

Comedy Tonight

(from "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum")

Words & Music:
Stephen Sondheim

G C D G C D
Something familiar, something peculiar
G C F D7
Something for everyone: a comedy tonight
Something appealing, something appalling
Something for everyone: a comedy tonight

G C D G C D
Nothing with kings, nothing with crowns
G B F G Am C D7
Bring on the lovers, liars and clowns
G C D G C D G Am G Abm7
Old situations, new complications, nothing portentous or polite
Am7 G
Tragedy tomorrow, comedy tonight!

Something convulsive, something repulsive
Something for everyone: a comedy tonight
Something aesthetic, something frenetic
Something for everyone: a comedy tonight

Nothing with gods, nothing with fate
Weighty affairs will just have to wait
Nothing that's formal, nothing that's normal, no recitations to recite
Open up the curtain, comedy tonight!

Something familiar, something peculiar
Something for everybody: comedy tonight
Something that's gaudy, something that's bawdy
Something for everybody: comedy tonight

Nothing that's grim, nothing that's Greek. She plays Medea later this week.
Stunning surprises, cunning disguises. Hundreds of actors out of sight.

Am7 [*for entire section*]

Pantaloon and tunics, courtesans and eunuchs
Funerals and chases, baritones and basses
Panderers, philanderers, cupidity, timidity
Mistakes, fakes, rhymes, crimes
Tumblers, grumblers, bumlbers, fumlbers

No royal curse, no Trojan horse
And a happy ending, of course
Goodness and badness, manifest madness – this time it all turns out all right
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