# Soap Opera

## by Raymond Douglas Davies

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transcribed and arranged for cello, guitar and 4 singers

by Wolfgang Schützinger

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This arrangement has been written with a particular place of performance in mind, and is as close to the original music as the instrumentation allows. The accompaniment consists of cello and

guitar. The characters of the show are: Starmaker (male)

Andrea (Norman's wife)

Ordinary man

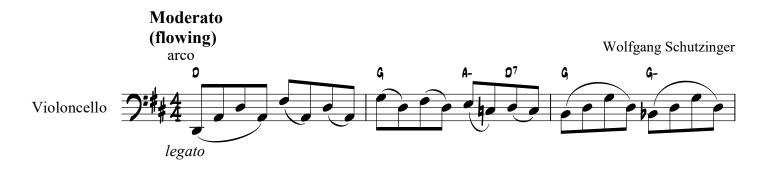
Singer (female backup singer)

None of the instruments and singers should be amplified. Stage cues, instructions and curtain cues are designed to suit this place of performance and can easily be adjusted or changed to better fit a different stage. Most cello parts are to be played with a bow, however, some passages are marked *pizzicato*. These passages should be interpreted in a way to achieve the effect and sound similar to a jazz or rock bass. Some rhythmic patterns for the guitar are indicated to serve as guidlines. Depending on the skill of the musicians, bowing instructions and strumming patterns maybe altered during rehearsals. The main goal is to capture the feel of the original recording and that the performers play naturally. Background harmonies should be approached the same way. Although they have been carefully arranged, they can also be adjusted to fit skills and ranges of available singers.

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Cellist seated alone to the left in front of a light blue curtain which has a picture of the original album cover on it.











## EVERYBODY'S A STAR

(Starmaker)



















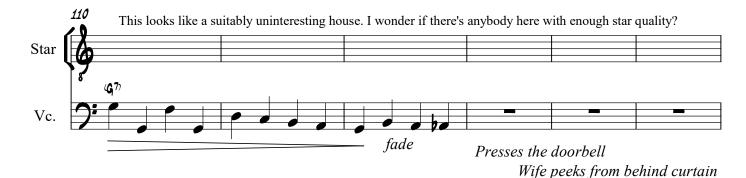




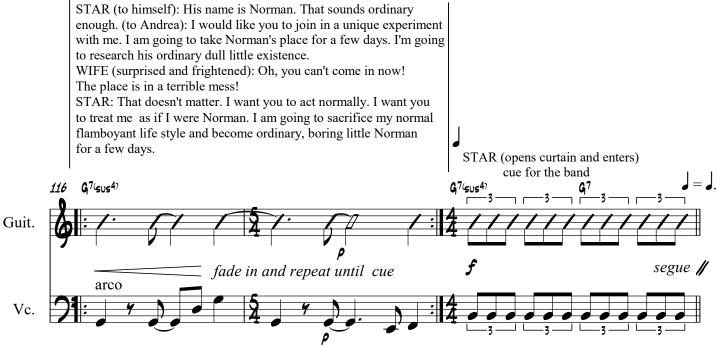








STAR: Hello. What's your name?
WIFE (looks at stranger sceptically and unfriendly): Andrea
STAR (to himself): Oh, thats a nice name.
(to Andrea): What's your husband's name?
WIFE:Norman



#### ORDINARY PEOPLE

Andrea is dressed in comfortable ordinary cloths folding laundry















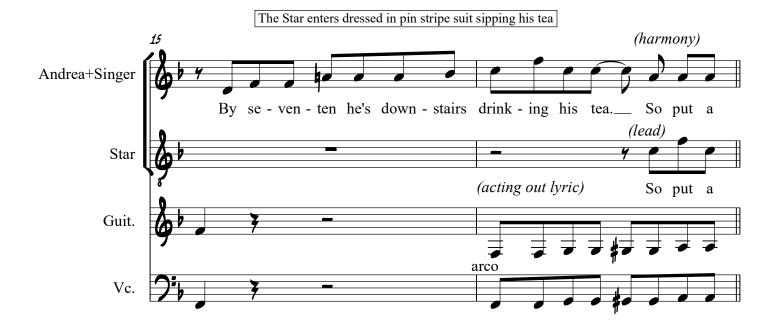


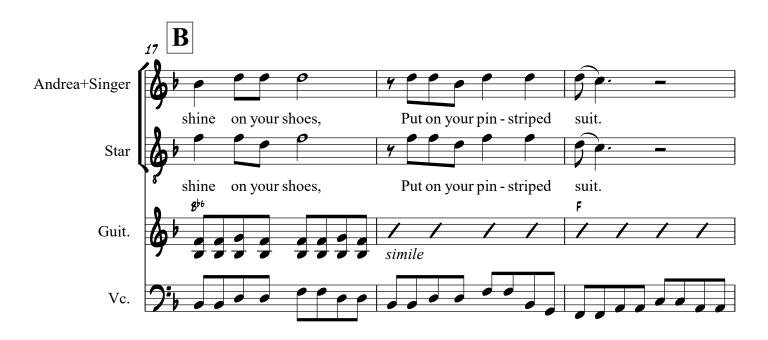


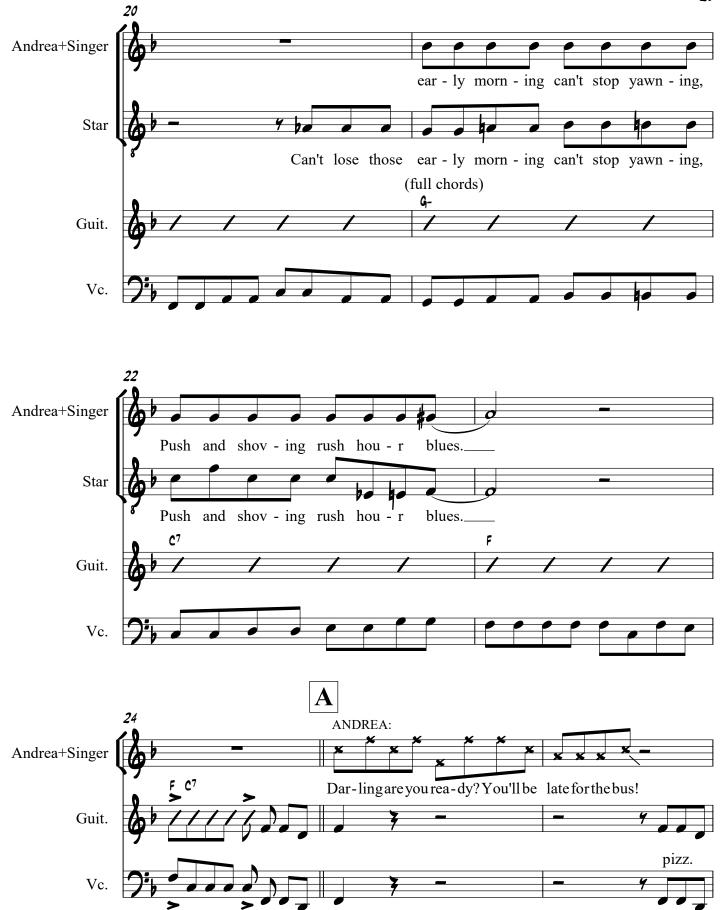
#### **RUSH HOUR BLUES**

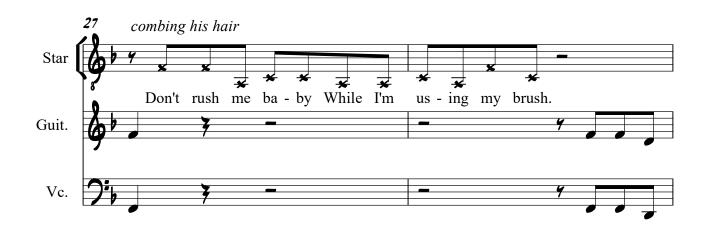
Curtain opens: Andrea is serving breakfast and waiting for the star. Raymond Douglas Davies SINGER (tanborine): Andrea+Singer Guitar Violoncello Andrea+Singer Guit. SINGER: (lead) Andrea+Singer He a - bout gets up ear - ly se - ven o'clock, Guit. Andrea+Singer The al-arm goes off and then the house starts to rock. Guit.





















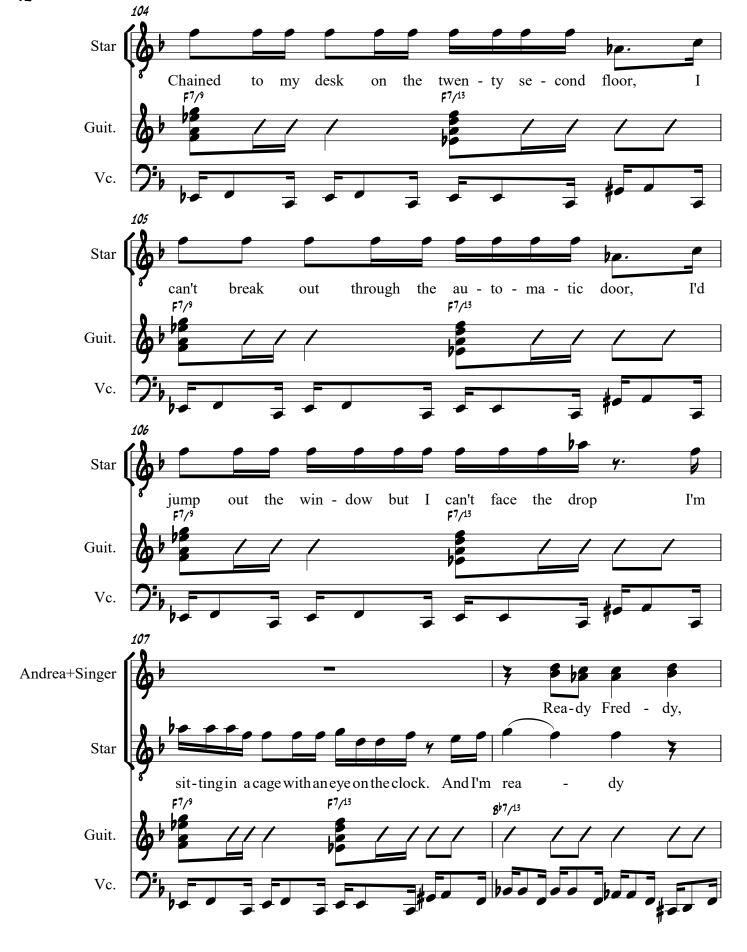


















## NINE TO FIVE









## WHEN WORK IS OVER













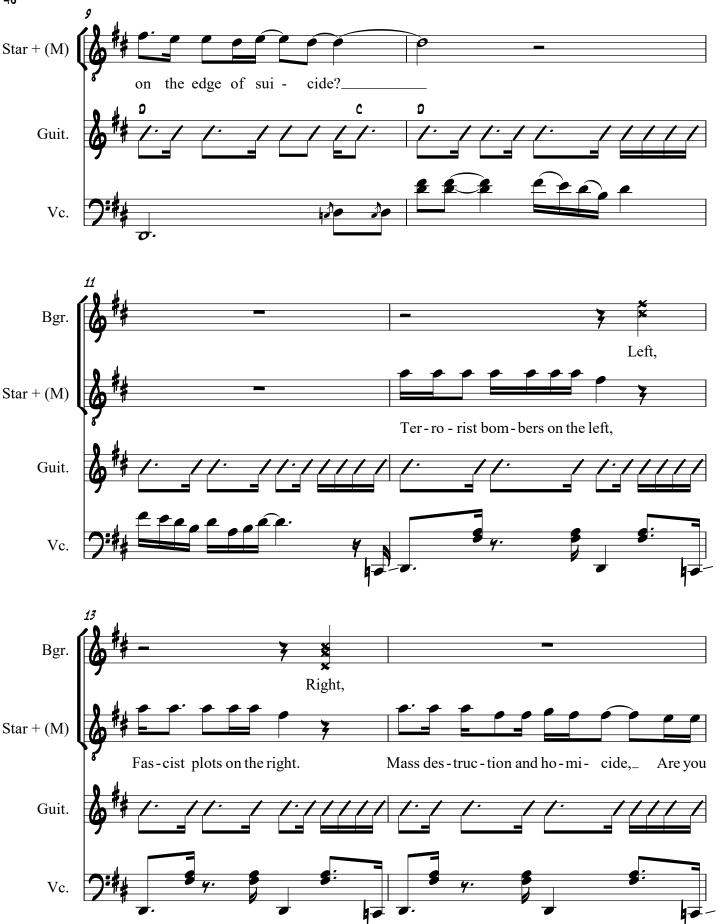




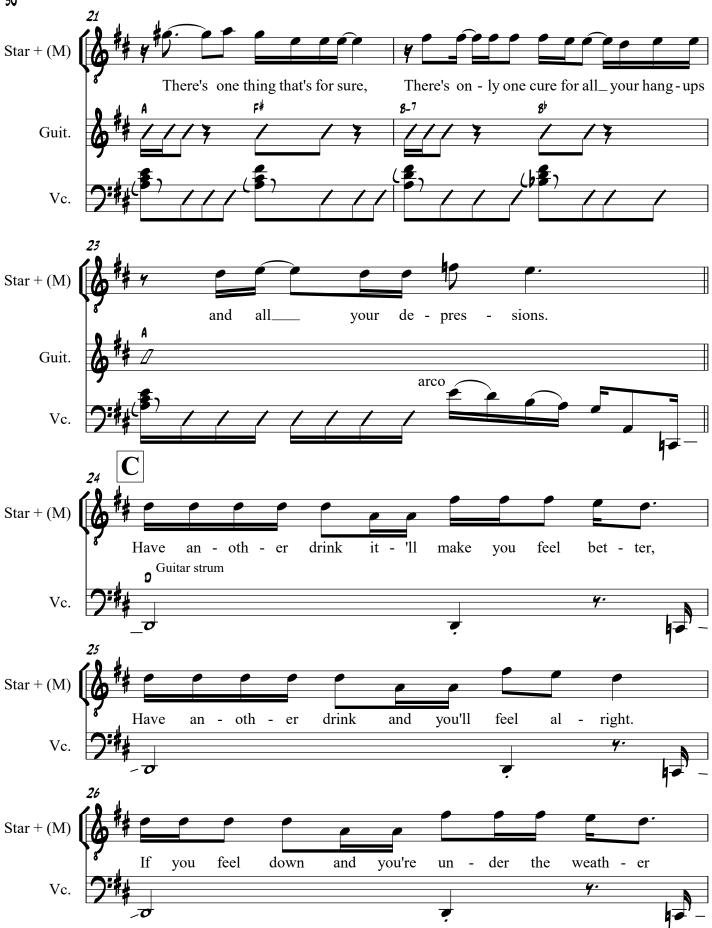
#### HAVE ANOTHER DRINK

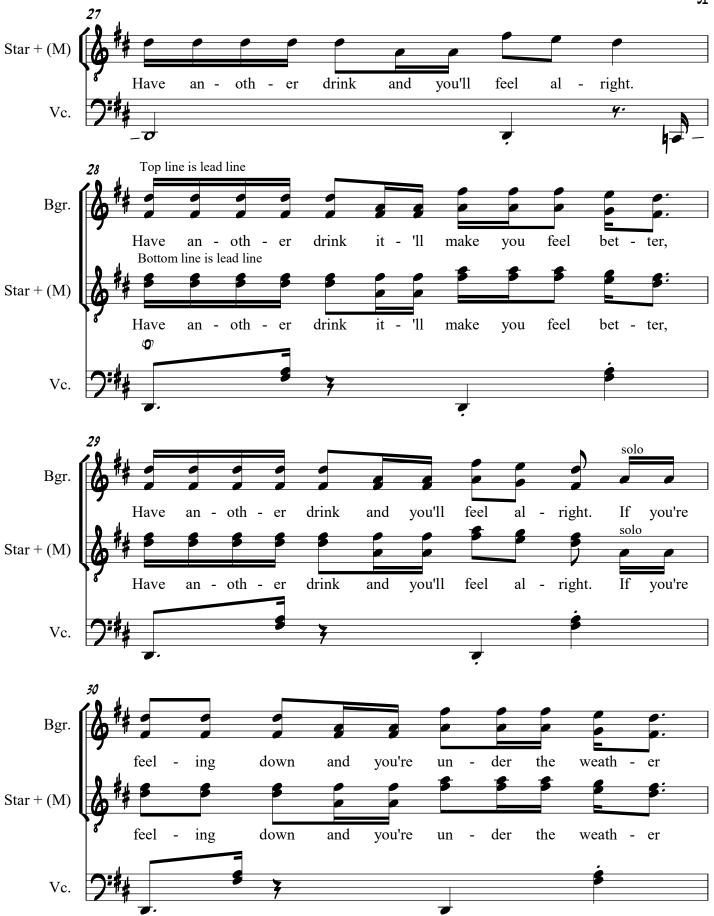
Curtain opens-the scene is a Pub. Two women, the star, and an ordinary man just like Norman are sitting at a table drinking. The man is dressed in jeans and a COOL want to be jacket. Andrea is playing the role of the second woman at the table.







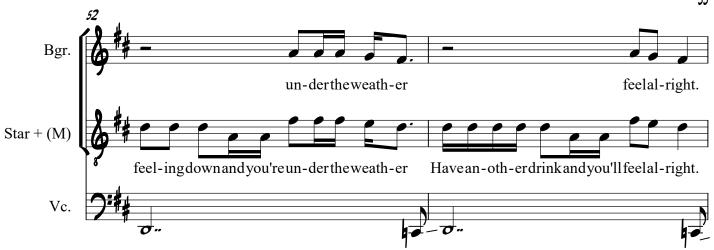


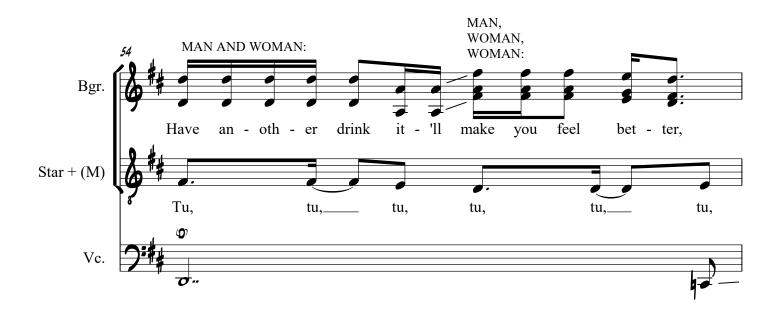


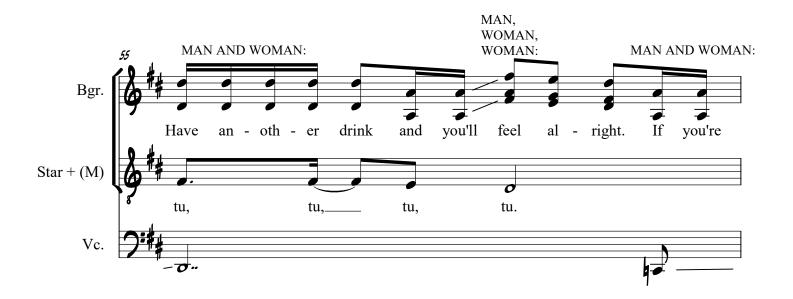


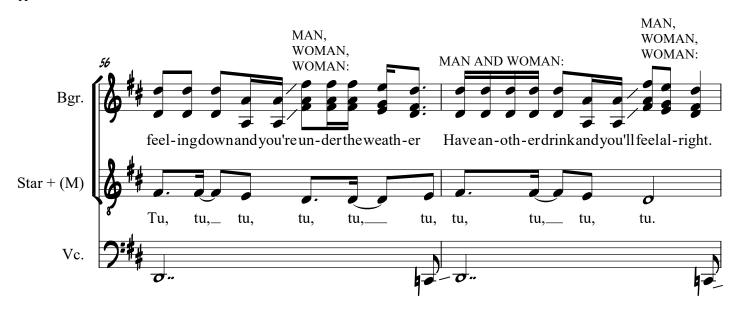


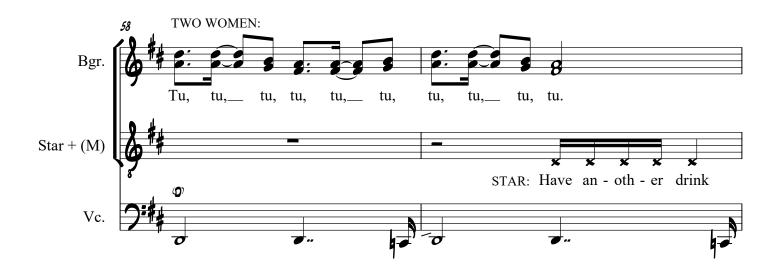














## UNDERNEATH THE NEON SIGN







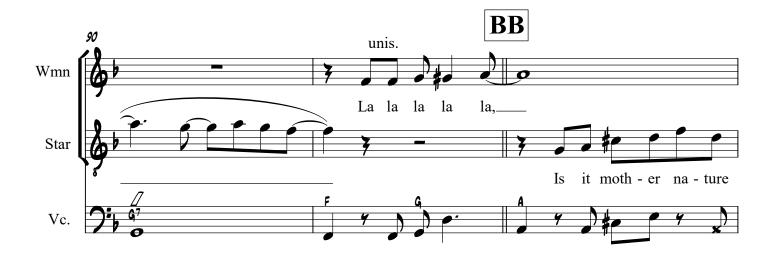


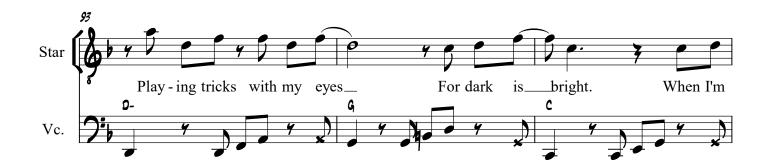
















The Star takes a seat on a bench still waiting for his bus. On a column he sees adverts for holidays in Jamaica, a weekend in Rom, and a cruise round the Mediterranean. He begins to dream of a nice vacation away from his dull life.



#### **INTERLUDE**

The man and one woman from the pub enter the scene on the opposite side of the stage. They both had a little too much to drink and are acting playfully.

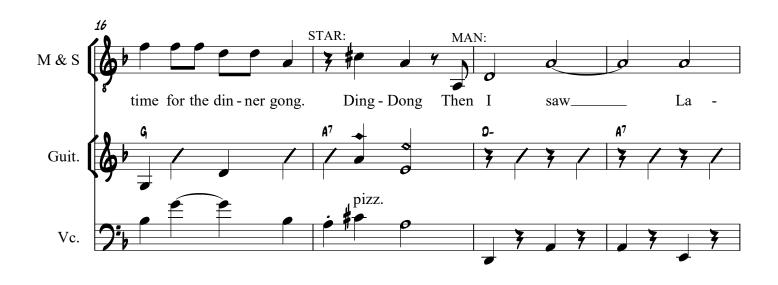


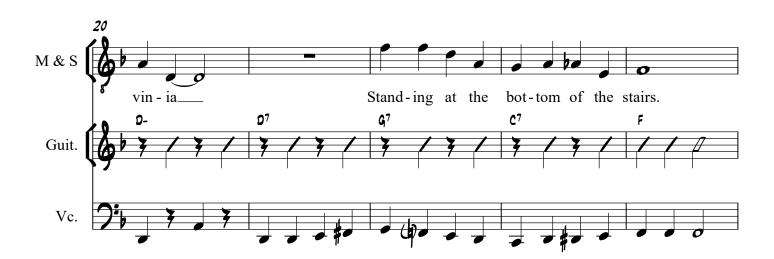
# **HOLIDAY ROMANCE**

The star has fallen into a deep day dream. His eyes closed and with a smile on his face. His facial expressions responding to the lyrics













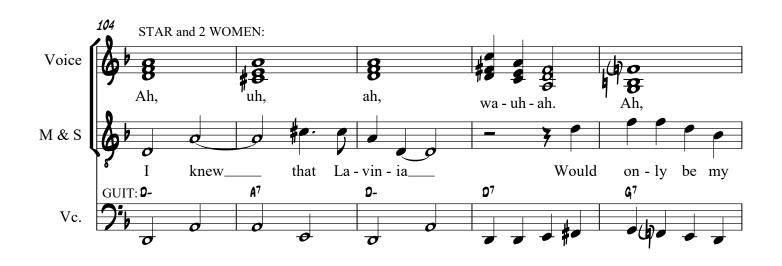


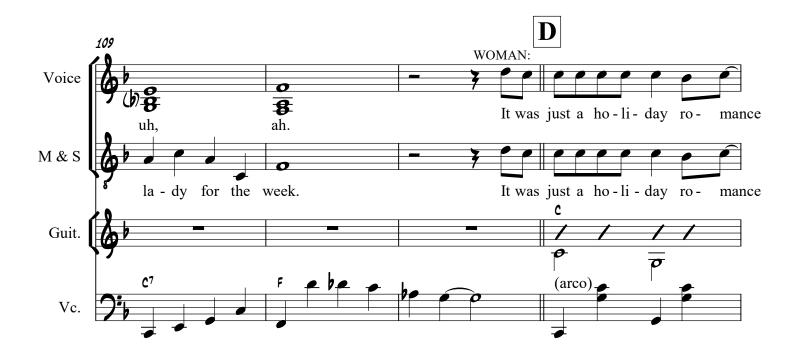


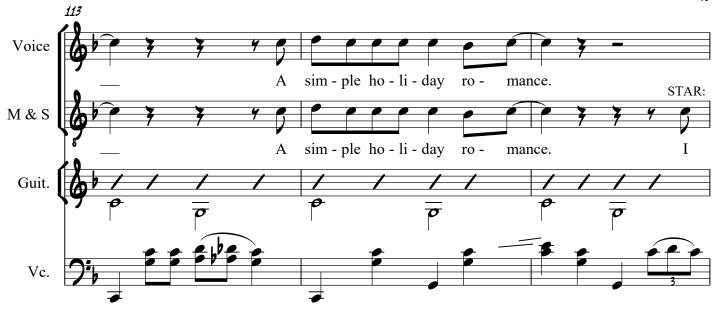


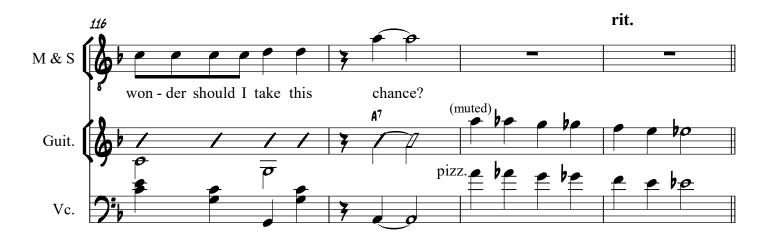






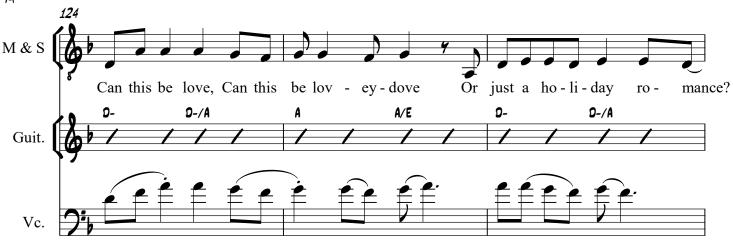


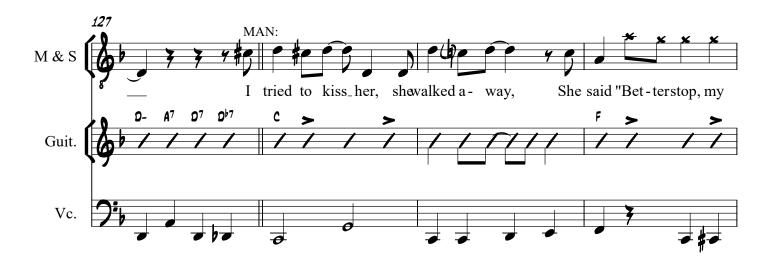


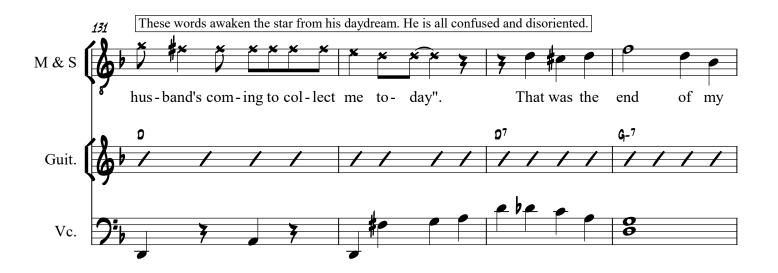




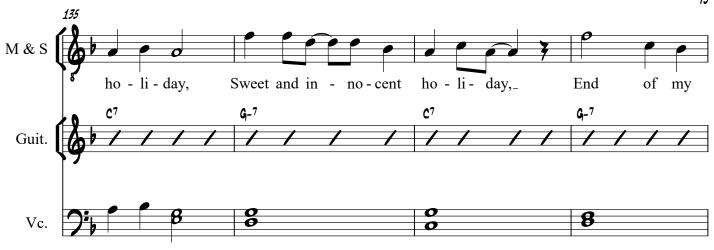


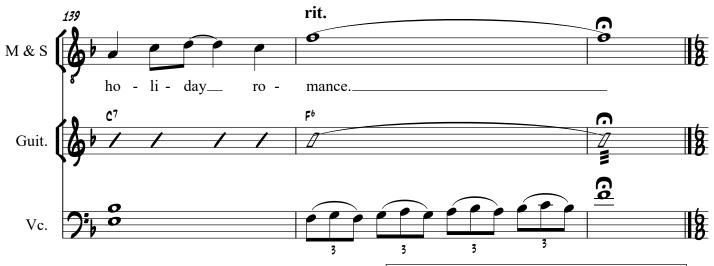




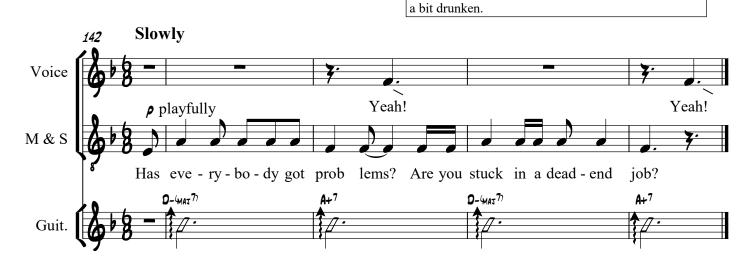








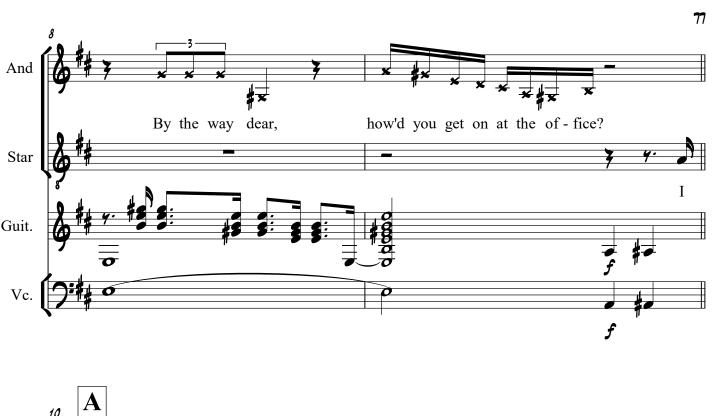
Curtain closes half to hide the Star.
The man and the woman walking slowly and playfully;



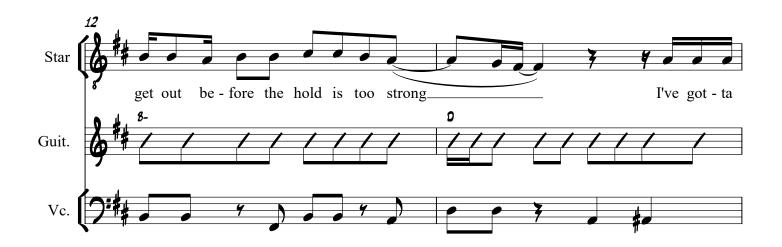
# YOU MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE

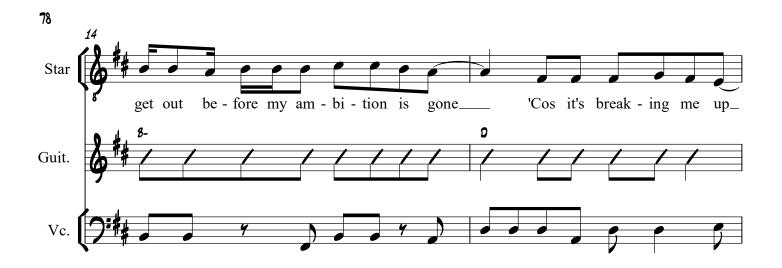
Curtain opens; the star entering and Andrea greating him with open arms.

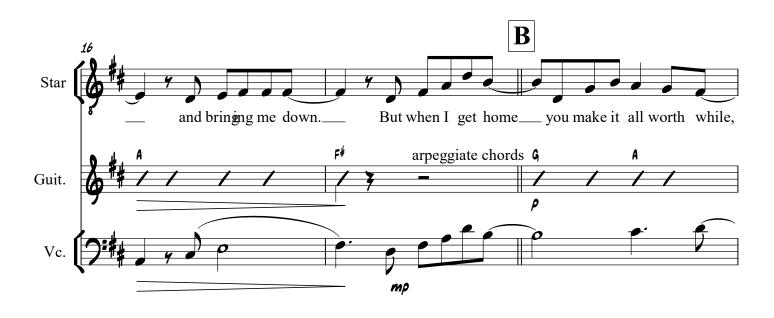


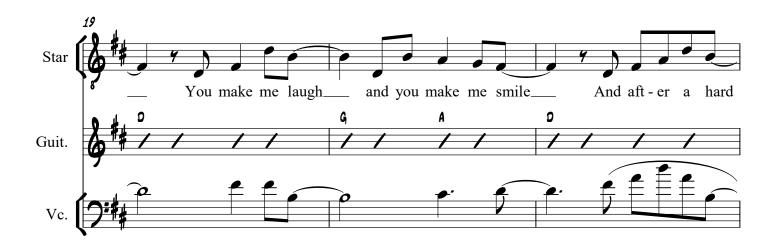














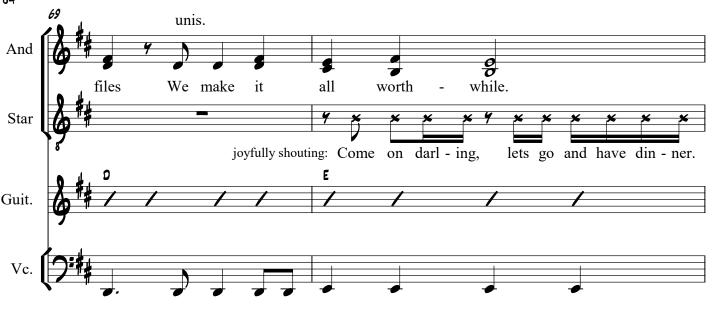


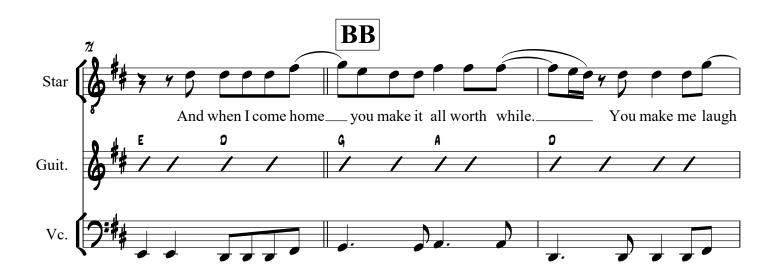










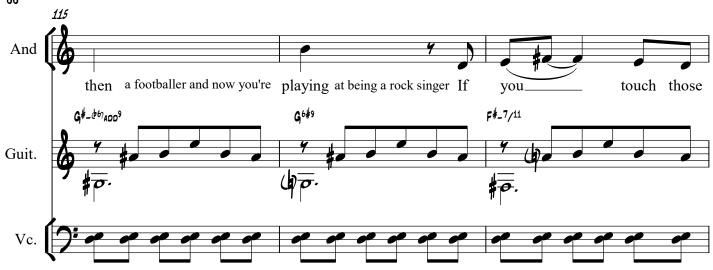


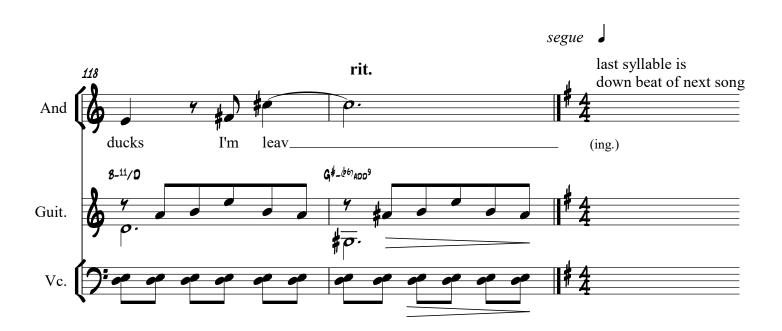












### DUCKS ON THE WALL

While the Star is complaining Andrea is trying to clear the table and is nearly in tears.



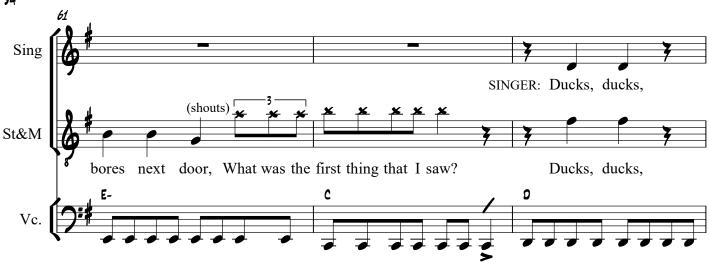


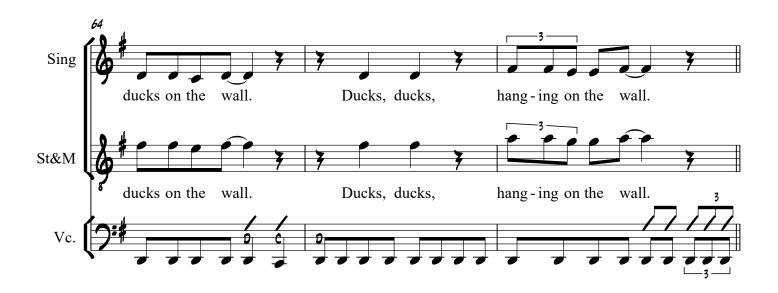


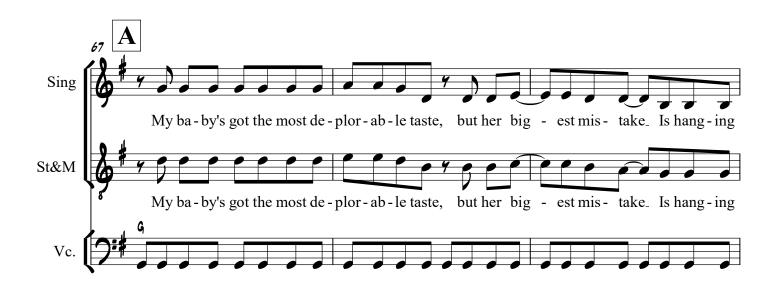


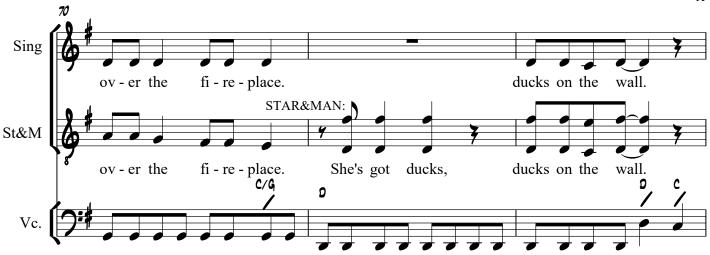


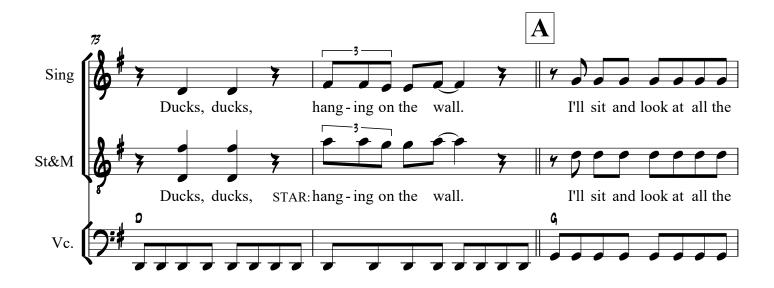








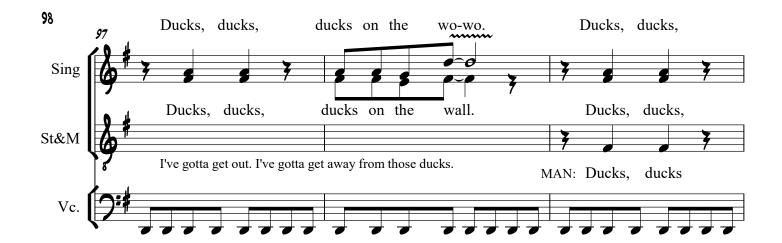




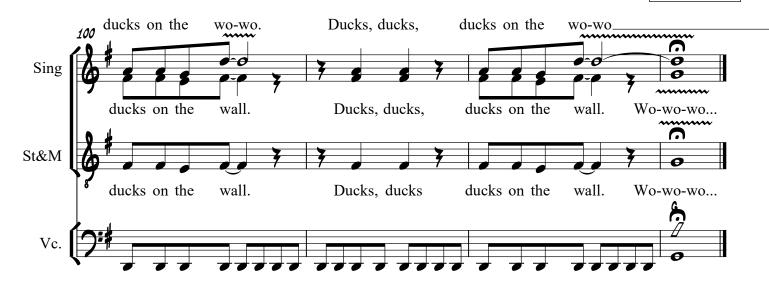








Everybody act and soundlike a wo-wo duck.



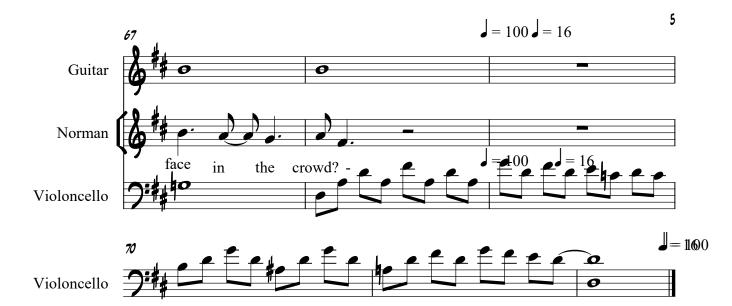
Andrea is leaving the room, and our hero sitting down.











## YOU CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC

Raymond Douglas Davies

### Cellist and guitarist remain seated in front of curtain.

### GUITAR PLAYER (spoken):

And so Norman decides to stop living out his fantasy of being a rock star and accepts reality. This is the end for Norman but not for us because there will always be someone ready to take his place - after all, everybody's a star!

Guitarist start last song. Curtain remains closed.



