

18B. YOU'RE IN THE BAND (SCENE CHANGE)

SCENE THREE

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HORACE GREEN - THE CLASSROOM

Dewey walks back into the classroom. He is preoccupied.

SUMMER  
What was the meeting about?

DEWEY  
I don't know. Parents' Night.

SUMMER  
Parents' Night??

DEWEY  
They want to see your written work and the projects you've completed.

ZACK  
What written work?

KATIE  
What completed projects?

Dewey shrugs.

SUMMER  
What are you going to do?

DEWEY  
I don't know. What would you do, Summer? You're the one with the brains around here.

SUMMER  
I don't know. You're the teacher!

ZACK  
If our parents are coming tomorrow we won't be able to get away for the Battle of the Bands.

The kids begin to panic.

DEWEY  
Don't worry. I'm working on it.

SUMMER  
But how? It's just not possible.

MARCY  
Well, it's got to be.

DEWEY  
Yes! It's gotta be and it will be. We just need to come up with a plan. Any ideas?

The kids bombard Dewey with ideas. Tomika raises her hand.

DEWEY (CONT'D)  
Whoa! Hold on. Tomika has something to say. Front and center. What's up?

TOMIKA  
Mr Schneebly... I just wish...

DEWEY  
Tomika, I know you're shy, but I'm not a mind-reader.

TOMIKA  
I wish I was in the band.

DEWEY  
I wish you were, too, but... do you play an instrument?

TOMIKA  
No.

MARCY  
You didn't want to sing.

TOMIKA  
I do want to sing. But you asked me to be a back-up singer and I'm not a back-up singer. I'm a singer.

DEWEY  
It's just a little too late for that, Tomika.

Dewey sighs.

DEWEY (CONT'D)  
OK. If you sing something, maybe I can make you a singer.  
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