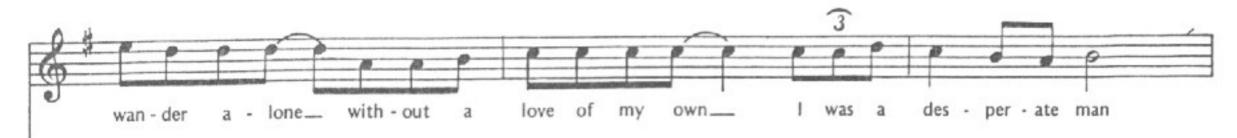
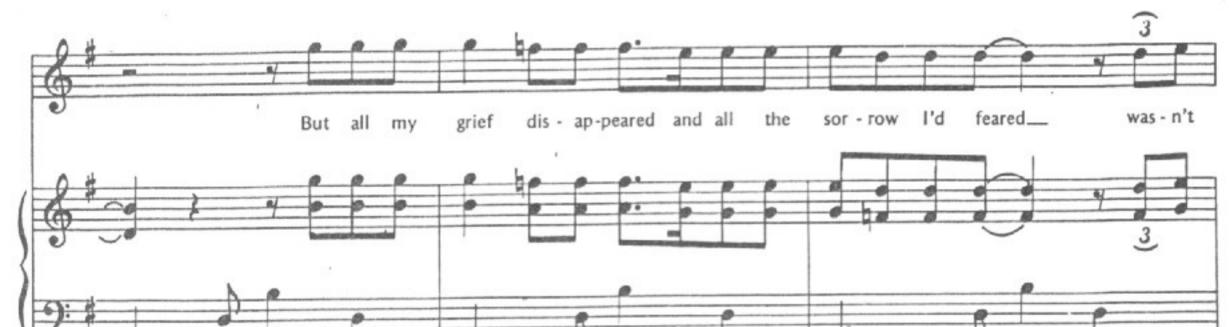
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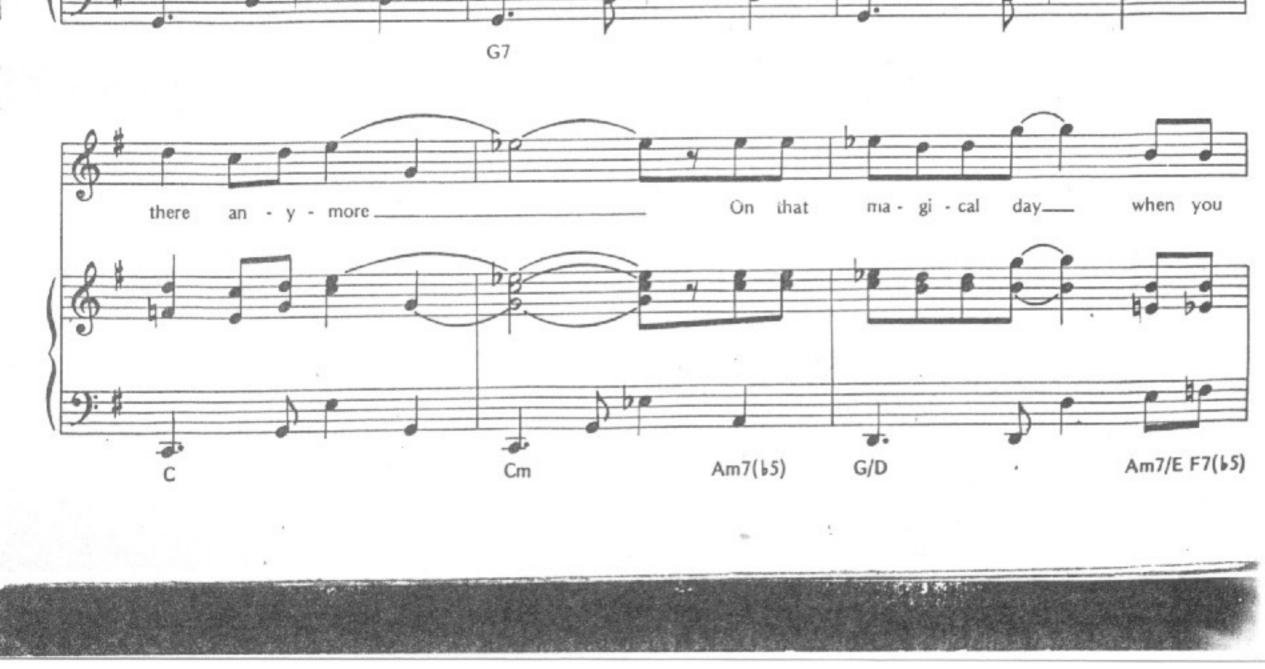
















(Applause, MAGALDI joins EVA and her friends a their table. CHE is laitering nearby at the har)

EVA

It must be a dream Augustin Magaldi The most famous man to visit Junin...

MAGALDI

The audience seem Extremely heavy going-

CHE Listen chum face the fact They don't like your act

MAGALDI

But this is the sticks! If this were Buenos Aires I have that town at my feet I never ever meet Members of the public! They'd tear me apart

CHE I understand their feelings

EVA

I wanna be a part of BA Buenos Aires—Big Apple! (+ FRIENDS) I wanna be a part of BA Buenos Aires—Big Apple!

CHE

Just listen to that! They're onto you Magaldi I'd get out while you can

EVA

It's happened at last I'm starting to get started I'm moving out with my man

MAGALDI Now Eva don't get carried away

EVA

Monotony past Suburbia departed Who could ever be fond of the back of beyond?

MAGALDI Don't hear words that I didn't say

FRIENDS

MAGALDI

The city can be paradise for those who have the cash. The class and the connections—what you need to make a splash

The likes of you get swept up in the morning with the trash

If you were rich or middle class--

EVA

Screw the middle classes! I will never accept them And they will never deny me anything again My father's other family were middle class And we were kept out of sight, hidden from view at his funeral! If these are the people of Buenos Aires I welcome the chance to shine in their city And to trample their rotten values into the ground

CHE

Do all your one night stands give you this trouble?



What's that? You'd desert the girl you love?

MAGALDI

The girl I love? Who?

FRIENDS

She really brightened up your out of town engagement She gave you all she had—she wasn't in your contraction

EVA

I wanna be a part of BA Buenos Aires—Big Apple! Would I have done what I did If I hadn't thought—if I hadn't known We would stay together?

CHE

Seems to me there's no point in resisting She's made up her mind, you've no choice Why don't you be the man who discovered her? You'll never be remembered for your voice Eva, Beware Of The City





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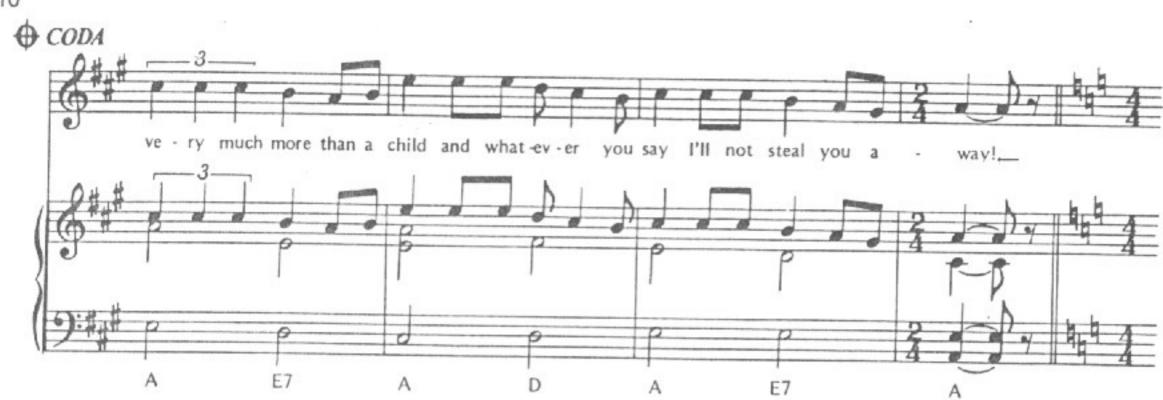
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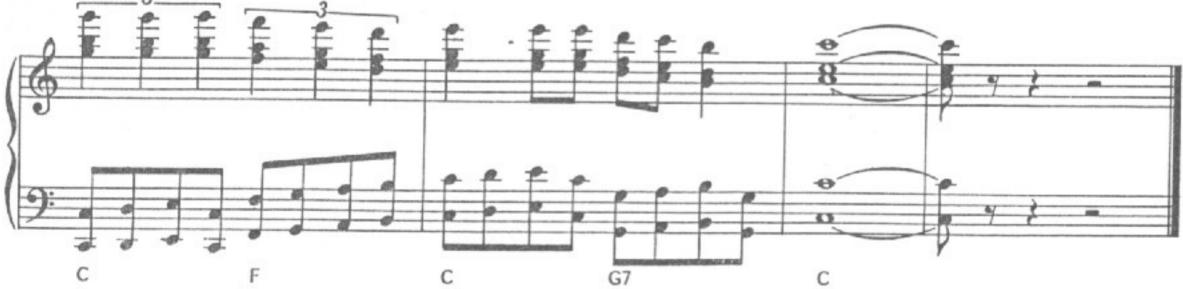
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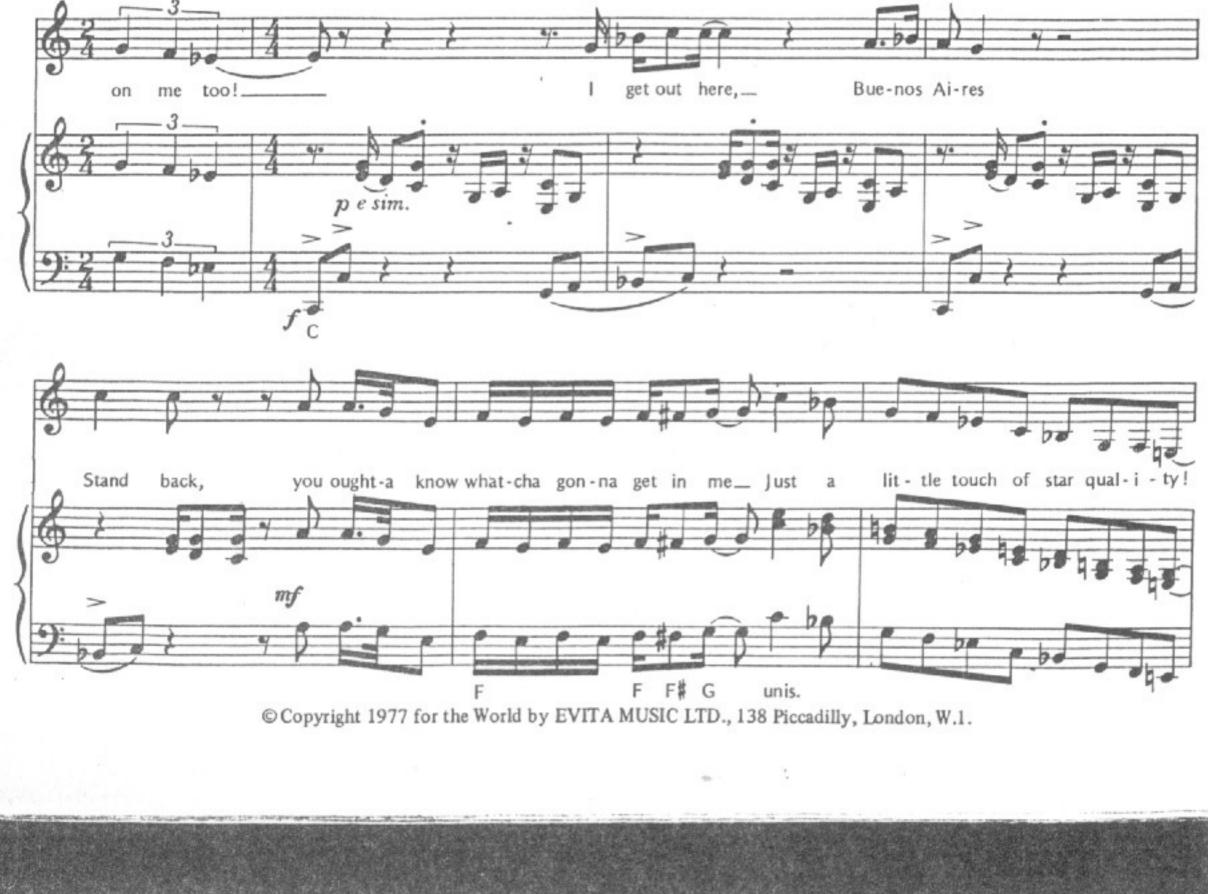


3. Eva beware your ambition: it's hungry and cold – Can't be controlled, will run wild; This in a man is a danger enough, But you are a woman, not even a woman, Not very much more than a child – And whatever you say, I'll not steal you away! Buenos Aires

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Lyrics by TIM RICE











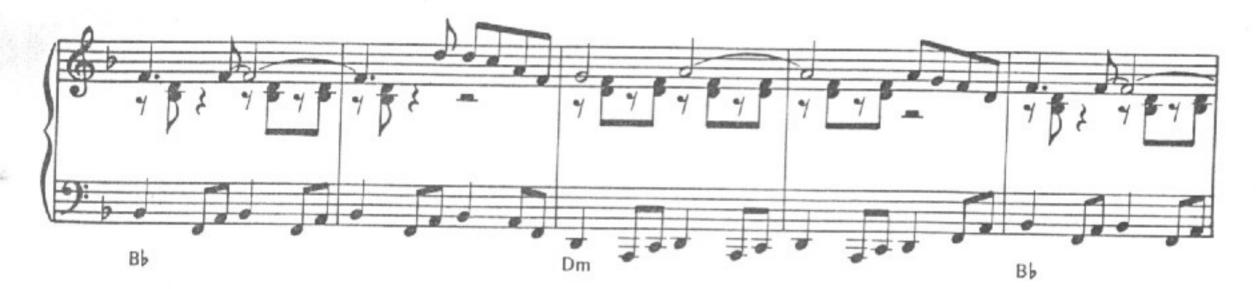




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Lyrics for Dal Segno (repeat)

 You're a tramp, you're a treat, you will shine to the death, you are shoddy; But you're flesh, you are meat, you shall have every breath in my body: Put me down for a lifetime of success Give me credit – I'll find ways of paying:

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Rio de la Plata etc., as Coda.

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5: Goodnight and Thank You

CHE (to MAGALDI who has been a mere spectator

during the Buenos Aires song) Goodnight and thank you Magaldi You've completed your task what more could we ask of you now Please sign the book on your way out the door And that will be all If we need you we'll call But I don't think that's likely somehow

EVA

Oh but it's sad when a love affair dies But we have pretended enough It's best that we part, stop fooling ourselves

CHE Which means get stuffed

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Having arrived it matters to be Photographed, noticed continually

(EVA is besieged by the PHOTOGRAPHERS under the guidance of a PR MAN who is obviously personally involved with EVA)

CHE (to PR MAN)

Goodnight and thank you whoever She's in all the magazines, she wouldn't have been on her own We don't like to rush but your case has been packed If we've missed anything you could give us a ring But we don't always answer the phone

EVA

Oh but it's sad when a love affair dies But when we were hot we were hot I know you'll look back on the good times we've shared

CHE

But Eva will not

CHE and EVA

There is no one, no one at all Never has been and never will be a lover Male or female Who hasn't an eye on In fact they rely on Tricks they can try on their partner They're hoping their lover will help them or keep them Support them promote them Don't blame them You're the same CHE For God's sake get out!

PHOTOGRAPHERS & BROADCASTERS

Fame on the wireless as far as it goes Is all very well but every girl knows She needs a man she can monopolize With fingers in dozens of different pies...

(Colonel PERON appears. He is with his extremely (onng MISTRESS)

REJECTED LOVERS Oh but it's sad when a love affair dies

(EVA makes a move towards PERON, but be and bis girl are gone before she can attract bis attention.)



BROADCASTERS

Now you are recognized, visually known You need to move to the microphone

(EVA is besieged by the BROADCASTERS under the guidance of one RADIO MAN who is obviously personally involved with EVA)

CHE (to RADIO MAN)

Goodnight and thank you whoever We're grateful you found her a spot on the sound radio We'll think of you every time she's on the air We'd love you to stay But you'd be in the way So put on your trousers and go

EVA

Oh but it's sad when a love affair dies The decline into silence and doubt Our passion was just too intense to survive

6: The Lady's Got Potential

CHE

The lady's got potential, she ought to go far She always knows exactly who her best friends are The greatest social climber since Cinderella But Eva's not the only one who's getting the breaks I'm a research chemist who's got what it takes And my insecticide's gonna be a best-seller

(CHE brandishes a large bicycle pump type insecticide sprayer, and is joined by a shrill and enthusiastic trio of girls for his fly-killing choruses)

Just one blast and insects fall like flies! Kapow! Die! They don't have a chance In the fly-killing world It's a major advance In my world It'll mean finance I'm shaping up successful capitalist-wise

But getting back to Eva she just saw those guys As steps on the ladder to the ultimate prize And he goes by the name of Colonel Peron He began his career in the army overseas Teaching all the other soldiers all he knew about skis When others took a tumble he would always stay on

Sure Peron could ski but who needs a snowman? He said:

PERON

Great men Don't grow on trees I'm one I ain't gonna freeze Dictators Don't grow on skis

CHE

Peron would be no number two to no man

He'd married in the meantime but the poor girl died Imagine if she hadn't we'd have been denied The heart-warming tear-jerking rise to fame of Eva Now my insecticide contains no dangerous drugs It can't harm humans but it's curtains for bugs If you've got six legs I ain't doing you no favour

Just one blast and insects fall like flies! Kapow! Die! They don't have a chance In the fly-killing world It's a major advance In my world It'll mean finance I'm shaping up successful capitalist-wise Kapow! Die! They don't have a chance In the fly-killing world It's a major advance In my world It'll mean finance I'm shaping up successful capitalist-wise Oh yes-Peron he joined a faction called the G.O.U. They thought that Hitler had the war as good as won They were slightly to the right of Attila the Hun And Eva set her sights on Peron-and his situation And Eva set her sights on Peron-and his situation

PERON and OFFICERS

The G.O.U. is a three-pronged operation Government - unopposed and allied With Order-ruthlessly applied And Unity-those not on our side Are subject to the process of elimination

7: Charity Concert/I'd Be Surprisingly Good

for You

A concert held in Buenos Aires in 1944 in aid of the victims of an earthquake in the Argentine town of San Juan. EVA, by now a successful actress, and PERON, by now a successful politician, are both present. EVA's old friend MAGALDI is once again finishing bis act.

MAGALDI

On this night On this night On this night of a thousand stars Let me take you to heaven's door Where the music of love's guitars Plays for evermore!

(Good applause. PERON leaps onto the stage)

PERON

Tonight I'm proud to be the people's spokesman You've given help to those who've lost their homes But more than that conclusively shown That the people should run their affairs on their own Make sure your leaders understand the people!

(The crowd begin to chant "Peron, Peron" PERON leaves the stage with the sound of his own name ringing in his ears.)

EVA Colonel Peron?

PERON Eva Duarte?

EVA & PERON I've heard so much about you!

EVA

I'm amazed! For I'm only an actress Nothing to shout about Simply a girl on the boards Defending the country But when you act The things you do affect us all

PERON I'm amazed! For I'm only a soldier One of the thousands he loves

PERON and OFFICERS

G-Government O-Order U-Unity

CHE

And they were the gang behind a military coup So Peron was a heartbeat away from control of the nation

PERON

But when you act, you take us away from the squalor of the real world Are you here on your own?

EVA Yes. Oh yes

PERON

So am I What a fortunate coincidence

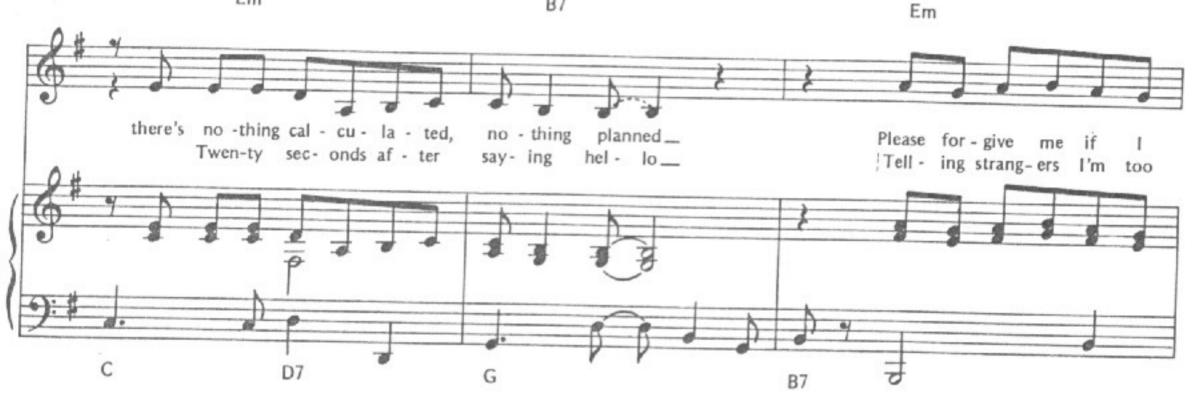
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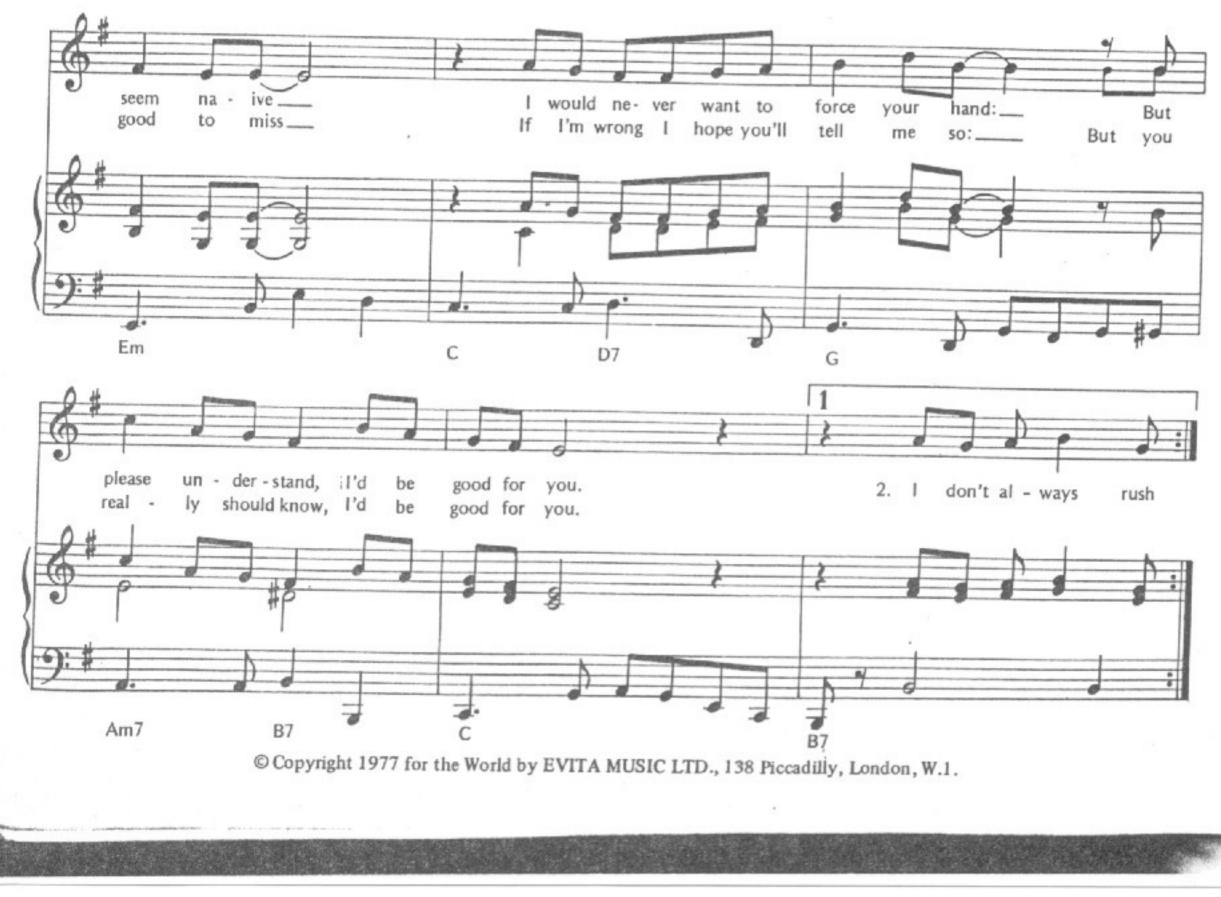
I'd Be Surprisingly Good For You



Lyrics by TIM RICE











EVA and PERON (but neither seems aware that the other is singing)

There is no one, no one at all Never has been and never will be a lover, male or female Who hasn't an eye on In fact they rely on Tricks they can try on their partner They're hoping their lover will help them or keep them Support them, promote them Don't blame them, you're the same *(EVA and PERON leave together)*

8: Another Suitcase in Another Hall

PERON's flat. EVA burst in to throw PERON's 16-yearold MISTRESS out.

EVA (almost affectionately) Hello and goodbye! I've just unemployed you You can go back to school You had a good run I'm sure he enjoyed you Don't act sad or surprised Let's be friends, civilized Come on little one! Don't stand there like a dummy! The day you knew would arrive Is here—you'll survive So move, funny face!

I like your conversation—you've a catchy turn of phrase You're obviously going through some adolescent phase Maybe you've got something more than just a pretty face Maybe not—

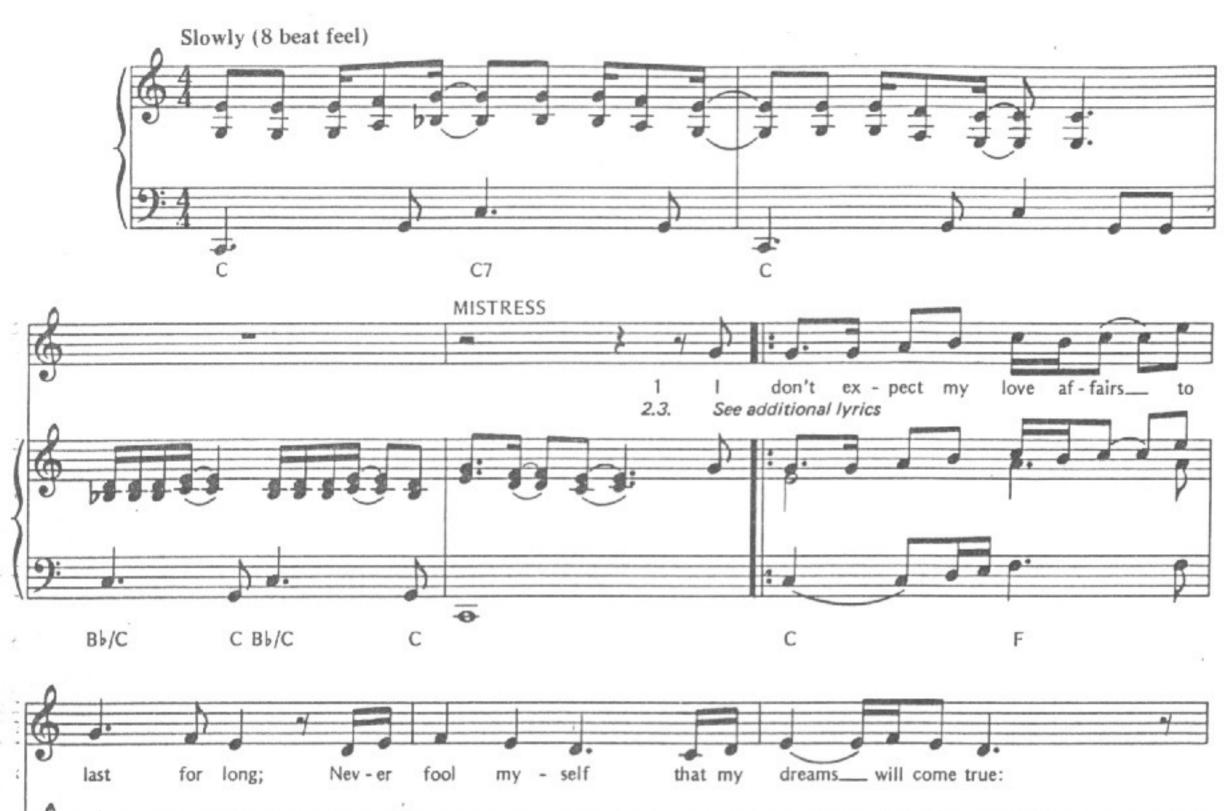
(EVA bas by now bustled the MISTRESS out) Outside in the ball:



Another Suitcase In Another Hall

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2. Time and time again I've said that I don't care; That I'm immune to gloom, that I'm hard through and through: But every time it matters all my words desert me; So anyone can hurt me - and they do.

So what happens now? etc., as above.

3. Call in three months' time and I'll be fine I know; Well maybe not that fine, but I'll survive anyhow: I won't recall the names and places of this sad occasion; But that's no consolation, here and now.

So what happens now? etc., as above.

9: Dangerous Jade

Two factions of Argentine society that were never to accept EVA were the military and the aristocracy.

ARMY

The man is a fool—breaking every taboo Installing the girl in the Army H.Q. And she's an actress! The last straw Her only good parts are between her thighs She should stare at the ceiling not reach for the skies Or she could be his last whore The evidence suggests She has other interests If it's her who's using him He's exceptionally dim Bitch! Dangerous Jade!

ARISTOCRATS

We have allowed ourselves to slip We have completely lost our grip We have declined to an all-time low Tarts have become the set to know

ARMY

It's no crime for officers to do as they please As long as they're discreet and keep clear of disease We ignore, we disregard But once they allow a bit on the side To move to the centre where she's not qualified We should all be on our guard She should get into her head She should not get out of bed She should know that she's not paid To be loud but to be laid Slut! Dangerous Jade!

CHE (in the guise of a reporter)

This has really been your year Miss Duarte Tell us where you go from here Miss Duarte Which are the roles that you yearn to play Whom did you dine with yesterday?

EVA (the glamorous movie star. protected by two HEAVIES)

Acting is limiting, the lines not mine That's no help to the Argentine

CHE

Can we assume then that you'll quit? Is this because of your involvement with Colonel Peron?

HEAVIES (pushing CHE aside and EVA out) Goodnight and thank you Then a man who offers more – Me! Will have the world beat a pathway to his door

ARISTOCRATS

Things have reached a pretty pass When someone pretty lower class Graceless and vulgar, uninspired Can be accepted and admired

10: A New Argentina

1945. No secure leader bas emerged from the group of officers who seized power in 1943. PERON has the support of the workers and because of this the strongest movement within the military beirarchy is an anti-PERON feeling rather than one pro-anybody else.

PERON

Dice are rolling, the knives are out I see every bad sign in the book And as far as they can—overweight to a man! They have that lean and hungry look

EVA

It doesn't matter what those morons say Our nation's leaders are a feeble crew There's only twenty of them anyway What is twenty next to millions who Are looking to you? All you have to do is sit and wait Keeping out of everybody's way We'll— You'll be handed power on a plate When the ones who matter have their say And with chaos installed You can reluctantly agree to be called

PERON

There again we could be foolish Not to quit while we're ahead For distance lends enchantment And that is why All exiles are distinguished More important, they're not dead I could find job satisfaction in Paraguay

WORKERS' VOICES Peron! Peron!

EVA

This is crazy defeatist talk Why commit political suicide? There's no risk there's no call for any action at all When you have unions on your side

ARMY

She won't be kept happy by her nights on the tiles She says it's his body but she's after his files So get back onto the street! She should get into her head She should not get out of bed She should know that she's not paid To be loud but to be laid The evidence suggests She has other interests If it's her who's using him He's exceptionally dim

CHE (producing bis fly-spray again) To see an underdog succeed Is the encouragement I need Opportunity is back! If she can make it by her efforts in the sack

DOLAN GETTA (A union leader) A new Argentina! The chains of the masses untied! A new Argentina! The voice of the people Cannot be denied!

EVA

There is only one man who can lead any workers' regime He lives for your problems, he shares your ideals and your dream He supports you for he loves you Understands you: is one of you If not—how could he love me?

GETTA + MOB A new Argentina! The old one has gone sadly wrong A new Argentina! The voice of the people Rings out loud and long!

EVA

Now I am a worker I've suffered the way that you do I've been unemployed and I've starved and I hated it too But I found my salvation In Peron—may the nation Let him save them as he saved me

GETTA + MOB

A new Argentina!

CHE

They'll all go along for the ride The same old clichés But let them have their freedom— The free buy insecticide!

GETTA'S SIDEKICK

Nationalization of the industries That the foreigners control Participation in the profits that we make Shorter hours, higher wages Votes for women, larger dole More public spending, a bigger slice of every cake

PERON

It's annoying that we have to Fight elections for our cause The inconvenience—having to get a majority If normal methods of persuasion Fail to win us applause There are other ways of establishing authority

SECRET POLICE

We have ways of making you vote for us, or at least of making you abstain

EVA

Peron has resigned from the army and this we avow The descamisados are those he is marching with now! He supports you for he loves you Understands you—is one of you If not—how could he love me?

GETTA + MOB + EVA + PERON + POLICE A new Argentina!

The chains of the masses untied!

Don't close doors Keep an escape clause Because we might lose The Big Apple But— Would I have done what I did If I hadn't thought If I hadn't known We would take the country?

11: On The Balcony of the Casa Rosada/

Don't Cry for Me Argentina

PERON has just won a sweeping victory in the 1946 Presidential Election. This is the first public appearance by PERON and EVA since PERON's triumph. Action takes place both inside and outside the balcony of the Casa Rosada (the Pink Palace).

ANNOUNCER

People of Argentina! Your newly elected president-Juan Peron!

CROWD Peron! Peron!

PERON (appears on the balcony) Argentinos! Argentinos! We are all leaders now! Fighting against our common enemies Poverty Social Injustice Foreign domination of our industries Reaching for our common goals Our independence Our dignity Our pride Let the world know that our great nation is awakening And that its heart Beats in the humble bodies Of Juan Peron-and His wife, the first lady of Argentina, Eva Duarte de Peron!

A new Argentina! The voice of the people Cannot be And will not be And must not be Denied!

PERON

There again I could be foolish Not to quit while I'm ahead... I can see me many miles away Inactive Sipping cocktails on a terrace Taking breakfast in bed

Sleeping easy, doing crosswords It's attractive

EVA

Don't think I don't think like you, I often get those nightmares too They always take some swallowing Sometimes it's very difficult to keep momentum if it's you that you are following CROWD Peron! Peron!

CHE (in crowd)

As a mere observer of this tasteless phenomenon One has to admire the stage management (HEAVIES move in on CHE) There again perhaps I'm more than a mere observer Listen to my enthusiasm gentlemen Peron! Peron! (The CROWD begin to call for EVA—"Evita, Evita")

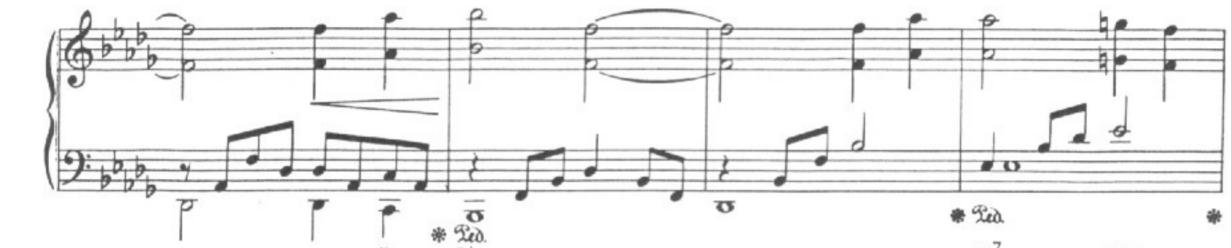
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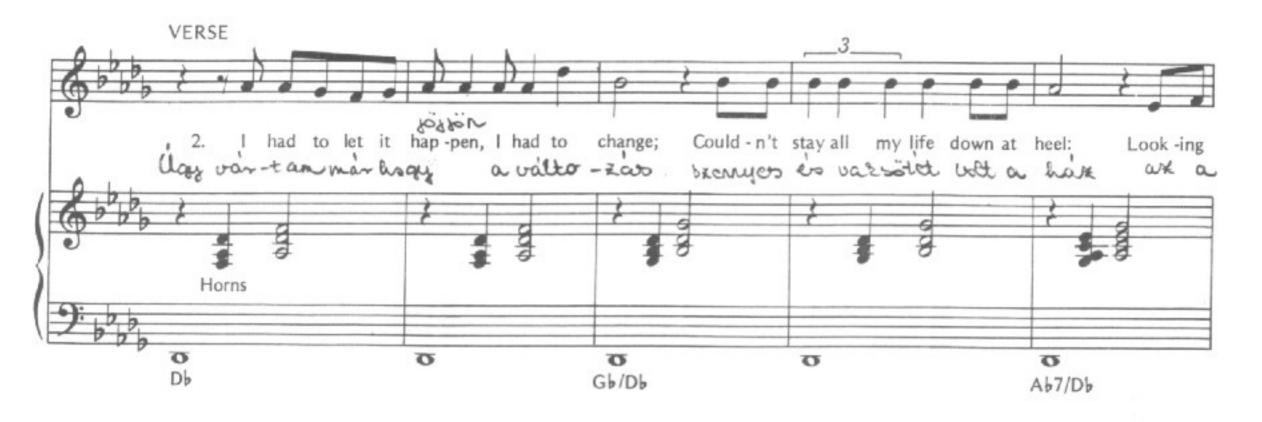


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Just listen to that? The voice of Argentina? We are adored? We are loved?

OFFICER

Statesmanship is more than entertaining peasants

EVA We shall see, little man

CROWD

Evita Peron! La Santa Peronista' (EVA goes back onto the baleon)

EVA

I am only a simple woman who lives to serve Peron in his noble crusade to rescue his people!
I was once as you are now?
I have taken these riches from the oligarchs only for you—for all of you?
One day you will inherit these treasures?
Descamisados! When they fire those cannons, when the crowds sing of glory, it is not just for Peron, but for all of us!

(EVA goes back inside)

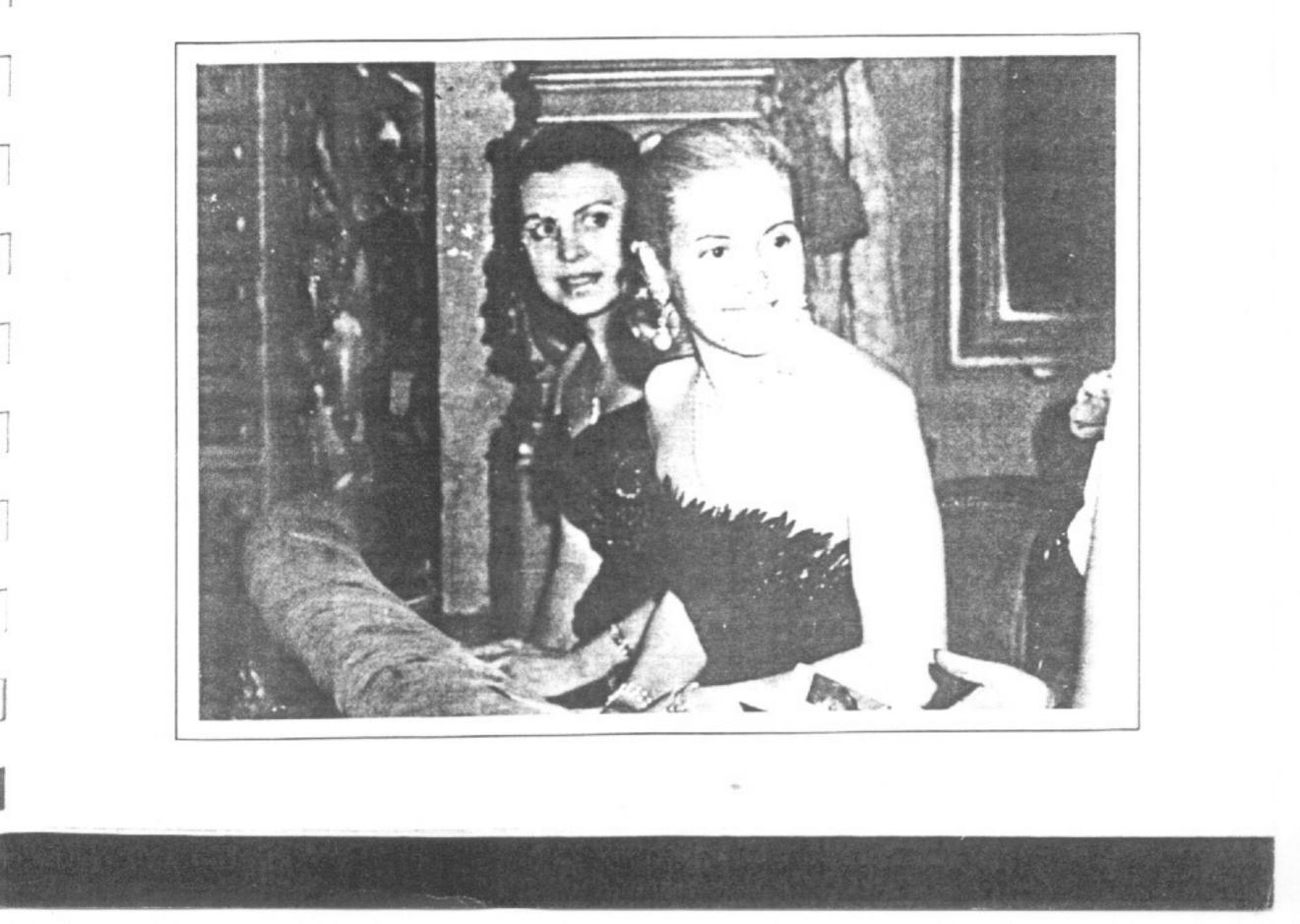
ARISTOCRATS

Things have reached a pretty pass. When someone pretty lower class Can be respected and admired—

EVA

But your despicable class is dead! Look who they are calling for now!

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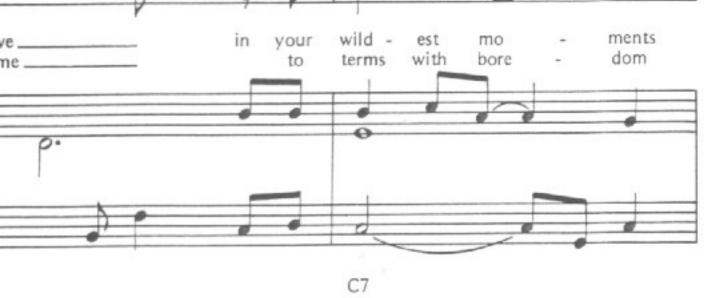
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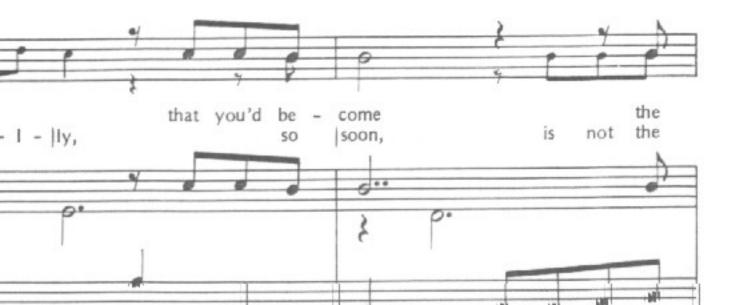
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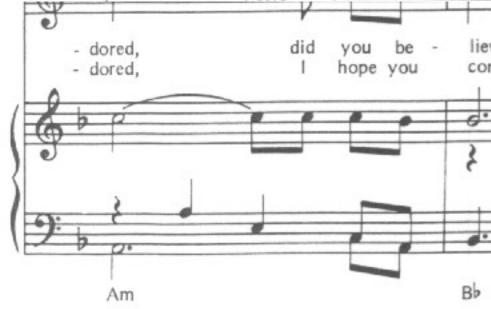
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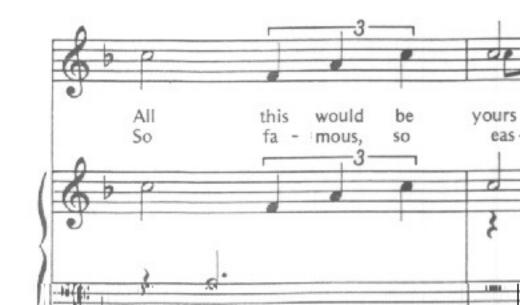








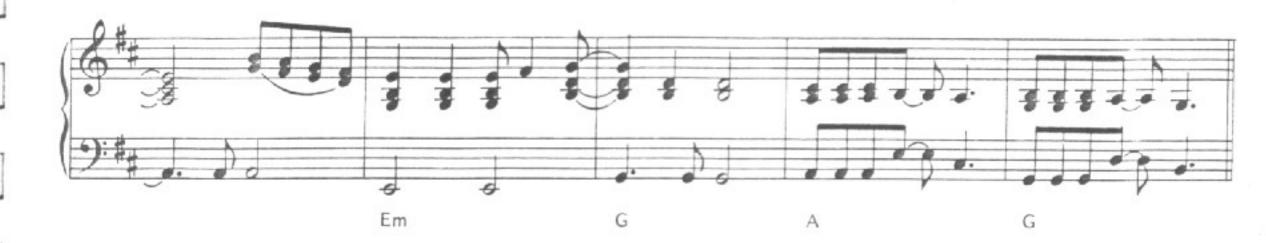








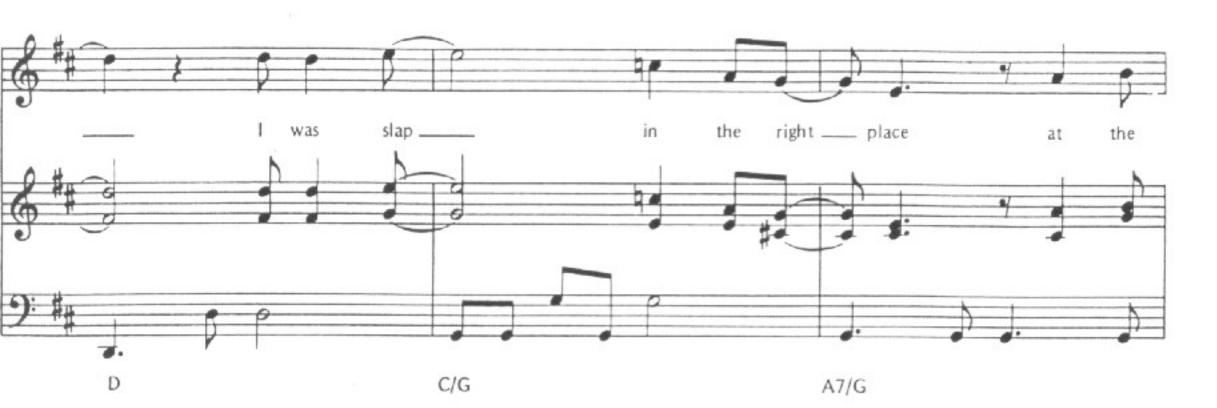


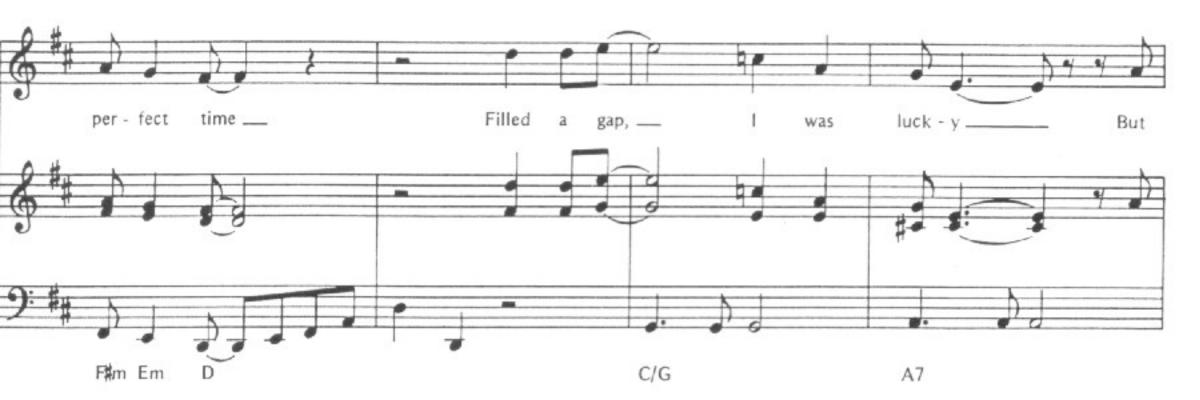




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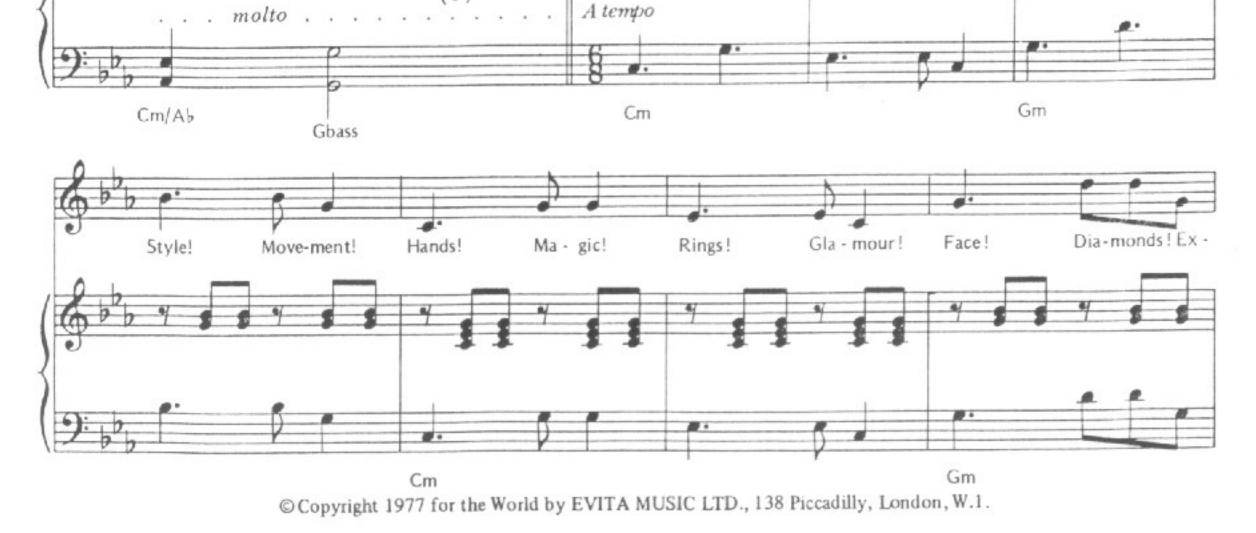
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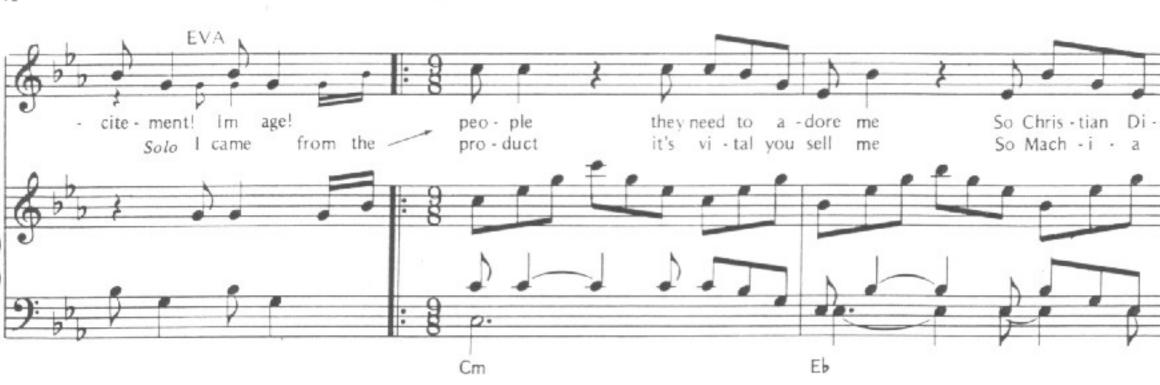
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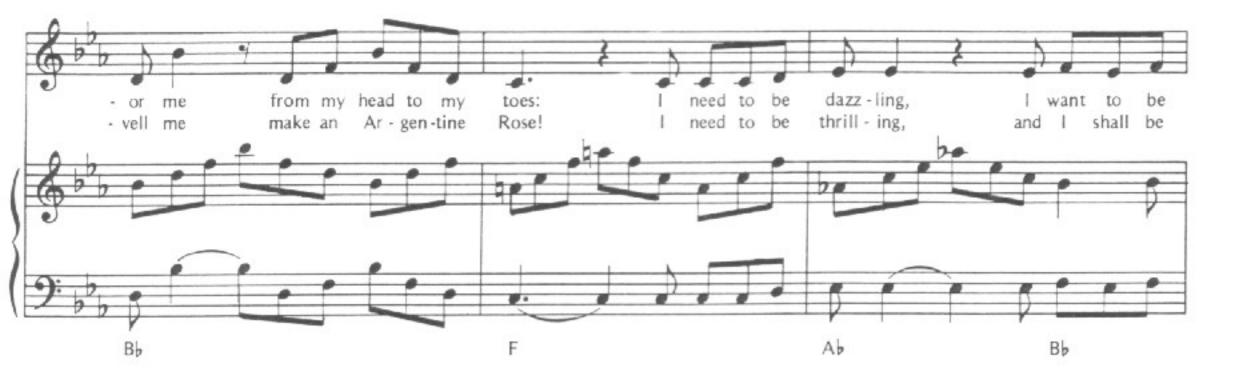




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14: Rainbow Tour

PERON People of Europe! I send you the Rainbow of Argentina!

OFFICER No. 1 Spain has fallen to the charms of Evita She can do what she likes it doesn't matter much She's a new world Madonna with the golden touch She filled a bullring—torty-five thousand seater But if you're prettier than General Franco That's not hard

OFFICERS Nos. 1 & 2 Franco's reign in Spain should see out the forties So you've just acquired an ally who Looks as secure in his job as you

OFFICER No. 1 More important, current political thought is Your wife's a phenomenal asset Your trump card

ALL (Including PERON & CHE) Let's hear it for the Rainbow tour It's been an incredible success We weren't quite sure, we had a few doubts

OFFICER No. 2 Would Evita win through?

ALL But the answer is—ves!

EVA

There you are I told you so Makes no difference where we go The whole world over—just the same You should have heard them call our name And who would underestimate the actress now?

PERON

I'm not underestimating you—just do the same thing in Italy please

OFFICER No. 2

I don't like to spoil a wonderful story But the news from Rome isn't quite as good She hasn't gone down like we thought she would

OFFICERS Nos. 1 & 2

OFFICER No. 3 She still made a fabulous impact Caught the eye

ALL (Including PERON and CHE) Let's hear it for the Rainbow Tour It's been an incredible success We weren't quite sure, we had a few doubts

OFFICER No. 1 Would Evita win through?

ALL But the answer is-

CHE A qualified-

ALL Yes!

OFFICER No. 4 Eva started well, no question, in France Shining like the sun through the post-war haze A beautiful reminder of the carefree days She nearly captured the French, she sure had the chance But she suddenly seemed to lose interest

She looked tired (*There is a buzz of interest at this information* – "*tired*?")

CHE

Face the facts, the Rainbow's started to tade I don't think she'll make it to England now

PERON It wasn't on the schedule anyhow

CHE

You'd better get out the flags and fix a parade Some kind of coming home in triumph is required

ALL (Including PERON but not CHE) (Sung bravely but with less conviction than before)

Let's hear it for the Rainbow tour It's been an incredible success We weren't quite sure, we had a few doubts

OFFICER No. 5 Would Evita win through?

ALL And the answer is— Yes and no and yes and no and yes and no...

Italy's unconvinced by Argentine glory

OFFICER No. 2

They equate Peron with Mussolini Can't think why

EVA

Did you hear that? They called me a whore! They actually called me a whore!

EVA'S ITALIAN ESCORT, an EX-ADMIRAL

But Signora Peron It's an easy mistake—Fve had that trouble too I'm still called an admiral Yet I gave up the sea long ago

OFFICER No. 1

Things aren't all that bad she met the Pope She got a Papal decoration and a kindly word

OFFICERS Nos. 1 & 2

So even if the crowds gave our lady the bird The Argentine-Italy axis does have some hope

ALL

Let's hear it for the Rainbow tour It's been... (but this time the chorus never gets going properly, and eventually fades out)

15: The Actress Hasn't Learned (The Lines

You'd Like to Hear)

ARISTOCRACY

Thus all fairy stories end Only an actress would pretend Affairs of state are her latest play Eight shows a week - two matinees My how the worm begins to turn When will the chorus girl ever learn? My how the worm begins to turn When will the chorus girl begin to learn?

EVA

The chorus girl hasn't learned the lines you'd like to hear She won't go scrambling over the backs of the poor to be accepted By making donations - just large enough - to the correct charity She won't be president of your wonderful societies of philanthropy Even if you asked her to be As you should have asked her to be The actress hasn't learned the lines you'd like to hear She won't join your clubs She won't dance in your halls She won't help the hungry once a month at your

tombolas She'll simply take control as You disappear

CHE

Forgive my intrusion but here in this neat little can I have a product to change your conception of man A brand new insecticide, a remarkable chemical feat Instantly rendering other insecticides obsolete

EVA

Licensing slaughter of insects is hardly my mission

EVA's STAFF

Goodnight and thank you whoever We've no time for you, but one thing we do Emphasize It's an ill wind that blows nobody good The news may be bad For one Argentine lad But it's good news for Argentine flies

(CHE is ignominiously bundled out by EVA's Staff)





16: And the Money Kept Rolling In (and Out)

THE MANAGER OF THE FOUNDATION EVA PERON (+ Workers on choruses)



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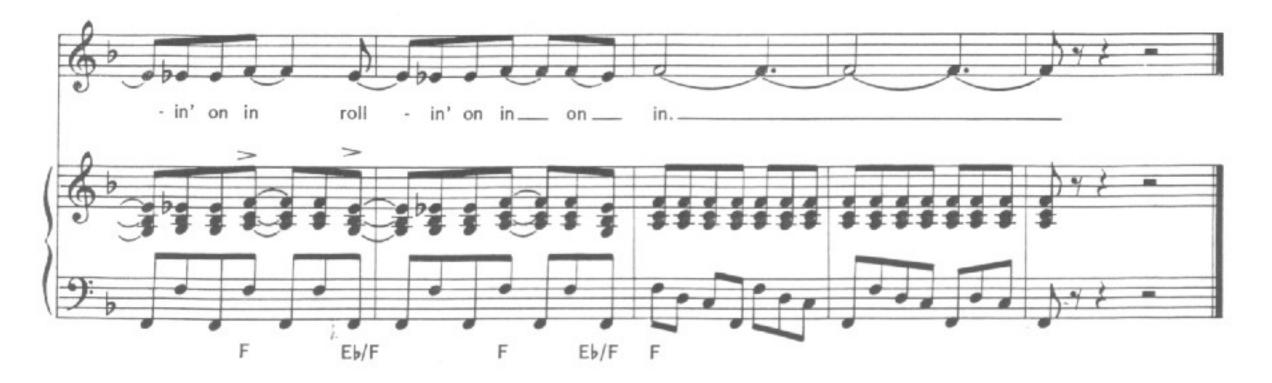
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17: Santa Evita

CHILDREN

Please, gentle Eva Will you bless a little child? For I love you Tell Heaven I'm doing my best I'm praying for you (Just as you pray for all the rest) Even how you're already flend Please mother Eva Will you look upon me as your own? Make me special Be my angel Be my everything wonderful perfect and true And I'll try to be exactly like you Please holy Eva Will you feed a hungry child? For I love you Tell Heaven I'm doing my best ...

CHE

Get them while they're young Evita, get them while they're young!

CHILDREN

I'm praying for you Just as you pray for all the rest

WORKERS

Santa Santa Evita Madre de todos los ninos De los tiranizados De los descamisados De los trabajadores De la Argentina (This chorus is repeated and fades gradually away)

CHE

Why try to govern a country when you can become a saint?

18: Waltz for Eva and Che

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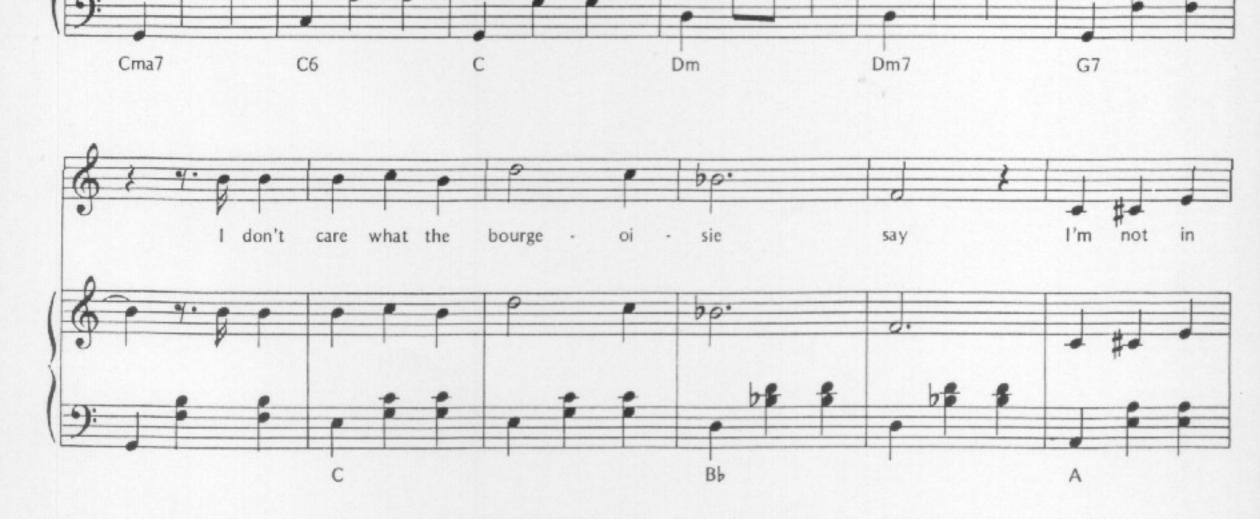
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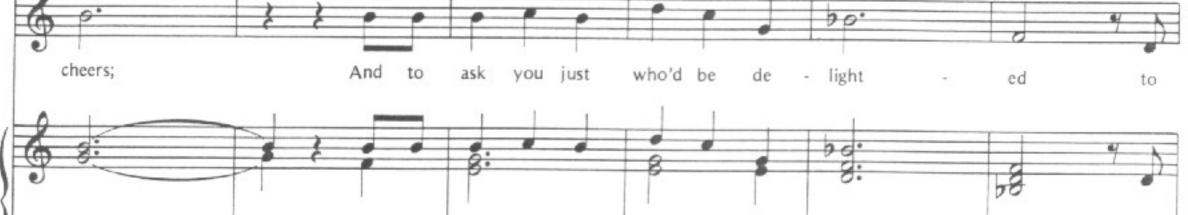






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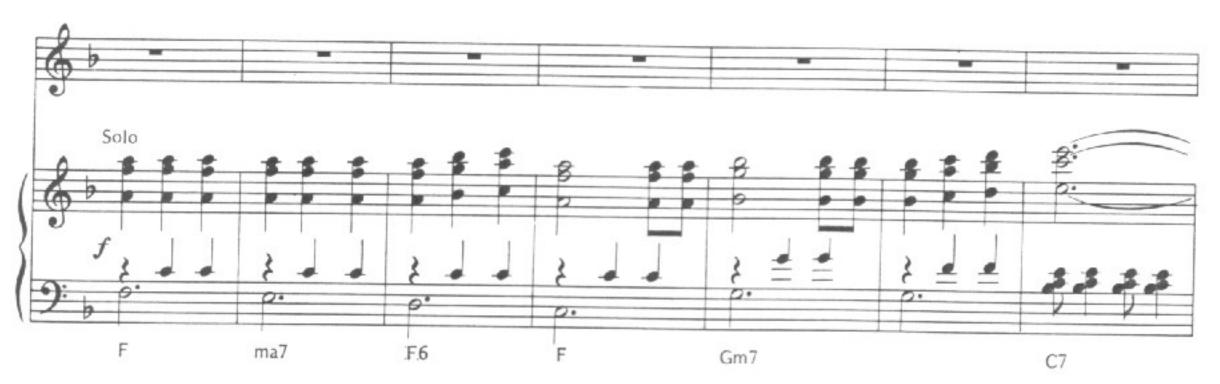






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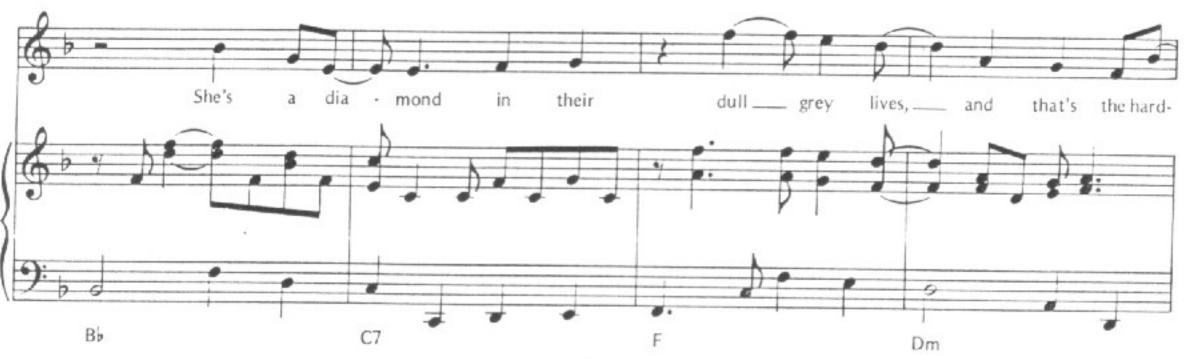
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- 2 She's not a bauble you can brush aside She's been out doing what we just talked about, example: Gave us back our businesses, got the English out And if you think about it - well why not do One or two of the things we promised to?
- 3 But on the other hand, she's slowing down She's lost a little of that magic drive - but I would Not advise those critics present to derive Any satisfaction from her fading star She's the one who's kept us where we are

(Officers) She's the one who's kept you where you are.

20: Dice Are Rolling/Eva's Sonnet

PERON

Dice are rolling, the knives are out Would be presidents are all around I don't say they mean harm but they'd each give an arm To see us six feet underground

EVA

But we still have the magic we've always had! The descamisados still worship me We arrived thanks to them and no one else! No thanks to your generals—a clutch of stuffed cuckoos!

PERON

It's not a question of a big parade Proving we're big with the mobs on the street Our problems are closer than that They're along the corridor

EVA

You're wrong - the people - my people -

PERON

The people belong to no one! They are fickle, can be manipulated Controllable, changeable In the end the people don't matter — however much they love you now It matters more that as far as my stuffed cuckoos are concerned You don't officially or politically exist!

EVA

So I don't exist! So I count for nothing! Try saying that on the street When all over the world I am Argentina! Most of your generals wouldn't even be recognized by their own mothers! But they'll admit I exist when I become vice-president

PERON

That won't work.... We've been through all of this before They'd fight any attempt to make you vice-president tooth and nail You'd never overcome that sort of opposition with a hundred rallies And even if you did—

PERON

This is not a case of a sympathetic word in the gossip column Because you've got a cold! I'm trying to point out that you might die!

This talk of death is chilling, an assault – Upon ourselves and it will be our fault If we allow These morbid septic thoughts To rule us now To bring our reason clattering to a halt I do not need a final sacrifice Just let me know of any sane device To shift your strength, your undisputed powers To places where your mighty deeds Your golden words Have not so far cut too much ice

EVA

Then I must now be vice president! (Eva's Sonnet) Those shallow mean pretenders to your throne Will come to learn ours is the upper hand For I do not accept this is not known In rich established parcels of our land To face the storms so long and not capsize Is not the chance achievement of a fraud Conservatives are kings of compromise It hurts them more to jeer than to applaud

And I shall have my people come to choose The couple who shall wear their country's crowns In thousands in my squares and avenues Emptying their villages and towns Where every soul in home or shack or stall Knows me as Argentina – that is all

O I shall be a great vice-president! This is not a gambler's final throw Forced upon me by those bastards who've Only longed to see me up and go It's not an unprepared or panicked move Which just goes to prove I'd be good for you Eva vice-president is good for you

EVA Yes?

PERON

Your little body's slowly breaking down You're losing speed, you're losing strength — not style, that goes on Flourishing forever, but your eyes, your smile Do not have the sparkle of your fantastic past If you climb one more mountain it could be your last

EVA

I'm not that ill Bad moments come but they go Some days are fine some a little bit harder But I'm no has been It's the same old routine Have you ever seen Me defeated? Don't you forget what I've been through and yet I'm still standing — And if I am ill — it could even be to your advantage!

21: Eva's Final Broadcast

OFFICERS

That was the over the top unacceptable suggestion We didn't approve but we couldn't prevent The games of the wife of the president But to give her pretensions encouragement! She's out of her depth and it's out of the question

CHE

Forgive my intrusion Evita I just have to see How you admit you have lost - a brand new experience! we

Got it set up! We fixed you a broadcast And you're so good on the air!

EVA

The actress hasn't learned the lines you'd like to hear How could she feel defeated by such cringing mediocrities? She's sad for her country Sad to be defeated by her own weak body She's sad for her people She hopes they will know she did not betray them (A microphone is switched on. EVA is now on the air) I want to tell the people of Argentina I've decided I should decline All the honours and titles vouve pressed me to take For I'm contented -Let me simply go on As the woman who brings her people to the heart of Peron! Don't cry for me Argentina For the truth is I shall not leave you Though it may get harder For you to see me I'm Argentina And always will be Have I said too much? There's nothing more I can think of to say to you But all you have to do is look at me to know that every word is true

22: Montage

In her last hours, images, people and events from her life flow through EVA's mind, while the nation's grief knows no bounds—to the mass of the people she has become a saint, nothing less.

EVA hears fragments from CHE-"She had her moments..." MAGALDI-"Eva beware your ambition ..." GETTA/WORKERS-"A new Argentina... AN OFFICER-"Statesmanship is more ..." FUND MANAGER-"Accountants only slow things down..." The WALTZ

PERON

High flying, adored, so young, the instant queen, a Rich beautiful thing of all the talents, a cross between a Fantasy of the bedroom and a saint And you were just a backstreet girl Hustling and fighting Scratching and biting High flying, adored, did vou believe in your wildest moments All this would be yours, that you'd become the lady of them all? Were there stars...

23: Lament

EVA

The choice was mine and mine completely I could have any prize that I desired I could burn with the splendour of the brightest fire Or else – or else I could choose time Remember I was very young then And a year was forever and a day So what use could fifty, sixty, seventy be? I saw the lights and I was on my way

And how I lived! How they shone! But how soon the lights were gone!

The choice was mine and no one else's I could have the millions at my feet Give my life to people I might never meet Or else to children of my own Remember I was very young then Thought I needed the numbers on my side Thought the more that loved me the more loved I'd be But such things cannot be multiplied

Oh my daughter! Oh my son! Understand what I have done!

(The moment EVA dies, embalmers move in to preserve ber fragile body)

EMBALMERS Eves, hair, face, image All must be preserved Still life displayed forever No less than she deserved Preserved

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