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# **TECESS** by Adam Zabarsky

3 Sketches For A Pep Band

Song Cycle\*

Back Covers

Doctor/Patient

## Directed by ZULIEKHA ALLANA

Lighting Design by ALEXANDRA S. DEWEZ Set Design byCostume Design byMELISSA GORMANDOUG PALARDY

# Stage Managed by NELL COCHRANE

Cast

Shawnette Sulker Todd Tarantino Stuart Zanes Rachel Lewis Willa Carroll Susannah Keebler Amber Lee Jennie Lord

## **Musicians**

Chorus

Erica Beloungie Audra Haskell Raven Myers Dusan Misevic Diana Whitecage Bryant York

Oboe/English Horn Cello Violin Trumpet French Horn Flute Percussion Lindon Moors Matthew J. Derrick Angela Blemker Alex Huberty Gwen MacDonald Lisa Paul Dave Brandt

Pep Rally Choreographed in collaboration by Willa Carroll, Susannah Keebler, Amber Lee, and Jennie Lord.

## **Production Crew**

Light Board Operator

Julia Fahey Stacey Seronick

Floor Crew

Make-Up

Costume Construction

Paint and Decoration

Program Design Poster Design & Titles Wendy Lawrence Josh Morency

Maureen Platt

Layla Taylor Jenn Winters

Adnan Iftekhar Sibyl Kempson Amir Raza

Michael Buhl Amy Sillman

\* 1993-94 John Hendrick Memorial Commission Premiere

## Libretto

## SONG CYCLE

Nursery Rhyme Anonymous

> There was an old woman And nothing she had. And so this old woman Was said to be mad. She's nothing to eat, She'd nothing to eat, She'd nothing to lose, She'd nothing to fear. She'd nothing to ask, She'd nothing to give And when she did die She'd nothing to leave.

#### excerpts from The Bath by Raymond Carver

At an intersection, without looking, the birthday boy stepped off the curb, and was promptly knocked down by a car. He fell on his side, his head in the gutter his legs in the road moving as if he were climbing a wall. Of course, the birthday party never happened. The birthday boy was in the hospital instead. The mother sat by the bed. She was waiting for the boy to wake up.

## BACK COVERS

## Back to School With Betsy

by Carolyn Haywood

Betsy and Billy are in the third grade and, in school and out, have just the kind of good times children love to read about. They also het into scrapes that are almost more fascinating than the good times.

Song For The Mother's Of Suicide Pilots

You are the suicide pilot's mother

Anonymous

So please don't cry

Mother, oh Mother

Laugh as you send us off

We'll show you how to die

#### CHORUS And the Patient said

PATIENT

You're the doctor.

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The Fourth Visit

CHORUS On the fourth visit the Doctor said

DOCTOR How can you expect to attract anyone with all that flab? You've got to <u>want</u> to be cured, you know, I can't do everything. Surely liposuction of the fatty tissue will make you feel better.

CHORUS And this time the Patient started to say something but didn't.

**The Fifth Visit** 

CHORUS On the fifth visit the Patient said

PATIENT With all these cahnges, thing that seemed clear before Now don't seem so clear.

CHORUS

And the Doctor said

DOCTOR

You're too close minded, Sometimes it seems like you'll never be cured. It's not one little dick that needs fixing, Yu have to learn to think in a different way. A tube up the ass should make you see things my way.

#### The Sixth And Last Visit

CHORUS On the sixth visit the Doctor went to speak and the Patient said

#### PATIENT

I felt ill before, But now I'm a freak! Look what you've done to me! My friends can't look me in the eyes!

#### CHORUS

And the Doctor said

#### DOCTOR

Don't blame me. I made no guarantee of your recovery. Growing pains are natural. Side effects are to be expected. Don't blame me.

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#### Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack

by M.E. Kerr

"Does heroin give you pimples?" Tucker asked. "All junk does. Junkies love sweets," Dinky answered authoritively. "I never met a junkie who didn't verge on bulbous acnç." "How can you eat and talk about bulbous acne?" Tucker said. "I'm not finicky," Dinky answered.

#### Go Ask Alice

#### Anonymous

You can't ask Alice anything anymore. But you can do something-- read her diary. Strong, painfully honest, nakedly candid. The actual story of a desperate girl on drugs and on the run who almost made it.

#### Are You There God? It's Me Margaret

by Judy Blume

Margaret was a bit confused about religion. When she moved from the city to her new home, she didn't know whether to join the Y or the Jewish Community Center. What made matters worse was that going on twelve, she had plenty to talk over with God. She had a bra but needed to grow a bit to put something in it. Nancy and Gretchen had already had their period. What was taking her so long? Sometimes she got so frustrated she ignored Him-- until the next time she really needed someone to listen.

#### On Your Toes, Susie!

by Lee Wyndham

"I've waited three whole years for these pink toe shoes!"

No wonder Susie is excited. At last she is to dance on her toes! Surely this will be her happiest year at ballet school. Perhaps she will even win the dance scholarship!

Then the new girl comes-- unpleasant Mimi who is such a fine dancer. Because of Mimi and her pet monkey, everything seems to go wrong for Susie. Especially when Susie sprains her ankle-- just before the big recital.

There is a big surprise ending to this delightful story. It proves that nothing can stop a girl who wants to dance as much as Susie does.

## DOCTOR/PATIENT

by Adam Zabarsky

A Doctor's Office. A Patient, Doctor & Chorus.

> CHORUS The Patient came to the Doctor once and said

> > PATIENT

I'm not as virile as in my youth, I tire easily, and always feel as though a cold is coming on.

CHORUS And the Doctor said

#### DOCTOR

Well, impotence is common, you should not be ashamed. I'll see what I can do.

The First Visit

CHORUS On the first visit the Doctor said

DOCTOR No one can stand to look at you, What with wrinkles and bags under your eyes. Surely a facelift will make you feel better.

CHORUS

And the Patient said

#### PATIENT

You're the doctor.

The Second Visit

CHORUS On the second visit the Patient returned and said

PATIENT

I know these things take time, But the healing is not yet complete. I can't tell if it's working.

CHORUS

And the Doctor said

DOCTOR

We're not seeing results quick enough. Your heart is pumping too fast. Your heart is dangerous. I'll give you a new heart, You can choose one from a catalogue. Surely a heart transplant will make you feel better.

CHORUS

And the Patient said

PATIENT

You're the doctor.

The Third Visit

CHORUS On the third visit the Patient returned and said

PATIENT I'm unsure the treatment is working.

CHORUS

And the Doctor said

DOCTOR

It's lack of self-esteem that's your problem. You feel as though you've lost your sex appeal. That can be fixed easily enough. Surely Silicon breast implants will make you feel better.