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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!

(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 (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
Born to be wild
Born to be wild
Like a true nature's child
We were born
Born to be wild
We can climb so high
I never wanna die
Born to be wild
Born to be wild

[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

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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

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