

# Start of Something New

**PARTY KIDS:** Karaoke!!!

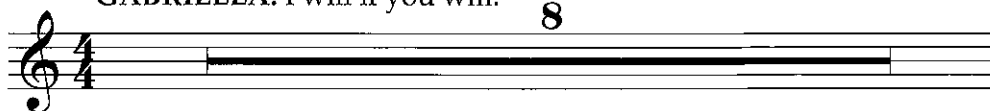
*(TROY and GABRIELLA approach the karaoke stage with microphones, terrified of making fools out of themselves.)*

**TROY:** I'm Troy. I can't sing.

**GABRIELLA:** Gabriella. Me either.

**TROY:** They're all looking at us.

**GABRIELLA:** I will if you will.



9 **TROY:**

Liv-ing in my own world, did-n't

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un-der-stand that an-y-thing can hap-pen—

15 **GABRIELLA:**

when you take a chance. I

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nev-er be-lieved in— what I could-n't see.—

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I nev-er o-pened my heart to all the posi-


24 **+ TROY:**

bil - i - ties.— Oh, — I

26  know that some-thing has changed, — nev-er felt this way,

28  — and right here to - night: — This could be the

30  start of some - thing new. — It feels so — right

32  — to be here with you. — Oh, — and

34  now, look-ing in your eyes, — I feel in my heart

36  the start of some-thing new.

*(TROY and GABRIELLA are surprised by how good they feel singing with each other. GABRIELLA checks her watch.)*

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**GABRIELLA:** Oh no, I have to go. I promised my mom,  
New Year's thing —

40 **ALL:**  Ten! Nine! Eight! Sev-en!

**TROY:** Hurry, put in your phone number, I'll do it too.  
*(GABRIELLA and TROY exchange phones, enter their numbers, hand phones back, and snap photos, just as the New Year hits.)*

**GABRIELLA:** I had such a great time with you—

**TROY:** Me too!

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Six! Five! Four! Three! Two! One!

**ALL:** Happy New Year!!!

*(The flashback ends as STUDENTS face downstage. TROY turns to JOCKS, GABRIELLA to BRAINIACS, still not seeing each other.)*

**TROY:** It was awesome!

**GABRIELLA:** It was like a dream.

**TROY:** I made a New Year's resolution to call and ask her out.

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54 **GROUP 1:**

This year I know it's gon-na hap-pen, gon-na hap-pen for me! \_\_\_\_\_

57 **GROUP 2:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I did-n't know it be-fore but now it's eas-y to see!

**(GROUP 2):**


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\_\_\_\_\_ It's the

**GROUP 1:**

Oh, it's so eas-y to see! \_\_\_\_\_ It's the

63 ALL:  
  
 start of some - thing new. — It feels so — right


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 — to be here with you. — Oh, — and

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 now I can reach the — skies. — I feel in my heart

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 ————— that it's the

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 start of some - thing new. — It feels so — right

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 — to be here with you. — Oh, — and

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 now I fin - lly re - a - lize — I feel in my heart

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 ————— the start of some - thing new! —

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Woh The start of some-thing new!

81  
Woh The start of some-thing new!

83  
Woh The start of some-thing

85  
new! Woh woh oh!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first three staves (measures 79-83) feature a vocal line with lyrics 'Woh The start of some-thing new!' and 'Woh The start of some-thing'. The fourth staff (measures 85) features a piano accompaniment with lyrics 'new! Woh woh oh!' and includes accents (>) over the notes.

(#3 – **START OF SOMETHING NEW – PLAYOFF.** School bell.  
*STUDENTS* disperse as a classroom assembles.)

## SCENE 2: HOMEROOM – MONDAY, 8 A.M.

(*STUDENTS* enter and sit for the morning announcements. *TROY* and *GABRIELLA* are the last to arrive. *TROY* can't believe his eyes as he takes his seat. *JACK SCOTT* appears downstage with an announcement microphone, which turns him from a nervous nerd into a hip and confident DJ.)

### JACK SCOTT

Yo, welcome back all you super-cool Wildcats. This is Jack Scott, the Velvet Fog of East High with the Homeroom 411 bringing you the morning announcements: The Science Decathlon finals are coming up this Friday, so see Taylor "Learning Curve" McKessie for more skinny on the hooey. All for now, peeps.

(*JACK SCOTT* exits. #4 – **HOMEROOM.** *MS. DARBUS*, the school drama teacher, enters with a grand flourish and a small gong. Her eccentricity is fueled by a genuine love of theater and of teaching.)