

3. Countin' On You

from "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical"

Music by M. Hillgartner
Lyrics by Hillgartner & Beecham

CUE

GRACE: "Hello?"

TRACK 4

Free and Dramatic

GRACE: "Helen?"

HELEN:

(HELEN)

Grace! We have a sit-u - a - tion here. A cri-sis! Do I make my-self clear?

GRACE: "No!"

(HELEN)

I shat-tered my leg and arm! Yes, I near-ly bought the farm and now I'm in the

hos-pi - tal. — And I need yes, I need your help, my dear...

- GRACE: "Of course! What can I do?"
- HELEN: "Direct the Christmas pageant."
- GRACE: "Me? Direct? What about Betty?"
- BETTY: "Sorry honey."
- GRACE: "Or Luanne?"
- LUANNE: "No can do."
- GRACE: "Or Connie?"
- CONNIE: "My dance card is full."

TRACK 5

60's Girl

Group Shuffle ♩ = 140

CHURCH LADIES:

We're count-in' on, count-in' on you, Grace. It's a role that the

three of us can't face. Now it's up to you to do that play! Be-sides we took the oth-er jobs, you

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23 **BETTY:** **CONNIE:**

have to say o - ka - ay. A job like this is, oh, so - ea - sy. A piece of cake.

27 **LUANNE:** **CHURCH LADIES:**

It's a breeze. Lit - tle kids dressed up like lit - tle an - gels. What could go wrong?

GRACE: "Everything!"
(CHARLIE and BETH tug on their mom, pleading)
CHARLIE: "No, Mom!"
BETH: "We're begging you! Don't do it."
CHARLIE: "That pageant's never any fun."
BOB: "For them...or me."
GRACE: "Don't worry; I'm not going to direct the play."
[SFX: doorbell]
GRACE: "I'll take the auction."

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39 **CHURCH LADIES:**

NO WAY! We're count-in' on, count-in' on you, Grace. You're the on - ly one to

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ev - er re - place Our He - len, can't you see it's true? No - bo - dy else can do it

47 **GRACE:** **LUANNE:**

quite like you - oo. Wait! That job takes real tal - ent. Yes, it takes

51 **BETTY:** **CONNIE:**

nerves of steel, and guts and heart and all those skills. You're the one to get us

55 **CHURCH LADIES:** **GRACE:**

up that hill! We're count-in' on, count-in' on you, Grace. Please, don't! I could

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ne - ver re - place our He - len, I don't have a clue.

62 **CHURCH LADIES:** **KIDS: "Noooooooooo!!!"**

We drew straws so it has to be you - oo.

66 **KIDS:**

We're count-in' on, count-in' on you, Mom. Can't you see? It's gon - na

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be a big bomb. We mean it, Mom, just say no! 'Cause

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if you do the play— we won't go - oh!

GRACE: "What?! Bob, talk to them."

BOB: "Oh, no! I'm with the kids. If you do the pageant, then we're all doing the pageant."

KIDS: "And we don't want to do the pageant!"

GRACE: "Well, if that's how everyone feels--"

(HELEN's bed is turned to face the Bradley home--by a candy striper, who's been holding the phone up to her ear--or CHURCH LADIES.. music stops)

HELEN: (into phone) "Not everyone."

TRACK 6

Dramatic - Straight Eighths ♩ = 115

Gtr, Bs.

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GRACE: "You're kidding!"

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HELEN:

Grace! Let me make one thing quite clear. It is all your fault I'm here.

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Re-mem-ber when you said you'd help me load the van? You ne-ver showed- and here I am!

TRACK 7

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Group Shuffle ♩ = 140

(piano)

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HELEN: "You owe me."
[GO ON]

HELEN & CHURCH LADIES:

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We're count-in' on, count-in' on you, Grace.

BOB & KIDS:

You should have said

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You're the one who has to do this show!

no in the first place.

KIDS: "Aw Mom!"

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GRACE:

We knew, Grace,

Guys don't you see? I can't say no!

BOB: "Really, Honey?"

rit.

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we could count on you, Grace. We could count on

GRACE: "Well that's it. We're doing the pageant and auditions are Sunday."

(groan from the KIDS)

BOB: "Does that mean I have to go?"

GRACE, CHARLIE & BETH: "Yes!"

TRACK 8

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you.