Songbook Musicals



"Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin" from Oklahoma!



"My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music



"There's No Business Like Show Business" from *Annie Get Your Gun*



"Hello, Dolly!" from Hello, Dolly!



"Till There was You" from The Music Man

Additional Ways to Engage

Watch all musicals on the following streaming platforms: Amazon Prime, YouTube, iTunes, Vudu

Learn more about "The Music Man" and Meredith Willson at https://bit.ly/WillsonArchives



Song: Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' (1943) Musical: Oklahoma!

Brief Context: "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin" is the opening song from the 1943 musical "Oklahoma!" This was the first musical written by the duo of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. In this song, Hammerstein describes the start to a perfect summer day where everything is going your way.

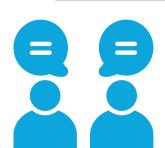
Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

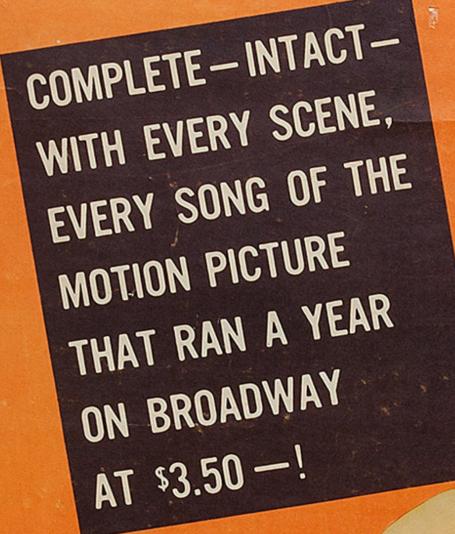
- Perfect Harmony "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin" video
- Perfect Harmony lyrics sheet

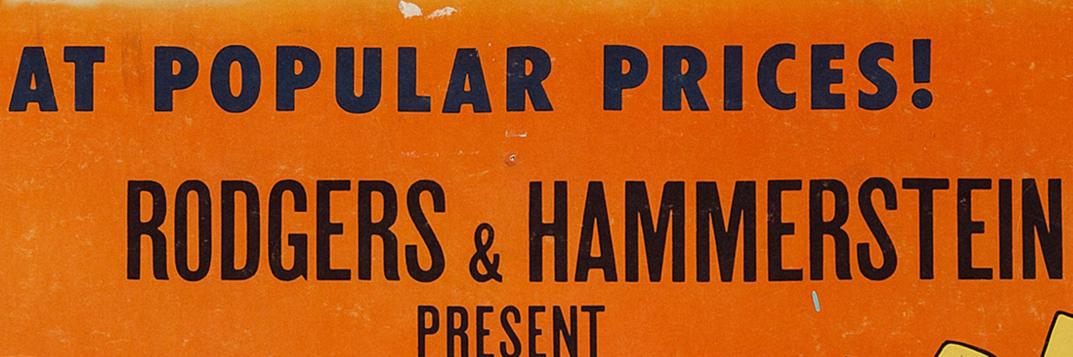
Suggested Discussion Prompts

- Is today a beautiful day?
- What does a beautiful day look like to you?











GORDON Macrae · Gloria Grahame · Shirley Jones · Gene Nelson · Charlotte Greenwood Eddie Albert · James Whitmore · Rod Steiger Music by Richard Rodgers Book and Oscar Hammerstein II

Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'

There's a bright golden haze on the meadow,
There's a bright golden haze on the meadow,
The corn is as high as an elephant's eye,
An' it looks like it's climbin' clear up to the sky.

Oh, what a beautiful morning,
Oh, what a beautiful day,
I got a wonderful feeling,
Everything's going my way.

All the sounds of the earth are like music, All the sounds of the earth are like music, The breeze is so busy it don't miss a tree, And an ol' Weepin' Willer is laughin' at me.

Oh, what a beautiful morning, Oh, what a beautiful day, I got a wonderful feeling, Everything's going my way.

Oh what a beautiful day

Song: My Favorite Things (1959) **Musical:** The Sound of Music

Brief Context: The song "My Favorite Things" is featured in Rodgers and Hammerstein's last musical collaboration together, "The Sound of Music." During this song, Maria — played by Julie Andrews in the 1965 film — consoles the Von Trapp children during a storm by telling them to think about their favorite things when they're feeling sad or scared.

Activity: Singing and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "My Favorite Things" video
- Perfect Harmony lyrics sheet
- Favorite Things worksheet

Suggested Activity

 Make a list of your favorite things to use when you're feeling down or scared.







My Favorite Things

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens
Brown paper packages tied up with strings
These are a few of my favorite things

Cream colored ponies and crisp apple streudels
Doorbells and sleigh bells and schnitzel with
noodles

Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings These are a few of my favorite things

Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes
Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes
Silver white winters that melt into springs
These are a few of my favorite things

When the dog bites
When the bee stings
When I'm feeling sad
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad

My Favorite Things

List your favorite...

Animal: Song: Meal: Music Artist: Flower: Sport: City: Color:

Holiday:

Scent:

Song: There's No Business Like Show Business (1946) **Musical:** Annie Get Your Gun

Brief Context: Irving Berlin wrote "There's No Business Like Show Business" in 1946 for the musical Annie Get Your Gun. It is sung by the members of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show in an attempt to persuade the sharpshooter Annie Oakley to join the production and the exciting life of being in show business. Ethel Merman starred as Annie in the original cast.

Activity: Movement (lower and upper body)

What do you need?

Perfect Harmony "There's No Business Like Show Business" video

Suggested Seated Movement

- Tap both toes to the beat
- Walk in place with heels on the ground
- Alternate kicking feet out
- Alternate arms presenting out and to the side
- Walk in place with marching arms
- Alternate Jazz hands reaching up
- Both arms present for a BIG ending!







Song: Hello, Dolly! (1964) Musical: Hello, Dolly!

Brief Context: Hello, Dolly! is an American musical romantic comedy with music and lyrics by Jerry Herman. In 1969, a movie adaptation was released starring Barbra Streisand as the strong-willed matchmaker who travels to Yonkers, New York for the rich bachelor Horace Vandergelder.

Activity: Listening and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

• "Hello, Dolly!" clip from the movie

Watch this scene from *Hello, Dolly!* featuring the great trumpeter and singer Louis Armstrong along with Barbra Streisand.

Suggested Discussion Prompts

- What is your favorite musical?
- Do you have a favorite moment from the musical?





BARBRA STREISAND WALTER MATTHAU

HELLO, DOLLY!



Song: Till There Was You (1957) **Musical:** The Music Man

Brief Context: "Till There Was You" is a show tune from Meredith Willson's The Music Man. In the song, Professor Harold Hill and Marian Paroo meet at the footbridge, where she sings about how certain things have changed since he came into her life. Even though they have fallen in love, Marian knows Harold will have to move on to other towns but is grateful for what he has brought to River City.

Activity: Listening and Engaged Discussion

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "Till There Was You" video
- Perfect Harmony lyric sheet

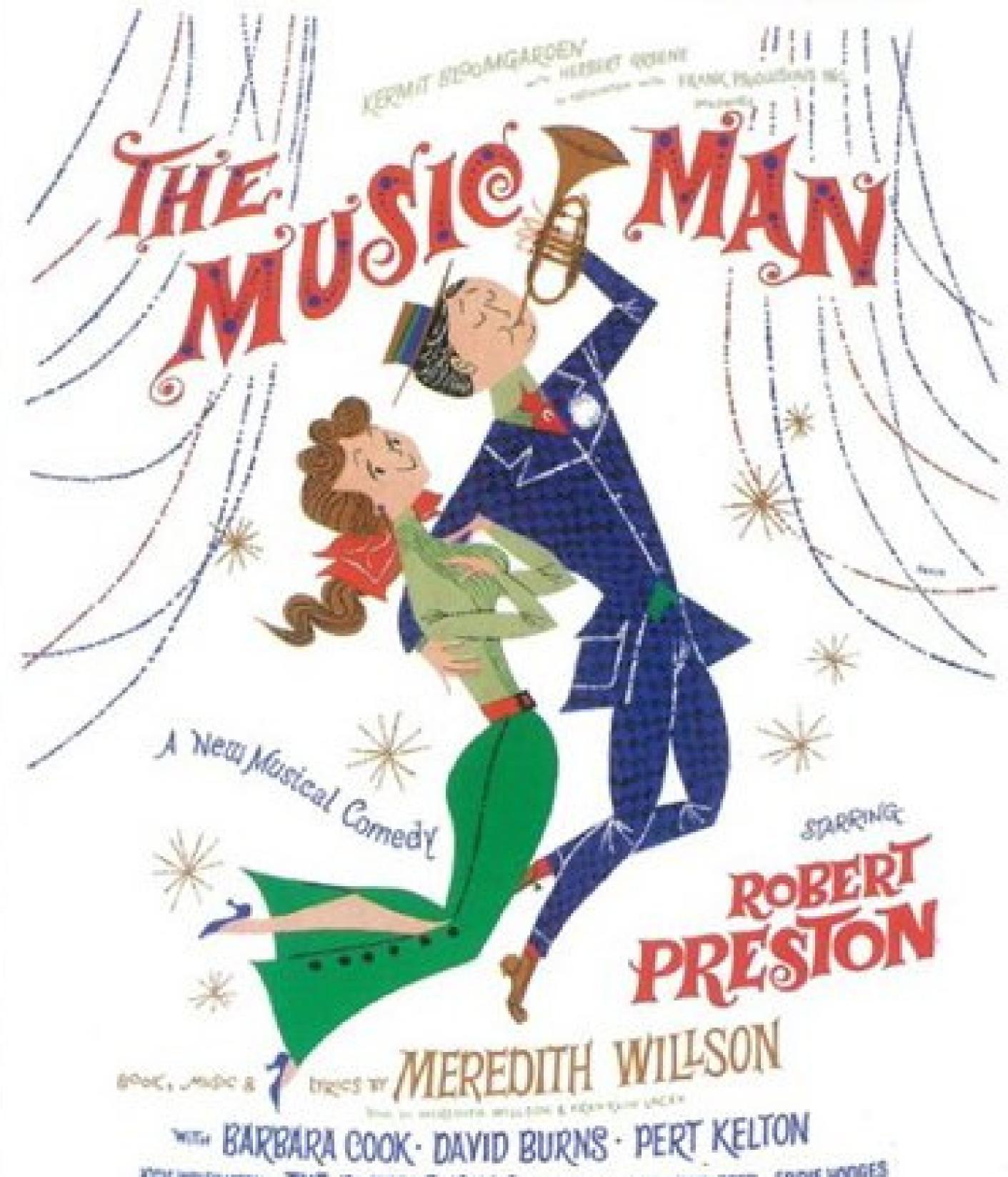
Suggested Discussion Prompts

- How did you and your partner/spouse meet?
- Did they change your life?





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Till There Was You

There were bells on the hill,
But I never heard them ringing.
No, I never heard them at all,
'Til there was you.

There were birds in the sky,
But I never saw them winging.
No, I never saw them at all,
'Til there was you.

And there was music, And there were wonderful roses, they tell me, In sweet fragrant meadows of dawn and dew.

There was love, all around, But I never heard it singing. No, I never heard it at all, 'Til there was you.

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