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**Life is a Highway!**

A musical showcase based on PIXAR's CARS.

Cast:

Lightning McQueen	A racecar driver	Kaya
Sally	A lawyer	Hannah
Doc	A judge/doctor	Jacob
Mater	A mechanic	Michael
Ramona	A graffiti artist	Terese
Flo	A chef	Blair
Phyllis	A hippie	Kate
Sarge	A veteran	Rick
Kori Turbowitz	A reporter	Jessica
Chick Hicks	A racecar driver	Milo
Bob Cutlass	A reporter	Patrick
Darlene Cartrip	A reporter	Jillian

## SCENE 1

[Cast enters singing "Real Gone" by Sheryl Crow.]

Well there's a new cat in town  
He's got high-paid friends  
Thinks he's gonna change history  
You think you know him so well  
Yeah you think he's so swell  
But he's just perpetuatin' prophecy

**BOB**

Hi! And, welcome to Life is a Highway! I'm Bob Cutlass. With me as always is Darlene Cartrip!

**DARLENE**

Boogity, boogity, boogity! Let's talk racing!

**BOB**

Well, Darlene, It looked like racecar superstar Chick Hicks was poised to finally get out of the shadow of his rival, "The King" Strip Weathers and win his first Piston Cup in California next week -

[CHICK HICKS enters]

**CHICK**

The Piston Cup is mine, dude! It's all mine!

**DARLENE**

Yeah, but what he didn't count on was rookie sensation and fan favorite Lightning McQueen giving him a run for his money!

[Chorus]

Slow down, you're gonna crash  
Baby you were screaming it's a blast, blast, blast  
Look out, you've got your blinders on  
Everybody's looking for a way to get real gone  
Real gone  
Real gone

**[LIGHTNING MCQUEEN enters.]**

**LIGHTNING**

Ka-Chow!

**BOB**

Let's check in with our correspondent in the field, Kori Turbowitz, to check in with both drivers.

**KORI**

Lightning! Over here!

**ALL**

Lightning! How about a pose?

**[Lightning strikes a few poses.]**

**LIGHTNING**

Ka-Chow! Ka-Chow!

**ALL**

We love you Lightning!

**LIGHTNING**

And, I love ya back!

(Verse 2)

Well, we've been driving this road for a mighty long time

Paying no mind to the signs

Well, this neighborhood's changed

It's all been rearranged

We left that dream somewhere behind

**KORI**

Lightning! Quick question. Why did you fire your entire racing team?

**LIGHTNING**

Why? Why? Because, when you are as talented as I am you don't need a team!

**KORI**

But, aren't you concerned you won't win the upcoming Piston Cup race in California if you don't have a good team to help you?

**LIGHTNING**

Hmmm... NO! I am a one woman show!

Slow down, you're gonna crash  
Baby you were screaming it's a blast, blast, blast  
Look out, you've got your blinders on  
Everybody's looking for a way  
To get real gone (uh uh uh uh)  
Real gone (uh uh uh uh)  
Real gone (uh uh uh uh)  
Real gone (uh uh uh uh)  
Uh

**CHICK**

Hey, Ms. One Woman Show! Yo! Seriously. That was some pretty darn nice racing out there today - BY ME! Ha, ha,ha!

**LIGHTNING**

Whatever.

**CHICK**

Welcome to the Chick Hicks era, McQueen! The Piston Cup is mine! See you in California! Betcha I get there first!

**LIGHTNING**

I'll take that bet! No way you beat me to California! Route 66 here I come!

**[Chick exits.]**

**KORI**

Do you really think you can beat a racer the caliber of Chick Hicks without a good team behind you?

## LIGHTNING

Of course I can! I am the best racer in the world! I don't need anybody! I was born to win! I was born to be wild!

[Lightning sings *Born to be Wild* by Steppenwolf.]

Get your motor runnin'  
Head out on the highway  
Looking for adventure  
In whatever comes our way  
Yeah, darlin' gonna make it happen  
Take the world in a love embrace  
Fire all of your pistons at once  
And explode into space  
I like smoke and lightnin'  
Heavy metal thunder  
Racing with the wind  
And the feeling that I'm under  
Yeah, darlin' gonna make it happen  
Take the world in a love embrace  
Fire all of your pistons at once  
And explode into space  
Like a true nature's child  
We were born  
Born to be wild  
We can climb so high  
I never wanna die

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**[When Lightning is finished she sits up-stage as prison bars are rolled in front. We hear the sound of prison bars closing. MATER enters.]**

## **SCENE 2**

**[MATER sings *Thank You For Being a Friend* then talks to Lightning.]**

Thank you for being a friend  
Traveled down a road and back again  
Your heart is true, you're a pal and a confidant  
I'm not ashamed to say  
I hope it always will stay this way  
My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow  
And if you threw a party  
Invited everyone you knew  
Well, you would see the biggest gift would be from me  
And the card attached would say  
Thank you for being a friend

Thank you for being a friend  
Thank you for being a friend  
Thank you for being a friend  
If it's a car you lack, I'd surely buy you a Cadillac  
Whatever you need, any time of the day or night  
I'm not ashamed to say  
I hope it always will stay this way  
My hat is off, won't you stand up and take a bow  
And when we both get older  
With walking canes and hair of gray  
Have no fear, even though it's hard to hear  
I will stand real close and say

**ALL**

Thank you for being a friend (I wanna thank you)  
Thank you for being a friend (I wanna thank you)  
Thank you for being a friend (I wanna thank you)  
Thank you for being a friend (I wanna thank you)

**MATER**

Hey there, buddy.

**LIGHTNING**

Buddy? I'm not your buddy. I'm a prisoner!

**MATER**

Yeah. But, that don't mean we can't be friends.

**LIGHTNING**

Who are you? Where am I?

**MATER**

The name's Mater. And, you are in Radiator Springs! The happiest little town on Route 66.

**LIGHTNING**

Great.

**MATER**

You sure did make a mess of our fair city

**LIGHTNING**

Come on. It wasn't that bad. Was it?

**MATER**

Well, you trashed the grass, knocked over a light pole, left skid marks all over the place and destroyed a mailbox. Destroying a mailbox is a federal offense you know.

**LIGHTNING**

It is?

**MATER**

I don't know. Maybe.

**LIGHTNING**

Gosh. I was driving so fast I didn't even notice.

**MATER**

I bet. I never seen someone drive that fast in all my life!

**LIGHTNING**

Look. My name is Lightning McQueen. I am a famous racecar driver. I have to get to California to race in the Piston Cup. It's the most famous race in the world! You have to let me out of here!



**MATER**

Sure, I will!

**LIGHTNING**

You will!

**MATER**

Sure thing, buddy! Tomorrow I'll let you out and you will stand trial in front of the town and they will decide if you can go to your famous race or spend the next 10 years doing hard labor.

**LIGHTNING**

10 years?

**MATER**

Yeah. It's gonna be so much fun. Sleep well, buddy! See ya tomorrow!

**[Mater exits singing *Friends Forever* as the set transforms into the courtroom and the prison bars are struck.]**

**SCENE 3**

**[Everyone from Radiator Springs enters.]**

**SARGE**

Traffic court will come to order!

**LIGHTNING**

How long is this going to take? I have to get to California!

**FLO**

Where's your lawyer?

**LIGHTNING**

I don't know. Tahiti? He has a timeshare there.

**PHYLLIS**

If you have no lawyer, the court will assign you one, man. Hey, who wants to be this gal's lawyer?

**MATER**

I'll do it!

**LIGHTNING**

Oh, no!

**SARGE**

The honorable Doc Hudson is presiding. And, may Doc have mercy on your soul!

**LIGHTNING**

(Gulp!)

**[Doc enters. The others take their places.]**

**DOC**

I wanna know who's responsible for wrecking my town! I'm gonna put em in jail till they rot! I'm gonna...

**[Doc sees lightning and stops.]**

**DOC**

Throw her outta here! Case dismissed!

**LIGHTNING**

Yes!

**MATER**

Shoot. I'm pretty good at this lawyer stuff

**[Sally enters]**

**SALLY**

Sorry, I'm late.

**LIGHTNING**

She must be from my lawyer's office. Don't worry. He's letting me go.

**SALLY**

Letting you go?

**LIGHTNING**

Of course he is! Ka-chow! Now, what do you say you and I grab some dinner?

**SALLY**

Hey, Mater. Hi ya, folks.

**ALL**

Hi, Sally!

**LIGHTNING**

You know her?

**MATER**

Sure! She's the town attorney!

**SALLY**

Come on, Doc. Make her fix the road. The town needs this.

**DOC**

No! I know their type. Race car drivers. That's the last thing this town needs.

**SALLY**

Okay. I didn't want to have to do this... Fellow citizens!!!

**DOC**

I was afraid of this.

**SALLY**

It is our job and our pleasure to take care of the travelers on our beautiful stretch of the "mother road" – Route 66!

**RAMONA**

Travelers? What travelers?

**FLO**

You can say that again. Business was bad before. Now, it will be even worse.

**SALLY**

And, how are we to take care of those travelers if there is not a safe road for them to drive on?

**PHYLLIS**

That's a good question, man.

**SALLY**

So, don't you think the person responsible should fix our road?

**ALL**

Yeah!

**LIGHTNING**

No!

**SALLY**

So, what do you want this racecar driver to do?

**ALL**

Fix the road!

**SALLY**

Say it again!

**ALL**

Fix the road!

**SALLY**

One more time!

**ALL**  
Fix the road!

**DOC**  
Order in the court! Seems like my mind has been changed.

**ALL**  
Hooray!

**[Group song "Route 66"]**

Well, if you ever plan to motor west

Jack, take my way, it's the highway, that's the best

Get your kicks on Route 66

Well, it winds from Chicago to L.A.

More than two-thousand miles all the way

Get your kicks on Route 66

Well, it goes through St. Louis

Joplin, Missouri, Oklahoma City looks oh-so pretty

You'll see Amarillo... a-Gallup, New Mexico

Flagstaff, Arizona, don't forget Winona

Kingman, Barstow, San Bernardino

Would you get hip to this kindly tip

And take that California trip?

Get your kicks on Route 66

It goes through St. Louis, A-Joplin, Missouri  
A-Oklahoma City looks oh-so pretty  
You'll see Amarillo....a-Gallup, New Mexico  
Flagstaff, Arizona, don't forget Winona  
Kingman, Barstow, San Bernardino

Would you get hip to this kindly tip  
Take that California trip?  
Get your kicks on Route 66  
Get your kicks on Route 66  
Get your kicks on Route 66

**[Scene change. A sidewalk in Radiator Springs.]**

#### **SCENE 4**

**[Flo puts on her apron/chef jacket. She is in a hurry. Ramona enters]**

**RAMONA**

Where are you off to in such a rush?

**FLO**

Work! That traffic hearing made me late and it's all you can eat pancake day!

**RAMONA**

Yummy! Hey, why don't you slow down and go for a ride with me? I just painted a Ford Mustang and it needs a test drive.

**FLO**

Sorry, Ramona. But, I can't a-ford to. I have to get to work!

**[Flo sings 9 to 5 by Dolly Parton]**

Tumble outta bed and stumble to the kitchen  
Pour myself a cup of ambition  
Yawnin' and stretchin' and try to come to life  
Jump in the shower and the blood starts pumpin'  
Out on the streets, the traffic starts jumpin'  
With folks like me on the job from 9 to 5

Working 9 to 5, what a way to make a living  
Barely gettin' by, it's all taking and no giving  
They just use your mind and they never give you credit  
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it

9 to 5, yeah, they got you where they want you  
There's a better life and you think about it don't you  
It's a rich man's game no matter what they call it  
And you spend your life putting money in his wallet

They let you dream just to watch them shatter  
You're just a step on the boss man's ladder  
But you got dreams he'll never take away  
In the same boat with a lot of your friends  
Waiting for the day your ship will come in  
And the tide's gonna turn an' it's all gonna roll your way

Working 9 to 5, what a way to make a living  
Barely gettin' by, it's all taking and no giving  
They just use your mind and you never get the credit  
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it

9 to 5, yeah, they got you where they want you  
There's a better life and you think about it don't you  
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It's a rich man's game no matter what they call it  
And you spend your life putting money in his wallet

9 to 5, yeah,

**RAMONA**

I have an idea.

**FLO**

What is it?

**RAMONA**

Why don't you have Doc sentence the new prisoner to wash the dishes for you?

**[Ramona laughs.]**

**FLO**

Ha, ha. Yeah, right.

**RAMONA**

Then, you and I can cruise!

**FLO**

You cruise around too much.



**RAMONA**

Sometimes you have to slow down and take in the scenery.

**FLO**

Why don't you slowly walk me to work.

**RAMONA**

Sounds good to me!

**FLO**

Then you can slowly help me set the tables, sweep the floor, polish the silverware, take out the garbage and wash the dishes?

**RAMONA**

I rolled right into that one.

**[Flo and Ramona exit.]**

**SCENE 5 [Bob and Darlene enter]**

**BOB**

And now a Piston Cup update. It seems rookie sensation and Piston Cup hopeful, Lightning McQueen has gone...missing!

**DARLENE**

That's right, Bob. No one has heard hide nor hair from McQueen since she sped off for California! I sure hope nothing happened to her.

**BOB**

Me too, Darlene. Lightning McQueen is a great racer, but let's face it. She's reckless. And, with the firing of her entire team there is no one looking out for her.

**DARLENE**

Agreed, Bob. Let's just hope that the excitement of the big race didn't get the better of her and that she's just laying low to give Chick Hicks a false sense of security.

**BOB**

I sure hope so, Darlene.

[Bob and Darlene exit.]

SCENE 5

[Jimi Hendrix *Star Spangled Banner* plays as Phyllis and Sarge enter.]

**SARGE**

Will you turn down that noise!

**PHYLLIS**

You gotta respect the classics, man.

**SARGE**

Respect! Don't talk to me about respect! That's what's wrong with these kids today!

**PHYLLIS**

Here we go again.

**SARGE**

That racecar driver ruined our town!

**PHYLLIS**

She's gonna fix it, man. You just gotta give her a chance.

**SARGE**

She doesn't deserve a chance! We didn't get "chances" in my day. In my day we were groomed to be - men!

[Sarge sings *Stouthearted Men*]

You who have dreams, if you act they'll come true  
To turn your dreams to a fact, it's up to you  
If you have the soul and the spirit  
Never fear it, you'll see it through

Hearts can inspire  
Other hearts with their fire  
For the strong obey  
When a strong man shows them the way

Give me some men who are stouthearted men  
Who will fight for the right they adore  
Start me with ten who are stouthearted men  
And I'll soon give you ten thousand more

Shoulder to shoulder and bolder and bolder  
They grow as they go to the fore  
Then there's nothing in the world can halt or mar a plan  
When stouthearted men can stick together man to man

Oh, give me some men who are stouthearted men  
Who will fight for the right they adore...

**PHYLLIS**

That was great, man. And, you are right.

**SARGE**

I am? I mean. Of course I am! You know, I think this is the first time you and I have agreed on anything.

**PHYLLIS**

Yeah. It's nice.

**SARGE**

It is.

**PHYLLIS**

Except...

**SARGE**

Oh, here it comes.

**PHYLLIS**

Haven't *you* ever made a mistake, man?

**SARGE**

A mistake? A mistake? I... I... I guess so.

**PHYLLIS**

Sure. We all have.

**SARGE**

But, I don't think that race car driver is *sorry* for her mistake.

**PHYLLIS**

Oh, I think she is, man. Deep down. And, if we give her a chance she may learn something. And, we might too. Like I always say. Mistakes are for learning.

[Phyllis sings "Livin In The Moment" by Jason Mraz]

If this life is one act, Why do we lay all these traps  
We put them right in our path, When we just wanna be free  
I will not waste my days Making up all kinds of ways  
To worry about all the things That will not happen to me  
So I just let go of what I know I don't know  
And I know I'll only do this by  
Living in the moment, Living my life  
Easy and breezy  
With peace in my mind  
With peace in my heart  
Peace in my soul  
Wherever I'm going, I'm already home  
Living in the moment  
I'm letting myself off for all things I've done

I let my past go past And now I'm having more fun  
I'm letting go of the thoughts That do not make me strong  
And I believe this way can be the same for everyone  
And if I fall asleep  
I know you'll be the one who'll always remind me  
To live in the moment, Living my life  
Easy and breezy, With peace in my mind  
I got peace in my heart, Got peace in my soul  
Wherever I'm going, I'm already home  
I can't walk through life facing backwards  
I have tried, I tried more than once to just make sure  
And I was denied the future I'd been searching for  
But I spun around and searched no more  
By living in the moment, Living my life  
Easy and breezy, With peace in my mind  
I got peace in my heart, Got peace in my soul  
Wherever I'm going, I'm already home  
I'm living in the moment, I'm living my life  
Just taking it easy  
With peace in my mind  
I got peace in my heart, I got peace in my soul  
Oh, wherever I'm going, I'm already home  
I'm living in the moment

**SARGE**

Okay. I'll give her a chance. But, just one.

**PHYLLIS**

That's the spirit, man!

**SARGE**

Come on. Let's go to Flo's for something to eat.

**PHYLLIS**

Cool! It's all you can eat Pancake Day!

**SARGE**

Race ya!

**[Sarge carefully runs off.]**

**PHYLLIS**

Wait up, man!

**[Phyllis follows.]**

## **SCENE 6**

**[Kori and Chick enter.]**

**KORI**

And now a quick Piston Cup update. Still no sign of Lightning McQueen! Meanwhile, Chick Hicks was the first to arrive in California for the big race.

**CHICK**

It doesn't surprise me Lightning McQueen has gone missing. I won't be surprised if she doesn't show up at all. She's scared! And, who could blame her? I mean, look at me! I am racing! She knows she doesn't stand a chance at beating me! The Piston Cup is mine!

**[Kori and Chick hicks sing "Champion"]**

**(Chick Hicks)**

I'll be the last one standing  
Two hands in the air, I'm a champion  
You'll be looking up at me when it's over  
I live for the battle, I'm a soldier, yeah  
I'm a fighter like Rocky  
Put your flag on your back like Ali  
Yeah, I'm the greatest I'm stronger  
Paid my dues, can't lose, I

I've been working my whole life, And now it's do or die

I am invincible, unbreakable, unstoppable, unshakeable  
They knock me down, I get up again  
I am the champion, you're gon' know my name  
You can't hurt me now, I can't feel the pain  
I was made for this, yeah, I was born to win. I am the champion

**(Kori)**

When they write your story  
They gonna say that you did it for the glory  
But don't think that you did it for the fame, yeah  
You did it for the love of the game, yeah  
And this is the chance we're taking  
All them old records, you're breaking  
All you people watching on the TV  
You go ahead, watch the race and you'll see

I've been waiting my whole life, To see my name in lights

**(Chick and Kori)**

I am invincible, unbreakable  
Unstoppable, unshakeable  
They knock me down, I get up again  
I am the champion, you're gon' know my name  
You can't hurt me now, I can't feel the pain  
I was made for this, yeah, I was born to win. I am the champion, oh

**SCENE 7**

**[Lightning enters with tools and begins working. Sally enters.]**

**[Sally checks Lightning's progress. Lightning is working.]**

**SALLY**

How's it going?

**[Lightning is startled.]**

**LIGHTNING**

Ahh!

**[Sally is startled.]**

**SALLY**

Ahh!

**LIGHTNING**

You scared me.

**SALLY**

You scared *me*. Scaring you, I mean. Scared me. I mean, I scared myself. Scaring you. Uh, how's it going?

**LIGHTNING**

Have a look for yourself.

**[Sally looks out.]**

**SALLY**

(surprised)

Wow! You are doing a really good job.

**LIGHTNING**

Don't act so surprised.

**SALLY**

It's just that -



**LIGHTNING**

You didn't think I could do anything except drive fast and make trouble.

**SALLY**

Something like that.

**LIGHTNING**

I know how to work hard. I wasn't always a rich and famous racecar driver. It took work. And, perseverance. Preparation, perseverance and a positive attitude.

**[Lightning chuckles to himself.]**

**SALLY**

What's so funny?

**LIGHTNING**

The 3P's. It's a song my Dad used to sing to me. I haven't thought about that song in a long time.

**SALLY**

Sing it to me.

**LIGHTNING**

No.

**SALLY**

Why? Can't sing?

**LIGHTNING**

I can sing.

**SALLY**

Then sing it.

**[Lightning and Sally sing 3P's.]**

**3P's**            **By Rick Apicella**

Preparation, Perseverance, and a Positive attitude!  
Preparation, Perseverance and a Positive attitude!

Practice every day  
No matter what they say  
You have to work for what you get  
And if you don't make it  
Your first time out  
MOVE ON! It's on to the next

Be good to yourself  
Get plenty of rest  
And, always be on time  
And, when your moment comes again  
Stand tall and smile and shine!

Preparation, Perseverance and a Positive Attitude!  
Preparation, Perseverance and a Positive attitude!

**SALLY**

I like it.

**LIGHTNING**

I like it, too. It helped me get to where I am.

**SALLY**

And, where is that?

**LIGHTNING**

Radiator Springs I guess.

**[They laugh.]**

**SALLY**

Is that such a bad thing?

**LIGHTNING**

No. It's not. What made you move to Radiator Springs?

**SALLY**

I fell in love.

**LIGHTNING**

Oh. Rich lawyer?

[Sally laughs.]

**SALLY**

No. I fell in love with the town. And, it needed me.

[Sally and ALL sing *Our Town* by James Taylor] [Movement/dance sequence for entire cast]

Long ago, but not so very long ago  
The world was different, oh yes it was  
You settled down and you built a town and made it live  
And you watched it grow, it was your town

Time goes by, time brings changes, you change too  
Nothing comes that you can't handle, so on you go  
You never see it coming when the world caves in on you  
On your town, there's nothing you can do

Main street isn't main street anymore  
Lights don't shine as brightly as they shone before  
Tell the truth, lights don't shine at all  
In our town

Sun comes up each morning, just like it's always done  
Get up, go to work, start the day  
You open up for business that's never gonna come  
As the world rolls by a million miles away

**ALL**

Main street isn't main street anymore  
No one seems to need us like they did before  
It's hard to find a reason left to stay

**Sally**

But it's our town, love it anyway  
Come what may, it's our town

**[Lightning exits. Everyone else remains.]**

**SCENE 7**

**SALLY**

Well, it's been two weeks, Doc.

**RAMONA**

She did a good job with the road. She even fixed the lights in my shop!

**FLO**

She fixed the lamp post. And, took my garbage out all week!

**MATER**

She fixed the mailbox! And, we went fishing together! She's the best best friend a  
guy could ever have!

**PHYLLIS**

She painted my fence, man! Electric pink! Far out!

**SARGE**

She even brought old glory back to me when it blew away in the storm. She's a  
good young woman. Patriotic!

**SALLY**

So, what do you say, Doc? Can she go to her race?

**DOC**

Maybe.

**ALL**

Maybe?

**DOC**

Tell her I want to see her.

**[Everyone exits except Doc. Lightning enters.]**

**LIGHTNING**

You wanted to see me?

**DOC**

You've done a good job of fixing our town.

**LIGHTNING**

Thanks.

**DOC**

And, you are free to go to your race.

**LIGHTNING**

Fantastic!

**DOC**

If...you are ready.

**LIGHTNING**

Ready?

**DOC**

If you want to win the Piston Cup you need to focus! You can't drive wild like you always do! You have to have a game plan! And, you have to have a team.

**LIGHTNING**

What do you know about racing? You're just a doctor. And, a judge. And, from what Flo tells me, one heck of a baker.

**[Doc holds out three medals]**

**DOC**

And, a champion.

**LIGHTNING**

Three Piston Cup medals? Oh, my gosh. You're The Fabulous Hudson Hornet!

**DOC**

Once upon a time, kid.

**LIGHTNING**

You're the greatest race car driver who ever lived! You've won more Piston Cup Championships than anyone! I don't believe this! You have to tell me your secret to becoming a champion!

**DOC**

There is no secret! It's very simple. You can have all the talent in the world but you will never succeed unless you learn to be part of a team.

**[Everyone enters.]**

**DOC**

That goes for racing. That goes for a community. That goes for life. It's always better when we are together.

[Doc sings *Lean on Me*]

Sometimes in our lives

We all have pain, We all have sorrow

But if we are wise, We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, When you're not strong

And I'll be your friend

I'll help you carry on...

For it won't be long, Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride

If I have things you need to borrow

For no one can fill, Those of your needs that you won't let show

You just call on me brother when you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me, When you're not strong

And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on...

For it won't be long, Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother, When you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear  
That you can't carry, I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load, If you just call me  
Call me  
If you need a friend (Call me)  
Call me (call me)  
If you need a friend (Call me)  
If you ever need a friend (Call me)  
Call me

## **SCENE 8**

**[Big light change. Back to the racetrack]**

**BOB**

Welcome to the 45th Piston Cup Championship race! My name is Bob Cutlass.  
With me as always is Darlene Cartrip.

**DARLENE**

Boogity, boogity, boogity! Let's talk racing!

**BOB**

The big story leading up to this historic race is, "Where is Lightning McQueen?"

**DARLENE**

That's right, Bob. Maybe the moment was just too big for this youngster. I just  
hope she's okay.

**ALL**

Look! It's Lightning McQueen!



**BOB**

Something is happening down on the racetrack, Darlene.

**DARLENE**

Oh, if it is what I hope it is, we are in for one heck of a race!

**BOB**

Kori, what's going on down there?

**[Lightning enters. The fans go wild! Kori enters.]**

**KORI**

Lightning! Where have you been?

**LIGHTNING**

I...

**[Chick enters]**

**CHICK**

Where ya been, McQueen? We missed ya. Not really! Ha! You don't look good McQueen. Let's face it. You don't have it today. And, you know it. See ya at the finish line! Ha!

**[Chick exits]**

**KORI**

Lightning, where have you been?

**LIGHTNING**

Well, I kinda got sidetracked. With a lot of things. But, I'm here now.

**KORI**

Lightning, do you have what it takes to beat Chick Hicks today?

**LIGHTNING**

Well, I thought I did. But, this week I learned there is more to life than just racing.  
There is family and community and love.

**KORI**

You don't sound the same, Lightning.

**LIGHTNING**

I don't feel the same. Maybe Chick is right. Maybe I don't have it today.

**KORI**

Best of luck today Lightning.

**LIGHTNING**

Thank you.

**[Kori exits. Sally enters.]**

**SALLY**

Hey, McQueen!

**LIGHTNING**

Huh?

**SALLY**

We didn't come all this way to see you quit!

**[The town enters]**

**LIGHTNING**

Guys! You made it!

**MATER**

We sure did!

**FLO**

If you can drive as good as you can fix the road-

**RAMONA**

Then you can win this race!

**MATER**

Now, get out there, buddy!

**SARGE**

You can do it!

**PHYLLIS**

We're with ya, man!

**DOC**

You've got more talent than Chick Hicks ever had. And, with this team, you can't lose. No matter what happens. Now, get out there!

**LIGHTNING**

Ka-Chow!

[Cast sings Life is a Highway by Rascal Flatts]- dance sequence

Life's like a road that you travel on

Where there's one day here and the next day gone

Sometimes you bend, sometimes you stand

Sometimes you turn your back to the wind

There's a world outside every darkened door

Where blues won't haunt you anymore

Where the brave are free and lovers soar  
Come ride with me to the distant shore  
We won't hesitate  
Break down the garden gate  
There's not much time left today  
Life is a highway, I want to ride it all night long  
If you're going my way, I want to drive it all night long  
Through all these cities and all these towns  
It's in my blood and it's all around  
I loved you now like I loved you then  
This is the road and these are the hits  
From Mozambique to those Memphis nights  
The Khyber pass to Vancouver's lights  
Knock me down and back up again  
You're in my blood, I'm not a lonely man  
There's no load I can't hold  
A road so rough, this I know  
I'll be there when the light comes in  
Just tell 'em we're survivors  
Life is a highway, I want to ride it all night long  
If you're going my way  
I want to drive it all night long  
Life is a highway, I want to ride it all night long

Gimme, gimme, gimme, gimme, yeah  
You're going my way  
I want to drive it all night long  
There was a distance between you and I  
A misunderstanding once, but now  
We look it in the eye Oh!  
There ain't no load that I can't hold  
Road so rough, this I know  
I'll be there when the light comes in  
Just tell 'em we're survivors  
Life is a highway, I want to ride it all night I  
If you're going my way, I want to drive it all night long  
A gimme, gimme, gimme, gimme, yeah  
Life is a highway, I want to ride it all night long  
If you're going my way, I want to drive it all night long  
A gimme, gimme, gimme, gimme, yeah

**[Kori gives Lightning a medal and a silver cup] [Chick shakes hands with Lightning. Everyone celebrates.]**

**END OF PLAY**