

Celebrating The Songbook Academy

Online Resource:

["For Good"](#)

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July 15 - [Public Masterclass with Guest Mentors](#)

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July 19 - [The Songbook Academy in Concert](#)

Experience The Songbook Academy 2025

This summer, the Great American Songbook Foundation invites our Perfect Harmony community to experience The Songbook Academy 2025—either in person or from the comfort of home—as the next generation of vocal talent brings the music of the 1920s through the 1960s to life. These timeless American classics, cherished by so many, take on new meaning when shared by young artists honoring the past while inspiring the future. All livestreams are free to enjoy, and and select events—including our masterclass and final showcase—are free or just \$5. Whether you're singing along from your living room or joining us in the concert hall, there's a place for you in this celebration of the music that has shaped our lives.



Song: "For Good" (2003)
Songwriter: Stephen Schwartz

Brief Context:

"For Good" is the emotional farewell duet from *Wicked*, the Tony Award-winning musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. Sung by Elphaba and Glinda as they part ways, the song reflects on how their unlikely friendship has profoundly changed them—"for good." With its heartfelt lyrics and tender melody, the piece captures the complexity of meaningful relationships: the joy, the growth, and the bittersweet nature of goodbye. Inspired in part by a conversation Schwartz had with his daughter, the song's message resonates across generations as a tribute to the people who shape us. "For Good" is a poignant reminder that even as time moves on, the impact of meaningful connection remains.

Activity: Discussion

What do you need?

- Perfect Harmony "For Good" video ([YOUTUBE](#))

Suggested Discussion Prompt

Can you think of someone who has influenced your life in a meaningful way? Maybe it was a mentor, a friend, or a family member who helped shape who you are today.

Tell someone about how they impacted your life and why this song reminds you of that connection.

