CAST

THE SINGERS, IN THE ORDER OF THEIR APPEARANCE:

JUDAS ISCARIOT
JESUS CHRIST
MARY MAGDALENE
PRIEST
CAIAPHAS, HIGH PRIEST
ANNAS
SIMON ZEALOTES
PONTIUS PILATE
MAID BY THE FIRE
PETER
KING HEROD

OTHER SINGERS (APOSTLES, PRIESTS, ROMAN SOLDIERS, MERCHANTS, CROWDS, ETC.)

HEAVEN ON THEIR MINDS















WHAT'S THE BUZZ

Bethany, Friday night

APOSTLES

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening

JESUS

Why should you want to know?

Don't you mind about the future, don't you try

to think ahead

Save tomorrow for tomorrow, think about today instead

APOSTLES

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening

JESUS

I could give you facts and figures-I could give you plans and forecasts

Even tell you where I'm going-

APOSTLES

When do we ride into Jerusalem?

IESUS

Why should you want to know?

Why are you obsessed with fighting times and fates you can't defy?

If you knew the path we're riding you'd understand it less than I

APOSTLES

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening

MARY MAGDALENE

Let me try to cool down your face a bit

IESUS

That feels nice, so nice...

Mary that is good—

While you prattle through your supper—where and when and who and how

She alone has tried to give me what I need right here and now

APOSTLES

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening?

STRANGE THING MYSTIFYING

JUDAS

It seems to me a strange thing, mystifying
That a man like you can waste his time
on women of her kind
Yes I can understand that she amuses
But to let her stroke you, kiss your hair, is hardly in your line
It's not that I object to her profession
But she doesn't fit in well with what you teach and say
It doesn't help us if you're inconsistent
They only need a small excuse to put us all away

JESUS

Who are you to criticise her? Who are you to despise her?
Leave her, leave her, let her be now
Leave her, leave her, she's with me now
If your slate is clean—then you can throw stones
If your slate is not then leave her alone
I'm amazed that men like you can be
so shallow thick and slow
There is not a man among you who knows
or cares if I come or go

ALL (SAVE JUDAS)

No you're wrong! You're very wrong! How can you say that?

JESUS

Not one-not one of you!

EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT













THIS JESUS MUST DIE

Jerusalem, Sunday

PRIEST I

Good Caiaphas the council waits for you The Pharisees and priests are here for you

CAIAPHAS

Ah gentlemen—you know why we are here We've not much time and quite a problem here

MOB outside

Hosanna! Superstar!

ANNAS

Listen to that howling mob of blockheads in the street! A trick or two with lepers and the whole town's on its feet

ALL

He is dangerous

MOB outside

Jesus Christ Superstar—tell us that you're who they say you are

ALL

He is dangerous

PRIEST 2

The man is in town right now to whip up some support

PRIEST 3

A rabble rousing mission that I think we must abort

ALL

He is dangerous!

MOB outside

Jesus Christ Superstar!

ALL

He is dangerous!

PRIEST 2

Look Caiaphas-they're right outside our yard

PRIEST 3

Quick Caiaphas—go call the Roman guard

CAIAPHAS

No wait—we need a more permanent solution to our problem...

ANNAS

What then to do about Jesus of Nazareth Miracle wonderman—hero of fools?

PRIEST 3

No riots, no army, no fighting, no slogans

CAIAPHAS

One thing I'll say for him-Jesus is cool

ANNAS

We dare not leave him to his own devices His half-witted fans will get out of control

PRIEST 3

But how can we stop him? His glamour increases By leaps every minute—he's top of the poll

CAIAPHAS

I see bad things arising—the crowd crown him king
Which the Romans would ban
I see blood and destruction, our elimination
because of one man
Blood and destruction because of one man

ALL

Because, because of one man

CAIAPHAS

Our elimination because of one man

ALL

Because, because of one, 'cause of one, 'cause of one man

PRIEST 3

What then to do about this Jesusmania?

ANNAS

How do we deal with the carpenter king?

PRIEST 3

Where do we start with a man who is bigger Than John was when John did his Baptism thing?

CAIAPHAS

Fools! You have no perception!
The stakes we are gambling are frighteningly high!
We must crush him completely—
So like John before him, this Jesus must die
For the sake of the nation this Jesus must die

ALL

Must die, must die, this Jesus must die

CAIAPHAS

So like John before him, this Jesus must die

ALL

Must die, must die, this Jesus must, Jesus must, Jesus must die!

HOSANNA









SIMON ZEALOTES

CROWD

Christ you know I love you Did you see I waved? I believe in you and God So tell me that I'm saved Christ you know I love you Did you see I waved? I believe in you and God So tell me that I'm saved Jesus I am with you Touch me touch me Jesus Jesus I am on your side Kiss me kiss me Jesus

SIMON ZEALOTES

Christ, what more do you need to convince you That you've made it and you're easily as strong As the filth from Rome who rape our country And who've terrorized our people for so long?

CROWD

Christ you know I love you Did you see I waved? I believe in you and God So tell me that I'm saved Christ you know I love you Did you see I waved? I believe in you and God So tell me that I'm saved Jesus I am with you Touch me touch me Jesus Jesus I am on your side Kiss me kiss me Jesus

SIMON ZEALOTES

There must be over fifty thousand Screaming love and more for you Everyone of fifty thousand Would do whatever you ask him to Keep them yelling their devotion But add a touch of hate at Rome You will rise to a greater power We will win ourselves a home You'll get the power and the glory For ever and ever and ever Amen! Amen!

POOR JERUSALEM

IESUS

Neither you Simon, nor the fifty thousand
Nor the Romans, nor the Jews, nor Judas nor the Twelve,
Nor the Priests, nor the Scribes
Nor doomed Jerusalem itself,
Understand what power is
Understand what glory is
Understand at all... understand at all
If you knew all that I knew, my poor Jerusalem
You'd see the truth, but you close your eyes
But you close your eyes
While you live your troubles are many, poor Jerusalem
To conquer death you only have to die
You only have to die

PILATE'S DREAM







THE TEMPLE

The Temple MONEYLENDERS AND MERCHANTS

Roll on up—for my price is down Come on in—for the best in town Take your pick of the finest wine Lay your bets on this bird of mine Roll on up—for my price is down Come on in—for the best in town Take your pick of the finest wine Lay your bets on this bird of mine Name your price I got everything Come and buy it's all going fast Borrow cash on the finest terms Hurry now while stocks still last.

JESUS

My temple should be a house of prayer
But you have made it a den of thieves
Get out! Get out!
My time is almost through
Little left to do
After all I've tried for three years, seems like thirty
Seems like thirty

CROWD

See my eyes I can hardly see
See me stand I can hardly walk
I believe you can make me whole
See my tongue I can hardly talk
See my skin I'm a mass of blood
See my legs I can hardly stand
I believe you can make me well
See my purse I'm a poor poor man
Will you touch will you mend me Christ
Won't you touch will you heal me Christ
Will you kiss you can cure me Christ
Won't you kiss won't you pay me Christ

JESUS

There's too many of you—don't push me There's too little of me—don't crowd me Heal yourselves!

EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT

MARY MAGDALENE

Try not to get worried try not to turn on to Problems that upset you oh don't you know Everything's alright yes everything's fine

JESUS

And I think I shall sleep well tonight Let the world turn without me tonight

MARY MAGDALENE

Close your eyes close your eyes And forget all about us tonight

DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOVE HIM









DAMNED FOR ALL TIME

Tuesday

IUDAS

Now if I help you it matters that you see
These sordid kind of things are coming hard to me
It's taken me some time to work out what to do
I weighed the whole thing up before I came to you
I have no thought at all about my own reward
I really didn't come here of my own accord
Just don't say I'm
Damned for all time

I came because I had to I'm the one who saw
Jesus can't control it like he did before
And furthermore I know that Jesus thinks so too
Jesus wouldn't mind that I was here with you
I have no thought at all about my own reward
I really didn't come here of my own accord
Just don't say I'm
Damned for all time

Annas you're a friend a wordly man and wise
Caiaphas my friend I know you sympathise
Why are we the prophets? Why are we the ones?
Who see the sad solution—know what must be done
I have no thought at all about my own reward
I really didn't come here of my own accord
Just don't say I'm
Damned for all time

ANNAS

Cut the protesting forget the excuses We want information get up off the floor

CAIAPHAS

We have the papers we need to arrest him You know his movements—we know the law

ANNAS

Your help in this matter won't go unrewarded

CAIAPHAS

We'll pay you in silver—cash on the nail
We just need to know where the soldiers can find him

ANNAS

With no crowd around him

CAIAPHAS

Then we can't fail

BLOOD MONEY

JUDAS

I don't need your blood money!

CAIAPHAS

Oh that doesn't matter our expenses are good

JUDAS

I don't want your blood money!

ANNAS

But you might as well take it—we think that you should

CAIAPHAS

Think of the things you can do with that money Choose any charity—give to the poor We've noted your motives—we've noted your feelings This isn't blood money—it's a fee nothing Fee nothing, fee nothing more.

JUDAS

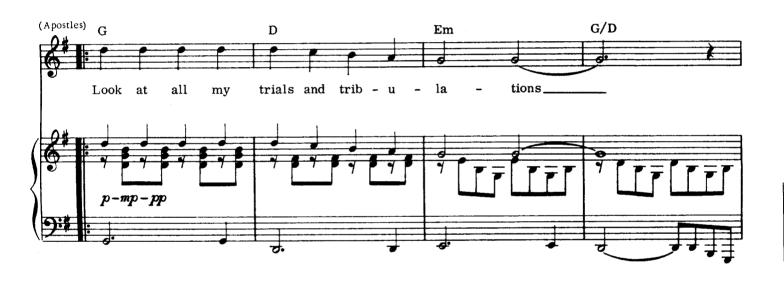
On Thursday night you'll find him where you want him Far from the crowds in the Garden of Gethsemane

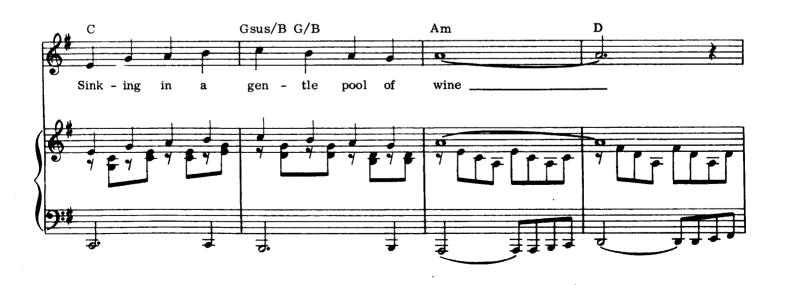
CHOIR

Well done Judas Good old Judas

THE LAST SUPPER











JESUS

Is just a little harder when brought about by friends For all you care this wine could be my blood

For all you care this bread could be my body

The end!

This my blood you drink

This is my body you eat

If you would remember me when you eat and drink...

I must be mad thinking I'll be remembered—yes

I must be out of my head!

Look at your blank faces! My name will mean nothing

Ten minutes after I'm dead!

One of you denies me

One of you betrays me-

APOSTLES

Not I! Who would? Impossible!

JESUS

Peter will deny me in just a few hours Three times will deny me—and that's not all I see One of you here dining, one of my twelve chosen Will leave to betray me-

IUDAS

Cut out the dramatics! You know very well who-

JESUS

IUDAS

Why don't you go do it? You want me to do it!

JESUS

JUDAS

Hurry they are waiting If you knew why I do it...

IESUS

I don't care why you do it! To think I admired you

JESUS

For now I despise you

You liar—you Judas

JUDAS

You want me to do it! What if I just stayed here And ruined your ambition? Christ you deserve it!

IESUS

Hurry you fool, hurry and go, Save me your speeches, I don't want to know-Go!

APOSTLES (Music repeats page 36)

IUDAS

You sad pathetic man—see where you've brought us to Our ideals die around us all because of you

And now the saddest cut of all-

Someone has to turn you in

Like a common criminal, like a wounded animal

A jaded mandarin

A jaded mandarin

A jaded faded mandarin

JESUS

Get out! They're waiting! They're waiting for you!

IUDAS

Everytime I look at you I don't understand Why you let the things you did get so out of hand You'd have managed better if you'd had it planned—

APOSTLES (Music repeats page 36)

IESUS

Will no-one stay awake with me? Peter? John? James? Will none of you wait with me? Peter? John? James?

I ONLY WANT TO SAY (GETHSEMANE)





















THE ARREST

JUDAS

There he is! They're all asleep—the fools!

IESUS

Judas-must you betray me with a kiss?

PETER

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening

PETER AND APOSTLES

What's the buzz? Tell me what's happening Hang on Lord we're gonna fight for you

JESUS

Put away your sword
Don't you know that it's all over?
It was nice but now it's gone
Why are you obsessed with fighting?
Stick to fishing from now on

CROWD

Tell me Christ how you feel tonight
Do you plan to put up a fight?
Do you feel that you've had the breaks?
What would you say were your big mistakes?
Do you think that you may retire?
Did you think you would get much higher?
How do you view your coming trial?
Have your men proved at all worthwhile?

Come with us to see Caiaphas You'll just love the High Priest's house You'll just love seeing Caiaphas You'll just die in the High Priest's house

Come on God this is not like you
Let us know what you're gonna do
You know what your supporters feel
You'll escape in the final reel
Tell me Christ how you feel tonight
Do you plan to put up a fight?
Do you feel that you've had the breaks?
What would you say were your big mistakes?

Come with us to see Caiaphas You'll just love the High Priest's house You'll just love seeing Caiaphas You'll just die in the High Priest's house

Now we have him! Now we have got him!

CAIAPHAS

Jesus you must realise the serious charges facing you You say you're the Son of God in all your handouts well is it true?

IESUS

That's what you say-you say that I am

ANNAS

There you have it gentlemen—
what more evidence do we need?
Judas thank you for the victim—
stay a while and you'll see it bleed!

CROWD

Now we have him! Now we have got him! Take him to Pilate!

PETER'S DENIAL

MAID BY THE FIRE

I think I've seen you somewhere—I remember You were with that man they took away I recognise your face

PETER

You've got the wrong man lady I don't know him And I wasn't where he was tonight—never near the place

SOLDIER

That's strange for I am sure I saw you with him You were right by his side and yet you denied—

PETER

I tell you I was never ever with him

OLD MAN

But I saw you too-it looked just like you

PETER

I don't know him!

MARY MAGDALENE

Peter—don't you know what you have said You've gone and cut him dead

PETER

I had to do it don't you see? Or else they'd go for me

MARY MAGDALENE

It's what he told us you would do— I wonder how he knew...

PILATE AND CHRIST

Friday

PILATE

Who is this broken man cluttering up my hallway? Who is this unfortunate?

SOLDIER

Someone Christ-King of the Jews

PILATE

Oh so this is Jesus Christ, I am really quite surprised You look so small—not a king at all We all know that you are news—but are you king? King of the Jews?

JESUS

That's what you say

PILATE

What do you mean by that?
That is not an answer
You're deep in trouble friend—
Someone Christ—King of the Jews
How can someone in your state be so cool about your fate?
An amazing thing—this silent king
Since you come from Galilee then you need not come to me
You're Herod's race! You're Herod's case!

MOB

Ho-ho Sanna Hey Sanna Sanna Sanna Ho Sanna Hey Sanna Ho and how Hey JC, JC please explain to me You had everything where is it now?

KING HEROD'S SONG















JUDAS' DEATH

IUDAS

My God! I saw him—he looked three-quarters dead!
And he was so bad I had to turn my head
You beat him so hard that he was bent and lame
And I know who everybody's gonna blame
I don't believe he knows I acted for our good
I'd save him all this suffering if I could
Don't believe...our good...save him...if I could

PRIEST 3

Cut the confessions forget the excuses I don't understand why you're filled with remorse All that you've said has come true with a vengeance The mob turned against him—you backed the right horse

CAIAPHAS

What you have done will be the saving of Israel You'll be remembered forever for this And not only that you've been paid for your efforts Pretty good wages for one little kiss

JUDAS

Christ! I know you can't hear me But I only did what you wanted me to Christ! I'd sell out the nation For I have been saddled with the murder of you I have been spattered with innocent blood I shall be dragged through the slime and the mud I have been spattered with innocent blood I shall be dragged through the slime and the mud! I don't know how to love him. I don't know why he moves me He's a man-he's just a man He's not a king-he's just the same As anyone I know He scares me so When he's cold and dead will he let me be? Does he love me too? Does he care for me? My mind is darkness now-My God I am sick I've been used And you knew all the time God! I'll never ever know why you chose me for your crime For your foul bloody crime You have murdered me! You have murdered me!

CHOIR

Poor old Judas So long Judas

TRIAL BEFORE PILATE (Including the 39 LASHES)

PILATE

And so the king is once again my guest And why is this? Was Herod unimpressed?

CAIAPHAS

We turn to Rome to sentence Nazareth
We have no law to put a man to death
We need him crucified—it's all you have to do
We need him crucified—it's all you have to do

PILATE

Talk to me Jesus Christ
You have been brought here—manacled, beaten
By your own people—do you have the first idea
why you deserve it?
Listen, King of the Jews
Where is your kingdom?
Look at me—am I a Jew?

JESUS

I have got no kingdom in this world— I'm through, through

MOB

Talk to me Jesus Christ

IESUS

There may be a kingdom for me somewhere—if I only knew

PILATE

Then you're a king?

JESUS

It's you that say I am
I look for truth and find that I get damned

PILATE

But what is truth? Is truth unchanging law? We both have truths—are mine the same as yours?

MOB

Crucify him!

PILATE

What do you mean? You'd crucify your king?

MOB

We have no king but Caesar!

PILATE

He's done no wrong—no not the slightest thing

MOB

We have no king but Caesar! Crucify him!

PILATE

I see no reason—I find no evil This man is harmless so why does he upset you? He's just misguided—thinks he's important But to keep you vultures happy I shall flog him

MOB

Crucify him!

(Thirty nine lashes)

PILATE

Where are you from Jesus? What do you want Jesus? Tell me

You've got to be careful—you could be dead soon—could well be

Why do you not speak when I have your life in my hands? How can you stay quiet? I don't believe you understand

TRIAL BEFORE PILATE (Including The 39 Lashes)

JESUS

You have nothing in your hands Any power you have comes to you from far beyond Everything is fixed and you can't change it

PILATE

You're a fool Jesus Christ—how can I help you?

MOB

Pilate! Crucify him!
Remember Caesar—you have a duty
To keep the peace so crucify him!
Remember Caesar—you'll be demoted, you'll be deported
Crucify him!

PILATE

Don't let me stop your great self-destruction Die if you want to you misguided martyr I wash my hands of your demolition Die if you want to you innocent puppet!

SUPERSTAR







