

Johnny Fast Car

ACT 1

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SETTING: Rudy's living room wherein Rudy and Jennifer live and in which the band all meet for rehearsals by sitting as usual in the left hand corner.

AT RISE: Late in the evening the band members are all sitting down as if they are tired out. Meanwhile, Rudy is standing in front of the band shuffling his music on his music stand and acting as conductor.

RUDY

(Slightly bossy voice)

OK guys let's band together and try it one more time. Jeff stop picking your nose and start picking your guitar. And Fred, must I drum it in one more time. I haven't got a name for this new song yet but let's all 'Get Up Get Up Get Up and play this song one more time.

(The band plays/sings rocky tune

1. Get Up Get Up Get UP

but almost immediately they start to screw it all up until finally they all collapse into a total mess. The music is stopped by Rudy who says loudly...)

RUDY

Stop! Stoooooooooop!

(Band stops. Rudy bends over and breaths heavily because he is out of breath)

Well, that's a bit better. Got thru 20 bars without screwing up! Yeah. I think that's about enough for tonight. Let's call it a day and push off. See you all again next week. Same place, same time.

(The band remains seated. Stage lights dim as though moving forward into evening time. Rudy takes his music and walks over to the table in middle of the room, sits down and starts to work on his music. (The lights are dimed slightly. Rudy falls asleep at his table. Jenifer is trying to entice Rudy to stop writing music and come to bed. Jenifer, dressed only in her pajamas top and bottom, walks slowly out of the bedroom door, Ambles over in front of Rudy's table and stands with her back to the audience.)

JEN

(talking in a slightly whispering voice)
Psst. Psst. Hey you. You awake?
(Rudy makes no movement. Jen slowly pulls Her pajama top up and flashes her boobs in front of Rudy. The audience cannot see Jennifer's breast. Jen now talking in a slightly more demanding voice)

Hey Rude, Wanna see something awesome?
(Rudy, no response)

You're missing something special. OK idiot my turn to sing
"Get Up Get Up Get Up".
(Rudy doesn't respond. Jenifer pulls her top back down then goes round next to Rudy and pats him on the head.)

Rudy, time to wake up cos it's time to go to bed. Fred.
(Rudy slowly raises his head)

RUDY

Er, um, mmmmmmm.

JEN

Come on Rudy don't be 'Rudy, get your butt over here and lets go-O. to-OO bed-D"

RUDY

Yeah. Ok. Just a minute.

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(Rudy stares down at his desk top. Jen disappears into the bedroom. Rudy keeps on working. Jen puts her arm out of the bedroom door holding her pajama top.)

JEN

Oh Rudy, look what I've got.

(Jen then throws her pajama top out onto the living room floor and disappears back into the bedroom. Rudy keeps on working. Jen puts her arm out of the bedroom door again holding her pajama bottom and says,)

Oh Rudy, look what I've haven't got.

(She then throws the pajama bottom out onto the living room floor and disappears back into the bedroom. Rudy looks at the clothing, then back to his music, then keeps on working. A few seconds go by when Jen wearing her house coat walks back into the living and faces Rudy.)

Sorry Rudy, I didn't mean to wake you. Well maybe I did. Seems this becoming somewhat of a habit. You working to all hours of the night and me waking you up. The truth is, don't you think, that you're not really working hard at all. You're actually sleeping away from me?

RUDY

No Hon. That's not really the case. I'm just trying to get all my thoughts together and write some fun and interesting music. Yeah, I admit I do LUV the band, but in fact, I really do love you more. I mean for example..

(Jen cuts him off)

JEN

Yeah for example, this is the third time this week that I have had to come and wake you up. I mean really. Can't you get you act together and spend, at least, at little more time with me? I mean 'Do we have a life together? Or, don't we?' I gotta be honest, if you keep this up, I might as well look for a new partner who could at least keep me much warmer at night.

RUDY

OK Bab. I get it. My efin fault. Yeah I'm gonna be more awake and responsive in the future. Christ, you know how much I really love you. Well, how about I buy you a hot water bottle? That way you could keep warmer at night and I could get a lot more work done?

JEN

Well sorry Rudy, but this has been going on for months and months. I think I'm beginning to see a new you. I mean, I know you are mad about music but there has to be a limit. As a minimal, how about fifty fifty. You're with me half the day and with your music the other half?

RUDY

Hey, that might be a great idea! What half of the day do you want? Mornings or afternoons?

JEN

Shit Rudy I was really only just joking. As my beloved boyfriend I gotta feel that I have access to you one hundred percent, any day, any time. You get it?

RUDY

Yeah, Ok I get it. But somehow I gotta squeeze in a few hours every day at some time to get my music done.

JEN

Yeah Rudy I get it, and I do understand how important your music is to you. But, you know, somehow I've got to feel that we still have a close relationship and also get that vibe that you like, even love me, the way you used to do.

(Jen sings **2. Love Me Baby**)

YOU YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY,
TRYING TO LIVE AS TWO.
ALL YOU EVER DO IS WRITE YOUR MUSIC.
NOW IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU.

USED TO MAKE ME FEEL HAPPY,
NOW YOU MAKE ME FEEL BLUE.
EVER THING YOU SAY IS KIND OF HAZY.
WHAT'S A GIRL TO DO?

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME BABY
ALL YOU NEED TO DO.
LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME FOREVER
AND I WILL LOVE JUST YOU.

FIRST YOU TELL ME YOU LOVE ME,
THEN YOU SAY THAT WE'RE THRU.
NEVER REALLY KNOW WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND DEAR.
NEVER KNOW WHAT'S TRUE.

THOUGH WE BOTH LIVE TOGETHER,
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A CLUE.
DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHAT I WANT DEAR,
IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT YOU.

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME BABY
ALL YOU NEED TO DO.
LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME FOREVER
AND I WILL LOVE JUST YOU.

TAKE A LOOK IN THE MIRROR,
TELL ME WHAT DO YOU SEE.
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT YOU'RE SO PERFECT
IS THE PROBLEM ME?

TIME TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND DEAR,
WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?
ARE YOU GONNA BE THIS WAY FOREVER,
IF SO I'LL SET YOU FREE.

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME BABY.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO.
LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME FOREVER
AND I WILL LOVE JUST YOU.

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME BABY.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO.
LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ME FOREVER
AND I'LL BE TRUE TO YOU.

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(Rudy and Jen hug and kiss. Rudy and Jen then trot off to bed. As they begin to leave the stage, Jen turns to face the audience and makes an OMG face and also a thumbs up!)

(BLACKOUT)

(END OF SCENE)