SCENE 2

SCREAM THAT THEME

*Game show. TAP KNEEJERK, a toothy quizmaster in a lime- green tuxedo, bounces onstage. During Intro cast jump down to become studio audience. Sign flown in. Waldorf and Statler take seats DSR*

*SONG #8: THE THEME FROM SCREAM THAT THEME*

**WALDORF** What’s this you’ve brought me to??

**STATLER** A Game Show

**WALDORF** Who’s game?

**STATLER** Not me!!

TAP Hi, folks! I’m Tap Kneejerk, here to welcome you all to SCREAM THAT THEME!

And a super dooper big hello to our fab studio audience!! You rock!!

*Note: Every time TAP shouts “SCREAM THAT THEME,” every available CAST and BAND MEMBER joins him.*

…STT is the ultimate funky game show where members of our studio audience identify famous television theme songs to win glamorous and exciting prizes! Today’s contestants have been chosen from our studio audience. If I call out your name, come on up to the stage to play SCREAM THAT THEME. The lovely Zanna, Hanna and Anna O’ Manna are here to help you to your screaming spot.

*Girls curtsey****.*** And soon you will meet our guest of honour – Carroll O’Connor, better known as Archie Bunker!!

And our STT contestants are…

*SONG #9: SCREAM BOSSA*

*Drum roll as TAP and GIRLS read names.*

**ZANNA** Player One is high school janitor - Herman J Blobshank…

**HANNA** Player Two in the queue is accountant - Susan Smart…

**ANNA**  and finally… Player Three is - Bobbie Blueblood from Tallahachie – now what did those kids throw off that bridge?

**TAP** Welcome folks, let’s play SCREAM THAT THEME!

*Z, H & A shows each contestant to their spot. POPS WASHINGTON, the Stage Manager writes each CONTESTANT’s name on their name board.*

**ZANNA** We have given each of our contestants a noisemaker. Player One – Herman - has a duck horn— give it a quack, would you, to try it out?

*HERMAN quacks. POPS with APPLAUSE sign at each of these*

**HANNA** Player Two – Ms Smart has a bell— ring that bell honey. *SUSAN rings.*

**ANNA** And Player Three – Bobbie, has a whoopee cushion from Spencer Gifts! Give it a squeeze. *BOBBIE squeezes the whoopee cushion.*

TAP (CONT’D) Our own ace band, Mellow Banana, will play one of your favorite television theme songs. Players, you must honk, ring or fart as soon as you think you know which theme the band is playing. When I point to the player who honked, rang or farted first, that player must SCREAM THAT THEME!

The winner will collect a complete ’70s makeover and a walk-on part in the new hit revue, STREAKIN’ THRU THE ’70S.

All right players, are you ready to play SCREAM THAT THEME? OK, here’s the first Mystery Theme…

*SONG #10: MYSTERY THEME – “LOVE IS ALL AROUND” (THEME FROM THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW)*

*The BAND plays the first TV theme: “Love Is All Around” from The Mary Tyler Moore Show. 8 bars then pause 3 Girls overreacting throughout*

**SUSAN** *rings and yells* Mary Tyler Moore!

**TAP** Right on! That was the theme from The Mary Tyler Moore Show! Let’s hear it for Smart Susan – I mean Susan Smart! And here to sing it is our own lovely Zanna O’Manna!

*During the songs TAP, can sing along and encourage the audience to join him.*

ZANNA (Maddi), HANNA (Ella M), ANNA (Lizzie) *2 bar Intro*

WHO CAN TURN THE WORLD ON WITH HER SMILE? WHO CAN TAKE A NOTHING DAY

AND SUDDENLY MAKE IT ALL SEEM WORTHWHILE? LOVE IS ALL AROUND, NO NEED TO WASTE IT.

YOU CAN HAVE THE TOWN. WHY DON’T YOU TAKE IT? YOU’RE GONNA MAKE IT AFTER ALL!

*She tosses her imaginary hat in the air and “freezes.”*

TAP Nice job, Zanna. That mime training is paying off.

*ALL 3 unfreeze and find themselves in invisible boxes. POPS comes to their aid*

All right, players. That was an easy one. Now they get a little harder, but here’s a clue. This 70s sitcom featured the beloved Marla Gibbs as a sassy wise-cracking maid. Let’s play SCREAM THAT THEME.

*SONG #11: MYSTERY THEME 2 – “MOVIN’ ON UP” (THE THEME FROM THE JEFFERSONS)*

*8 bars then pause*

**HERMAN** *shouting* The Waltons!

**TAP** No way Jose! Tough luck Hermie buddy!. I guess you’re not all-American…or did you have a crush on John-boy?! Everyone who is anyone remembers…The Jeffersons! Bring it on Girls…

ZANNA, HANNA, ANNA 1 beat Intro

*(with tambourine)*

WELL, WE’RE MOVIN’ ON UP TO THE EAST SIDE, TO A DELUXE APARTMENT IN THE SKY.

MOVIN’ ON UP TO THE EAST SIDE. WE FINALLY GOT A PIECE OF THE PIE.

FISH DON’T FRY IN THE KITCHEN, BEANS DON’T BURN ON THE GRILL.

*TAP attempts to cut HANNA off. “Thank you Zanna.” Ad libs.*

TOOK A WHOLE LOT OF TRYIN’ JUST TO GET UP THAT HILL…

*HANNA starts off on a riff until she notices the STREAKER.*

*SONG #12: STREAKING MUSIC*

*Siren. Lights flash. A streaking chicken runs through in through the foyer and across the stage*

**WALDORF**: What was that?

**STATLER**: Your dinner! *Laughter. Offstage scream and crash of body falling*

Awaiting approval to use Ray Stevens’ hit The Streak in here

instead of 12A

TAP Say what? I guess we should be grateful that that young rooster chose our little show to display his, uh… shortcomings. What’s that Pop? *Pop whispers in his ear*

*SONG #12A: STREAKING MUSIC REPRISE*

*POPS and STAGEHAND set up chairs for musical chairs sequence.*

TAP (CONT’D) Oh no!! Carroll O’Connor has fainted with shock…But the show must go on! I think with a little encouragement we could ask our Stage Manager to pinch hit. What do you say, Pops, will you step up to the plate for Anna?

*POPS who looks a bit like Archie Bunker is bewildered then nods head “yes.”*

**TAP** Neato! And now it’s time for our sudden death round. Players, this round is like a game of musical chairs, (*aside to audience*) with a surprise twist! The lucky winner will get the opportunity to sing tonight’s final theme along with our own Pops Washington.

*ZANNA and HANNA re-enter*

Now, Players, circle the chairs and when the music stops, try to grab a seat. Ready? Good luck… and get moving!

*SONG #13: MUSICAL CHAIRS SEQUENCE*

*The BAND plays and stops abruptly. HERMAN AND SUSAN on chairs celebrate*

**TAP** Aw, look who’s left standing! Now for the surprise twist. You two who got seats— [GONG] - You’re losers— losers! Split! So, our one remaining Player, is you, Bobbie Blueblood! And it’s your chance to SCREAM THAT THEME!

*Z and H remove annoyed contestants POPS gives Bobbie a lyric sheet.*

POPS WASHINGTON You ready gal? *To band* Hit it! First me.

*SONG #14: MYSTERY THEME 3 – “THOSE WERE THE DAYS” (THEME FROM ALL IN THE FAMILY)*

**POPS WASHINGTON & BOBBIE BLUEBLOOD (Ethan and Lara)**

**POPS** *(singing)*

BOY, THE WAY GLENN MILLER PLAYED

*(speaking)*

Now you.

**BOBBIE**

SONGS THAT MADE THE HIT PARADE.

**POPS**

Now me again.

*(singing)*

GUYS LIKE ME, WE HAD IT MADE.

*(speaking)*

Now togedder.

**BOTH**

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!

**POPS**

Now jus’ like E *(short for Edith who was the older female character*)

**BOTH** *raucous*

AND YOU KNEW WHO YOU WERE THEN!

GIRLS WERE GIRLS… AND MEN WERE MEN.

MISTER WE COULD USE A MAN LIKE HERBERT HOOVER AGAIN.

**POPS**

Now my solo.

*(singing)*

DIDN’T NEED NO WELFARE STATE

*(speaking)*

Take it!

**BOBBIE**

EV’RYBODY PULLED HIS WEIGHT.

**POPS**

Now— diction!

**BOTH**

GEE, OUR OLD LASALLE RAN GREAT!

**POPS**

NOW EVERYBODY— SCREAM THAT THEME!

*Include audience.*

**BOTH**

THOSE WERE THE DAYS!!

**TAP** Thankyou Pops and Bobbie!! Now, girls, what do we have for Bobbie?

**ZANNA** Well, Tap, no expense has been spared - just look at these prizes!

**HANNA** A genuine 45 single of The Vienna Boys’ Choir, a copy of Good Housekeeping

**ANNA** AND a photo of the Concorde!!

**TAP** Plus, we have a pair of tickets to the hippest musical in town— *Streakin’ Thru the ’70s!*, and… *Drum roll…* if you’re brave enough, if you’re g-rooooovy enough, if you have job security and no aspirations to get elected to political office— you are invited to be that night’s Streaker! How about it Bobbie?

**BOBBIE** Well it’s a long way to travel from Choctaw Ridge but hey - let’s do it!

**TAP** Ladies and gentlemen! Let’s hear it for Bobbie Blueblood!

*SONG #15: SCREAM THAT THEME THEME REPRISE*

TAP Well, that’s it for tonight. Join us next time for…

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SCREAM THAT THEME! *ALL wave. THEME MUSIC. Blackout*

**WALDORF**  That wasn’t a game show

**STATLER** Then what was it?

**WALDORF** A Lame show!!!

**BOTH** *Laugh and exit*