



POP AUDITION PACKET



FRONT CURTAIN/SCREEN

Winds howl in the empty darkness. Doomy chords play. The Legend appears on the screen.

SIDE #1
START

*There are sirens, search lights, the sound of a helicopter. A rock n' roll rebel figure appears on the run. He is **POP**, an easy riding, hippy kind of a dude. He holds a videotape in his hand and as the sirens fade, he stuffs it down the back of his pants. Then he punches the air.*

POP

Long Live Rock n' Roll! They nearly got me that time. I thought my sweet white arse was toast! I must make haste! I must complete the rebel archive! Stardate! I have yet to discover the exact reason why rock and roll died, but legend states that it had something to do with an ancient entertainment phenomenon known as – X Factor! Culture imploded. Globalsoft Corporation seized its opportunity. Electric guitars were banned! Digital cyber-stars invaded the charts! And the age of Ga Ga had dawned!

END

SIDE #2
START

GALILEO and SCARAMOUCHE rush on.

GALILEO

POP, you're here! I knew it! I dreamt it! The Bohemians are back at the Hard Rock and the revolution is on!

POP

They're not there, Dude. Their bodies found their way home but their spirits never made the plane....Yep. We all got processed.

SCARAMOUCHE

So how come you're still standing?

POP

I think the vy-day-oh tappee kept me strong.

SCARAMOUCHE

You managed to keep it from Khashoggi?

POP

Sure did, crazy witch woman. I hid it.

GAL

Where did you hide it?

POP

I secreted it, wedged it deep within the murky cleft of my sweaty....

SCARAMOUCHE

Too much information, Pop.

POP

For all the use it is I might as well shove it in that slot in the box under the tee-lee-vy-zee-own.

SCARAMOUCHE

Oh my God. You mean, you haven't tried that, yet?

POP

(To Gaz) Yeah. Right. Like that's gonna work. Chicks.

*SCARAMOUCHE takes the tape and puts it in the broken TV. Magic happens. Lights etc. And **QUEEN** appears on the screen, silhouetted in the opening moment of Bo Rhap.*

*The opening **Bo RHAP** begins to play on the screen*

**IS THIS THE REAL LIFE? IS THIS JUST FANTASY?
CAUGHT IN A LANDSLIDE NO ESCAPE FROM REALITY.
OPEN YOUR EYES. LOOK UP TO THE SKIES AND SEE.**

But then the screen crackles and the faces freeze.

SCARAMOUCHE

It's jammed. Can't you do something?

POP

No way, sweet lady. When Vy-day-ohs jammed, they jammed.

GALILEO

Who were those four beautiful girls we heard?

POP

Not chicks but dudes (blokes)! I remember them from the secret histories, Mercury was one of them. They were a rock freedom fighter collective known as Queen and I believe they left this scroll as a warning. 'Is this the real life? "Is this just fantasy?'

GALILEO

Fantasy?

POP

Cyberspace! The scroll speaks of a soulless virtual world where the kids would be caught in a landslide of computer recorded auto tuned pop. C-R-A-P.

GALILEO

Crap.

POP

Exactly! The holy vy-day-oh-tappee predicted a time when crap would dominate the charts. Queen wanted kids to open their eyes...

GALILEO

look up to the skies...

GALILEO & POP

...and see.

POP

Yes! That's why they buried the axe, the last instrument!

SCARAMOUCHE

But where? Where did they bury it? Where does rock hang silent in the air?

GALILEO

We don't know.

POP

But it ain't here in Las Vegas, that's for sure. Queen wanted that axe to be heard around the world and every body knows that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. Thank god.

*Now the TV begins to fizz and sparkle once more.
Images of Queen seem to flash across it...*

GALILEO

The vy-day-o tappee's trying to tell us something!

(#8) WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS – U/S

*We hear the underscore of **CHAMPIONS**.*

*The Freddie statue begins to crackle and fizz! Glowing from within! Throbbing! The **BOHEMIANS** stand to salute, fists in the air.*

*Now the underscore of **CHAMPIONS** fills the air.*

GALILEO

It's Mercury's statue!

SCARAMOUCHE

The bright, bright star! Gaz, your dream! 'A bright, bright star will show the way!' The star isn't a star in the sky at all, but a rock star!

GALILEO

But what is he trying to tell us

Laser Beams

SCARAMOUCHE

He's showing us the way!

GALILEO

To where the king sleeps and where the rock hangs silent in the air.

SCARAMOUCHE

Silent rock isn't granite and stone at all! It's music! Rock n' Roll music!

GALILEO

Then the sleeping king must be the King of Rock n' Roll!

POP

Yes, Rebel Dude! Yes! The star is pointing East, to the place where the King sleeps. This can mean only one thing! Queen buried their axe at the holiest shrine of rock n' roll! Graceland, Memphis Tennessee!

END

THESE ARE THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Words & Music by Queen
Vocal Score arr by Mike Dixon & Brian May

Cue: Seque from Hammer to Fall

Gentle Rock ♩=112

A *Drums only* D/A A RT Vox D/A A

Piano (Play for rehearsals)

The piano introduction consists of four measures in 4/4 time, key of A major. The right hand plays a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The first measure is marked 'A' and 'Drums only'. The second measure is marked 'D/A' and 'A'. The third measure is marked 'RT Vox'. The fourth measure is marked 'D/A' and 'A'. A double bar line is placed after the second measure, and a repeat sign is at the end of the fourth measure.

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Some-times I get to think-ing I was back in the old days long a - go
(Half spoken)

D/A A D G/B D/A

Measures 5-8 of the vocal score. The vocal line starts with a half note rest, followed by eighth notes for 'Some-times I get to think-ing', a quarter note for 'I', a half note for 'was back in the old', quarter notes for 'days', and a half note for 'long a - go'. The piano accompaniment features a consistent bass line and a right hand melody that supports the vocal line. Chords are indicated as D/A, A, D, G/B, and D/A.

9

When we were kids when we were young things seemed so per-fect you know?

A D/A A D G/D D

Measures 9-12 of the vocal score. The vocal line begins with a half note rest, followed by eighth notes for 'When we were kids when', quarter notes for 'we were young', eighth notes for 'things seemed', quarter notes for 'so per-fect', and a half note for 'you know?'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line and right hand melody. Chords are indicated as A, D/A, A, D, G/D, and D.

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The days were end-less we were cr - zy we were young The sun was al-ways shin-ing

A/E E

16

We just lived for fun Some-times it seems like late - ly I just don't know

Bm

19

The rest of my life's - been just a show Cos

F#m E A/E E7

23

these are the days of our lives They're

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A E7/A A E/G# F#m E D

27

flown in the swift-ness of time These days are all

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A E7/A A E/G# A E D A E7/B A

32

gone now_ but one thing re mains_ When I look and I find

E/G# F#m E G Dmaj7/G G D/F# A/E E

37

Hope still_ sur - vives

D

41

Oh yeah!

Aadd2