

TROY

Then pretend it's just you and me, like kindergarten, remember? I'm right here.

(TROY nods for KELSI to start over. GABRIELLA looks at TROY, gaining confidence from their connection. #38 - BREAKING FREE.)

Breaking Free

3 TROY:

We're soar - ing,

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fly - ing. There's not a star in hea -

8 GABRIELLA:

- ven that we can't reach... If we're try -

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- in', so we're break - ing free.

13 TROY:

You know the world can see us

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in a way that's dif - f'rent from who we are.

17 **GABRIELLA:**
 Cre - a - ting space be - tween us, 'til
(TROY):

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 we're sep-'rate hearts. But your faith, it gives
 But your faith, it gives

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 me strength, strength to be - lieve.
 me strength, strength to be - lieve.

*(COACH BOLTON enters and watches TROY in disbelief.
 One by one, STUDENTS in the house rise, dance, and sing along.)*

24 **ALL:**
 Soar - in', fly -
 We're break - ing free!

26 (ALL):

- in'. — There's not a star — in hea -

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- ven that we — can't reach. — If we're try -

30 (ALL):

- in', yeah, we're break - in' free.

GABRIELLA:

Oh, we're break - in' free.

TROY:

Oh, we're break - in' free.

33 (ALL):

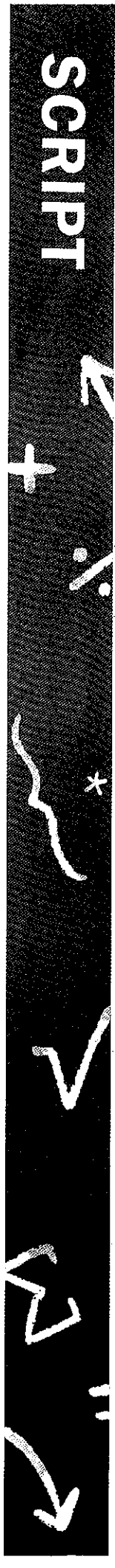
Run - nin', — climb - in', — to

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get to that place to be — all that we — can be.

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— Now's the time. — so we're break -

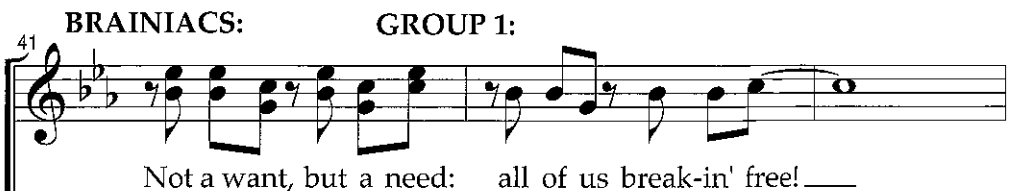


39 **JOCKS:**



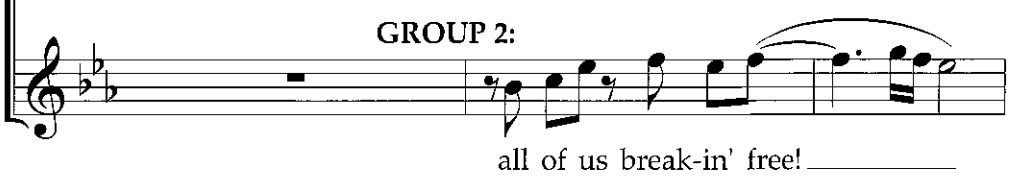
in' free. More than you, more than me.

41 **BRAINIACS:** **GROUP 1:**



Not a want, but a need: all of us break-in' free!

GROUP 2:



all of us break-in' free!

MS. DARBUS: Troy, Gabriella, you've got the parts!
(STUDENTS rush the stage, joining TROY and GABRIELLA in celebration. COACH BOLTON wipes tears from his eyes and pulls TROY aside.)

TROY: I'm sorry, Coach—

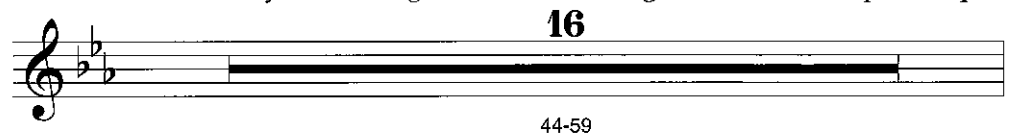
COACH BOLTON: No, son, I'm sorry. You were fantastic!

TROY: I was?

COACH BOLTON: I've been so busy focusing on what I want for you, maybe I've missed what you want for yourself. You can be anything you want, don't let anyone ever stop you. Okay, Troy?

TROY: Okay... Dad. *(big smile)* Now let's go win that championship!

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(The theater begins to transform into the gym.)

60 **ALL:**



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