(SONG #20. "SOME SUNNY DAY.")

words and music by Irving Berlin

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EDDIE FOY.

SOME SUNNY DAY,

WITH A SMILE ON MY FACE

I'LL GO BACK TO THAT PLACE

FAR AWAY.

A FOY KID.

BACK TO THAT SHACK

AND THAT RED-HEADED HEN-

SHE'LL SAY "HOW HAVE YOU BE'N?"

THEN GO BACK TO THE HAY

AND LAY ME MY BREAKFAST.

EDDIE FOY and THE SEVEN LITTLE FOYS.

SOME SUNNY DAY

I'LL BE ON THAT EXPRESS

FLYING AWAY TO MY

LITTLE BUNCH OF HAPPINESS.

OH, HOW I PINE

FOR THOSE LIPS SWEET AS WINE!

THEY'LL BE PRESSED CLOSE TO MINE

SOME SUNNY DAY.

(The music continues as underscoring, while the Foys banter and dance for a bit.)

EDDIE FOY. (To the audience, over the underscoring.) And now, the dance break!

(To his seven kids.)

Come on, kids! Show 'em you can dance a bit! Show 'em what I've taught you!

A SECOND FOY KID. Are you sure that's what you want, Pop?

EDDIE FOY. (To the audience.) I taught them everything I know.

A THIRD FOY KID. And we're still only this good!

EDDIE FOY. (*To his kids.*) No wisecracks now! Pretend this is a high-class act.

A FOURTH FOY KID. Pretend we're getting paid!

A THIRD FOY KID. (*To A SECOND FOY KID.*) Hey, Charlie, you're wearing my necktie! Gimme that!

A SECOND FOY KID. (*To A THIRD FOY KID.*) First one up is the best dressed, Richard! You know that!

(They scuffle.)

A FOY KID. I wish I'd brought my violin with me, today. I know a number that would be perfect underscoring for a fight scene like this.

A FOURTH FOY KID. (Taking out a yo-yo.) I can do tricks with a yo-yo.

EDDIE FOY. (To the audience, as he tries to separate his scuffling kids.) Ladies and gentlemen,

I make no apologies for my kids. The latest review that we've gotten, in "Variety," describes our act as "organized chaos." You're getting exactly what you paid for.

A FOY KID. Pop's actually trying very hard to make this act more organized.

A SECOND FOY KID. We're trying just as hard to make more chaos!

EDDIE FOY. (*To his seven kids.*) Quiet, kids! You could all be replaced. It says in "Variety" that Irving Berlin, who wrote this song—

A FOY KID. The most popular songwriter in America today—

EDDIE FOY. –is trying to establish himself as a performer, not just a songwriter. He's been headlining–singing his songs–at Hammerstein's Victoria Theater.

A THIRD FOY KID. Relax, Pop! We've got nothing to worry about.

EDDIE FOY. No?

A FOURTH FOY KID. We've seen his act!

EDDIE FOY. Sing, children, sing!

EDDIE FOY and THE SEVEN LITTLE FOYS.

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