# FOREWORD

#### BY BRIAN MAY

The vocal arrangements for We Will Rock You were initially done very much 'on the run'. When Mike Dixon and I first got together to compare notes the rehearsals were already upon us.

MIKE HAD ALREADY DONE STERLING WORK ON FIGURING OUT MANY OF OUR OLD COMPLEX VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ORIGINAL QUEEN RECORDINGS. AND WAS READY WITH CHARTS TO START THE PROCESS. BUT THERE WERE SOME AREAS THAT ONLY I COULD UNTANGLE. HAVING BEEN PART OF THE CREATION OF THE SONGS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, AND IT WAS VITAL TO PRESERVE THE SPIRIT OF QUEEN IN THIS NEW ARENA. SO EVEN WHILE MIKE WAS TEACHING NEW PARTS DAILY TO OUR BRILLIANT YOUNG ACTORS AND SINGERS, WE WERE STILL WRESTLING WITH MANY OF THE CHALLENGES INHERENT IN ADAPTING THE OLD PARTS TO THE NEEDS OF NEW CONTEXTS. THE PARTS HAD TO MIRROR THE ORIGINAL QUEEN VERSIONS, YET TELL A NEW STORY, AND BE SHARED AROUND A LARGE COMPANY OF MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF VOICES WITH DIFFERENT RANGES - A COMPANY WHO WERE EXPECTED ALSO TO ZOOM AROUND THE STAGE AT THE SAME TIME, AND EVEN AT TIMES, (SHHHH!) - DANCE! IN THE ENSUING FEW MONTHS WE SPENT NIGHTS TRYING TO ANTICIPATE THE PROBLEMS WE WOULD ENCOUNTER THE NEXT DAY. THE EXTAR CHALLENGE WAS EFFECTIVELY PINNING A TAIL ON A CONSTANTLY MOVING DONKEY, SINCE THE WHOLE PLAY WAS CHANGING DAY BY DAY, AS THE VARIOUS SCENES WERE 'STOOD UP' AND EVALUATED.

These vocal arrangements became the basis of the entire musical score of We Will Rock You. We have constantly updated and improved them throughout the first 6 months of our (thankfully) hugely successful run, and those updates are included here. I should add that this book would never have come into existence but for Mike Dixon - if it were left to us Rock Stars to convert music to dots we would all be waiting for the next ten years!

The work is about to travel the World. As I write, we are looking at opening sister productions of We Will Rock You in Australia (August 2003), Madrid (October 2003), Vienna, Japan, North America, and even Russia.

Personally, it would be another dream come true if this publication led to amateur dramatic societies and schools mounting their own productions of We Will Rock You in the future. As Scaramouche says, "The Spirit of Rock is very strong"! May it give you as much joy as it has to us!

BRIAN MAY NOVEMBER 2002.



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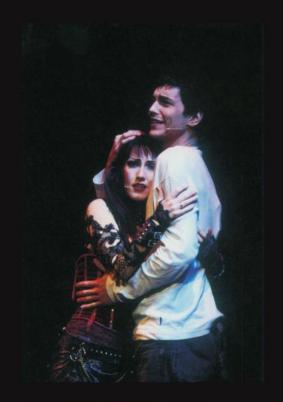
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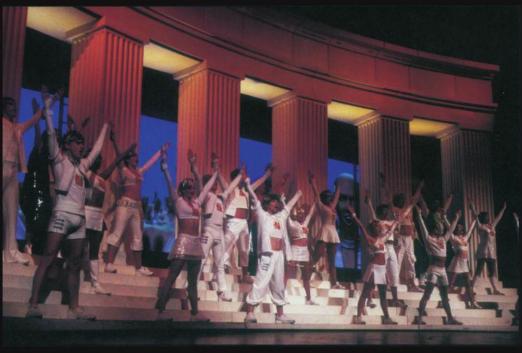
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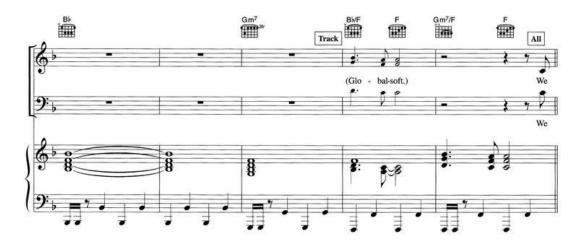
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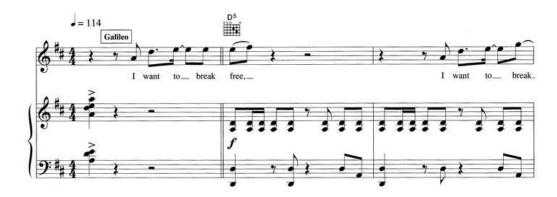




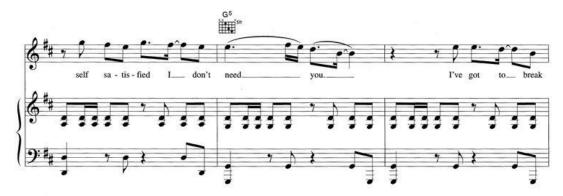
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