

Greatest Showman Fall 2023
Tuesday - ADULT

[After "Greatest Show"]

[Actors are all seated. Three circus performers take center stage and speak to the audience.]

Gabby

Ladies and gentlemen! Children of all ages! Welcome to the world famous
PT Barnum Circus!

[Audience applauds.]

Tiffany

We have... Dancers!, Jugglers! Trapeze!...

[All performers stand upstage. Barnum enters and walks downstage. He is frustrated.]

Amali

This is Mr. P.T. Barnum our founder and leader. Mr. Barnum is one of the most successful men in the whole country. He is known all over the world.

ANN

We all are!

Amanda

But, it wasn't always that way.

[Circus performers sit. Barnum's wife Charity enters.]

CHARITY

You're home early.

BARNUM

I lost my job – again.

CHARITY

You weren't right for that job.

BARNUM

Or any job.

CHARITY

I have everything I could ever want.

BARNUM

But, no magic.

CHARITY

Well then – make some.

["A Million Dreams"]

Gabby

Barnum put out a call for –

Amali

Unique persons!

Tiffany

Curiosities!

ANN

Daring acts!

Amanda

And wonders of the world!

[“Come Alive”]

[Circus performers exit. Phillip enters with a play script. He is making edits.]

PHILLIP

No, no, no, no!

BARNUM

Mr. Carlyle?

PHILLIP

Yes?

BARNUM

P.T Barnum

PHILLIP

From the circus?

BARNUM

Yes. You produce plays?

PHILLIP

Yes. Do you want your money back?

BARNUM

No. Mr. Carlyle, I'd like to make you an offer.

PHILLIP

No thank you. I'm doing fine.

BARNUM

Wouldn't you like to see the other side?

PHILLIP

I make a good living Mr. Barnum

BARNUM

Yes, but are you really living Mr. Carlyle?

PHILLIP

It would cost me to leave.

BARNUM

Name your price.

PHILLIP

18 percent

BARNUM

Seven

PHILLIP

Twelve

BARNUM

Nine

PHILLIP

10

[Ann Enters]

BARNUM

Anne! I want to introduce my newest hire, Mr. Phillip Carlyle

ANN

It's a pleasure to meet you Mr. Carlyle

PHILLIP

Yeah, pleasure

ANN

and what is your act Mr. Carlyle?

PHILLIP

I don't have an act.

ANN (*chuckles*)

Everyone's got an act.

[Greatest Show Reprise]

Gabby

The circus was a hit with the people! But, not with the critics.
[CPs pass a newspaper and read.]

Tiffany

This show is the shame of the city.

ANN

It is offensive and indecent.

Amali

Offensive and indecent? I like that!

Amanda

What do we care what the newspaper thinks?

Tiffany

We only care what our fans think and they love us!

[Phillip enters]

PHILLIP

You guys are not going to believe this! We've been invited to perform for the Queen
of England!

Gabby

Queen of England? Can't get much better than that!

[All exit except Barnum]

[Charity Enters..]

CHARITY

When will you be back?

BARNUM

I don't know.

CHARITY

You don't have to do this.

BARNUM

But I do. For us!

CHARITY

But we have everything we could ever want.

BARNUM

I want to give you the life I promised you.

[Barnum exits...then Charity]

[Hail To The Queen music]

ANNOUNCER

You're Majesty. Mr. PT Barnum and his friends from America.
[Queen enters.]

QUEEN

The honor is mine Mr. Barnum. You are all more wonderful than I could have
imagined.

Amali

You're not so bad yourself, sister!
[Queen laughs and exits.]

ANNOUNCER

Mr. Barnum, you are invited to a reception following tonight's performance.
[Announcer exits.]

Gabby

It's time to party!

BARNUM

No. You have to rest for tomorrow's show.

Gabby

Rest? Who can rest?

Amali

I'm too excited to rest!

ANN

Me, too!

Amanda

Let's go!

BARNUM

No! *I* was invited. *Not* all of *you*. I can't have you mingling with the public!

Tiffany

Why? Are you ashamed of us?

[Barnum struggles to answer.]

BARNUM

No. Just – you need your rest.

[Barnum exits.]

["This is Me"]

[Circus Performers exit. Ann and Philip remain.]

ANN

What about you, Phillip? Are you ashamed of us too? Are you ashamed of- me?

PHILLIP

No. My place in this world is with you.

["Rewrite the Stars"] (Hoola hoop?)

CHARITY AND BARNUM SCENE
["Tightrope" – Charity]

[Barnum sits in a chair downstage. He is upset. He is joined by the Circus Performers.]

PHILLIP

What's wrong? Feeling Sorry for yourself?

BARNUM

I lost everything because I forgot what was important. I'm sorry.

Tiffany

You put folks of all kind on stage with you.

Gabby

All colors, shapes and sizes.

Amali

You presented us as equals.

ANN

You gave our talent a home.

BARNUM

I am truly sorry. I did not see what I had right here...(?) Can you forgive me?

Amanda

We forgive you. Right guys?

ALL
Yeah!
["From Now On"]
["This is Me" – reprise]
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