

Reading #3



more than me.



Now is the time to free us,



to touch the sky, to reach for the high - est



star!

SCENE 17: GYM – FRIDAY, 5 P.M.

(STUDENTS count down the final seconds of the basketball championship game.)

STUDENTS

5-4-3-2-1!

(#39 – GAME BUZZER / WILDCAT VAMP.)

START

JACK SCOTT

And the Wildcats win!

(ALL cheer. BRAINIACS and THESPIANS run onto the court to join JOCKS huddling around TROY. MS. DARBUS and COACH BOLTON eyeball each other a moment, then smile and high-five.)

MS. DARBUS

Your son sure can shoot the hoops.

COACH BOLTON

He's not a bad singer, either.

(GABRIELLA finds TROY.)

TROY

What about your team?

GABRIELLA

We won, too!

SCRIPT

CHAD

(hands basketball to TROY)

Team voted you the game ball, Captain.

(high-fives TROY, then finds TAYLOR)

So, you're going with me to the after party, right?

TAYLOR

Like on a date?

CHAD

Must be your lucky day.

TAYLOR

Or yours!

(JACK SCOTT and KELSI, with totally imperfect timing, both trip and fall. As they help each other up:)

JACK SCOTT

Hey, I really dig your music.

KELSI

I really love your voice!

JACK SCOTT

(his voice cracks)

Really? You really like it?

(RYAN pulls SHARPAY over to GABRIELLA.)

RYAN

Go on, tell her.

SHARPAY

All right, already! Gabriella, congratulations.

RYAN

And?

SHARPAY

And I'm sorry I lied to Darbus about you and Troy.

GABRIELLA

All's well that ends well, right?

SHARPAY

I suppose. Anyway, break a leg.

GABRIELLA

Huh?

RYAN

In the theater, that means good luck.

(GABRIELLA smiles. ZEKE approaches SHARPAY.)

ZEKE

Sorry you didn't get the lead, Sharpay.

SHARPAY

Join the club.

ZEKE

But I still think you're fantastic.

SHARPAY

(happily stunned)

You do? I mean, like, really?

ZEKE

Like really really.

SHARPAY

So where's that *crème brûlée* you promised me?

(SHARPAY smiles. GABRIELLA finds TROY and looks around... things turned out okay.)

GABRIELLA

Just like kindergarten, right?

TROY

Only better!

END

(TROY and GABRIELLA hold hands as ALL get into formation.
#40 - WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER - REPRISE.)