

Performed in the Triangle Club's 2018 spring show.

"OUR OPENING NUMBER"

Book and lyrics by Max Feldman

Lights up on a BOY and a GIRL in a beautiful meadow in Oklahoma.

BOY

THE SUN'S SHINING BRIGHT ON THE MEADOW
THE GRASS IS AS GREEN AS CAN BE
WHEN A DAY IS THIS BRIGHT
EVERYTHING FEELS ALRIGHT
WHEN YOU SIT IN THIS MEADOW WITH ME

GIRL

THE SKY IS AS BLUE AS THE OCEAN
ON A DAY WHEN THE OCEAN IS BLUE
IT'S A QUARTER TO NINE
AND I'M FEELING SO FINE
SITTING HERE IN THIS MEADOW WITH YOU

BOY & GIRL

THIS IS OUR OPENING NUMBER
THANK YOU FOR HEARING US SING
THIS IS OUR OPENING NUMBER
THE FIRST NUMBER OF OUR SHOW

BOY

Gee Miss Laura, it sure is nice passin' the time here in the meadow.

GIRL

Oh Louie, I could just stay out here all day.

The music suddenly changes to medieval style. Enter a SQUIRE and a PRINCESS who has no interest in him.

SQUIRE

I AM BUT A HUMBLE SQUIRE
IN THE YEAR TWELVE SEVENTY THREE

PRINCESS

I AM A NOBLE PRINCESS
MY SERVANT IS IN LOVE WITH -

GIRL

(breaking her Oklahoma character)

Woah, woah woah.

Music cuts out.

Guys, I thought we agreed we were doing Oklahoma.

SQUIRE

(still in character)

What is this "Oklahoma" of which you speak? A knave like me knows not of such places, for-

BOY

Jeff, stop being a dick. We said we were doing Oklahoma.

PRINCESS

No, *you* said we were doing Oklahoma.

SQUIRE

We wanna do Camelot.

An uneasy silence.

SQUIRE AND PRINCESS	BOY AND GIRL
THIS IS OUR OPENING NUMBER THANK YOU FOR HEARING US SING THIS IS OUR OPENING NUMBER THE FIRST NUMBER OF OUR SHOW	NO IT'S NOT WHAT THE FUCK YOU GUYS

GIRL

Okay, listen let's just think this through. I'm sure there's room for both of us, just as long as no one else-

Enter a group of GUYS AND DOLLS-STYLE GANGSTERS.

G&D GANGSTERS

WHEN YOU'RE IN NEW YOOOOOORK

GIRL

Goddammit!

G&D GANGSTERS

YA GOTTA BE IN A GANG!

BOY

We sent out a doodle poll about this!

G&D GANGSTERS

AND THAT'S WHY THEY CALL US THE GANGSTERS OF NEW YORK!

Enter a group of WEST SIDE STORY-STYLE GANGSTERS.

G&D GANGSTER 1

Oh no! Rival gangsters!

G&D GANGSTER 2

Watch out fellas, they're not in the same gang as we are!

WSS gangsters do their gang dance thing. Maybe the shout "Gangs!" every once in a while.

Enter a group of FIDDLER ON THE ROOF JEWS.

JEWS

IT'S 1900s RUSSIA AND WE'RE JEWISH
WE'RE THE POOREST AND SADDEST IN THE BIZ
NOW IS NOT A GOOD TIME TO BE JEWISH
NOT THAT IT EVER REALLY IS

GIRL

Offensive! That's offensive, right?

The Jews and the West Side Story gangsters have a dance showdown.

Enter a group of GILBERT & SULLIVAN SAILORS.

SAILORS

WE SAIL UPON THE OCEAN BLUE
WITH EYES SO CLEAR AND HEARTS SO TRUE

BOY

Are we serious.

SAILORS

WE EAT STALE BREAD AND OYSTER STEW
ON A SHIP SO STURDY AND FINE

Enter a RAPPING FOUNDING FATHER.

RAPPING FOUNDING FATHER
AYY YO MY NAME IS MR. MADISON BUT CALL ME JAMES
I WROTE THE CONSTITUTION I AIN'T PLAYIN' NO GAMES.
WE THE PEOPLE, MOTHERFUCKER, COME AND GET YOUR FIX
I BEEN SPITTIN' MAD RHYMES SINCE '76!

Uncomfortable pause.

EVERYONE
THIS IS OUR OPENING NUMBER
THOUGH WE'RE NOT REALLY SURE WHAT IT IS
THIS IS OUR OPENING NUMBER
NO, **THIS** IS OUR OPENING NUMBER
NO, **THIS** IS OUR OPENING NUMBER
THIS NUMBER IS THE VERY FIRST NUMBER
... OF OUR SHOW!

A YOUNG INGENUE steps out of the crowd and opens her mouth to sing a contemporary musical theater ballad.

EVERYONE
NO!!!!

Blackout.