

PERFORMANCE NOTES

The daily comic strip *Little Orphan Annie* debuted in 1924 and attracted readers with its political commentary of the time. Topics included the Great Depression and the New Deal, brought to life through the now classic characters of Annie, her dog Sandy, and her wealthy benefactor Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks.

The original Broadway production of *Annie* opened in 1977, won the Tony Award for Best Musical, and ran for nearly six years. Since that time it has been adapted for film in 1982, for television in 1999, and again for film in 2014. This arrangement is based on the 2014 film that takes place in present day New York City. The girls begin the song by creating various rhythm patterns with brooms and cleaning supplies.

The rhythmic, hip-hop feel of this arrangement could be complemented through the use of the suggested body percussion, rhythm instruments, or movement as desired. In addition, soloists could be used in measures 24-27 and 41-47.

Have fun!

Sarah Zegree

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From the musical *Annie*
IT'S THE HARD-KNOCK LIFE

for 2-part/S.S.A. voices and piano
 with optional SoundTrax CD*

Performance time: approx. 2:10

Arranged by SARAH ZEGREE

Music by CHARLES STROUSE
 Words by MARTIN CHARNIN

Driving (♩ = ca. 160-168) *mp*
stomp clap

PART I
(SOPRANO I & II)

PART II
(ALTO)

mp
swipe hands together, as if brushing them clean

Driving (♩ = ca. 160-168)

PIANO

5

* Also available for 3-part mixed (43532). SoundTrax CD available (43534).

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mf It's the hard - knock life for us!

mf It's the hard - knock life for us!

N.C. *mp* *f* *mf* A

It's the hard - knock life for us!

It's the hard - knock life for us! 'Stead - a treat - ed,

C#m *A/C#* *D*

we get tricked! we get kicked!

'Stead - a kiss - es,

C#m *A/C#* *D* *C#m* *A/C#* *Esus4*

18

f *mf*

It's the hard - knock life! It's the hard - knock

f *mf*

It's the hard - knock life! It's the hard - knock

E³ A

f *mf*

21

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

A C#m A/C# Bm/D

24

opt. SOLO ALL *opt. SOLO*

'Stead - a treat - ed, we get — tricked! 'Stead - a kiss - es,

we get — tricked!

A/C# Dmaj⁹

27 PART I/SOP. I

mp 29

we get — kicked! Don't it seem like the wind is al-ways

PART II/SOP. II

p

we get — kicked! Oo —

ALTO

p

we get — kicked! Oo —

A/C#

E

Dm7

mp

30

p *mp*

howl - in'g Oo — Once a

mp

Don't it seem like there's nev - er an - y light?

Oo —

Cm7

33

mf

day, don't you wan-na throw the towel in? It's eas - i - er than put-tin' up a

p *mf*

Oo _____ It's eas - i - er than put-tin' up a

mf

oo _____ It's eas - i - er than put-tin' up a

Bbm F#

36

mp 37 *mf*

fight. No one's there when your dreams at night get creep - y. No one

mf

fight. Oo _____ No one

p *mf*

fight. Oo _____ No one

B B7/A Bm7 G/B

mp

cares if you grow or if you shrink.

cares if you grow or if you shrink. *f* Emp-ty bel-ly life!

cares if you grow or if you shrink.

mf cresc. Am⁷ Ab/Eb A

PART I/SOP I & II *f*

Rot-ten smell-y life!

PART II/ALTO

C[#]m A/C[#] D

f No to-mor-row life!

Full of sor-row life!

C[#]m D C[#]m Esus⁴

48 49

p San - ta Claus we nev - er see. *mf* San - ta Claus, what's

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A A/C# A⁹/G

p cresc.

51

f that? Who's he? No one cares for you a smidge

f that? Who's he? No one cares for you a smidge

F#m⁹ Bm/D A/C# D⁵

54

when you're in an or -phan - age. It's the hard - knock

when you're in an or -phan - age. It's the hard - knock

A/C# Esus⁴

57

life!

life!

A

61

mf It's the hard-knock

mf It's the hard-knock

mf It's the hard-knock

E₄ E₅

65

mf Yank the whisk-ers from her chin! Jab her with a safe-ty

life for us! It's the hard-knock life for us!

A C#m A/C# D

mf

68

pin! We get — tricked! 'Stead - a kiss - es.

'Stead - a treat - ed. Send her to the loon - y bin! 'Stead - a kiss - es.

C#m A/C# D

71

We get — kicked!

f

It's the hard - knock

C#m A/C# E5 F#sus4

74

f

Yank the whisk - ers from her chin! Jab her with a safe - ty

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

Bb Dm Bb/D Eb

77

pin! We get — tricked! 'Stead - a kiss-es.

'Stead - a treat-ed. Send her to the loon-y bin!

Dm Bb/D Eb

80

We get — kicked! It's the hard - knock life!

It's the hard - knock life!

Dm Bb/D F⁵ Bb

83

shout

It's the hard - knock life!

shout

It's the hard - knock life!

