

No.1

PROLOGUE

THE BALLAD OF SWEENEY TODD

(TODD, COMPANY)

The lights come up slowly to reveal the company. A man steps forward and sings.

1 *Misterioso, con moto* (♩. = 132) 1st MAN (Bass or Baritone):* *p*

At -

Piano *pp* *sempre legato*

5 tend the tale of Swee - ney Todd. His

9 skin was pale and his eye was odd. He

*Solo chorus parts are written in the treble clef throughout, for ease of reading and because registers may vary in different productions.

13

shaved the fa - ces of gen - tle - men Who nev - er there - af - ter were heard of a - gain.

17

He trod a path that few have trod, Did

21

Swee - ney Todd, The De - mon Bar - ber of

sempre pp

25

Fleet Street.

mp subito

2nd MAN (Tenor):

p

32

He kept a shop in

33

Lon - don Town

Of fan - cy cli - ents and

37

good re - nown.

And what if none of their

41

souls were saved? They went to their Mak - er im - pec - ca - bly shaved

45

By Swee - ney, by Swee - ney Todd,

gva.

L.H.

sempre pp

L.H.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 45 through 48. The vocal line (treble clef) has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are "By Swee - ney, by Swee - ney Todd,". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a more complex bass line in the left hand. Dynamic markings include *gva.* (glissando) and *sempre pp* (pianissimo). The left hand is specifically labeled *L.H.* in two places.

49

The De - mon Bar - ber of Fleet Street.

gva.

L.H.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 49 through 52. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "The De - mon Bar - ber of Fleet Street." The piano accompaniment maintains the eighth-note texture in the right hand. A *gva.* marking is present above the vocal line. The left hand is labeled *L.H.* below the staff.

53

Detailed description: This system contains measures 53 through 55. The vocal line is silent, indicated by whole rests. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a sustained bass line in the left hand.

56

Detailed description: This system contains measures 56 through 58. The vocal line remains silent with whole rests. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern in the right hand and the sustained bass line in the left hand.

A blinding light cuts down the stage as an upstage iron door opens. Two men enter, carrying a body tied in a bag. They dump the

CHORUS (*marcato*):

59 *ff*

S. A. *ff*
Swing your ra - zor wide, Swee - ney,

T. *ff*
Swing your ra - zor wide, Swee - ney,

B. *div. ff*
Swing your ra - zor wide, Swee - ney,

ff subito L.H.

body into the grave. A woman pours black ashes into the hole from a tin canister marked "Flour".

63

S. A.
Hold it to the skies! _____

T.
Hold it to the skies! _____

B.
Hold it to the skies! _____

(R.H.)

67

S. A. Free - ly flows the blood of those who

T. Free - ly flows the blood of those who

B. Free - ly flows the blood of those who

71

S. A. *dim. poco a poco* mor - al - ize. (end of Chorus)

T. *dim. poco a poco* mor - al - ize.

B. *dim. poco a poco* mor - al - ize.

fff

75

TOBIAS: *mp*

His

79

3rd MAN (Baritone):

needs were few, his room was bare:

A

83

4th MAN (Bass):

la - va - bo and a fan - cy chair,

A

87

mug of suds and a leath - er strop, An a - pron, a tow - el, a pail and a mop.

91 2 WOMEN (Mezzos): *p*

For neat - ness he de - serves a nod, Does

L.H. *p* *mp sub.* *L.H.*

95 ALL: *pp*

Swee - ney Todd, The De - mon Bar - ber of

L.H. *pp* *L.H.*

99 Fleet Street.

102 WOMEN: *mp*

In - con - spic - u - ous Swee - ney was, Quick and qui - et and clean 'e — was.

mp

106 (WOMEN)

Back of his smile, un - der his word, Swee-ney heard mu - sic that no - bod - y heard.

cresc.

110

Swee - ney pon - dered and Swee - ney planned, Like a per - fect ma - chine 'e planned.

mp subito

114 CHORUS:

S. —————

A. —————

T. *mp* Swee-ney was smooth, Swee-ney was sub - tle, Swee-ney would blink and rats would scut - tle.

B. *mp* Swee-ney was smooth, Swee-ney was sub - tle, Swee-ney would blink and rats would scut - tle.

Bs. *mp* Swee-ney was smooth, Swee-ney was sub - tle, Swee-ney would blink and rats would scut - tle.

mp

118

S.

A.

T. *mf*
In - con - spic - u - ous Swee - ney — was, Quick and qui - et and like a per - fect ma -

B. *mf*
Swee - ney was smooth, Swee - ney was sub - tle, Swee - ney would blink and rats would scut - tle.

Bs. *mf*
In - con - spic - u - ous Swee - ney — was, Quick and qui - et and clean 'e — was.

122

They start to gather around the grave.

S. *mf cresc.*
Swee - ney was smooth,

A. *mf cresc.*
Swee - ney was smooth, Swee - ney was sub - tle, Swee - ney would blink and

T. *cresc.*
chine 'e was, — was — Swee - ney. Clean 'e was, — was —

B. *cresc.*
In - con - spic - u - ous Swee - ney — was, Quick and qui - et and

Bs. *cresc.*
Swee - ney! Clean 'e was, — was — Swee - ney!

125

S. Swee - ney was sub - tle, Swee - ney would blink and rats would scut - tle.

A. rats would scut - tle. Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

T. Swee - ney! Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

B. like a per - fect ma - chine 'e was, was Swee - ney!

Bs. Keen 'e was, was Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

128

S. Swee - ney! Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

A. Swee - ney! Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

T. Swee - ney! Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

B. Swee - ney! Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

Bs. Swee - ney! Swee - ney! Swee - ney!

L.H. *ff*

132

S. *ney!*

A. *ney!*

T. *ney!*

B. *ney!*

Bs. *ney!*

136 TODD: (*Rising from the grave*) *ff* 138

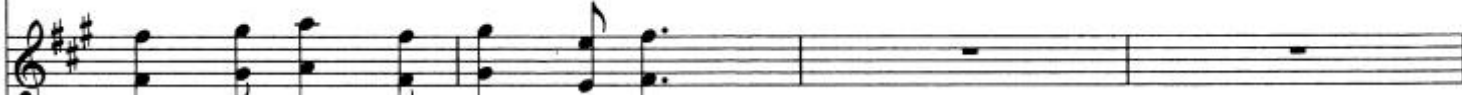
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CHORUS: *ff*

At -

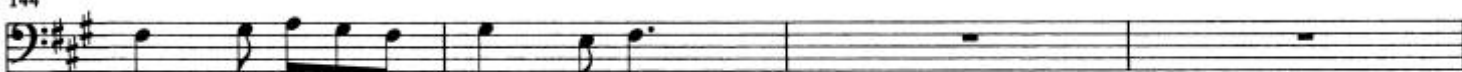
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T.  He

CH.  tend the tale of Swee - ney Todd.



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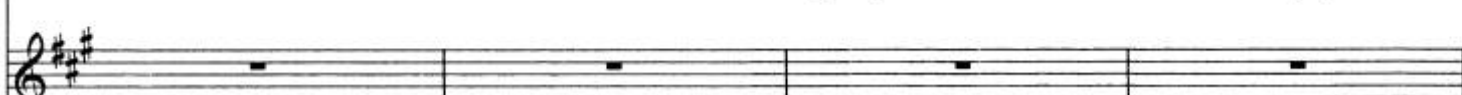
T.  served a dark and a venge - ful God.

CH.  He served a dark and a venge - ful God.



148

T.  What hap - pened then... well, that's the play, And

CH. 



152

T. he would - n't want us to give it a - way,

CH.

L.H.

mf

dim.

155

T. *p* Not Swee - ney,

CH.

L.H.

158

T. *pp* Not Swee - ney Todd,

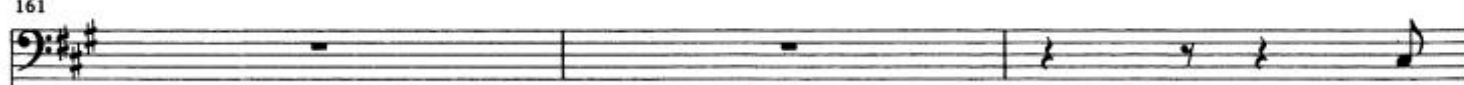
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dim.

mp

L.H.

161

T. 

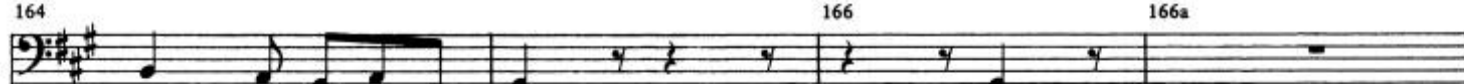
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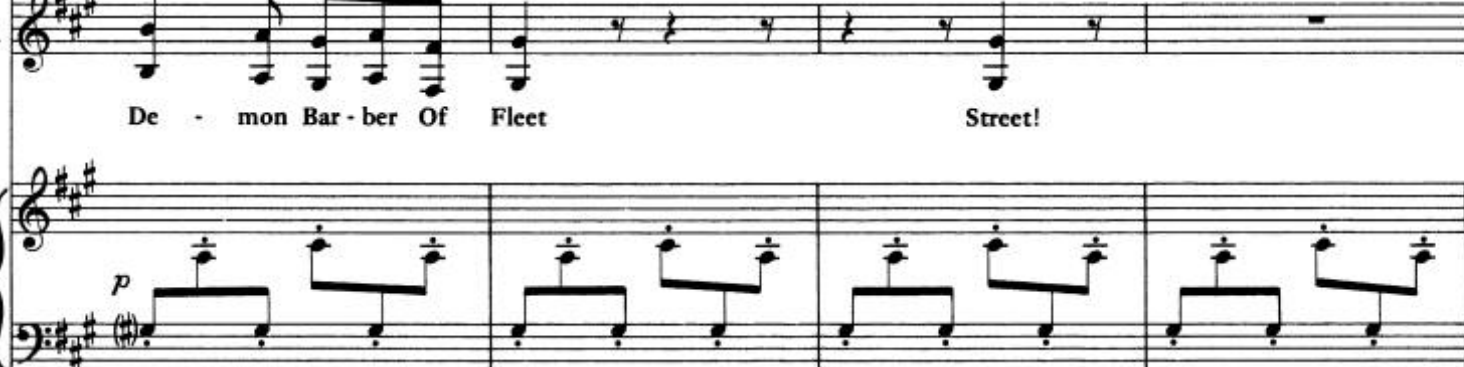
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T. 

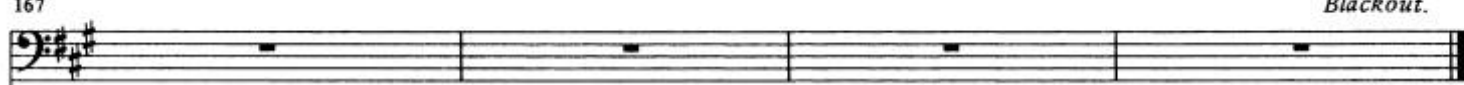
De - mon Bar - ber Of Fleet Street!

CH. 

De - mon Bar - ber Of Fleet Street!

p 

167 *Blackout.*

T. 

CH. 



dim. *pp*