

SCENE 1

JUDE: All right everyone that was a good run. Kate, quit twirling your hair. 1st graders, can you not sit still for 5 minutes? And Margaret, for the love—put that notebook away! *(Margaret hurries to make one last note then hides notebook behind her back)*

Miss Rachel: Ok kids, let's take a break. We will meet back here in 5 minutes.

(Kids break up whisper quietly. Some kids move to set/prop placement. Margaret takes notes. Music 'mentors' help band. Miss Rachel pulls Jude aside.)

Choir kid 1: Look at "Naggy Maggie", wonder who she is writing up this time?

Choir kid 2: Who knows? *(As they shake their head and roll their eyes.)*

Miss Rachel: Jude, look you're doing an amazing job leading these kids, however; we have to remember, Man looks at the outside, but God looks at our hearts. And remember, *why* are we doing this Christmas musical?

Jude: *(From memory, slightly hum drum)* "For the Glory of the Lord."

Miss Rachel: Keep leading, they'll follow.

(She turns from Jude and Margaret and Lucy, Margaret's little sister/secretary are there to greet her) **Oh! Margaret.**

Margaret: Real quick, just a few things I've noticed. *(grabs notebook from Lucy.)* **First, about these lights, will they be this bright the night of the performance?** *(Without giving Miss Rachel a chance to answer, she continues)* **And this smoke, I'm sorry, but it looks like there's a fire in here. And I can't help but notice that we aren't singing "O Holy Night" this year.**

Miss Rachel: *(Takes a deep breath)* **Thank you Margaret.** *(She turns to talk to choir leaving Margaret puzzled. Lucy just hangs close to Margaret)* **Places everyone, lets get ready for "He Shall Reign."** *(Kids move into place. Kate is front stage right and she is noticeably nervous/convicted)* **I'm still waiting for one of you to step up for the last solo. Don't be afraid to use the gifts the Lord** *(Makes noticeable glance in Kate's direction)* **has given you.**

Kate turns nervously as she twirls her hair. Miss Rachel steps back to let Jude lead.

SONG: "He Shall Reign Forevermore"

You Make me Brave

Verse 1

I stand before you now
The greatness of your renown
I have heard the majesty and wonder of you
King of heaven, in humility, I bow

Chorus

As your love, in wave after wave
Crashes over me, crashes over me
For you are for us
You are not against us
Champion of heaven
You made a way for all to enter in

Verse 2

I have heard you calling my name
I have heard the song of love that you sing
So I will let you draw me out beyond the shore
Into your grace
Your grace

Chorus

As your love, in wave after wave
Crashes over me, crashes over me
For you are for us
You are not against us
Champion of heaven
You made a way for all to enter in

Bridge (repeat)

You make me brave
You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the love that made a way

(Chorus)