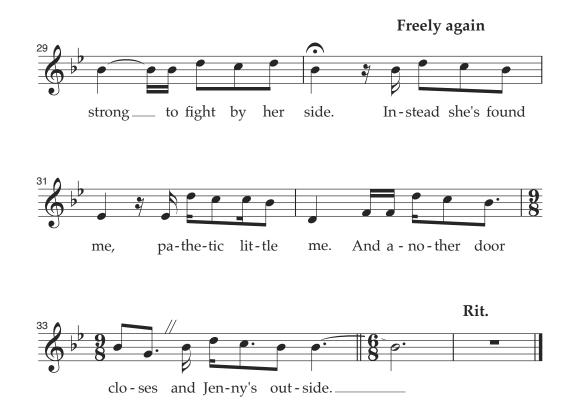
Audition Sides - Matilda, Escapologist, Mrs. Phelps, Trunchbull



SCENE 9: THE LIBRARY

(MATILDA is at the library with MRS. PHELPS.)

START

MATILDA

And so the great day arrived.

(#21 – ACROBAT STORY II (PART 1) begins.)

(MATILDA)

Everything was arranged by the Acrobat's sister – a frightening woman who used to be an Olympic-class hammer thrower, and who loved nothing better than to scare the children of the town. Suddenly, out came the Escapologist.

ESCAPOLOGIST

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls... *(chord)* The Burning Woman Hurling Through The Air *(chord)* With Dynamite In Her Hair *(chord)* Over Sharks And Spiky Objects *(chord)*, Caught By The Man Locked In The Cage... *(chord)* has been... cancelled.

MRS. PHELPS

No!

ESCAPOLOGIST

Cancelled because my wife is... pregnant.

MRS. PHELPS

So it has a happy ending?

MATILDA

No!

(#22 – ACROBAT STORY II (PART 2) begins.)

(MATILDA)

Just then the Acrobat's sister stepped forward and produced... a contract.

TRUNCHBULL

(offstage)

I have paid for the posters, publicity, the catering, the toilet facilities. Where is my profit? A contract is a contract. You will perform on this day or off to prison you both shall go!

MRS. PHELPS

No, no!

(MATILDA begins to exit.) W-w-what happens next?

MATILDA

END

I don't know, yet. I'll tell you tomorrow.

(#23 – LIBRARY INTO CLASSROOM begins.)

(MATILDA exits.)

SCENE 10: MISS HONEY'S CLASSROOM

(As the KIDS enter MISS HONEY pulls MATILDA aside.)

MISS HONEY

(pulling MATILDA aside)

Matilda, starting tomorrow I shall bring in a selection of very clever books that will challenge your mind. You may sit and read them while I teach the others and if you have any questions, well, I shall do my best to answer them. How does that sound?

(A beat. MATILDA is overwhelmed and suddenly hugs MISS HONEY.)

Matilda! Why... that is the biggest hug in the world! You're going to hug all of the air out of me!