THE NOTEABLES

SPRING 2021 SCRIPT

UNTITLED

Cast:

Light Leader/Light Lover (LL): leading the main faction, (also Light Lover).

Tyler

Dark Leader (DD): leading the rebel faction.

Hae-In

Dark Lover (DL): self-explanatory.

Jena

Light Killer (LK): deth hehehehe.

Anna

Synopsis:

- Start off with Presidents Speech
    - Hae-in interrupts the concert and addresses the audience, intent on making the concert a morbid one
- Whole Being Dead Thing.
    - Return to scheduled programming. Tyler reaffirms his dedication to wholesome concerts and introduces the board, including LL
- Belle
    - Strife arises as Noteables argue over control of the show. The older members want a more cynical/realistic concert, while the younger members stand by the board. Members of both factions, formerly close friends, have a falling out.
- No way
    - LL and DL meet in secret. Trying to fix the club's schism, they end up in a covert relationship
- I think I kind of you know
    - In an effort to reconcile both parties, LL attempts to revive a song from the past
- We go together
    - The dark faction meets and reminisces about the past, the way the Noteables have changed, and the struggles lying ahead.
- Senior Song
    - Frustrated by both sides' lack of resolution, LK encounters an entity that urges them to take drastic action
- This Jesus must die
    - LK resolves to solve the conflict once and for all, and challenges DL
- The world was wide enough
    - LK comes to their senses, shocked at the turn of events. The entity gloats over the dark turn taken
- Jen's Solo
    - Facing the death of DL, LL laments their poor decisions
- Wondering?
    - After a long time, the Noteables have finally reformed. LL decides to never again let factions tear the club apart, as they say goodbye to the graduating seniors
- Corner of the sky
    - Concluding remarks and whatnot

Characters:

- Death faction: Hae-in
- Wholesome faction: Tyler
- Reconciliator from death faction:
- Wholesome Killer: Anna
- Wholesome extra
- Death extra

Script:

Tyler: “Hello and welcome to the Noteables spring 2021 concert! My name is Tyler Morris and I’m the president of the Noteables, and we are so excited to be here with you all tonight! The Noteables is a non audition show choir founded here at Harvard in 1990 on the belief that anyone who wants the opportunity to sing should have a place to do so. And with that please enjoy the show!”

This evening we’ll be showcasing the story of Belle, a lovely princess who uses her wits and the power of friendship to lift the curse cast on her prince.

Hae-in: *cuts off Tyler sometime after the word friendship* Yeah, let’s not. The Noteables scripts have a perfectly fine history of murder, mystery, gore, and the relativistic space-time continuum. Concert attendance rose by 50% ever since I started writing our shows. Coincidence? I THINK NOT. Can I get a ‘yep’ in the chat if you agree?

Tyler: whatever. What about last semester? The script we wrote was straight fireeeee, and you didn’t have a single part in writing it. I know you all in the audience remember Chaddy, Thaddy, and Braddy from last semester. The audience loved that—not the confusing stuff you write. Type pogchamp in the chat if you LOVED last semesters script

Hae-in: IT’S NOT CONFUSING—IT’S JUST….JUST MISUNDERSTOOD (makes that typical sad reflective Hae-in face that he does). Anyways, it’s MY senior year, and I’M calling the shots.

Whole Being Dead Thing
Pin: Tyler, Anna, Thu

Tyler: The Noteaboard will now come to order.

Anna: What is it?

Tyler: It’s a parliamentary phrase meaning to arrive at a state suitable to conduct business, but that’s not important right now. We cannot let Hae-In take over with his crazy scripts AGAIN. Our entire audience had to go to therapy for 6 months after the last one he wrote!

Thu: Yeah, and I discovered things about myself that I…(looks down sad and pensively) wish I didn’t know…

Tyler: I know guys. But That means that we gotta come up with a script that’s even juicier than Thaddy, Braddy, and Chaddy combined. Something wholesome, family friendly. Any ideas?

Anna: *egotistically* We could tell the story of a princess (*puts hand the the side of her face* aka MOI) that loses her slipper and then has the prince return it to her.

Thu:*very excitedly* Nonono wait. What IF! We had! A very beautiful princess (**ANNA POINTS TO HERSELF AS IF TO SAY YES ME)** and she was taken care of by very small creatures—fairies, if you will—but there was a witch that was very jealous of her and her beauty so the witch put a spell on her that causes her to fall asleep, and then a prince comes and wakes her up with a kiss.

Anna: (in a similar tone)OOH OOH NO! What IF! We had! A very beautiful princess (**ANNA POINTS TO HERSELF)** and she was taken care of by very small creatures, but there was a witch that was very jealous of her and her beauty so the witch put a spell on her that causes her to fall asleep, and then a prince comes and wakes her up with a kiss.

Thu: That's,,,,, literally what I said,,,,,,

Anna: Yeahhhh, Buuuuuuuuuut the really small creatures are dwarves instead of fairies in mine *shady eye roll*

Tyler: Guys,,,, you're literally just saying overdone Disney tropes. Everyone knows that you're talking about Sleeping Beauty and Snow White. Might I suggest an *underdone* disney trope?? ;) What if, we have a very beautiful PRINCE and he was taken care of by very small creatures, and there was a witch that was very jealous of him and his beauty so the witch put a spell on him that causes him to fall asleep,,, and then a princess comes and wakes him up with a kiss.

Thu: You guys literally just keep stealing my idea,, all *you* did was change the gender roles.

Tyler: yeahhhhhh but this time the very small creatures are living silverware and furniture. Also what if the prince was like a really large hairy animal?

Anna: I--Wha-- that's a horrible idea why would you—

Tyler: ***interrupts*** Our story starts with a princess. She's smart—but doesn't quite fit in her little proverbial French town.

Belle
Pin: Vivian, Jen, Hae-In, Tyler

Viv: The people who want a cute script are so lame! Imma be real - they are not Deep™, sister.

Jen: Yeah, it's not like we would say cuss words or anything. We just kill people in front of small children! And if we did have suggestive content, we'd TOTALLY put a very protective warning asterisk in the program...

Hae-In (to tyler): So yeah, that's our platform. We just want our last concert to be decent, for the sake of everyone who couldn't make it.

(everyone does the Catholic cross thing) **All:** Amen

Tyler: And you're all agreed on this?

Vivian: Yes **Jen:** No

Hae-In: A little murder and a little existential dread. Is that so much to ask? A *quality* concert

Tyler: Uh, yeah it is I mean quality isn't really the Noteables forte—I mean no—we're gonna make the concert quality by doing OUR version of the script

Hae-In: So THAT'S how it's going to be. I see, I see, hmm yes, quite.

Tyler: Wait Hae-In what does that meannn?

Hae-In: We'll settle this the proper way: with a spontaneous totally non-prechoreod pre-covid dance batte

No way
Pin: Tyler, Vivian

Tyler: Are you sure we're alone?

Vivian: Probably? I told them that Taylor Swift appeared in another Zoom call.

Tyler: Wait really? Where?

Vivian: Anyway, what are we going to do? It looks like Hae-In's really set on breaking up the Noteables.

Tyler: Alas, two lovers, forced to be separated by Noteables drama (and also [insert trivial issue]). It's like Romeo and Juliet!

Vivian: O boy I hope our current parallels with Shakespeare's romantic tragedy don't translate to further similarities down the line

Tyler: Or maybe more like West Side Story. [something random in Spanish. I dunno, banana bread recipe]

Vivian: I understand none of what you just said, but I totally agree.

~~**Tyler:** You guys totally lost that dance battle in that last number :P~~

~~**Viv:** What are you doing? I thought this zoom link was for the angsty group!~~

~~**Tyler:** I thought this was for the wholesome group. Well, I mean, you know, I can be kind of angsty too…*lip bite, drip*~~

~~**Viv:** Really? I mean, I guess, I can be pretty wholesome, too…~~

~~**Tyler:** I guess we're really not that different after all… uwu~~

I think I Kind of You know
Pin: Vivian, Tyler

Viv: Y'know, maybe we can fix this whole schism between the noteables! Then we won't have to be star crossed lovers anymore

Tyler: Yeah, we can be normal lovers! Together! Hand in hand! But socially distanced–so elbow to elbow! If musical theater has taught me anything, it's that you can solve any problem by revealing your latent dancing skills in a complex choreographed ensemble number!

Viv: I can't dance.

Tyler: That's why it's called 'latent dancing skills', sweetie. I know—Let's have a Glee-style spontaneous flash mob dance number to reconcile our differences. Like, right now. All of us. Let's get Both sides to do it. Maybe that'll bridge the gap.

We go together
Pin: Jen, Vivian, Hae-In

Jen: This whole drama is messed up. This isn't the Noteables. This isn't us. This isn't our fun-loving, non-audition, quasi-social organization that would definitely welcome any new recruits in the audience (winks to the camera)

Viv: Yeah that spontaneous flash mob dance number was really something. Remember Caroline's choreo from 2017?

Hae-In: Caroline! Aaauugh!

Jen: What's up with him?

Viv: Ignore him. He gets like that about old Notea-presidents sometimes. Anyway, I guess this year has been getting to us. I wish we could do stuff like travel to New York again.

Hae-In: My Manhattan! Roberto! Aaauugh!

Jen: Times were so much simpler back then! The only things we fought about were whether RENT and Lin-Manuel Miranda were overrated.

Hae-In: In the Heights! Ade! Aaauugh!

Viv: Anyway, what I'm saying is that maybe we don't have to do this. Noteables is changing, and maybe it's time for us to move on.

Hae-In: Jen! Aaauugh!

Jen: I'm still here, you moron.

Viv: We don't need to fight. We have so much ahead of us after graduation!

Senior Song
Pin: Vivian, Tyler, Anna, Thu
Pin tyler first then viv. Look to the left
~~**Viv & Tyler:** *canoodling* coordinate so it looks like we're kissing across zoom screens~~

Tyler: You know Viv, for all our efforts to reunite the Noteables, it turns out that one in three people aren't subscribed to the Noteables Youtube channel.

Vivian: Well I know I'm subbed, and so are you. So that leaves...

(Both look at camera. Enter Anna+Thu, awkward pause ensues)

Anna: ...what's going on here?

Tyler: Uh… negotiations?

Anna: Negotiations? At this time of year. At this time of day. In this part of the country. Localized entirely within this zoom call?

Tyler: Yes.

Anna: Can I help?

Tyler: ...no.

(Exit DL & Tyler)

Anna: This can't be happening. The seniors want a compromise. !!! I don't want a compromise, I want a LEAD princess role!!!—I...I mean you would have a part too. A big one! This isn't all about me. It's about making a wholesome totally not-ripped off storyline that moves the audience to tears. I have to get rid of this other script, it could bring about the Noteables apocalypse: the Noteapocalypse

Thu: idk, that sounds a little extreme, doesn't it?

Anna: We have to hit 'em where it hurts! Let's see. Jen doesn't do jack, and Hae-In's paranoid. We have to kill…(counts on fingers) Vivian

Thu: We?? Idk about that,,,,, also gurl aren't u like the vice president of the Noteables,,,, i just,,, don't think that'll fare well for your image

Anna: I have to do what's best for the group. Vivian must die.

This Jesus Must Die
Anna, Thu

Anna: *killer vibes* I have to fix this. I have to make things right. Get away from Hae-in's weird scripts and get back to the basics. to the music, the canes and top hats, the bow ties, dinner in Mather, low-budget low-quality concerts—*deadpan* wait no nvm we still have that last one.
ANYWAYS as I was saying! We need to fix this concert! We need to make this concert about me—(catches self) err I mean—(looks up like she's thinking but decides to drop the act)—wait no I mean me.

Thu: It's not too late to change your mind.

Anna: aghhh i guess you can have a role too

Thu: No i mean Murder is not good for electability, or for sponsorships. Which brings us to the sponsor segment of our show! Today's concert is sponsored by Absolutely No One. We have Triet locked in our basement running this concert because we have no budget. Please give us money. Venmo is @HarvardNoteables *winks* ????? WHAT IS THE VENO

(Enter Viv)

Anna: Vivian, i challenge you to a duel.

Viv: *blankly like Karen from Mean Girls* I think you mean,,, duet? We're a non-audition broadway show choir, we dont….do that...i think?

Anna: you heard me! We go on three. One! Two! Three!

Thu: Actually there's a ten-second delay on the stream, so more like thirteen

Anna: Four! Five! Six! Seven! etc.

The world was wide enough
Pin: Anna, Tyler, Vivian, Hae-In, Jen, Thu

Tyler: What's going on here?

Vivian: I'm dead!

Tyler: Vivian is dead!

Hae-In: Vivian is dead?

Tyler: Ding-ding-ding! Correct!

Hae-In: Yay!

Jen: What happened?

Vivian: Anna killed me!

Hae-In: Shh! You're dead.

Vivian: Sorry

Tyler: Fear not! I will find the murderer, and then nobody will ever die again!

(general applause)

Tyler: So where were you the night of today?

Hae-In: Well I was in electrical doing my tasks as usual. Also crying as usual, but that's another issue.

Tyler: So you could say you were trying to vent?

Hae-In: I mean, technically? Wait a minute--

Tyler: Wouldn't that make you--

Jen: Don't say it

Tyler: SUS!?!

Jen: He said it.

(exit all except Anna and Thu)

Anna: I'm gonna be honest, killing Vivian might have been a bit much.

Thu: Huh.

Jen's sólo
Pin: Anna, Thu, Tyler, Hae-In, Vivian

Anna: Will I ever be the same? I've seen so much… I feel so pensive, and reflective

Thu: Yeah, we know

Anna: I just feel I can only reflect my feelings in an 80 bpm

Tyler: Yeah, you've done that

Hae-in For two whole songs already

Anna: What's one more? Can I even call myself a Noteable if I don't go over the appropriate, socially acceptable time limit??? I mean look at us, we're supposed to be done with the concert at 9:30 and it's already (READ THE TIME).

Vivian: Just,,,, get on with your last pensive song

(Give a weird look, awkward pause)

Vivian: ...I got better.

Wondering?
Pin: Jen, Tyler, Hae-In, Vivian

Jen: I'm glad all this script nonsense is over with!

Tyler: Yeah, we've all learned our lesson I think

Hae-in: Yes, the fallibility of humans and the instinct to polarize over trivial matters-

(Interrupts) Tyler: No! I mean, we've learned that we can overcome our differences in opinions and still be friends

Jen: And also that,,,, murder is bad?

Vivian: Well, I don't know. I found it quite pleasant actually. Hey, how about fifty subs and we'll kill Hae-In in REAL LIFE?

Tyler: Well, legal repercussions aside, that pretty much sums it up, doesn't it? There's really nothing else we need to do. Yeah, I think that's it, there's definitely not anything we've forgotten, like to teach the freshmen a certain song, or how to do bows… Nope, we're all good! See you next semester everyone, when we'll (hopefully, rip us) be doing Noteables: LIVE!

Hae-In: Not us though, cuz' we're graduating

Tyler: Shhhhh

Corner of the sky

(Ending statements, thank audience, announce post-concert events and any summer/fall programming, call up people for virtual applause)

"We're going to finish the script in 30 minutes"
"What"

"We're getting rid of the star crossed lovers part"
"No we're not"
"They're normal lovers"