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FOOD for the SOUL

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Hello Church Musicians!

Here it is...my dream come true... I Am Second! I cannot tell you how happy I am to bring you this musical. I had a dream about five years ago to create a musical about children learning to put Christ and others first. You see, kids often have this "thing" about being first...first at everything. I have watched children race down the hall to be first at the water fountain or be first in line for lunch. What we need to share with children is that Jesus MUST be first in their hearts and in their lives. And when that occurs, they also find that Jesus would want them to put others first as well.

There have been moments in the last few years where I have seen similar movements like the "I Am Second" movement which is currently so popular across the country. Each time I would try to contact the creator, but to no avail. I remember a night when I logged on to my Facebook page and saw "I am Second" pop up on my screen. I thought, "Could this be the tool which could make this long-time dream of mine come true?" I emailed the "I Am Second" people in Dallas, and praise the LORD, they gave me permission to use this title to help kids. I will forever be grateful for their kindness.

The "I Am Second" Roadside Grill is a small-town restaurant. Nita Nicely is a sweet lady that runs the restaurant. Nita is such a great gal. She is always helping her neighbor...putting others first...and absolutely keeping Jesus first in her life. She is happy to walk behind allowing the Lord to lead her through life. She even takes in a homeless stranger named John, and allows him to work as a handyman in her restaurant. She finds out that her beloved "I Am Second" Roadside Grill is facing foreclosure by the bank and an unkind bank officer, I.M. First. Nita looks to the Lord for guidance. In a near tragic accident, Ms. First is saved by John, the homeless handyman. Ms. First is amazed at the kindness Nita shows her after the accident and John ultimately reveals he is not homeless at all, but a rich millionaire who pays off the loan and saves the day.

You will meet Dudley, the restaurant chef; Susie, the waitress; Mr. Good, the restaurant manager; Mr. Hamilton, who runs the Rescue House; Miss Sweet, the assistant to Ms. First; and Miss Lamb, who is searching for her lost penny and who helps everyone realize the plan of salvation.

One more exciting element to this musical is that we are supplying you with a FULL VERSION and a MINI VERSION of the musical. Thus, this musical is actually totally appropriate for any size choir or any time-frame. You may choose to do the full musical with 9 songs included or the mini with only 6 songs. Still the same great story...just molded to meet your needs.

You will also love the country flair of this musical. Yes, I live in Nashville, the home of country music. Your children will love the fiddle and guitar sounds that sing out through the musical. BUT, they will also find some really rockin' country sounds as well.

Dreams to come true...and the completion of **I** Am Second is truly one joy I shall never forget. I hope you have fun with this musical. I pray that many, many children will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. I pray that the songs sent to me by the Lord will live in their hearts and help them as they go their way each day.

This musical is special...very special. I know the Lord has great things planned and I am excited to see His mighty plan come into fruition. I love each of you and thank the Lord for all you are doing for the Lord with children. You are making a real difference in the world. Thanks for putting the Lord first in your lives. Thanks for caring for kids. Thanks so much for teaching them to sing for Jesus. I am sure that God will use I Am Second to teach, reach, and love His children.

Have fun...remember I love you all...and enjoy... I Am Second!

Living for Jesus!

Pam Andrews

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I Am Second-Overture

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CD:1 • Split:1• @ 0:00



Count Your Blessings, Pam Andrews









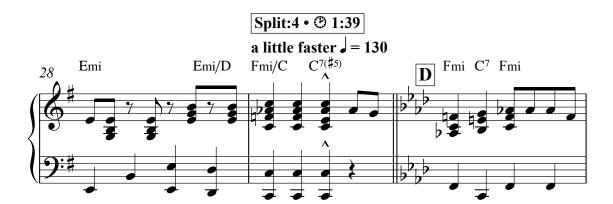
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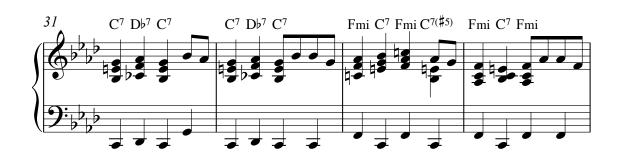
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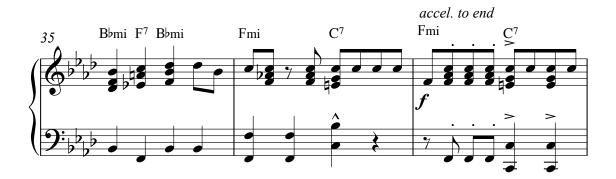
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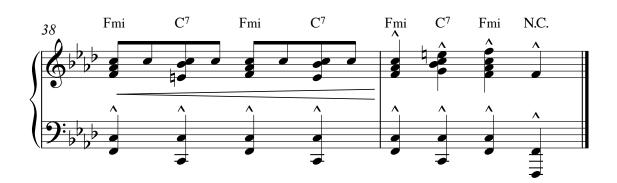


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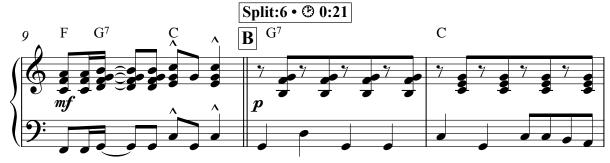
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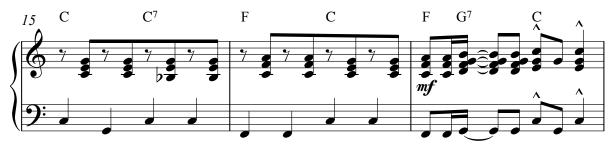
















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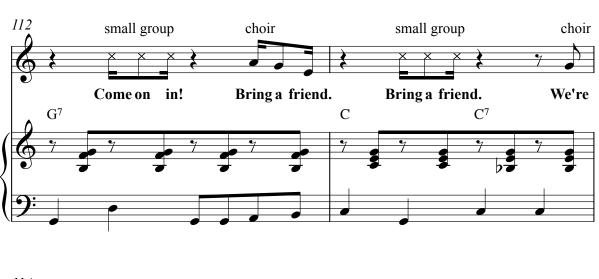




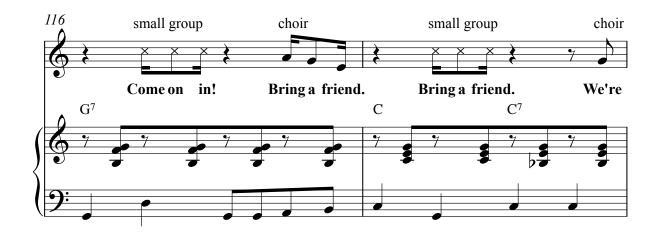




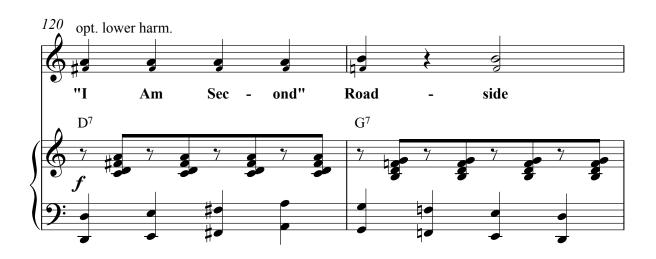


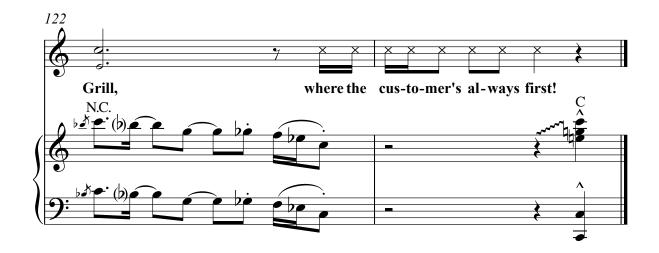












I Am Second

A Children's Musical by Pam Andrews

Overture CD:1 • Split:1 I Am Second—Overture

Song 1/Scene 1 CD:2 • Split:5 Come On In!

Song one, *Come On In!* begins. Employees are busy getting ready to open for the day at the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill.

Nita Nicely Mornin' Mr. Good.

Mr. Good Mornin', Nita!

Nita Another fine day at the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill.

Mr. Good Yes, ma'am. We're all here...Dudley's back there cookin' on

the grill, Miss Lamb is behind the counter, and of course, I'm here ready to welcome our guests. Yes, everyone is here (questioning) except...that new waitress, Susie. She's runnin'

late again. (looks at his watch)

Nita We must show patience, Mr. Good.

Mr. Good Nita Nicely, you have more patience than Job himself. Don't

know why you hired that little gal in the first place. She comes with baggage ya know. She is always focused on her sick

mom...and not waitressin'.

Nita Give her a little understanding, Mr. Good. The Good Lord

always showed compassion for those in need...and we need to

do the same.

Mr. Good Yes, ma'am.

Nita Now, let's get these doors open for business. I have a feelin'

something wonderful is gonna happen today.

(MR. GOOD turns the OPEN sign.)

Nita Come on in folks! Pancakes are sizzlin' and eggs are gettin'

scrambled! Welcome to the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill!

(The customers enter.)

(Nita sings, *Come On In!* continues to the end)

Scene 2 CD:3

(MR. GOOD is examining the coffee maker.)

Nita Still having a problem with that coffee maker, Mr. Good?

Mr. Good Yes, ma'am. My cousin, Luke came to try to fix it. BUT, the

coffee just never seems to get hot enough. The door out back is broken, too, and the shelf in the storage room is about to fall.

Nita Since Ralph moved away, there just ain't anybody in town who

can fix things. (HARRY HAMILTON enters.) Here comes my good friend, Harry Hamilton. Ham is so good to those homeless folks at the Rescue House. I bet they could use some good

home cookin'.

Mr. Good Nita, you'll never make a profit if you keep givin' food away.

I heard that they just hired a new girl at the bank that's not so

understanding to folks. You better be careful.

Nita I was a stranger and you took me in...sound familiar, Mr.

Good? Remember, our motto, (NITA NICELY yells) I...

All (all the customers yell) ...am Second!

Nita You know our mission statement, Mr. Good. The Lord is first

and we are second. We are to use everything the Lord has given

us to serve others.

Mr. Good OK, OK, I get it.

Mr. Hamilton (MR. HAMILTON walks toward NITA) Hello, Nita!

Nita (NITA moves to greet MR. HAMILTON) Hello, Ham. So great

to see you this fine day.

Mr. Hamilton This is a fine day...a wonderful day.

Nita Every day with the Lord is a wonderful day, Mr. Hamilton. My

daddy always used to say, "This is the day the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" So that's just what I do.

Mr. Hamilton There's no tellin' how many folks your daddy helped

throughout the years.

Nita Yep, my daddy was a good man, that's for sure. You know, it

was his idea to name the grill, "I Am Second." He always said, "Nita, honey, you have to keep the Lord first in your heart and

remember that you are second."

Mr. Hamilton Yes, Mr. Nicely was a fine man. And you are carrying on the

tradition. Nita, you are so kind to everyone. (MR. HAMILTON

pats NITA on her shoulder.)

Nita Ahhh, Ham, that's just the Good Lord in me. Did I hear that

you had a new man stayin' over there at the Rescue House?

Mr. Hamilton Yep. He just showed up last week outta nowhere. Says he's a

handyman.

Nita Come on back, to the kitchen and I'll fix something up for him.

Mr. Hamilton Thanks, Nita.

Nita How about some pancakes and eggs and some crispy bacon?

Mr. Hamilton Sounds great! Double that order. I'll have some, too.

(NITA and MR. HAMILTON exit to the kitchen.)

(SUSIE enters in a rush. She runs past Mr. Good.)

Mr. Good (clears his throat) Susie? Late again?

Susie I'm so sorry, Mr. Good. My Mama was having a rough

morning. I know that's no excuse. I'm so sorry!

Mr. Good I realize you are in a difficult situation. Just try to not let it

happen again.

Susie Yes, sir.

(SUSIE puts on her apron and moves to begin her job as a waitress.)

(MISS LAMB is on the floor obviously searching for something.)

Dudley Excuse, me, Mr. Good. I believe Miss Lamb is having some

sort of problem. Just look...she's crawling around on the floor.

Mr. Good Miss Lamb, is everything OK?

Miss Lamb I'm fine dear...just looking for something.

Mr. Good Maybe we can help. Dudley, Susie, come let's help Miss Lamb.

(DUDLEY, SUSIE, and MR. GOOD begin crawling on the

floor.)

Susie What are we looking for, Miss Lamb?

Miss Lamb A penny.

Mr. Good A penny?! (MR. GOOD hops to his feet.) Why are we crawling

all over the floor looking for a penny?

Miss Lamb I was just checking my coin purse... and I realized that I had

lost my favorite penny. I'm just down here on the floor looking

for it. Never know, I may have dropped it.

Mr. Good (Reaching in his pocket) Here, Miss Lamb. I can give you a

penny.

Miss Lamb Oh no dear, thank you anyway. I'll find it. I need to locate the

one that is lost. I just have to keep looking.

Mr. Good How can anyone spend time looking for a penny? Oh

brother...sometimes this place...

(MR. GOOD moves to the counter)

(Enter NITA and MR. HAMILTON carrying a take out bag full of food.)

Nita We could really use a good handyman.

Mr. Hamilton Thanks so much Nita. I'm sure he'll appreciate food and the job

offer.

Nita You're very welcome. Send him right over. I'll put him to

work.

Mr. Hamilton You're always so good to everyone, Nita.

Nita I'm just following the ways of the Lord, Ham. He's been so

good to me. The Lord leads...I follow. He is first...I am second.

And because of that I live a blessed life.

Mr. Hamilton Well, I better get back to the Rescue House.

Nita See you later, Ham. (MR. HAMILTON exits. NITA walks to

SUSIE.) Good morning, Susie.

Susie Miss Nita, I'm so sorry about being late again today. My Mama

is just havin' a tough time of it. I will try to not let it happen

again.

Nita Don't worry about it, Susie. I remember a few years back how

tough it was when my Daddy was sick. Here, Susie. Take this.

(NITA hand SUSIE an envelope.)

Susie (SUSIE opens the envelope. SUSIE begins to cry. There is

money inside.) No, Miss Nicely, I can't take this.

Nita Yes, you can and you certainly will little lady. Just realize that

all things are the Lord's...and it's Him that's takin' care of you.

Susie Thank you so much Miss Nita.

(SUSIE wipes her tears and goes back to work.)

Mr. Good (MR. GOOD moves to NITA) Nita, you've got to stop givin'

away the shirt off your back.

Nita Mr. Good, when I look around, all I see is blessings. I have a

roof over my head...food on the table and the greatest little eating establishment west of the Mississippi...(Yelling) I...

All (yell)...am second!!

Mr. Good I'm just afraid that all this is gonna come back to haunt you one

day, Nita. The bank ain't that understanding.

Nita Count your blessings, Mr. Good. Count your blessings. You

will see that there are so many around that you just cannot help

but share a blessing or two with others.

Song 2 CD:4 • Split: 17 Count Your Blessings

Count Your Blessings











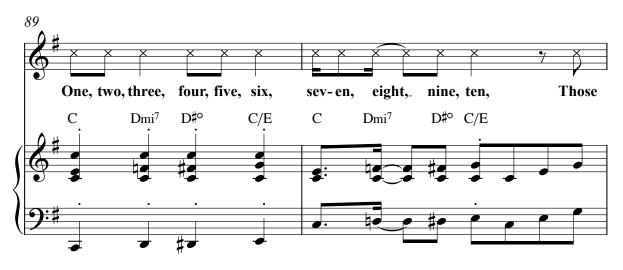


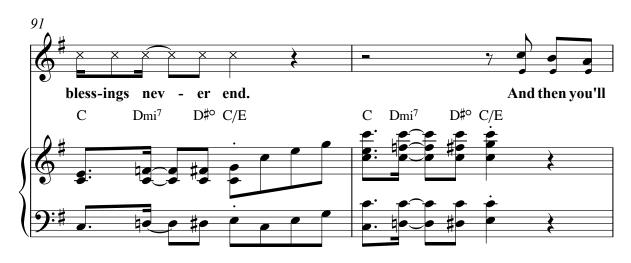


Count Your Blessings



Count Your Blessings







Scene 3 CD:5

Nita Mr. Good, I'm headin' to the office to tackle some of those

bills. Hold down the fort. (NITA exits to the office.)

Miss Lamb (crawling across the floor) Here penny! Here penny, penny!

Dudley Miss Lamb, why's that penny so important to you?

Miss Lamb It was an old penny my mama gave me a long time ago so I

guess that's what made it special. It's lost...not safe...and I must find it. I know it's here somewhere. Here penny! Here penny, penny! (MISS LAMB stands but continues to look for the

coin.)

John (JOHN enters.) Hello, I am looking for a Nita.

Mr. Good OK, she's back in the office. I'll get her for you. (yells) Nita,

there's someone out here to see you.

Nita (NITA enters carrying an email.) Howdy, the name's Nita

Nicely. (NITA shakes hands with JOHN.) What can I do for ya?

John My name is John. Mr. Hamilton sent me. He told me you were

in need of a handyman and I sure could use the work.

Nita Sure thing, John. Well, as you can see, this is an old building.

(NITA gestures to the building.) We have lots of loose screws around here. (EVERYONE pauses and looks at MISS LAMB.)

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB walks up.) Would you mind lifting your foot?

I'm looking for my lost penny. (JOHN lifts his foot and glances

under his foot.)

John Sorry, ma'am. No penny.

Nita (to MISS LAMB) Keep searching, Miss Lamb, I'm sure you'll

find it. (to JOHN) John, You can get started on that coffee maker. It works, but the coffee just ain't hot enough. Mr. Good has a list of things we need fixed. I can't pay much, but every

little bit helps.

John That would be great, Ma'am. I'll get right on it.

Nita There are tools in the back. Welcome to I...

All am second!

Nita Hey "I Am Second" folks, we need to have a little staff meeting

over here at the register (ALL employees gather around). I wanted you all to know that I just received an email from the

bank. They're sending a person over to check us out.

Something about that balloon payment due.

Mr. Good (worried) I knew this was gonna to happen. Nita, you're just

too generous.

Nita I just haven't been able to pay any on that loan I took out last

year to fix the roof.

Mr. Good Too much helpin' others...and not yourself, Nita.

Miss Lamb (Picks up a button on the floor) No, this is not my penny. Must

keep looking.

Nita This is not the time to throw in the kitchen towel. We need to

be like Miss Lamb. (NITA helps MISS LAMB to her feet.) She has lost her precious penny and she won't give up till she finds it. She has real faith. That's what we need...Faith. And with Faith comes hope and hope brings love. We just got to keep things in their proper order. The Lord is first and we are

second!

Song 3 CD:6 • Split:24 Faith, Hope, Love

Faith, Hope, Love



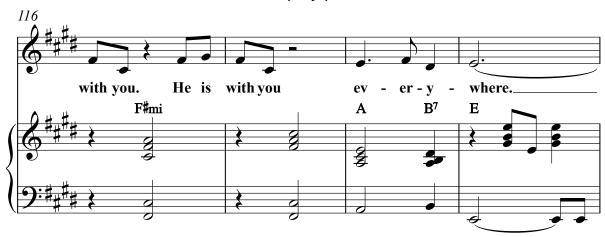








Faith, Hope, Love





Scene 4 CD:7

(MR. GOOD looks out the window)

Mr. Good Nita, there's a giant limo pulling up outside.

Dudley And there is a lady dressed in a fancy suit gettin' out.

(MS. I M FIRST enters with his personal assistant MISS

SWEET. MISS SWEET enters first.)

Ms. First (correcting MISS SWEET) Miss Sweet, remember, I am

ALWAYS first through doors.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry.

Nita Hello, may I help you?

Ms. First The name's I.M. First, and this is my assistant. (MS. FIRST

gestures to MISS SWEET.) Miss Sweet, make a note that the sign out front needs to be changed. Whoever heard of calling a

restaurant "I am Second!"

Nita Really, I always liked the name "I am Second." (NITA gestures

to her father's picture.) You see my Daddy came up with that

name a long time ago...

Ms. First (interupting NITA) Also make a note that the flooring is

dreadful. I'm thinking hardwood...the best quality of course.

Miss Sweet Yes ma'am.

Mr. Good May we help you?

Susie Would you like a table?

Dudley I'll get you a menu. (DUDLEY goes to get a menu.)

Ms. First I do not need a table or a menu. I'm the new chief loan officer

from First Bank and Trust. (MS. FIRST is looking at her notebook for the name.) I am here to see a Miss Nicely?

Nita (NITA steps forward. DUDLEY lays the menus down) That

would be me. (NITA reaches out to shake hands with MS. FIRST who avoids her hand looking at the furnishings. NITA moves close to MS. FIRST, studying her face.) Aren't you Izzy? Isabel First? Didn't we go to elementary school together?

Why hello, Izzy! So nice to see you again.

Ms. First The name is Ms. First, if you don't mind.

Nita Sure thing, Izzy, I mean Ms. First.

Ms. First Miss Sweet! Make a note that all the furniture will need to be

changed. Only top of the line...the best.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am.

Nita (gesturing to the room) Really, new furniture...I kind of like

what we have.

Ms. First These furnishing are outdated...not FIRST quality. This will all

need to go. Make a note of that. (MISS SWEET moves ahead

of MS. FIRST as she is writing.) Aren't you forgetting

something, Miss Sweet?

Miss Sweet (MISS SWEET steps back behind MS. FIRST.) Sorry, ma'am.

Nita Ms. First, right now, I have no extra money for renovations. I

did hire John over there to do a little sprucin' up on the place.

Ms. First (MR. FIRST looks at JOHNNY) John? Aren't you that stranger

I saw lurking around downtown?

John I did come to town last week. I was lookin' for work and Miss

Nicely was kind enough to give me a job.

Ms. First (To NITA) So I can see now why you are in this situation, Miss

Nicely. You are not financially able to take in strangers like him (MS. FIRST gestures to JOHN.) And as was stated in the email you received from the bank, you are behind on your loan

payments.

Nita Izzy, my daddy always taught me to put the Lord and others

first. That means I need to be helpin' out folks in need. The Lord has kept "I Am Second" goin' and I just know that He'll

provide that money to pay off that roofin' loan.

Ms. First

Putting others first? That's your problem, Miss Nicely. You've got to put yourself first. Why, that's been my philosophy throughout my life. Even when I was a child, I was First in

every way...first in quality...first in line...FIRST.

Song 4 CD:8 • Split:30 I Am First!

I Am First!











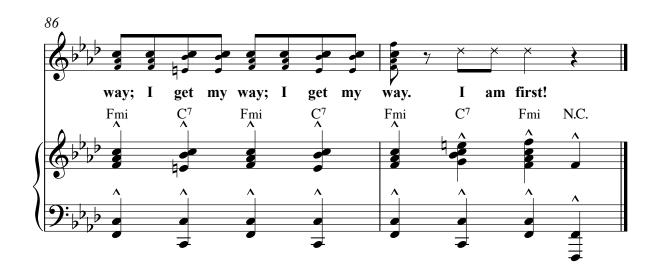




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Scene 5 CD:9

Nita I'm sorry, Izzy. This puttin' yourself first thing is just not my

style.

Ms. First Then, I'm sorry to say that we at First Bank and Trust will need

to seize this establishment. I've a buyer right now ready to purchase the the building. They are ready to change this run-

downed eye-sore into a beautiful bed and breakfast.

Dudley Oh no, what will happen to us?

Susie I have to have my job! My Mama depends on me!

Mr. Good Ms. First, "I am Second" is Nita's home. She and Miss Lamb

live right upstairs. Where will they go?

Nita (determined) Izzy, you're scaring my employees. Mr. Stevens

was gonna to give me a few more months to raise the money.

Ms. First Mr. Stevens retired last week from the bank and now I'm in

charge. Miss Sweet, please make a note that there will also be

renovations upstairs.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am...renovations upstairs. (MISS SWEET types on her

iPad.)

Ms. First You have until 8 a.m. tomorrow morning, Miss Nicely. Unless

you come up with \$10,000, you will face foreclosure.

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB crawls across the floor to MS. FIRST.) Excuse

me, could you lift your foot?

Ms. First (obviously annoyed) Who are you and what are you doing?

Miss Lamb I'm Miss Lamb. (MISS LAMB reaches up to shake MS.

FIRST's hand.) Nice to meet you. I'm looking for my lost penny. I thought it might even be in your pocket. (MISS LAMB

peeks into MS. FIRST'S coat pocket.)

Ms. First Lost money? I have no lost money.

Miss Lamb OK, dear. You remind me of a little lamb that was lost. (MISS

LAMB looks off into space "story mode.") Thankfully, his master searched high and low until that lamb was found. Izzy,

your master is searchin' for you, too.

Ms. First (MS. FIRST CLEARS her throat.) Miss Sweet, make a note to

include an audit on the books to account for lost money.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am, lost money. (MISS SWEET types into her Ipad.

Her face changes to sad and concerned.)

Ms. First (MS. FIRST is obviously disgusted.) I'll be back tomorrow

with the needed documents! "First Bed and Breakfast!" sounds

like a good name.

Miss Sweet (sarcastically) How original.

Ms. First Come along, Miss Sweet! (points to NITA) I'll see YOU

tomorrow. (MS. FIRST exits.)

Miss Sweet (MISS SWEET lags behind. She turns to NITA.) I'm so sorry.

I'll pray that God will make a way for you to pay off that loan.

Nita Thanks so much. Your prayers are appreciated.

Ms. First (Yelling from off stage) Miss Sweet!

Miss Sweet Coming, Ms. First. (MISS SWEET exits.)

Mr. Good Isabel Matilda First. I remember Izzy and her family. They

already own half of main street. Now, they want "I Am

Second!"

Susie Oh no, Nita! What are you gonna to do? I've just gotta have a

job. My Momma needs me to help pay doctor bills.

Dudley And I just moved into my own apartment. I have rent to pay.

John Miss Nita, I hope hirin' me didn't add to your troubles.

Nita Hirin' you, was a great idea John. Just look, that coffee pot is

perkin' out some pipin' hot coffee thanks to you. Let's just all calm down. Come on now...pick those chins up off the floor. The Lord is here....(NITA points to the floor.) right here...and I

just gotta believe that He's gonna take care of us.

Song 5 CD:10 • Split:37 He is Here!

He is Here!





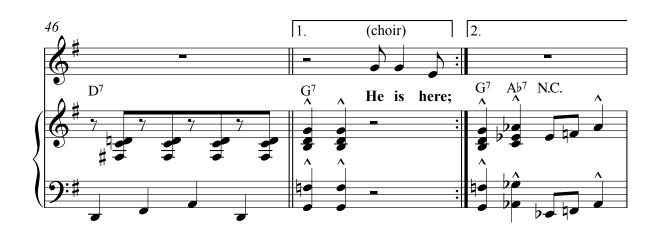


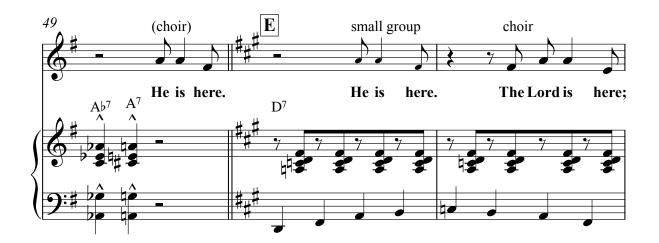




He is Here!







He is Here!







Scene 6 CD:11

Nita (NITA looks at her watch.) Looks like it's about that time.

Mr. Good What a day!

Dudley A terrible day. And who knows what tomorrow will bring!

Susie We need to do what Nita says...believe!

Miss Lamb Ya'll go home and have a good night's rest. Things will look

brighter in the morning.

(MR. GOOD, DUDLEY, SUSIE, JOHN exit.)

(NITA stands in the middle of the stage. MISS LAMB moves to stand with her.)

Nita Miss Lamb, this has been a day.

Miss Lamb Yes, dear, it has.

Nita Miss Lamb, you knew my Daddy. What would he do at a time

like this?

Miss Lamb I know exactly what he would do, Nita....he would have a little

talk with the Lord.

Nita (agreeing) Yes, that is just what he would do.

Miss Lamb Even in the worst of times...like when there were money problems...or when your Momma passed...there he would be...on his knees spendin' time with Jesus. He'd always say, "Nothin' helps a body more than talkin' things over with the Good Lord." The Lord will provide, my dear...He will provide. (MISS LAMB exits) (NITA moves center stage.)

Nita Lord, you know this has been a tough day...a day I really miss

my daddy. I need you, Lord to guide me and help me make it through tomorrow. I know, Lord, that you will be with me no matter what. Even just talking to you right now makes me feel better. You bring a song to my heart even in the worst of times.

(NITA exits at the end of the song.)

Song 6 CD:12 • Split:43 You Are First

You Are First











You Are First



Scene 7 CD:13

Mr. Good (MR. GOOD arrives as MISS LAMB enters.) Good mornin',

Miss Lamb.

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB enters.) Mornin', Mr. Good. Time to get these

doors open for business.

John (JOHN enters with DUDLEY) Good morning, Miss Lamb.

Miss Lamb Good morning!

Dudley Where's Nita?

Miss Lamb She had a long night so I was lettin' her sleep in.

Dudley (sadly) This could be our last day at "I Am Second."

Miss Lamb Now, let's keep it on the bright side, Dudley. God has a plan!

We just need to seek and He will help us find our way.

Nita (NITA rushes in.) Sorry I'm late everyone. Long night.

John (JOHN walks to NITA) Miss Nicely, I have a very important

appointment this morning. Would you mind if I left work for a

little while?

Nita No problem, John. Do what you need to do and we'll see you

when you get back. (JOHN exits.)

Susie (Sound effects of a tire screeching. SUSIE rushes in.) Miss

Nita! John, just saved Ms. First from being hit by a car.

Dudley (looking out the window) Here they come!

Nita (to DUDLEY) Dudley, get some water.

(MS. FIRST, MISS SWEET, and JOHN enter. MS. FIRST is obviously

shaken.)

Nita Come on in and sit down, Izzy. Are you all right? (SUSIE and

JOHN help MS. FIRST to a chair.)

Ms. First (coughing) I'm fine. I'm fine. I just wasn't looking.

Miss Sweet If it weren't for John...well...there could have been a disaster.

(JOHN quietly exits.)

Dudley (Dudley hands a glass of water to MS. FIRST.) Here ya go.

(MS. FIRST takes a sip of water.)

Susie Are you hurt anywhere? (SUSIE shakes MS. FIRST arm.) Do

we need to get you to a doctor?

Ms. First No, I'm fine, thank you. Why are you being so good to me?

Nita What do you mean, Izzy?

Ms. First Why you would be kind to me after the way I treated you

yesterday?

Nita Oh, Izzy, don't worry about yesterday...only think about today.

Ms. First (MS. FIRST stands.) Wait! I don't get it! (frustrated) Why are

you all being so....nice?

Nita It's the Jesus way, Izzy.

Ms. First Jesus way? What do you mean, Jesus way?

Nita Jesus served others...no matter what they were like...no matter

what they had done. And I want to be like Him. Yes, that means that I am second...but, second is a great place to be.

Don't you want to put Jesus first in your life, Izzy?

Ms. First I do, Nita. I really do. You seem so happy. And really, I'm

never happy. Trying to be first all the time is actually

exhausting. Will you help me know Jesus?

(During the song, NITA prays with IZZY.)

Song 7 CD:14 • Split:48 *Jesus*

Jesus



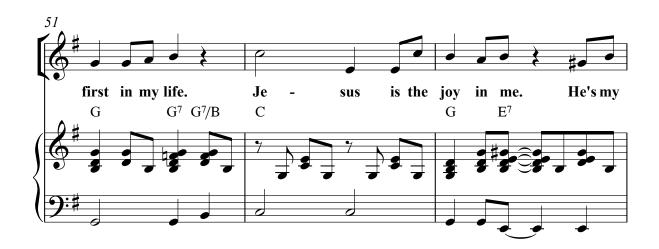


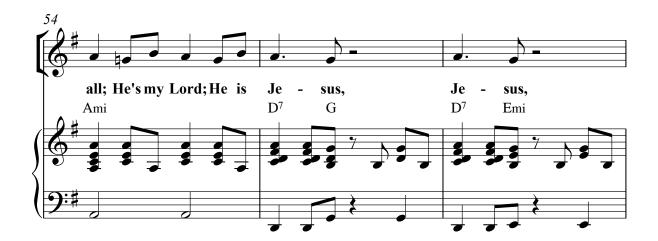














Scene 8 CD:15

Ms. First Wow, I've been living in my selfish world so worried about

being first that I didn't care about anyone or anything. (To MISS LAMB) I have been like that lost lamb. I need Jesus.

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB looks on the floor and sees the penny.) Look! I

found it! The lost penny!

Ms. First You found your penny!

All (everyone cheers and applauds)

Miss Lamb Yes, and I'm going to give this penny to you, Izzy. (MISS

LAMB hands penny to MS. FIRST.)

Ms. First (questioning) To me?

Miss Lamb I once was lost, but now I'm found...was blind but now I see.

Ms. First Thanks, Miss Lamb.

(MR. HAMILTON enters.)

Mr. Hamilton Hello, Nita, is everything OK?

Mr. Good (gesturing to MS. FIRST) Izzy, here was almost hit by a car,

but thanks to John, she's fine.

Ms. First Hey, have you seen John? I want to thank him.

Miss Sweet I saw him leave. I think he was heading to the bank.

Ms. First Bank! Oh no! I've done something terrible. It's 8 o'clock!

We're past the deadline! I was so anxious to take over this place that I started the paperwork early. In fact, the reason I was almost hit by the car was because I was rushing to bring you this official notice of foreclosure. I'm afraid you've lost "I Am

Second" and it's all my fault.

Nita Even in the worst of times, the Lord is still here, Izzy. We just

have to praise the Lord no matter what.

Song 8 CD:16 • Split:54 We Praise You, Lord!

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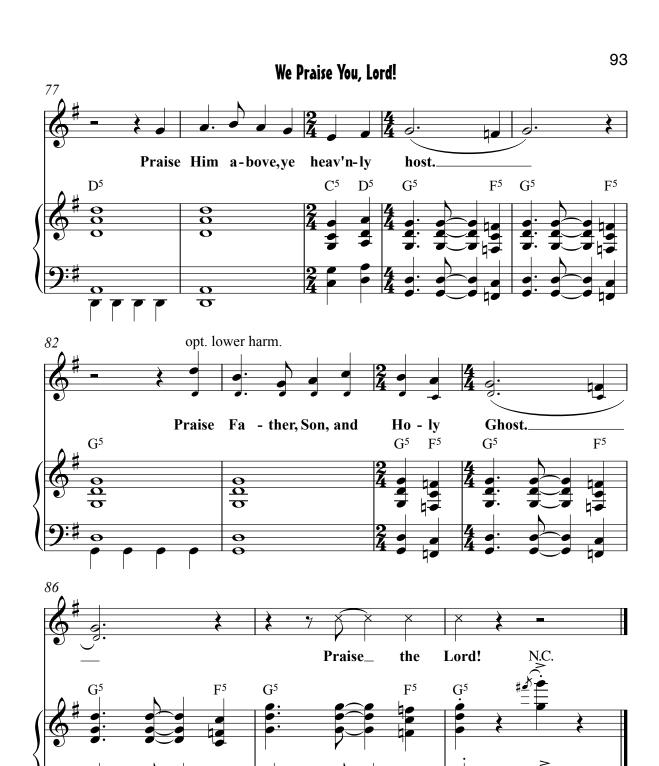


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We Praise You, Lord!





* Scripture reading:

(Psalm 150:1) Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

(Psalm 27:1a) The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? (John 3:30) He must become greater; I must become less."

(Psalm 150:6) Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Scene 9 CD:17

(JOHN enters dressed in a business suit.)

Susie (SUSIE stares at JOHN in amazement) John, is that you?

Dudley Where did you get those fancy duds?

Nita John, I can't believe my eyes. You look totally different.

John Miss Nicely, I am so sorry I had to run out. I must apologize

because I have not been completely honest with you. I want to

formally introduce myself to you. My name is John R.

Stonefellow.

Mr. Good I've heard of you. (MR. GOOD shakes JOHN's hand

vigorously.) You are the John R. Stonefellow who was the owner of Stonefellow Corporation and one of the richest men in

the world.

John Yes, (JOHN stops shaking hands and pulls away.) that would

be me. I've been on an undercover mission to find a person who really cares...cares for others...someone who understands the concept of putting Christ first in their life. And I'm happy to

say, I've found her! Miss Nita Nicely.

Dudley Hey, he really "nailed" that one, didn't he? Get it?

Handyman...nailed it.

All (ALL chuckle.)

John But that's not all. The goal of my search was to give that

deserving person a financial award. I've just come from the

bank and Miss Nita, I've paid off your loan.

All (Cheers and applause.)

John AND I've also placed money in your account for needed

renovations of "I Am Second" insuring that this fine establishment will be operating for many years to come.

All (Cheers and applause.)

John And I made the payment before the 8 a.m. deadline so you are

in the clear. (JOHN takes the foreclosure papers from MS.

FIRST and rips them.)

Nita I'm so grateful, John...really everybody. Thanks for prayin' and believin'. (The restaurant employees move to the side congratulating NITA.) Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB walks to center stage) Are you a lost lamb? Is Jesus first in your life? (Pianist plays in the background the song *You Are First!*) Kid 1 Matthew 25:34-40 says, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. Kid 2 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Kid 3 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Kid 4 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Kid 5 Matthew 19:30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. Kid 6 Deuteronomy 31:8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Kid 7 Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Miss Lamb Do you know Jesus? Do you have Him in your heart? Come on in! Join us. Believe in Jesus, right now! Make Him first in your heart and life. Then, you can also say, I... A11 am second! Miss Lamb ...because Jesus will be first. (MISS LAMB holds up her finger pointing toward heaven.) (End piano music, segue to song) Song 9 CD:18 • Split:62 I Believe in Jesus!—Reprise

Bow Music (optional) CD:19 • Split:71 I Am Second—Bow Music

I Believe in Jesus!-Reprise











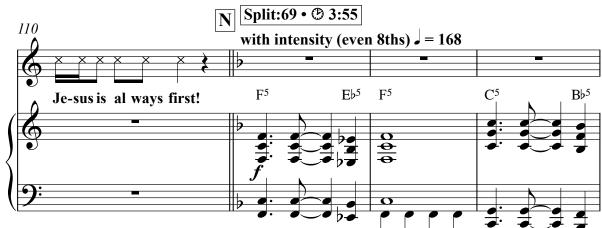
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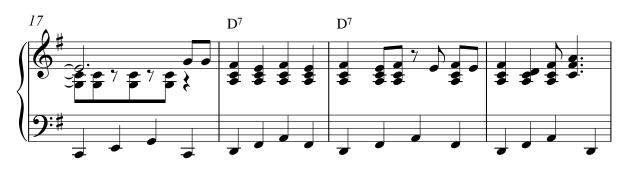


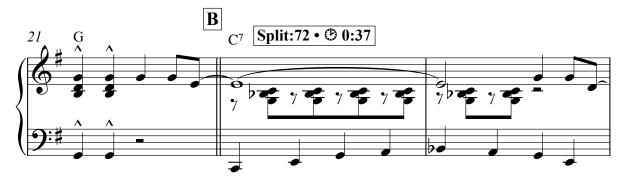


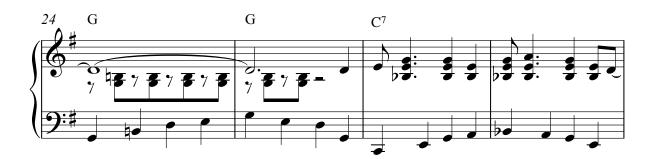


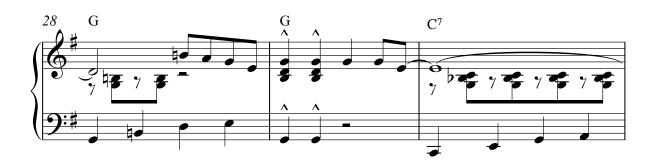


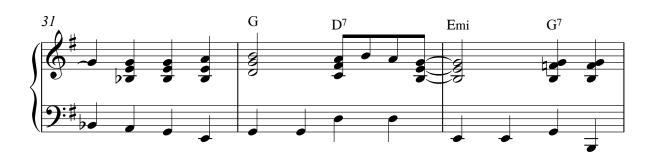














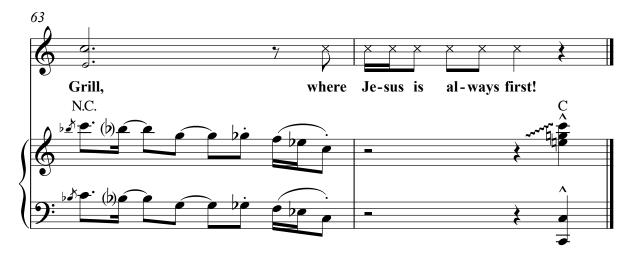












I Am Second

A Children's Musical by Pam Andrews Short Script Version

Overture

(optional) CD:1 • Split:1 I Am Second—Overture

Song 1/Scene 1 CD:2 • Split:5 Come On In!

(Song one, *Come On In!* begins. Employees are busy getting ready to open for the day at the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill.)

Nita Nicely Mornin' Mr. Good.

Mr. Good Mornin', Nita!

Nita Another fine day at the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill.

Mr. Good Yes, ma'am. We're all here...Dudley's back there cookin' on the grill,

Miss Lamb is behind the counter, and of course, I'm here ready to welcome our guests. Yes, everyone is here (questioning) except...that new waitress, Susie. She's runnin' late again.(looks at his watch)

Nita We must show patience, Mr. Good.

Mr. Good Nita Nicely, you have more patience than Job himself. Don't know

why you hired that little gal in the first place. She comes with

baggage you know. She is always focused on her sick mom...and not

waitressin'.

Miss Nicely Give her a little understanding, Mr. Good. The Good Lord always

showed compassion for those in need...and we need to do the same.

Mr. Good Yes, ma'am.

Miss Nicely Now, let's get these doors open for business. I have a feelin'

something wonderful is going to happen today.

(MR. GOOD turns the OPEN sign.)

Miss Nicely Come on in folks! Pancakes are sizzlin' and eggs are gettin'

scrambled! Welcome to the I Am Second Roadside Grill!

(The customers enter.)

(Nita sings, *Come On In!* continues to the end)

Scene 2

(MR. GOOD is examining the coffee maker.)

Nita Still having a problem with that coffee maker, Mr. Good?

Mr. Good Yes, ma'am. My cousin, Luke came to try to fix it. BUT, the coffee

just seems to never get hot enough. The door out back is broken, too

and the shelf in the storage room is about to fall.

Nita Since Ralph moved away, there just ain't anybody in town who

can fix things. (HARRY HAMILTON enters) Here comes my good friend, Harry Hamilton. Ham is so good to those homeless folks at the Rescue House. I bet they could use some good home cookin'.

Mr. Hamilton (MR. HAMILTON walks toward NITA) Hello, Nita!

Nita (NITA NICELY moves to greet Mr. Hamilton) Hello, Ham.

So great to see you this fine day.

Mr. Hamilton This is a fine day...a wonderful day.

Nita Every day with the Lord is a wonderful day, Mr. Hamilton. My daddy

always used to say, "This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice

and be glad in it!" So that's just what I do.

Mr. Hamilton There's no tellin' how many folks your daddy helped throughout the

years.

Nita Did I hear that you had a new man stayin' over there at the Rescue

House?

Mr. Hamilton Yep. He just showed up last week outta nowhere. Says he's a

handyman.

Nita Come on back, to the kitchen and I'll fix something up for him.

Mr. Hamilton Thanks, Nita.

Nita How about some pancakes and eggs and some crispy bacon?

Mr. Hamilton Sounds great! Double that order. I'll have some, too.

(NITA and MR. HAMILTON exit to the kitchen.)

(SUSIE enters in a rush. She runs past Mr. Good.)

Mr. Good (clears his throat) Susie? Late again?

Susie I'm so sorry, Mr. Good. My Ma'am was having a rough morning.

I know that's no excuse. I'm so sorry!

Mr. Good I realize you are in a difficult situation, just try to not let it

happen again.

Susie Yes, sir.

(SUSIE puts on her apron and moves to begin her job as a waitress.)

(MISS LAMB is on the floor obviously searching for something.)

Dudley Excuse, me, Mr. Good. I believe Miss Lamb is having some sort of

problem. Just look...she's crawling around on the floor.

Mr. Good Miss Lamb, is everything OK?

Miss Lamb I'm fine dear...just looking for something.

Mr. Good Maybe we can help. Dudley, Susie, come let's help Miss Lamb.

(DUDLEY, SUSIE, and MR. GOOD begin crawling on the floor.)

Susie What are we looking for, Miss Lamb?

Miss Lamb A penny.

Mr. Good A penny?! (MR. GOOD hops to his feet) Why are we crawling all

over the floor looking for a penny?

Miss Lamb I was just checking my coin purse... and I realized that I had lost my

favorite penny. I'm just down here on the floor looking for it. Never

know, I may have dropped it.

Mr. Good (Reaching in his pocket) Here, Miss Lamb. I can give you a penny.

Miss Lamb Oh no dear, thank you anyway. I'll find it. I need to locate the one

that is lost. I just have to keep looking.

Mr. Good How can anyone spend time looking for a penny? Oh

brother...sometimes this place...

(MR. GOOD moves to the counter)

(Enter NITA and MR. HAMILTON carrying a take out bag full of food.)

Nita We could really use a good handyman.

Mr. Hamilton Thanks so much Nita. I'm sure he'll appreciate food and the job

offer. Well, I better get back to the Rescue House.

Nita See you later, Ham. (MR. HAMILTON exits. NITA walks to

SUSIE.)

Good morning, Susie.

Susie Miss Nita, I'm so sorry about being late again today. My Ma'am is

just

havin' a tough time of it. I will try to not let it happen again.

Nita Don't worry about it, Susie. I remember a few years back how tough

it was when my Daddy was sick. Here, Susie. Take this.

(NITA hand SUSIE an evelope.)

Susie (SUSIE opens the envelope. SUSIE begins to cry. There is money

inside.) Thank you so much Miss Nita. (SUSIE wipes her tears and

goes back to work.)

Mr. Good (MR. GOOD moves to NITA) Nita, you've got to stop givin' away

the shirt off your back.

Nita Mr. Good, when I look around, all I see is blessings. I have a roof

over my head...food on the table and the greatest little eating

establishment west of the Mississippi...(Yelling) I...

All (yell)...am second!

Mr. Good I'm just afraid that all this is gonna come back to haunt you one day,

Nita. The bank ain't that understanding.

Nita Count your blessings, Mr. Good. Count your blessings. You will see

that there are so many around that you just cannot help but share a

blessing or two with others.

Song CD:4 • Split: 17 Count Your Blessings

Scene 3

Nita Mr. Good, I'm headin' to the office to tackle some of those bills.

Hold down the fort. (NITA exits to the office.)

Miss Lamb (crawling across the floor) Here penny! Here penny, penny!

Dudley Miss Lamb, why's that penny so important to you?

Miss Lamb It was an old penny my ma'ama gave me a long time ago so I guess

that's what made it special. It's lost...not safe...and I must find it. I know it's here somewhere. Here penny! Here penny, penny! (MISS

LAMB stands but continues to look for the coin.)

John (JOHN enters.) Hello, I am looking for a Nita.

Mr. Good OK, she's back in the office. I'll get her for you. (yells) Nita,

there's someone out here to see you.

Nita (NITA enters carrying an email.) Howdy, the name's Nita Nicely.

(NITA shakes hands with JOHN.) What can I do for ya?

John My name is John. Mr. Hamilton sent me. He told me you were in

need of a handyman and I sure could use the work.

Nita Sure thing, John. Well, as you can see, this is an old building. (NITA

gestures to the building.) We have lots of loose screws around here.

(EVERYONE pauses and looks at MISS LAMB.)

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB walks up.) Would you mind lifting your foot? I'm

looking for my lost penny. (JOHN lifts his foot and glances under his

foot.)

John Sorry, ma'am. No penny.

Nita (to MISS LAMB) Keep searching, Miss Lamb, I'm sure you'll find it.

(to JOHN) John, Mr. Good has a list of things we need

fixed. I can't pay much, but every little bit helps.

John That would be great, Ma'am. I'll get right on it.

Nita There are tools in the back. Welcome to I...

All ...am second!

Nita Hey "I Am Second" folks, we need to have a little staff meeting over

here at the register (ALL employees gather around). I wanted you all to know that I just received an email from the bank. They're sending a person over to check us out. Something about that balloon payment

due.

Mr. Good (worried) I knew this was gonna to happen. Nita, you're just too

generous.

Nita I just haven't been able to pay any on that loan I took out last year

to fix the roof.

Mr. Good Too much helpin' others...and not yourself, Nita.

Miss Lamb (Picks up a button on the floor) No, this is not my penny. Must keep

looking.

Nita This is not the time to throw in the kitchen towel. We need to be like

Miss Lamb. (NITA helps MISS LAMB to her feet.) She has lost her precious penny and she won't give up until she finds it. She has real faith. Now, that's what we need...Faith. And with Faith comes hope and hope brings love. We just got to keep things in their proper order.

The Lord is first and we are second!

Song CD:6 • Split:24 Faith, Hope, Love

Scene 4

(MR. GOOD looks out the window)

Mr. Good Nita, there's a giant limo pulling up outside.

Dudley And there is a lady dressed in a fancy suit getting' out.

(MS. I M FIRST enters with his personal assistant MISS SWEET. MISS SWEET

enters first.)

Ms. First (correcting MISS SWEET) Miss Sweet, remember, I am ALWAYS

first through doors.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry.

Nita Hello, may I help you.

Ms. First The name's I.M. First and this is my assistant. (MS. FIRST gestures

to MISS SWEET.) Miss Sweet, make a note that the sign out front needs to be changed. Whoever heard of calling a restaurant "I am

Second!"

Nita Really, I always liked the name "I am Second." (NITA gestures to her

father's picture.) You see my Daddy came up with that name a long

time ago...

Mr. Good May we help you?

Susie Would you like a table?

Dudley I'll get you a menu. (DUDLEY goes to get a menu.)

Ms. First I do not need a table or a menu. I'm the new chief loan officer from

First Bank and Trust. (MS. FIRST is looking at her notebook for the

name.) I am here to see a Miss Nicely?

Nita (NITA steps forward. DUDLEY lays the menus down) That would be

me. (NITA reaches out to shake hands with MS. FIRST who avoids her hand looking at the furnishings. NITA moves close to MS. FIRST studying her face.) Aren't you Izzy? Isabel First? Didn't we go to elementary school together? Why hello, Izzy! So nice to see you

again.

Ms. First The name is Ms. First, if you don't mind.

Nita Sure thing, Izzy, I mean Ms. First.

Ms. First Miss Sweet! Make a note that all the furniture will need to be

changed. Only top of the line...the best.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am.

Nita Ms. First, right now, I have no extra money for renovations. I

did hire John over there to do a little sprucin' up on the place.

Ms. First (MR. FIRST looks at JOHNNY) John? Aren't you that stranger I

saw lurking around downtown?

John I did come to town last week. I was lookin' for work and Miss Nicely

was kind enough to give me a job.

Ms. First (To NITA) Putting others first? That's your problem, Miss Nicely.

You've got to put yourself first. Why, that's been my philosophy throughout my life. Even when I was a child, I was First in every

way...first in quality...first in line...FIRST.

Song CD:8 • Split:30 I Am First!

Scene 5

Nita I'm sorry, Izzy. This puttin' yourself first thing is just not my style.

Ms. First Then, I'm sorry to say that we at First Bank and Trust will need to

seize this establishment. I have a buyer right now ready to purchase the building. They are ready to change this run-downed eye-sore into

a beautiful bed and breakfast.

Dudley Oh no, what will happen to us?

Susie I have to have my job! My Ma'am depends on me!

Mr. Good Ms. First, "I am Second" is Nita's home. She and Miss Lamb live

right upstairs. Where will they go?

Nita (determined) Izzy, you're scaring my employees.

Ms. First You have until 8 a.m. tomorrow morning, Miss Nicely. Unless you

come up with \$10,000, you will face foreclosure.

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB crawls across the floor to MS. FIRST.) Excuse me,

could you lift your foot?

Ms. First (obviously annoyed) Who are you and what are you doing?

Miss Lamb I'm Miss Lamb. (MISS LAMB reaches up to shake MS. FIRST's

hand.) Nice to meet you. I'm looking for my lost penny. I thought it

might even be in your pocket. (MISS LAMB peeks into MS.

FIRST'S coat pocket.)

Ms. First Lost money? I have no lost money.

Miss Lamb OK, dear. You remind me of a little lamb that was lost. (MISS

LAMB looks off into space "story mode.") Thankfully, his master searched high and low until that lamb was found. Izzy, your master is

searchin' for you, too.

Ms. First (MS. FIRST CLEARS her throat.) Miss Sweet, make a note to

include an audit on the books to account for lost money.

Miss Sweet Yes, ma'am, lost money. (MISS SWEET types into her Ipad. Her

face changes to sad and concerned.)

Ms. First (MS. FIRST is obviously disgusted.) I'll be back tomorrow with the

needed documents! "First Bed and Breakfast!" sounds like a good

name.

Miss Sweet (sarcastically) How original.

Ms. First Come along, Miss Sweet! (points to NITA) I'll see YOU tomorrow.

(MS. FIRST exits.)

Miss Sweet (MISS SWEET lags behind. She turns to NITA.) I'm so sorry. I'll

pray that God will make a way for you to pay off that loan.

Nita Thanks so much. Your prayers are appreciated.

Ms. First (Yelling from off stage) Miss Sweet!

Miss Sweet Coming, Ms. First. (MISS SWEET exits.)

Mr. Good Isabel Matilda First. I remember Izzy and her family. They already

own half of main street. Now, they want "I Am Second!"

Susie Oh no, Nita! What are you gonna to do? I've just gotta have a job.

My Momma needs me to help pay doctor bills.

Dudley And I just moved into my own apartment. I have rent to pay.

John Miss Nita, I hope hirin' me didn't add to your troubles.

Nita Hirin' you, was a great idea John. Just look, that coffee pot is perkin'

out some pipin' hot coffee thanks to you. Let's just all calm down.

Come on now...pick those chins up off the floor. The Lord is

here....(NITA points to the floor.) right here...and I just gotta believe that He's gonna take care of us. (NITA looks at her watch.) Looks

like it's about that time.

Miss Lamb Ya'll go home and have a good night's rest. Things will look

brighter in the morning.

(MR. GOOD, DUDLEY, and SUSIE exit.)

(NITA stands in the middle of the stage. MISS LAMB moves to stand with her.)

Nita Miss Lamb, this has been a day.

Miss Lamb Yes, dear, it has.

Nita Miss Lamb, you knew my Daddy. What would he do at a time like

this?

Miss Lamb I know exactly what he would do, Nita....he would have a little talk

with the Lord.

Nita (agreeing) Yes, that is just what he would do.

Miss Lamb Even in the worst of times...like when there were money

problems...or when your Momma passed...there he would be...on his knees spendin' time with Jesus. He'd always say, "Nothin' helps a body more than talkin' things over with the Good Lord." The Lord will provide, my dear...He will provide. (MISS LAMB exits)

(NITA moves center stage.)

Nita Lord, you know this has been a tough day...a day I really miss my

daddy. I need you, Lord to guide me and help me make it through tomorrow. I know, Lord, that you will be with me no matter what. Even just talking to you right now makes me feel better. You bring a song to my heart even in the worst of times. (NITA exits at the end of

the song.)

Song CD:12 • Split:43 You Are First!

Scene 6

Mr. Good (MR. GOOD arrives as MISS LAMB enters.) Good mornin', Miss

Lamb.

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB enters.) Mornin', Mr. Good. Time to get these doors

open for business.

John (JOHN enters with DUDLEY) Good morning Miss Lamb.

Miss Lamb Good morning!

Nita (NITA rushes in.) Sorry I'm late everyone. Long night.

John (JOHN walks to NITA) Miss Nicely, I have a very important

appointment this morning. Would you mind if I left work for a little

while?

Nita No problem, John. Do what you need to do and we'll see you when

you get back. (JOHN exits.)

Susie (Sound efx of a tire screeching. SUSIE rushes in.) Miss Nita! John,

just saved Ms. First from being hit by a car.

Dudley (looking out the window) Here they come!

Nita (to DUDLEY) Dudley, get some water.

(MS. FIRST, MISS SWEET, and JOHN enter. MS. FIRST is obviously shaken.)

Nita Come on in and sit down, Izzy. Are you alright? (SUSIW and JOHN

help MS. FIRST to a chair.)

Ms. First (coughing) I'm fine. I'm fine. I just wasn't looking.

Miss Sweet If it weren't for John...well...there could have been a disaster.

(JOHN quietly exits.)

Dudley (Dudley hands a glass of water to MS. FIRST.) Here ya go.

(MS. FIRST takes a sip of water.)

Susie Are you hurt anywhere? (SUSIE shakes MS. FIRST arm.) Do we

need to get you to a doctor?

Ms. First No, I'm fine, thank you. Why are you being so good to me?

Nita It's the Jesus way, Izzy.

Ms. First Jesus way? What do you mean, Jesus way?

Nita Jesus served others...no matter what they were like...no matter what

they had done. And I want to be like Him. Yes, that means that I am second...but, second is a great place to be. Don't you want to put

Jesus first in your life, Izzy?

Ms. First I do, Nita. I really do. You seem so happy. And really, I'm never

happy. Trying to be first all the time is actually exhausting.

Will you help me know Jesus?

(During the song, NITA prays with IZZY.)

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB looks on the floor and sees the penny.) Look! I found

it! The lost penny!

Ms. First You found your penny!

All (everyone cheers and applauds)

Miss Lamb Yes, and I'm going to give this penny to you, Izzy. (MISS LAMB

hands penny to MS. FIRST.)

Ms. First (questioning) To me?

Miss Lamb I once was lost, but now I'm found...was blind but now I see.

Ms. First Thanks, Miss Lamb.

Ms. First Hey, have you seen John? I want to thank him.

Miss Sweet I saw him leave. I think he was heading to the bank.

Ms. First Bank! Oh no! I've done something terrible. It's 8 o'clock! We're past

the deadline! I was so anxious to take over this place that I started the paperwork early. In fact, the reason I was almost hit by the car was because I was rushing to bring you this official notice of foreclosure.

I'm afraid you've lost "I Am Second" and it's all my fault.

(JOHN enters, dressed in a business suit.)

Susie (SUSIE stares at JOHN in amazement) John, is that you?

Dudley Where did you get those fancy duds?

John Miss Nicely, I am so sorry I had to run out. I must apologize because

I have not been completely honest with you. I want to formally introduce myself to you. My name is John R. Stonefellow.

Mr. Good I've heard of you. (MR. GOOD shakes JOHN's hand vigorously.)

You are the John R. Stonefellow who's the owner of Stonefellow

Corporation and one of the richest men in the world.

John Yes, (JOHN stops shaking hands and pulls away.) that would be me.

I've been on an undercover mission to find a person who really cares...cares for others...someone who understands the concept of

putting Christ first in their life. And I'm happy to say, I've found her! Miss Nita Nicely. But that's not all. The goal of my search was to give that deserving person a financial award. I've just come from the bank and Miss Nita, I've paid off your loan.

All (Cheers and applause.)

John AND I've also placed money in your account for needed renovations

of "I Am Second" insuring that this fine establishment will be

operating for many years to come.

All (Cheers and applause.)

John And I made the payment before the 8 a.m. deadline so you are in the

clear. (JOHN takes the foreclosure papers from MS. FIRST and rips

them.)

Nita I'm so grateful, John...really everybody. Thanks for praying and

believing. (The restaurant employees move to the side congratulating

NITA.)

Miss Lamb (MISS LAMB walks to center stage) Are you a lost lamb? Is Jesus

first in your life?

Kid 1 Matthew 19:30 But many shall be last that are first; and first that are

last.

Kid 2 Matthew 6:33 But seek FIRST his kingdom and his righteousness,

and all these things will be given to you as well.

Miss Lamb Do you know Jesus? Do you have Him in your heart? Come on in!

Join us. Believe in Jesus, right now! Make Him first in your heart and

life. Then, you can also say, I...

All ...am second!

Miss Lamb ...because Jesus will be first. (MISS LAMB holds up her finger

pointing toward heaven.)

Song 6 CD:14 • Split:48 Jesus

Song 7

(optional) CD:19 • Split:71 I Am Second—Bow Music

Come On In!

Words and Music by Pam Andrews

Welcome, welcome, folks come right on in!
Grab a seat and sit right down; we'll treat you like our kin!
You'll get some down home cookin; fine dining you will find.
We're the "I am Second" Roadside Grill; check that "open" sign.

Come on in! Come on in! Come on in! Come on in! Come on in and let us serve you. Come on in! Come on in! Come on in! Bring a friend. Bring a friend. We're servin' up some happiness; we're servin' up some grins. Come on in! Come on in! Bring a friend. Bring a friend. We're servin' up some happiness; we're servin' up some grins.

Here's a stack of flapjacks hot off that sizzlin' grill.

Eggs are gettin' scrambled; coffee cups are gettin' filled.

We just wanna serve you and fill your day with cheer.

We're glad you folks can join us and we're glad you folks are here!

CHORUS

(Spoken) (Mr. Good) My name is Mister Good; good service is the best. (Dudley) Dudley is my name; I'm the "I Am Second" chef. (Miss Lamb) May I help you neighbor? Miss Lamb's my given name. (Nita Nicely) And I am Nita Nicely; great service is my game. (All) We just want to serve you, to put you first in line. We will do our best to treat you all so fine. Come on in and join us; we're glad you folks are here. At the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill you'll find some heavenly cheer!

VERSE (Welcome, welcome,...)

CHORUS

at the "I Am Second" Roadside Grill, where the customer's always first!



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Count Your Blessings

Words and Music by Pam Andrews, (except for P.D. song)

Count your blessings; name them one by one. Count your blessings; see what God has done. Count your blessings; name them one by one; And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

It's time to count, count, count, count your blessings. (One, two, three!) Just look around, 'round, 'round you'll find them there; and everywhere. It's time to count, count, count, count your blessings. (Four, five, six!) It's time to show someone out there you really care.

It's time to count, count, count your blessings. (Sev'n, eight, nine!) It's time to name, name, name them one by one and two by two. It's time to count, count, count, count your blessings. (Now there's ten!) And then you'll feel the love of God come shining through.

You've got to count them, come on and count them. Count your many blessings; name them one by one. You've got to count them, come on and count them. Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

CHORUS

(CHOIR 1) Count your many blessings; name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!

(ADD CHOIR 2) Count your many blessings; name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!

(ADD CHOIR 3) Count your many blessings; name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!

(ALL, SPOKEN) One, two, three, four, five six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Those blessings never end.

CHORUS

It's time to count, count, count, count your blessings. (SPOKEN) One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Those blessings never end. (SUNG) And then you'll feel the love of God come shining through.



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Faith, Hope, Love

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Faith is believin' that when you feel despair
There is someone out there who'll be someone who really cares.
Faith is believin' that you've got a great friend,
Who's with you thick and thin, who'll be there till the very end.

Faith, hope, love, that's the Jesus way.

He is with His children every single solitary day.

Oh, faith, hope, love, brings joy beyond compare.

'Cause with Jesus in your heart, you are not alone.

He is with you, really with you.

He is with you everywhere.

Hope is believin' when there's storms in the sky
That He'll be by your side, leading you to a sunny sky.
Hope is believin' there's a place with no fear,
Where the skies are so clear, and you won't ever shed a tear.

CHORUS

Love is the reason that from heaven above Jesus brought down His love to our hearts if in Him we trust. Love is the reason on the cross He would stay, Gladly taking our place, so with Him we could live one day.

CHORUS



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I Am First!

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Look at me! I'm number one! I'm the best! Yeah, one is fun! First in line is where I want to be, Never second, no, never second. 'Cause when I'm first, I always think of me!

I am first; I'm all alone. First in line, I call my home, sweet home. I am first; that's where I'll always stay. I am first! I get my way!

I remember kindergarten, what a happy time.
Got to be the lucky duck, in front on every line.
That's where being first began;
I learned to push and shove
So I'd be first in everything 'cause first is what I love!
Love, love, love, love, first, first, first,
Love, love, love, love, first, first, first.

CHORUS

(SPOKEN) First in line to get my lunch; first to step up on the bus. First, first, first, must be first!
First at every water fountain; first to climb the tallest mountain. First, first, first, must be first!
First to get the coolest clothes; first to always blow my nose.
First, first, first, must be first!
First in line at theme park rides; first to slide down giant slides.
First, first, first, must be first!
First to cross the finish line; first to always beg and whine.
First, first, first, must be first! Second place is such a crime.
Never runner-up am I! I am first, yes every time!

CHORUS CHORUS

I get my way; I get my way; I get my way. I am first!

He is Here!

Words and Music by Pam Andrews

What are you doin'; what's goin' on?
Gotta push those fears way out the door
And remember to be strong.
Time for believin'; a happy ending's very near,
'Cause when you're walkin' through a valley deep,
You gotta know the Lord is here.

He is here; He is here.
The Lord is here; the Lord is here.
He's walkin' with His children;
He is here; He is here.
Just believe; just believe
And trust with all your heart.
Yes, He is here;
Believe me, He is here.

Now, take a step or two in faith, The Lord is with you; He'll lead the way. He really loves you; this I know, Because the Bible tells me so.

CHORUS

Now, don't you worry; don't you fret. Don't pull those covers over your head. You've got a friend Who's there for you, Who's love will always shine right through.

CHORUS



You Are First!

Words and Music by Pam Andrews

I love you, Lord;
I put my faith and trust in You.
You are my life, the Way, the Truth;
You are a friend forever true.
I love you, Lord;
I bring my troubles all to You;
I'm sure You'll know just what to do.
You'll make the sun come shining through;
I love You, Lord.

You are first; You are my star. You are first; You own my heart. You are first; I'll gladly walk behind. I'll follow You; You are first; You are my Lord.

When I am afraid, You are there. I know you always love me; You always care. With You leading me I know I'll find the way To peace and joy and happiness each day.

CHORUS

You are first; I'll gladly walk behind. I'll follow You; You are first; You are my Lord.



Jesus

Words and Music by Pam Andrews *Jesus in the Morning*, P.D.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noontime; Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!

Jesus is the joy in me. He is first in my heart; He is first in my life. Jesus is the joy in me. He's my all; He's my Lord; He is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Serve Him, serve Him; Serve Him in the morning, serve Him in the noontime; Serve Him, serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down.

Love Him, love Him; Love Him in the morning, love Him in the noontime; Love Him, love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.

CHORUS (Jesus is the joy in me...)

Choir 1: CHORUS with choir 2 Choir 2: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Praise Him when the sun goes down. (Jesus is the joy in me.) Serve Him when the sun goes down. (Jesus is the joy in me.) Love Him when the sun goes down.



We Praise You, Lord!

Words and Music by Pam Andrews *Doxology*, P.D.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We praise You, Lord, on best of days. We praise You, Lord, through stormy waves. We praise You, Lord, for all You do. We praise You, Lord, for being You.

Jesus, You're so amazing!
The world is spinning in Your hands.
Jesus, hear the words we're saying!
You're the mighty God; You're the Great I Am!

CHORUS

Jesus, You are our teacher. You brought Your joy to all of the world. Jesus, You're the mighty Savior! You're the King of kings; You're the Lord of lords!

CHORUS

(Scripture reading)

(Ps. 150:1) Praise the LORD, Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. (Ps. 27:1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? (John 3:30) He must become greater; I must become less." (Ps. 150.6) Let everything that has breathe praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (spoken) Praise the Lord!



I Believe in Jesus!—Reprise

Words and Music by Pam Andrews

I believe in Jesus! Yes, I do; I really do.
I believe He loves me. Yes, I do; I really do.
I believe in Jesus Christ; He's my Lord and Savior.
I believe in Jesus Christ; He's living in my heart.

I believe, yes, I believe; I believe in Jesus! I believe, yes, I believe; I believe in Jesus!

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Believe me, He is here.

I Believe in Jesus!—Reprise p.2

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Spoken) Praise the Lord!



I Am Second—Bow Music

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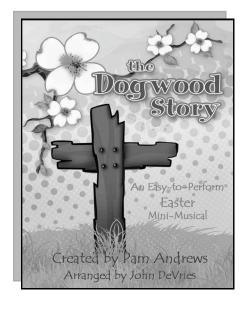
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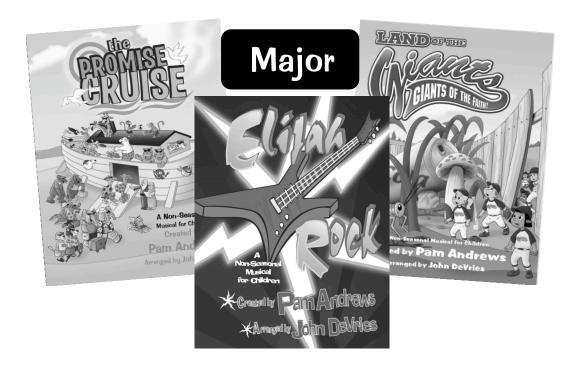
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At the lam Second Roadside Grill it is understood that Jesus is number one. All her life, Nita Nicely, the owner of lam Second, has lived by the example taught by her parents, to put others and the things of Jesus before herself. The restaurant is about to go into foreclosure. A mysterious handyman does something completely unexpected and the local banker has a change of heart. No turn of events is a surprise to Nita and everything leads to the honor and glory going where it should—to the Lord, first.

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