

VOCAL BOOK

2. The Horrible Herdmans

from "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical"

Music by M. Hillgartner
Lyrics by Hillgartner and Beecham

CUE

CHARLIE:

"No Herdmans."

VAMP

REVEREND HOPKINS: *(laughing nervously)*

"Now Charlie, we must be careful what we say about others."

IVY: "Yeah, if the Herdmans ever found out, you know what they'd do."

TRACK 2

Intense and Scary ♩ = 145

ELMER: Put worms in your sand - wick. **BETH:** Ants in your purse.

6 TEDDY: Flat - ten your tires. **ALICE:** And much much worse!

REV: "Those are terrible things to say!"

CHARLIE: "But they're all true! The Herdman's are the worst kids in the history of the world!"

9 **4** **KIDS:** The

14 Hor - ri - ble Herd - mans are the rot - ten - est kids. Just wait un - til you hear a - bout the

17 things that they did. They hit and they steal and smoke smel - ly ci - gars, they

20 ought - ta be ar - res - ted and put be - hind bars. There's no - thing that those kids won't do, No - thing

25 they won't do to you. Don't fight You're al - ways gon - na lose. They'll

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REV: "They can't be that bad!"

find you, then they'll pound you 'til your face is black and blue!

31 **KIDS:**

Six of the Herd - mans are like six - ty of us. They bul - ly lit - tle chil - dren, they

34 **BOYS:** **GIRLS:**

spit and they cuss. They pull down your gym shorts and look up your dress.

37 **KIDS:**

When they leave a class-room, it's al-ways a mess. Why us? What did we do to them?

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Why us? How will we get rid of them? Help, please, there's got to be a way to

45 **REV:**

run the Herd-mans out of town to some-place far a-way! Now, chil-dren, that's too much!

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Those kids can't help them-selves. Their mo - ther works so hard, she's ne - ver home! —

HELEN: "You're so right!"

54 **HELEN:** **CHURCH LADIES:**

— They're all a-lone! Those poor lit-tle dears, they're a ter-ri-ble crew. The

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HELEN:
 place they live in's not a house, it's more like a zoo! Bless their hearts, must they run

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CHURCH LADIES:
 wild in the street? Why can't they be po-lite? Why do they cuss, lie and cheat? Bless them,

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they're a row-dy bunch. Dear Lord, tell them it's not nice to punch. Please, please! Will some-one

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+KIDS:
 calm them down be-fore those lit-tle Herd-mans make a mess of our town? Yes! Oh yes! They

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real - ly make a mess Yes! Oh yes! It's such a mess!

VAMP
 IMOGENE: "Wee! Ride 'em, cowboy!"
 OLLIE: "Wait for me, Imogene!"
 IMOGENE: "Yer slower than molasses!"
 RALPH: "Another Rudolph!"
 CLAUDE: "Gimme the nose!"
 LEROY: "No! Give it to me!"
 RALPH: "Cut it out!"
 GLADYS: "That nose is mine!"
 OLLIE: (*jumps on the cart*) "Go fast, Imogene!"

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2 (piano) HERDMANS:
 We're the

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IMOGENE: RALPH: LEROY:
 Hor - ri - ble Herd - mans, an un - beat - a - ble squad. I'm I-mo-gene! I'm Ralph! I'm

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84 **CLAUDE:** **ALL FOUR:** **OLLIE & GLADYS:**

Le - roy! I'm Claude! Here's Ol - lie and Gla - dys. We're small but we're mean!

87 **HERDMANS (except GLADYS):** **CHURCH PEOPLE & KIDS:**

Just one bite from Gla - dys— can sure make you scream. And now that it's Christ-mas,

91 **HERDMANS:**

look what those kids have done. We las-soed all the rein-deer in the town and pulled them down!

97 **RALPH:** **ELMER: "Dad!"** **ELMER: "Help!"**

I wrapped up El-mer Hop-kins like a Christ-mas tree in a string of red lights!

102 **LEROY:** **GLADYS:**

Ralph, grab the can-dy canes, we'll have a big sword fight! I plucked out Fros-ty's eyes, stuck a

106 **CHURCH LADIES, PARENTS & KIDS:** **REV:**

car-rot in his chest! Some-one ought-ta make a ci-ti-zen's ar-rest! Yes! Oh yes! A

110 **CHURCH LADIES, PARENTS & KIDS:**

ci-ti-zen's ar-rest! Yes! Oh yes! A ci-ti-zen's ar-rest! The

CLAUDE
& OLLIE:

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Hor - ri - ble Herd - mans have ru - ined our town! We dressed up the San - ta ___ to

PARENTS:

+KIDS:

+CHURCH LADIES:

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look like a clown! They're a nat - ural dis - as - ter! a plague! A stam - ped - ing herd!

VAMP

[SFX: Siren in distance]

MAN (V.O.): "Someone set the Stampers's shed on fire!"

WOMAN (V.O.): "Who did it?"

MAN (V.O.): "The Herdmans, who else!"

(piano)

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ALL:

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They(We) are the worst kids in the his - tory of the World! _____