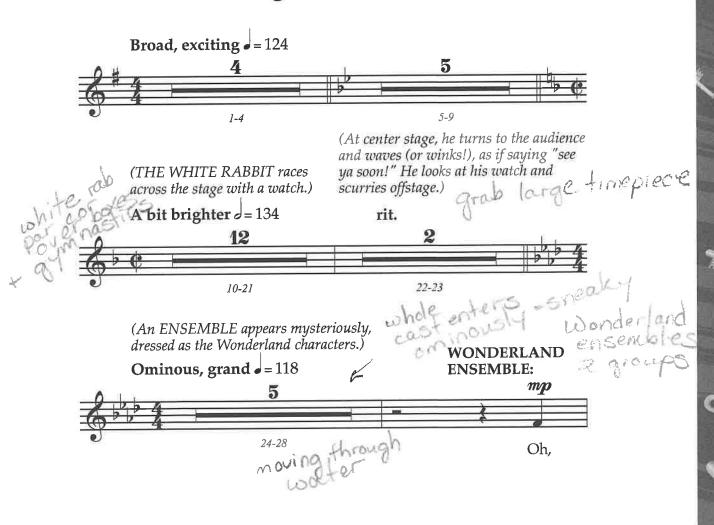
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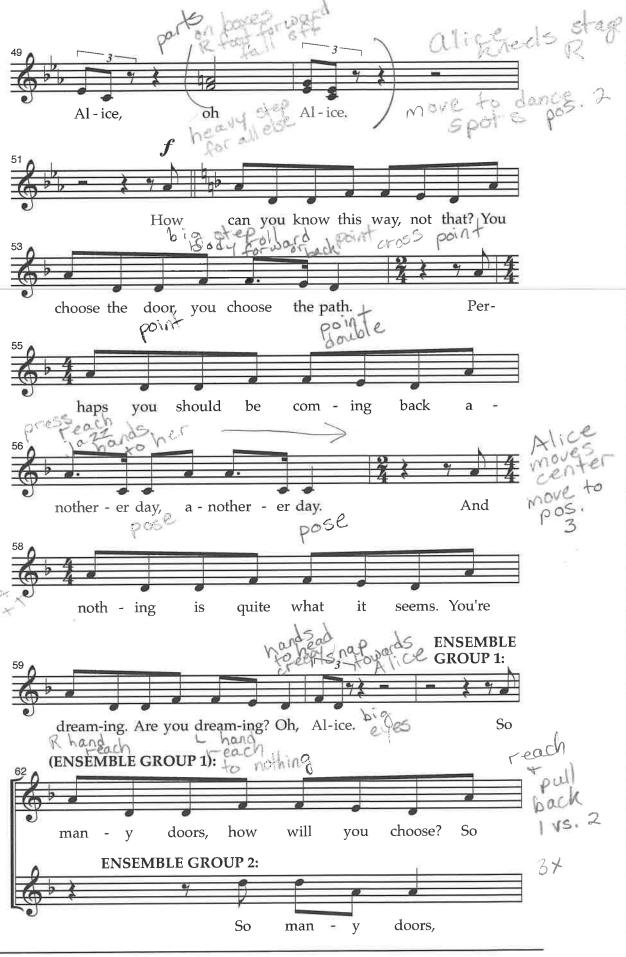
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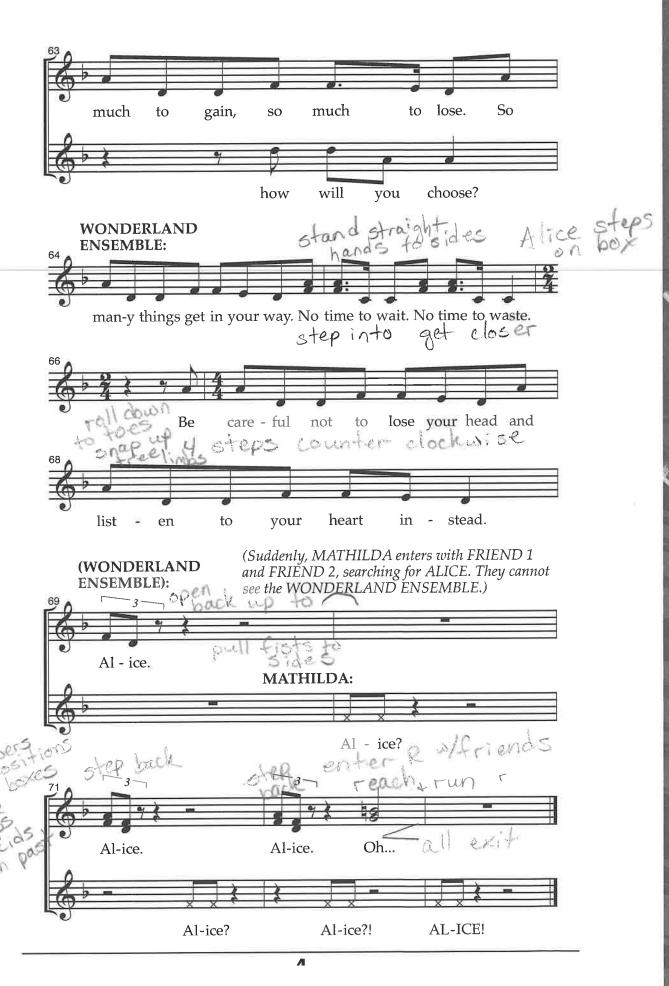
(#1-OPENING: ALICE'S THEME.)

Opening: Alice's Theme









(The song ends abruptly. The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE disappears, exiting swiftly, unseen by MATHILDA.)

ALICE

(barely looking up from her investigation)

What?

MATHILDA

(a bit embarrassed by her sister's odd ways) Alice...What are you doing...?

(focused, professorial)

Step up on box I'm not Alice! I'm Professor Alabaster, on a search for a rare rainbow caterpillar.

FRIEND 1

Is there even such a thing?

(FRIEND 1 and FRIEND 2 giggle. MATHILDA steps in.)

MATHILDA

Forget my sister. She's always got her head in the clouds. 12 MEANNO, I don't.

No, I don't.

FRIEND 2

(to MATHILDA)

Didn't you say that last week she had a tea party... by herself??

ALICE

(looking up for the first time from her caterpillar quest)

Not true!

(to the FRIENDS, now with a royal posture and tone, maybe even an accent)

You see, I had to throw a party to welcome my constituents. They traveled by boat to see me crowned "Princess Alissa, Ruler of the Land"!

FRIEND 1

...What?

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FRIEND 2

You have imaginary friends, Alice?

ALICE

(hurt; to herself)

That's Princess Alissa to you.

FRIEND 1

(patronizing)

Oh, Alice. You spend way too much time playing make-believe.

FRIEND 2

You'll see when you're older. That's just kid stuff.

FRIEND 1

Come on, Mathilda. Let's go.

exit &

(The two FRIENDS exit. ALICE sits, defeated. MATHILDA lingers behind to comfort her sister.)

MATHILDA

(trying to soften the blow)

Alice. Look. They're not trying to be mean. But you're always making up stories. Always pretending to be someone you're not. A Professor... a Princess... just be yourself.

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ALICE

But... who am I?

MATHILDA

I don't know who you are, Alice. That's something no one can answer but you.

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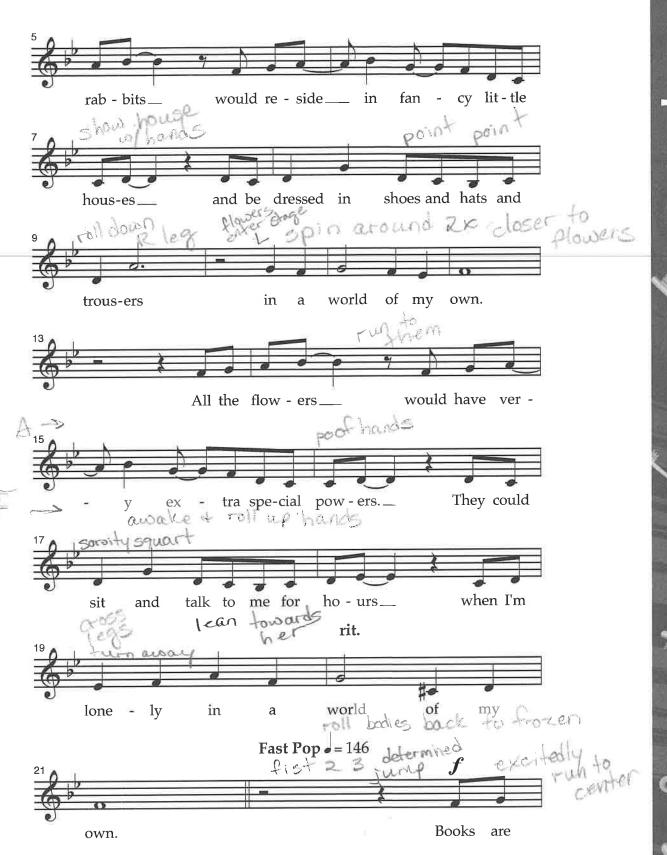
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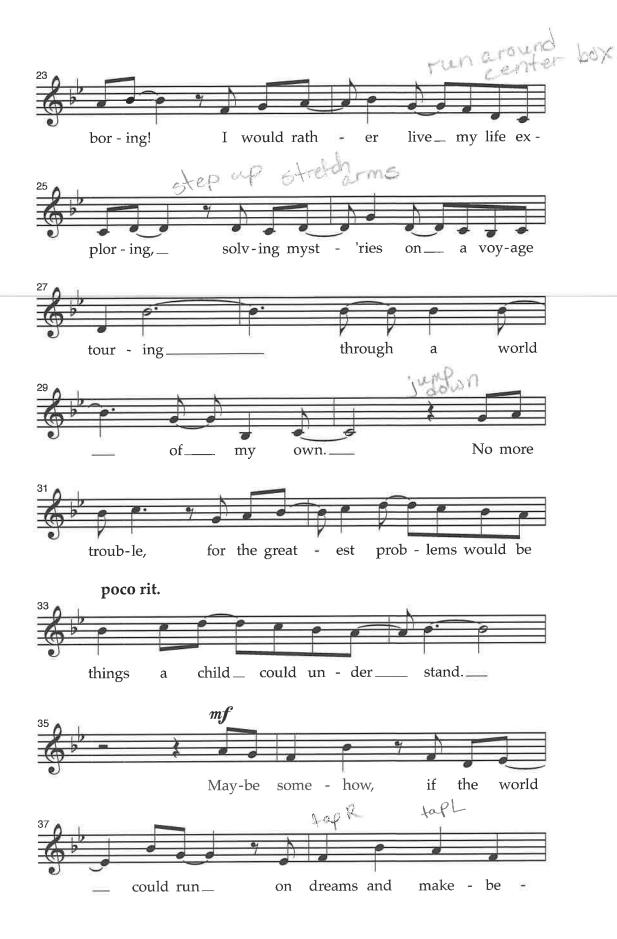
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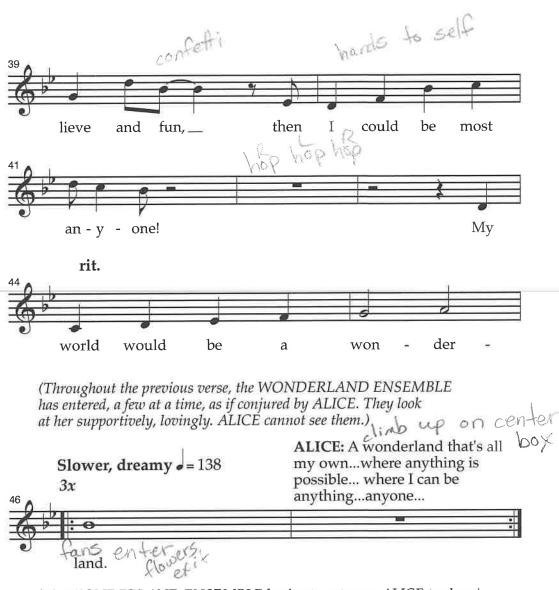
(MATHILDA exits. ALICE stands center stage, thinking.)

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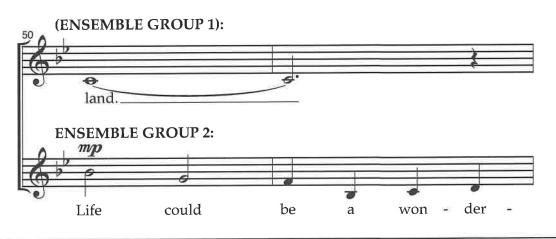


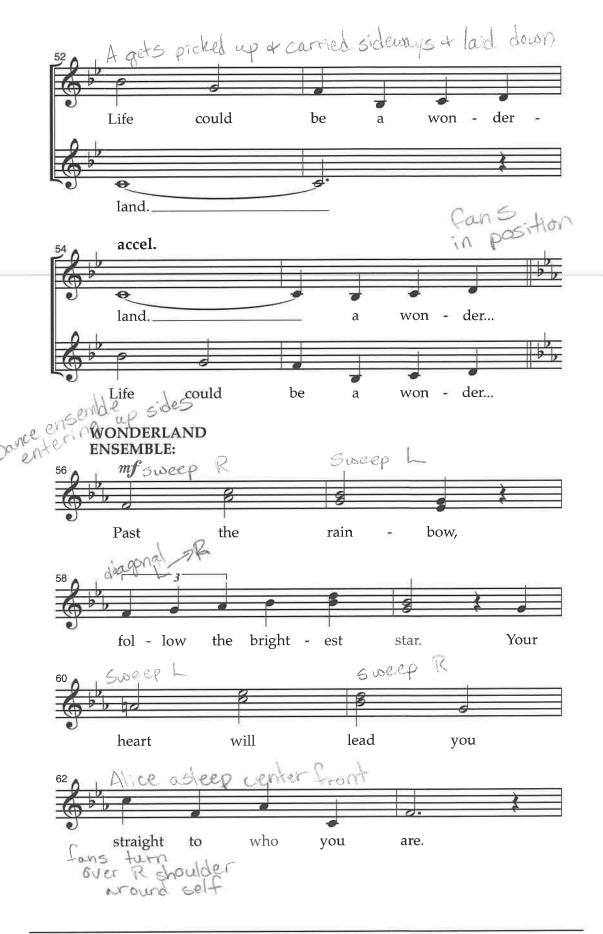


(The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE begins to entrance ALICE to sleep.)



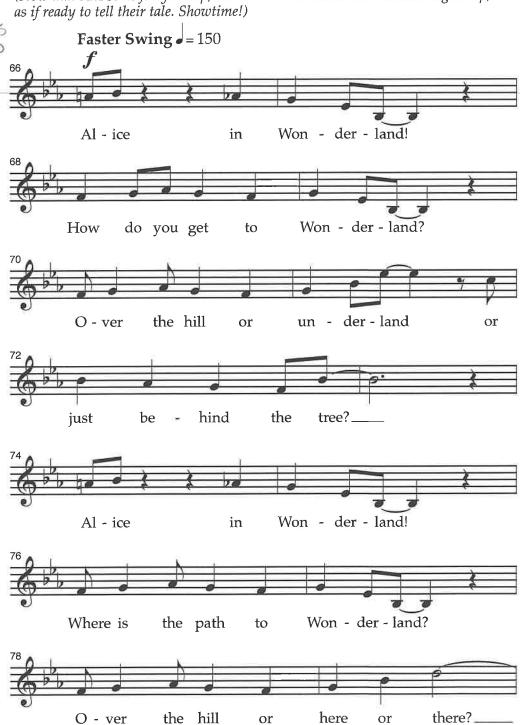




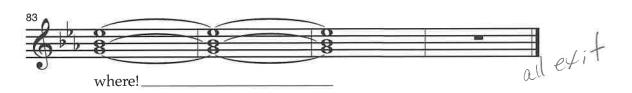




(Now that ALICE is fully asleep, the WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE lights up, as if ready to tell their tale. Showtime!)







(Applause! The WONDERLAND ENSEMBLE exits excitedly. Three parts of the CHESHIRE CAT remain onstage with a gigantic smile and address the audience.)

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Alice is about to discover that Wonderland is far more than she expected.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

It's a land of racing lobsters, singing flowers, painting cards, and even a talking Cheshire Cat... That's me!

CHESHIRE CAT 3

You mean us. But I—

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Meaning me—

CHESHIRE CAT 3

That is, we—

CHESHIRE CAT 1

Come into the story later.

CHESHIRE CAT 2

Alice's journey to Wonderland begins with a pallid, long-eared, carrotmunching quadruped known only as...

CHESHIRE CAT 1, 2, 3

The White Rabbit!

(#3 – THE WHITE RABBIT – PART 1. The CHESHIRE

CAT gestures offstage, setting up a big entrance. Nothing. They look at each other awkwardly, then smile at the audience and try again.)

