"HIS FIRST MAYWEEK"

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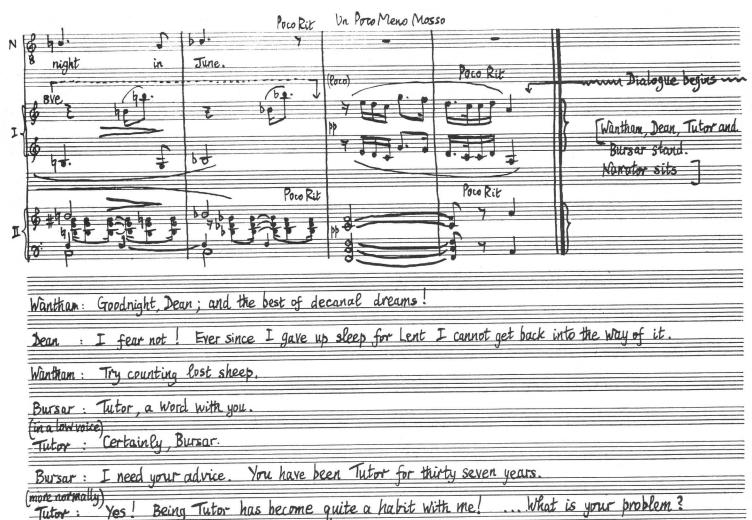












Tutor: Oh, please ignore it! I never observe it; indeed, I now forget in which month it falls!

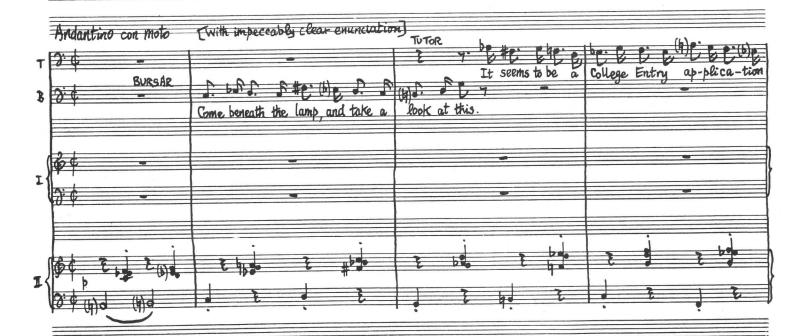
Bursar: I have just discovered.

(darkly) Do remind me.

Bursar:

Your birthday.

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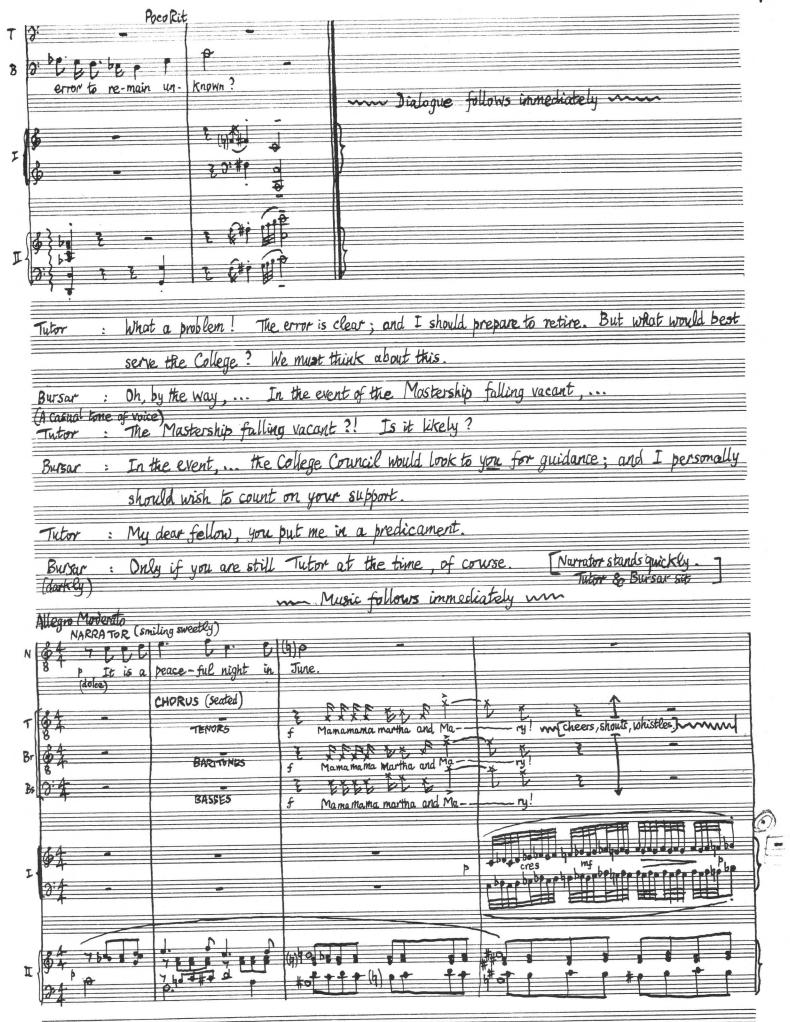






























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Christopher, that was a wonderful party. Thank you so much. Thank you, Christopher. Hear, hear. Thanks a lot. (various phroses simultaneously) Are you coming across to Anthony's rooms? He's going to brew some instant coffee. THE of the friends Christopher: Yes, O.K.; see you later. Friends: Goodnight, Felicity. Goodnight. Felicity: Goodnight att everybory. The friends sit] Felicity, will you marry me? Christopher: I'd love to, Christopher darling, but you're only in your first year. Felicity So are you. It just means a long engagement. Christopher: You see, it's this bequest. If I don't marry a don of this Felicity: More than that. University, the begrest goes phut; and Father would be so upset. But don't worry - you'll soon be a don. It's not so easy in Baltic Studies. There may be no posts here for a hundred years. Christopher: Surely Anastasia Dale will manage to get some Felicity: Perhaps. But the General Board is like a hydra. While one part eats out of your Christopher: hand, another bites your head off. Let's hope she tackles the right part Felicity: But meanwhile, we're engaged? Christopher: Felicity: Yes, - on that one condition, my Music starts m Christopher: Darling! Allegretto CHRISTOPHER By and by, may bebut who can







































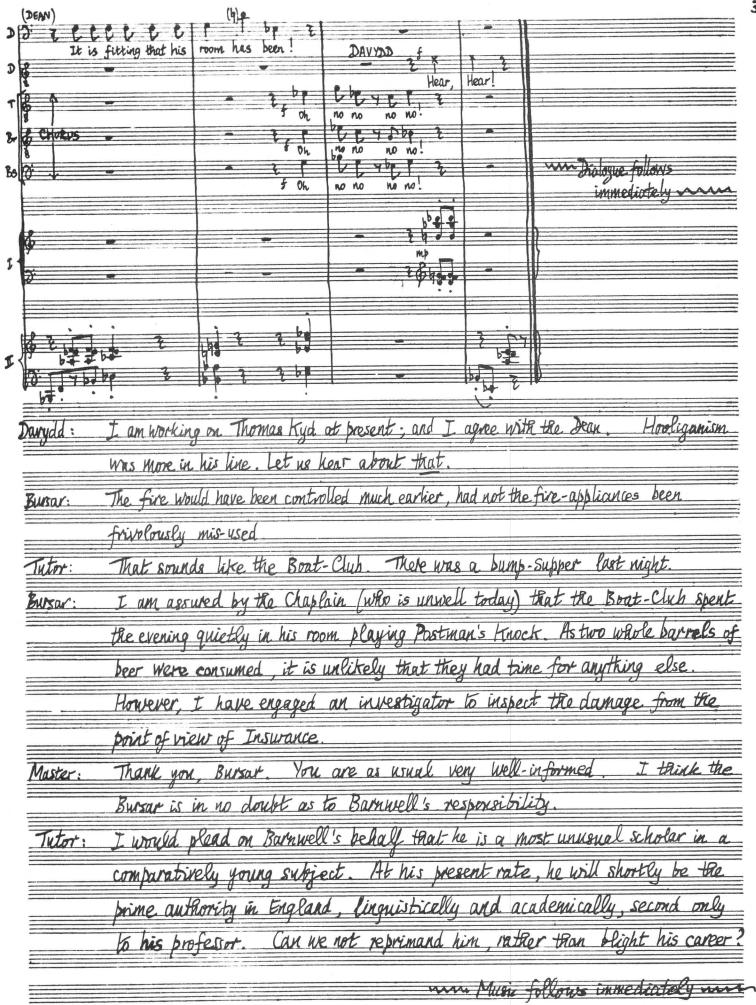


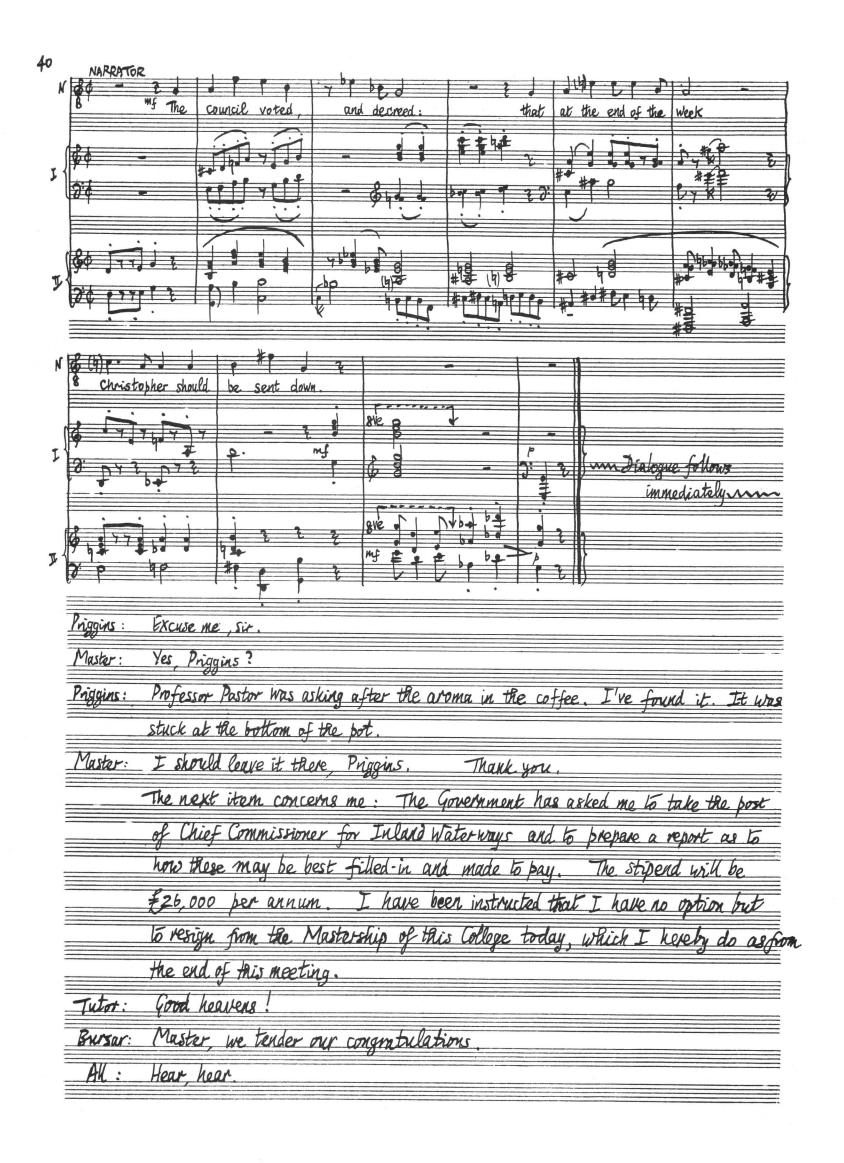












Master: Thank you. I shall bear with me many happy memories. However, the College will require a new Master. The sole right to nominate a master is given by our founder's Statutes to the Squire of Wattlesbrook. This right has (as you know) been inherited and exercised by successive squires, until some years ago at the death (intestate) of the last squire, the College made a loan to the Tutor enabling him to purchase the property and title The matter is thus kept within our Collegiate "family". All we need do now is to ask the Tutor to present his deeds of entitlement (and the nominations' at the next meeting in a fortnight. Meanwhile, Fellows may give any suggested names to the Tutor. Burrar: Excuse me, Master. A fortright will be too long. We must not overlook Statute C.2. Master: Indeed yes I'm sorry. Dean: Which is that? Bursay: The statute provides that when the Mastership falls vacant during Term, the installation of a new Master shall take place within three days of the vacancy... Impossible! Dean: Bursar: Otherwise ... Wantham: Otherwise what? otherwise, the College and all its appertinences shall be ceded to the City as an Old Folks' Home, and the then Fellows shall until the expiry of their fellowships act in it as domestic servants The Bursar is as usual well-informed Tutor: Wantham: We must hurry then! Let us meet again tomorrow, and examine the Tutor's credentials and nominations All: Hear hear ! Davydd: Still it might be fun to be a gyp! mm Music starts immediately m















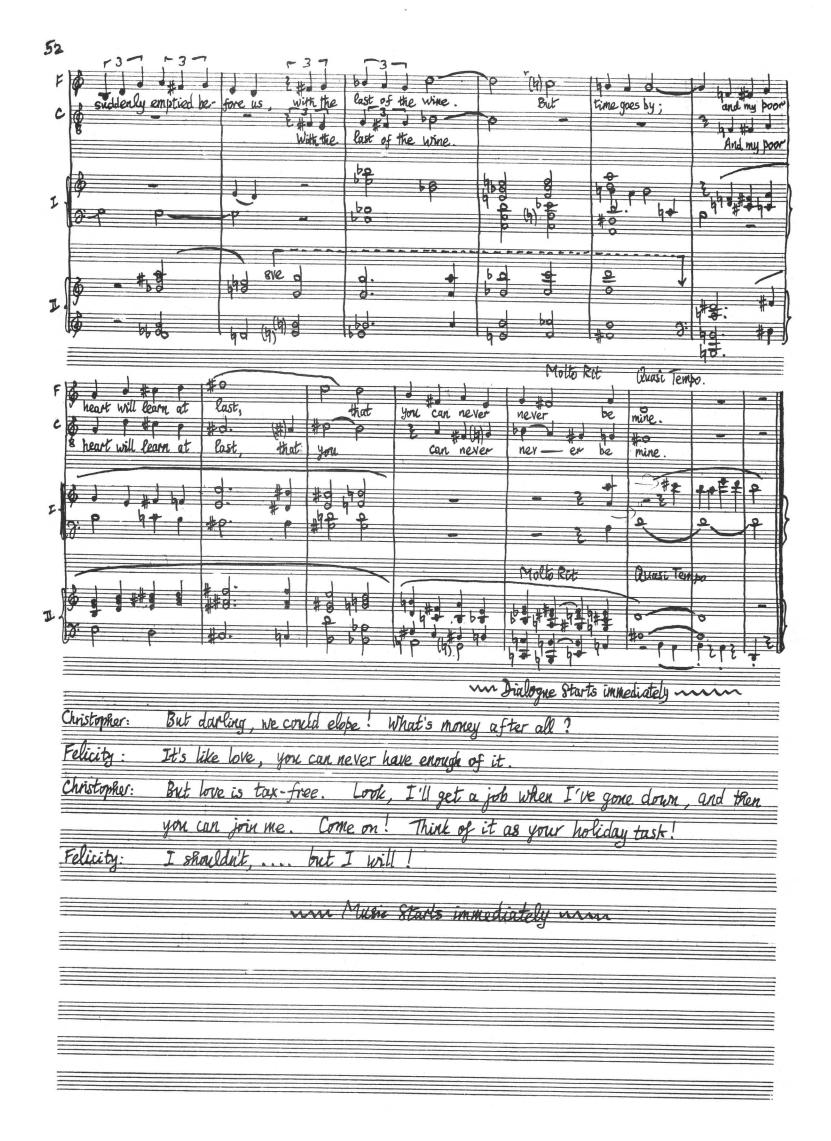




















| Felicity: | Groodlye, dear; see you in August. |
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| Christopher: | That's a promise. [Felicity sits. Hugo stands.] |
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| Hugo: | Well, Christopher, my lad! |
| Christopher: | Uncle Hugo! What a surprise! |
| Hugo: | I thought I'd look in. I'm really on business. |
| Christopher: | Business!? I thought you'd retired. |
| Hugo: | Ah well. I have a confession to make. I wanted to wait till |
| | you were twenty-one, but when the Tutor rang me about you, |
| | it rather forced my hand. So here I am (a) to commiserate, |
| | (b) lá confess. |
| Christopher: | To confess? |
| Hugo: | Well, I didn't like to tell you. I wanted you to stand on your |
| | own feet. You see I'm a millionaire. |
| Christopher: | You kept the secret well. |
| Hugo: | Well, now we can enjoy it together. How it concerns you is this:- |
| | One of my subsidiary companies has just made a morkage on the |
| | outskirts of Cambridge: the Wattlesbrook Estate. Very promising! |
| | As soon as I heard of your sad case, I awanged for the whole |
| | thing to be vested in your name, and an even more subsidiary |
| | company to be formed with you as director. Barnwell & Sons, Hd. |
| Christopher: | And sons?! Give us a chance! |
| Hugo: | So you are now Squire of Wattlesbrook. Landed gentry, my lad. |
| | Nice old house; but you want be living there, as you'll be pulling |
| | it down and developing the area. |
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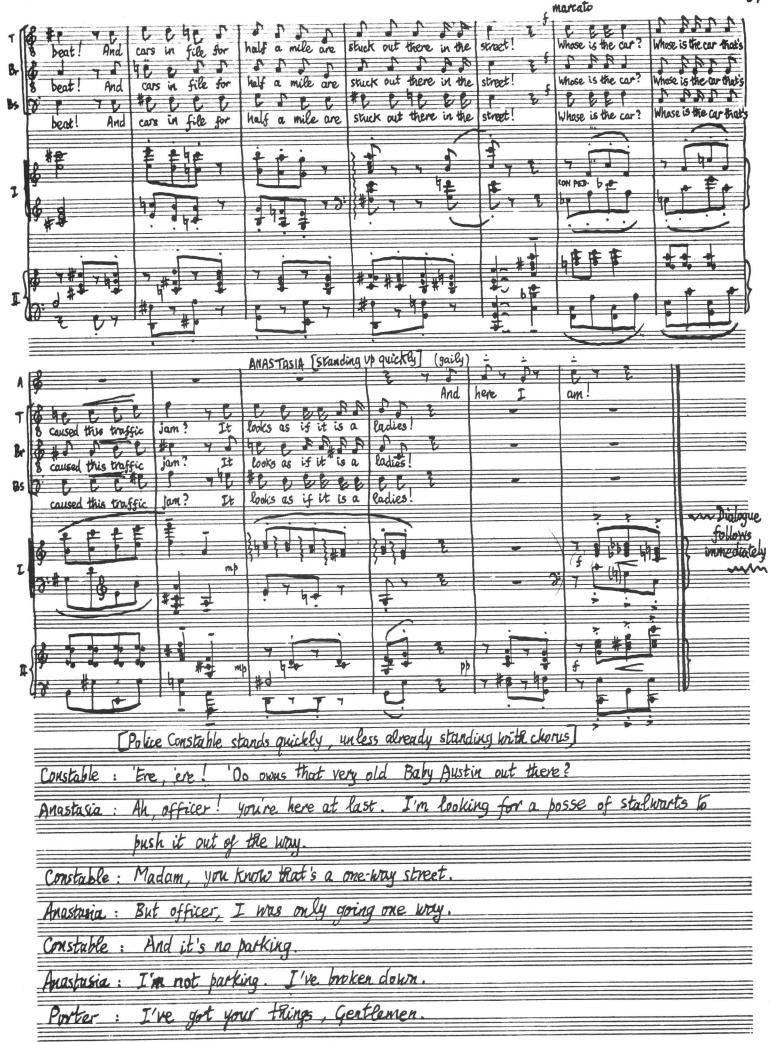








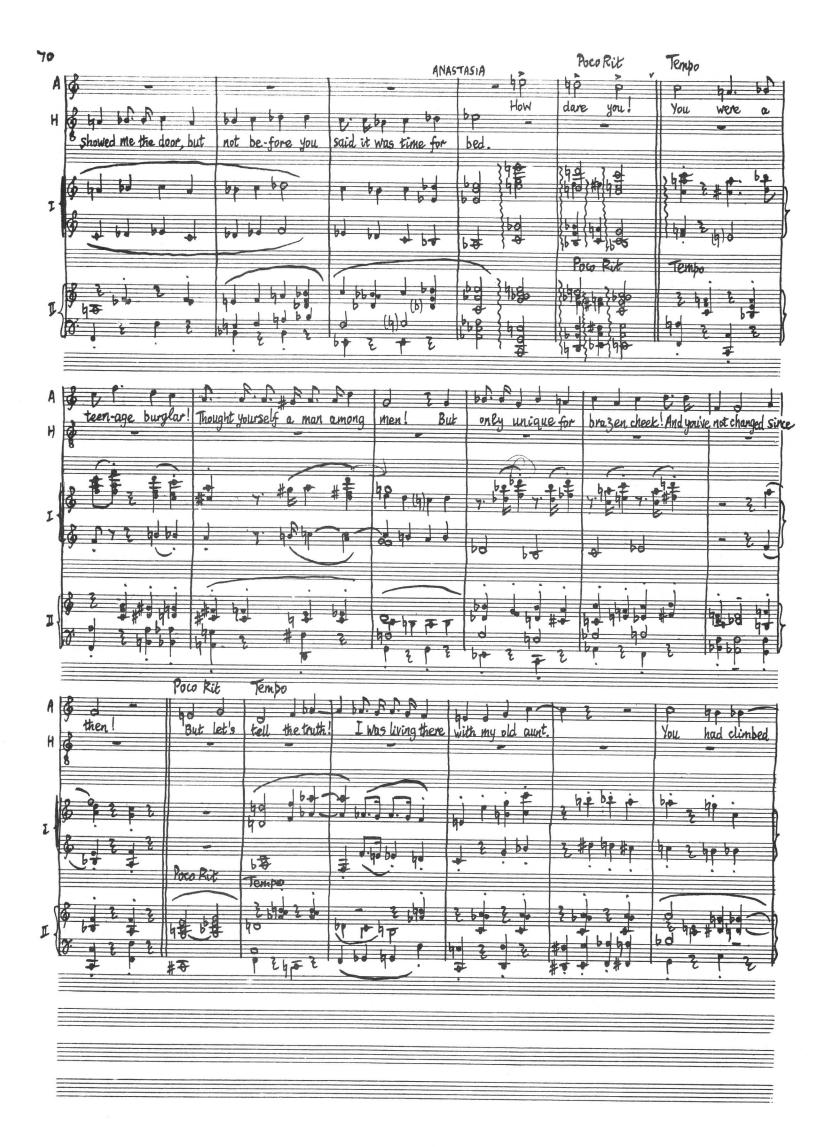




Anastasia: Well, well; back from a shopping expedition! Put those things down, good sir Straighter your bowler, and come and push. And you too! What! In my dressing-gown? Pastor : Well, there they go! I can see I'm not Amastasia: Take it off if you like needed. [All sit quietly. Anastasia, Hugo and Christopher remain standing.] They'll push it somewhere; only ... it's the brake that's got stuck! Christopher: Anastasia, you've heard the news? Anastasia: Too bad, poor boy! But it's Mars in the first decanate of Scorpio square to Saturn. Only to be expected! Christopher: May I introduce my uncle, Hugo Chintz. Professor Anastasia Dule Anastasia: Tanous with Capricorn in the Ascendant. You were born on the ... 26th May. Correct! And may I say your face is familiar. Hugo: Anastasia: You've said it. Your face is familiar too, not to say common place. Were you ever in Riga? Hugo: Often. Anastasia: I too; born there Hugo: Anastasia: Ah, Jupiter in Leo. Venus in Aquarius. Furny! You must have made pots of money! Hugo: A pot or two. knastasia: Well, what about a few new lectureships and equipment for my department? You can afford it. Christopher: Anastasia, he's not the U.G.C.! Anastasia: Thank you. I can see that for myself. Hugo: I've got it! Do you remember? One night in Riga, years ago: Anastusia: Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! Of course! You were a burglar! Hugo: Only once! nu Music starts immediately mu









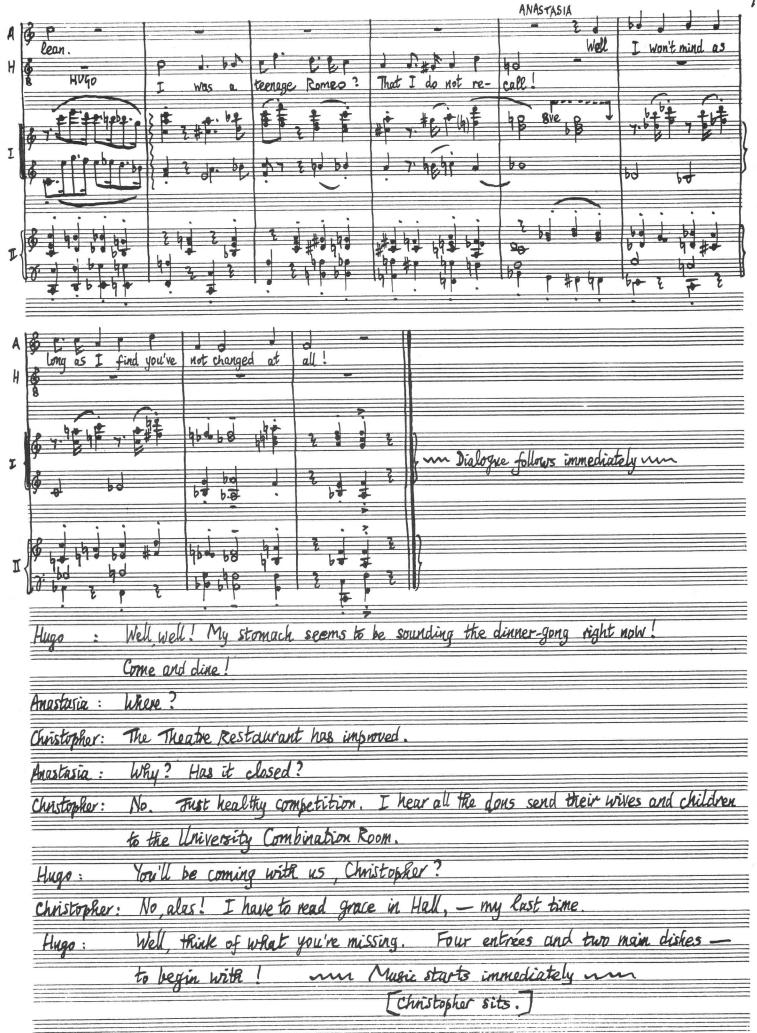
















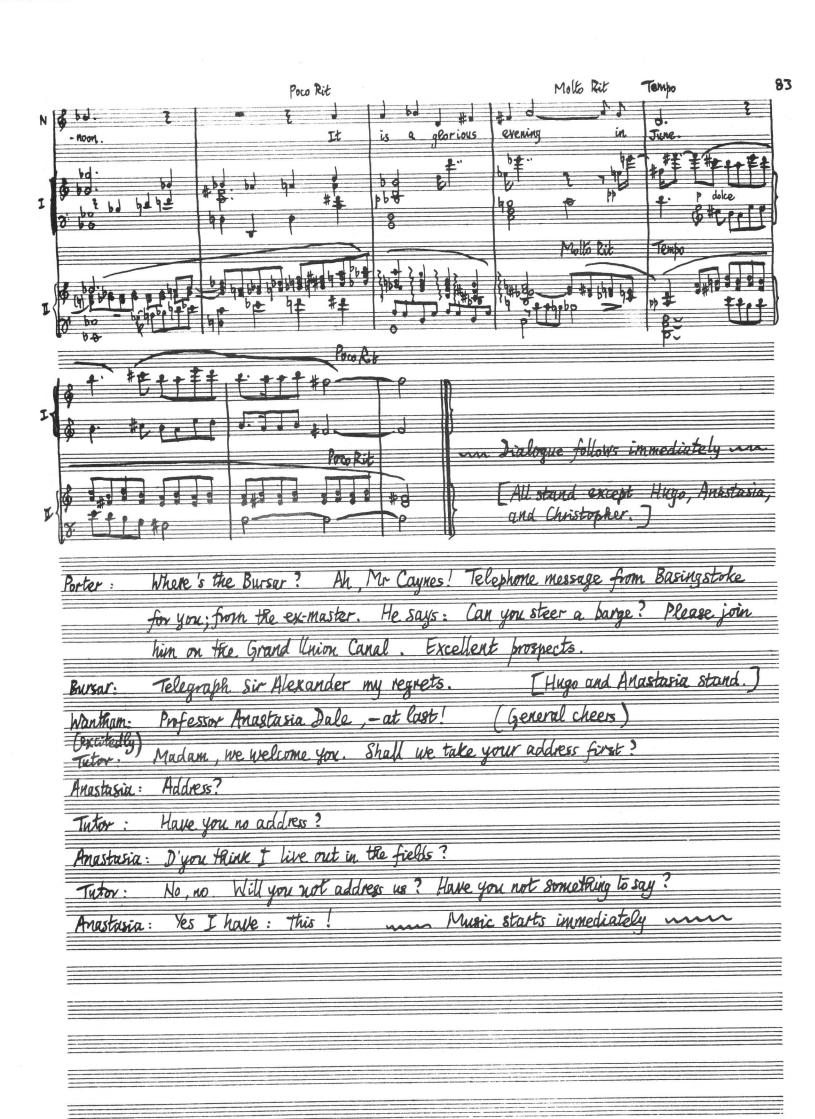


He nominates... The Professor of Baltic Studies! That is, of course, Tutor: Dr. Anastasia Jale. A woman! Out of order! Jean: There is nothing in the statutes to preclude a lady being master. Bursar: Mistress! I object to the idea of a mistress! Davydd: Your wife would object even more! Wartham: Neither objection can carry weight Tutor: I fear we have no alternative but to accept this lamentable nomination Bursar: Then at least, let the decree be worded without the lady's name Davydd: The Blessed Martha and Mary would have seconded that, and so do I Dean: Let us elect simply the Professor of Baltic Studies. Davydd: It does sound more dignified Pastor: Anyone against? Very well! We have elected. I shall send immediate Tutor: word to the Professor to attend for installation tomorrow. I hope she can manage it. If she were to fail us, our plight would be unenviable. Our undergraduates might have to disperse to younger foundations Andante grazioso ~ 3 ¬ Catharine's (TUTOR) To such as Trivity! Horror! Could you without a tremo F 1000 Honor! Honor! Guld you without a tremor Could you without a tremor I

















[A gasp of astonishment from all] Alastasia: No, I do not! Tutor: Come, come, Professor Dale! Anastasia: Professor ?! I'm not professor! I resigned last night! Tutor: Did you not get my note? No. Anastasia: Then why are you here? Tutor : I am here with Mr Chintz, whom I have decided to marry. Anastasia: The lady did consult me before making the decision! Hugo: Astonishing! Wantkam: Amostosia: We have come to collect our nephew. Tutor: But who then is professor? Anastasia: The Board of Electors went into session this afternoon Tutor: We cannot proceed. Bursar: In any case, the whole thing is invalidated by the absence of one of our fellows. Wantham: Yes! where is Bryn Davydd? Davydd: Here I am! I've just been checking up on some documents newly come to light. It's amazing! Tutor: What is? Davydd: Thomas Tyd's room was in the north west corner of the Court, Then his room was not burnt after all? (disuppointed) No. Kyd's from must have been the one the Bursar Knocked Haston : down to make the lobby for the lavatories. I am glad Dean (chortling) Excuse me, sir. There's another phone message from the ex-master. Porter: He says he's reserving two barges for you, and a long pole. Excellent fishing. Come at once. Bursar: Give sir Alexander my regrets. Hugo: Ah, Christopher! Here you are. My car is waiting. Have you got everything you need? Music starts immediately















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Pepus: Mr Caynes, I've concluded my investigation, and can now tell you the cause of the fire: the Electric wiring behind the panelling of the so-called Thomas Kyd Room. It was none too well installed. A modern job, to judge from its incompetence

Wantham: Electric viving in the Thomas Kyd Room?

Pepys: I asked myself that question; and after exploration, I discovered wives all over the College, in unexpected places! On the ends of these wires were hidden microphones!

