

## Male Audition Material

Please learn one of the following three pieces to perform at your audition. Although you will perform one that is your choice, you may also be asked to read one of the other two. The full script is available at <http://musicalplace.tripod.com/id541.htm>

### 1. David's lines

**David:** You vipers' brood! Who warned you to escape from the coming retribution? Then prove your repentance by the fruit it bears; and do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father." I tell you that God can make children for Abraham out of these stones here. Already the ax is laid to the fruit of the trees; and any tree which fails to produce good fruit is cut down thrown on the fire. I baptize you with water, for repentance; but He who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not fit to take off his shoes. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. *(He notices Stephen/Jesus is holding baptismal bucket out to him.) (To Stephen)* Do you come to me?

Stephen: Yeah, I wanna get washed up.

**David:** *(Kneeling)* I need rather to be baptized by you.

### 2. Stephen's lines

**Stephen:** You have learned that you were told, "Love you neighbor, hate your enemy," but what I tell you is this, "Love, love, love, your enemies. And pray for your persecutors.

Herb: You don't mean...?

**Stephen:** I do! Only so can you be called the Children of your Heavenly Father who makes the sun rise and set on good and bad alike, and sends the rain on the honest and the dishonest. Now if you greet only those who greet you, what reward can you expect? Surely the tax gatherers do as much as that and if you love only those who love you, what is there extraordinary in that? Even the heathen do as much. No, your goodness must know no bounds, just as your heavenly Father's goodness knows no limit.

**3. Herb:** Once upon a time there was a man who had two sons and the younger said to his father: "Father, give me my share of the property." So, he divided his estate between them. A few days later the younger son turned the whole of his share into cash and left home for a distant country, where he squandered it in reckless living. He had spent it all, when a severe famine fell upon the country and he began to feel the pinch. *(Ouch!)* So he decided to attach himself to one of the local landowners who sent him to the field to mind the pigs.

He would have been glad to have filled his belly with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they can eat, and here I am starving to death. I will set off and I will go to my father and I will say to him: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he set out for his father's house, but while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and his heart went out to him. *(Lub-dub, lub-dub, lub-dub, lub-dub.)* The son ran to meet his father, threw his arms around him, and kissed him, saying: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you; I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants. But the father called to one of his servants *(Whistle. Narrator affects Yiddish accent.)* "Kvick, fetch me my robe, my best one, put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet and bring the fatted calf and kill it - a nice Kosher vun - and let us have a veast to celebrate the day, for this son of mine was lost and is found." And the festivities began.