAL

I dunno what they do.

**GOME Z** 

Then speak about you. The Beineke Saga. Your lives, your hopes, your dreams.

(pointedly)

Your son.

MAL

Lucas? He's a little soft like his mother. But when he gets out of college, I'll toughen him up. Teach him the business. Make him a man.

**GOME Z** 

May I say something? You and I - I feel we understand each other. Do you feel this?

MAL

No.

(then)

So tell me, Addams - ten thousand square feet right in the middle of a public park. How'd you swing this place?

**GOME Z** 

These two acres have been in my family ever since Queen Isabella of Spain deeded it to my great ancestor Alfonso the Enormous, for services rendered.

MAL

What services?

**GOME Z** 

Alphonso the Enormous. The Enormous - do I have to draw

# GOMEZ (CON'T)

you a diagram?

(exiting)

Come, Beineke - let me show you the moat. Did you bring a bathing suit? Never mind lets be crazy.

#8B ALPHONSO THE ENORMOUS

# SCENE 9

(PARK BENCH AND TAXI SIGN--IN FRONT OF GATES)

(MORTICIA sits on a park bench, a valise by her side.)

GOMEZ

So it's true.

MORTICIA

I can't live with a man who keeps secrets.

(She lights the TAXI sign)

GOMEZ

There's another secret I haven't told you.

MORTICIA

Hunh. What?

**GOME Z** 

That you are the most exquisite, the most magnificent, the most desirable of all women.

MORTICIA

That's no secret.

**GOME Z** 

No. But even you had a secret - once.

MORTICIA

Never.

**GOME Z** 

And if you're wrong.

MORTICIA

I never am.

**GOME Z** 

But if you are, what will you give me?

MORTICIA

Name it.

# **GOME Z**

A dance.

#### MORTICIA

Go on.

# **GOME Z**

Many years ago, when you loved me and you wanted to marry me, we came to your father and told him, and he said, "Wonderful, let's go tell your mother." And what did you say?

# MORTICIA

How could I possibly remember what I -

#### **GOME Z**

You said, "No! She'll ask a lot of embarrassing questions and wreck the whole thing."

# MORTICIA

That's different. My mother was condescending, judgmental, and withholding, and loved nothing more than stirring up trouble.

# **GOME Z**

Uh huh.

# MORTICIA

(realizes)

Oh God, I've turned into my mother.

#### **GOME Z**

And Wednesday is you. Isn't it wonderful?

# MORTICIA

You did that like a lawyer.

[MUSIC IN]

# **GOME Z**

No, just a husband and a father. Not so easy. In fact, very difficult.

# #21 LET'S LIVE BEFORE WE DIE

LET'S LIVE BEFORE WE DIE LET'S LAUGH BEFORE WE CRY

# SCENE FIVE: UNDER THE ADDAMS FAMILY TREE

GOMEZ sits on the swing. He listens to the sounds of the city and park - culminating in a scream and two gunshots, which relaxes him.

WEDNESDAY crosses furiously, with suitcase and crossbow.

GOMEZ

Wednesday!

WEDNESDAY

Don't even!

GOMEZ

Where do you think you're going, young lady?

WEDNESDAY

Away.

**GOMEZ** 

Elopement??

**WEDNESDAY** 

Daddy, would you just please let me -

**GOMEZ** 

No! This is what comes from keeping secrets! If the two of you wanted to get married, you should've -

WEDNESDAY

(cutting him off)
There's not gonna be any marriage!

GOMEZ

No? Why?

WEDNESDAY

He bailed!

**GOMEZ** 

What? A breach of promise? An outrage!

WEDNESDAY

He thought running away was a bad idea.

# **GOMEZ**

On the other hand, he does have a point.

# WEDNESDAY

I hate him!

# **GOMEZ**

Well, it's a beginning. Something to build on.

# WEDNESDAY

He says he can't live without me, and then he lets me go. I love him. Why doesn't he love me?

# **GOMEZ**

You just said you hated him. Which is it?

# **WEDNESDAY**

Both.

# **GOMEZ**

Now you've got it.



# **TRAPPED**

[Rev. 1/12/12]

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

GOMEZ: "Yes, but what if - and I have no reason to say this - what if she did meet someone who stole her heart?"

MORTICIA: "Don't be silly. When that happens, I'll be the first to know. Wednesday tells me everything. Just like you do." [MUSIC]



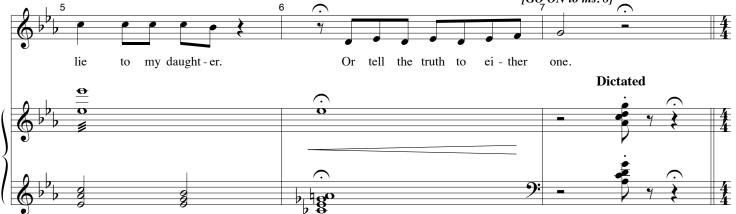
MORTICIA: "Gomez, you do tell me

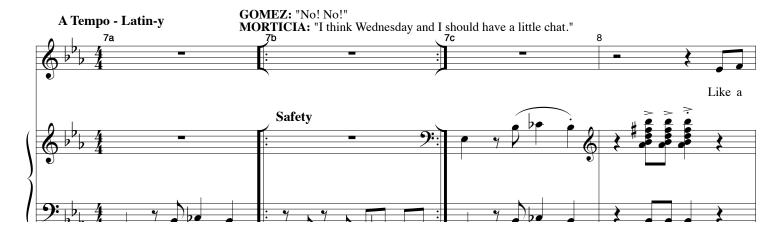
everything, don't you?" **GOMEZ:** "Of course!"

MORTICIA: "Oh, my. You're perspiring."

GOMEZ: "What?"
MORTICIA: "I hope you're not coming down with a case of... Liar's Shingles."

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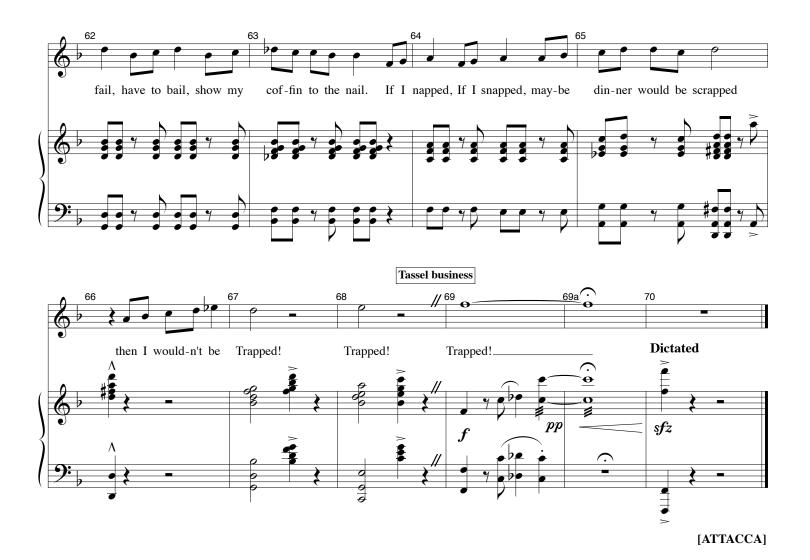














# **NOT TODAY**

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[Rev. 3/9/12]

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

GOMEZ: "Where's that hotel guide? Ah! Hotel Merde. Rue de Toilette. Condemned six times by the Board of Health. Not enough. *Voila!* Hotel Nosferatu. Rating: minus three stars. No windows. No towels. No staff. *Bingo!* [MUSIC] (cont.) The worst hotel in Paris! Get them on the line! Hurry, this is the final round, my friend!"

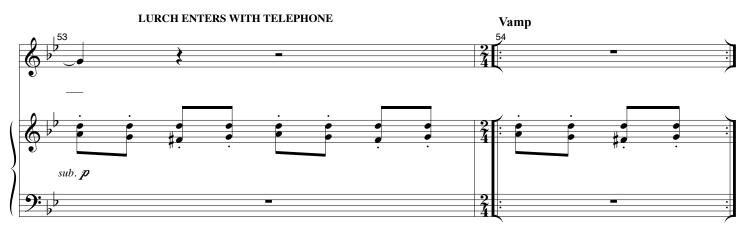








LURCH: [Groans.]
GOMEZ: "Is that my call to Paris? It's about time! 'Allo? Hotel Nosferatu? Listen, the future of my marriage is at stake!" [GO ON to ms. 55]







[FESTER enters]
FESTER: "Gomez! Gomez!
Morticia's leaving!"
GOMEZ: "What?"
FESTER: "She's at the gate with a valise! It's the end of the family!"
[HE grabs his coat from FESTER
GO ON to ms. 75a]

