

The background of the cover is a grayscale image featuring several playing cards (Jack of Spades, Queen of Spades, King of Spades) and a coin (likely a Euro) scattered across the surface. The text is overlaid on this background.

FRANK PESCI

ROYAL FLUSH

a comic opera in one act
for five women and piano

Piano/Vocal Score

Cast of Characters

The Players - four sisters, either by blood or experience:

Rosie, whose “tell” is prolific profanity Colaratura Soprano
Cee-Cee, whose “tell” is incessant giggling..... Soubrette
Frankie, whose “tell” is overbearing self-confidence.... Lyric Soprano
Annie, whose “tell” is explosive anger.....Lyric Mezzo Soprano

The Dealer - their mother:

Dee-Dee, who has a perfect poker face Dramatic Mezzo Soprano

Performance Note: This work contains mature language. “Clean” options are provided for use, as deemed appropriate by the performing body.

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Music and Libretto by
FRANK PESCI

Lights up on a parlor, family room, or living room in a modest home. A table takes up most of the space in the center of the room, and a piano is in the corner. At the center of the table (center stage) sits DEE-DEE; to her right sit ROSIE and CEE-CEE, to her left, FRANKIE and ANNIE. Around the room are various pieces of furniture, including a makeshift bar on which are a few bottles of wine and empty glasses. On this makeshift bar leans the PIANIST, who is looking on while a hand of poker comes to its conclusion.

FRANKIE with a grand, triumphant gesture: Read 'em and weep, suckers! HA HAAA!!! Gimme all your money!

DEE-DEE, having folded long before the showdown, watches calmly as ROSIE lets out a string of obscenities, CEE-CEE tries to laugh off the loss, and ANNIE seethes at having been fooled once again.

FRANKIE rubbing it in: When, oh WHEN, Dear Lord, will they ever learn! Girls, when "The Frankie Show" is playin', you ain't watchin' nothin' else! Cee-Cee, you had to have been joking with that *anful*...

DEE-DEE calling to the PIANIST, and interrupting FRANKIE, to the relief of the OTHERS: Honey, play something nice, would you?

PIANIST nods and crosses to the piano.

Relaxed ♩ = 56 (♩ = ♩ throughout)

DEE-DEE collects the cards, arranging them into a deck.

FRANKIE rakes in her winnings. ANNIE avoids eye contact, focusing on the pile of chips in front of her... ROSIE fumbles with her cell phone,

and CEE-CEE snatches it from her, calmly shaking her head as ROSIE protests.

FRANKIE: holding up an empty wine glass

Who... wants a

12 ROSIE *suddenly distracted from her phone*

R. *f* I do! *f* Ah!

C. CEE-CEE *mf* Why not? *mf* trying to get anyone's attention Oh, what a fun time to night!

F. *f* rises and crosses to the bar *mf* fresh one? *mf* not looking up Lord, we're going to need a new bot - tle!

A. ANNIE Why ev - en ask? What a

D. DEE-DEE *mf* No thanks, dear.

Pno. *mf*

R. sweet nec - tar of life! Ah!

C. *f* Ah!

F. Where's the cork - screw?

A. *f* dumb ques - tion.

D. Who's driv - ing? to ANNIE Take it ea - sy...

Pno.

18

R. *ha ha!* *Nec - tar of life!* *f*

C. *ha ha!* *Is - 'nt it nice...?* *f*

E. *holding up the corkscrew* *f* *...here it is!*

A. *to DEE-DEE* *f* *Am I wrong?*

D. *to ANNIE* *f* *Cool it.*

Pno.

22

R. *CEE-CEE is startled by an incoming text on ROSIE's phone; ROSIE gasps and lunges for it.*

C.

E. *FRANKIE uncorks a new bottle, pours herself a big glass then moves around the table, topping glasses off.*

A.

D.

Pno.

25

R. *mf* Gus! UGH! That son of a bitch! *f* *mf*
(gun)

C. *mf to ROSIE* Ro-sie, Ro-sie, he is n't right for you. *f* *mf*

E. *mf to ROSIE* Take it light, Ro-sie, wait for what you de-serve. *f* *mf*

A. *tired of it all* *mf* Can we please get on with the damn game?

D. *mp* humming *mf* *mp*

Pno. *mp* *mf*

29

All are startled by ANNIE's outburst, but they brush it off, as they've become used to it.

R. *mp* O. K., then.

C. *mp* Of course.

E. *mp* *filling ANNIE's glass* ...you're emp - ty...

A. *ff* A - ny - bo - dy care?

D. *She sighs and glances at ANNIE*

Pno. *mp* *mf*

ALL settle back to their places at the table

32 *f*

R. Ah!

C. Ah!

F. Ah!

A. Ah!

D. Ah!

Pno. *f*

35 *mf* *mp* (36)

R.

C. *mf* *mp* CLAIRE *mf*
Some-one tell a joke...

F. *mf* *mp* FRANKIE *mf*
Your last hand was pret-ty fun - ny.

A.

D.

Pno. *mf* *mp*

38 *giggles* ROSIE *f* *mp*

R. I've got a joke! ...nev-er mind.

C.

E.

A. *giggles*

D. DEEDEE *mf*

Is it clean?

Pno. *mf* *mp* *mf* *legato*

42 *mf* *mp*

R. *thinking of the joke* Hmm...

C. *mp*

E. *mf* *mp* No one? *mp*

thinking to herself ...I can't tell that one ei - - ther...

A.

D. *mf* *mp*

A clean joke?

Pno. *mf* *mp dolce*

46

R.

C. *mf* Or a sto-ry? Does a-ny-one have a fun-ny sto-ry? *mf* *mp* //

F.

A. You asked the same thing the last time we played. *mf* *mp* //

D.

Pno.

51 **Lo stesso tempo**

R.

C. *mp* Hu - mor me. I could use a gig - gle. *mp* *mf* *mp* //

F. *to ANNIE* *mf* Re -

A.

D.

Pno. **Lo stesso tempo**

55

Più mosso ♩. = 76

ROSIE

to FRANKIE

mf

R.

F.

A. *ANNIE* *to FRANKIE* *mf*

Pno. *Più mosso ♩. = 76*
mf marcato

R. *f*

F.

A. *mp to FRANKIE*

Pno.

61

A. *mf*
I was the one a - bout whom you said to ev - ry - one in high school.

Pno. *mp legato* *mf*

65

A. *f*
that I wet the bed.

Pno. *mp* *mf* *sf*

68

E. *mp with calm, assured* **Broadly** ♩ = 60
There's no proof it was me.

A. *boiling over* *ff*
I know it was you...

Pno. *pregnant pause* *mf* *ff* **Broadly** ♩ = 60

72 *mf casually* A tempo ♩ = 76

R. It was me. I think it was me...

C. CEE-CEE *gasps!*

E. *pointing to ROSIE* ...see? *vindicated* Hmm...

A. *to ROSIE* *mp in disbelief* That was you...?

Pno. *mp* *f*

76 *mf nonchalant*

R. What did I know, I was

A. *mf agitato molto* That fol - lowed me to *ff* col - lege!

Pno. *mp agitato molto* *mf* *f*

80 *mf* feigning concern

R. young... I was con -

A. *mf* They called me *ff* "Dia - pers!"

D. DEEDEE

Pno. *mp* *mf* *f*

83

R. cerned for you; some - thing seemed wrong... *mp aside*

D. Some - thing is wrong, al - right...

Pno. *mf* *mp*

FRANKIE, ROSIE, and ANNIE begin arguing over each other.
CEE-CEE giggles nervously. *Rubato* ♩ = 60

86

R. _____

D. *mf* _____ *ff* La - dies! *mf dolce* Let's calm down, please. *mp*

Pno. *mp* *mf* *mp*

90

Tempo primo

Pno.

mp

mf

8^{va}

93

ROSIE

R.

mf

mp

Breathe... Be cool... Mmm...

CEE-CEE

C.

mf

mp

Breathe in... ...and out... Mmm...

FRANKIE

F.

mp

Calm. Deep breath... Mmm...

ANNIE

A.

mf

mp

Calm down. Calm down. Mmm...

DEE-DEE

D.

mf

mp

Let's all calm down. Calm down. Mmm...

Pno.

mp

R.

C.

F. *mf* to ROSIE *f*

A.

D. What was that...?

Pno.

R.

C. *mf* ...that poor...

F. *f* *ff*

A.

D. Try a gain...

Pno.

107

rall. *mp dolce*

R. Poor girl; bless her

C. girl who came from a broken home... Poor girl; bless her

E. Poor girl; bless her

A. *mf aside* *mp dolce*
...most like - ly. Poor girl; bless her

rall.

Pno. *mp*

112

112 A tempo *mf*

R. heart. I don't

C. heart.

E. heart. So, what did you say to pro-voke such a re-ac-tion? *f* *mf*

A. heart.

A tempo

Pno. *mf* *mp* *mf*

116

R. know _____ what you mean... *f* It was

C. *mf* I think you do.

E.

A. *mf* Why did you have to be saved _____ in the first place?

Pno. *f* *mf* *mp* *mf*

121

R. noth - ing!

C.

E. *f* I al-most lost a tooth in that fight!

A. *f* And that was-n't the end _____ of it with that horse - faced
DEEDEE

D.

Pno. *sub. f* *mf* *f* *f*

Red. _____

125

f — *ff*

R. Al - right! That lit - tle wench de - served it!

C.

F. *f* What did you

A. skank!

D. La - dies!

Pno. *f* *ff* *mf*

128

ff *rall.*

R. I asked her if she knew what soap was.

C. *mf* *f* What did you say?!

F. *f* say to pro - voke her?!

A. *mf* *f* What did you say?!

D.

Pno. *f* *rall.* *colla voce*

DEE-DEE *sighs audibly in embarrassment and shame*

ROSIE, CEE-CEE, FRANKIE, and ANNIE *cackle with laughter*

131 **G.P.**

133

133 **Poco meno mosso** ♩ = 70 *mp*

R. It's all true! I'm proud of how I han-dled my -

C. *mp* A - maz - ing. *to ROSIE* Of course!

E. *mp* Ah! Mys - try *3* solved! *to ROSIE* You

A. How charm - - ing.

D. *mp* That ex - plains it. You al - ways had a way

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 70 *mp* *mf* *mp*

137 *mf*
to FRANKIE
 R. self! And thanks, by the way.
 C. *to DEE-DEE*
 It sure - ly did.
 E. should be! My plea - sure!
 A. *aside* *mf*
 You're still the same.
 D. *to CEE-CEE*
 with words. Did that do the trick?
 Pno. *mf*

141
 R.
 C.
 E.
 A.
 D. *mf* *mp*
 Good Dad sto - ries?
 Pno. *mf* *f*
 Ped.

144 Contemplative ♩ = 50 *mp*

R. *mp* Hmm _____ Hmm _____

C. *mp* Hmm _____ Hmm _____

F. *mp* Hmm _____ Hmm _____

A. *mp* Hmm _____ Hmm _____

D. *mp* Hmm _____ Hmm _____

Pno. *mp dolce*

Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

150

R. Dad sto - ries... Just one?

C. Good Dad sto - ries... My fav - 'rite:

F. There are so ma - ny. Oh, dad...

A. A tough one. Let's think...

D. Hmm _____ Well?

Pno.

Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped. | Ped.

20

155 **mf** **156** **mf** **mp**

R. **mf** **mp** **mf**

C. **mf** **mp** **mf**

E. **mf** **mp**

A. **mf** **mp**

D. **mf**

Pno. **mf** **mp**

Base - ball _____

Base - ball... He would take us to all _____ the

He would take us to

Base - ball... _____

Ped. Ped. Ped.

160 **f** **f** **f** **f**

R. **f**

C. **mp** **f**

E. **f**

A. **mp** **f**

D. **mf** **f**

Pno. **mf**

and fi - re -

mi - nor league games. ...and fi - re -

all the mi - nor league games. ...and fi - re -

Hot sum - mer nights and fi - re -

Hot sum - mer nights, and fi - re -

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

164

mf works af-ter ev-ry game, _____ win or lose. _____ *mp*

mf works, _____ af-ter ev-ery game.

mf works, _____ win or lose. _____ *mp*

mf works, _____ win or lose. _____ *mp*

mf works _____ af-ter ev-ery game. DEEDEE

Pno. *mp*

Red. _____

168

mf My first op- era. _____ I was in love. _____ with it all! *f*

mf *mp* *mf*

Pno. *mf* *mp* *mf*

Red. _____

apologies to Bizet

173 *mf* *f* *mp* *mf*

D. It all was so grand and beau - ti - ful. Then, some old fool

Pno. *mp* *mf* *mp*

Red. Red. Red. Red.

177 *f* *mf* *mp*

D. mer - ci - less - ly booed the lead. She nods as they all realize who it was

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf*

Red. Red.

181

R. I'll be damned.

C. giggles

F. Proud man...

A. Sometimes they're not...

D. In "his" voice... He shrugged and said, "Some-times, they're just not so good..."

Pno. *mp* *mf*

Red. Red.

R. *mp* Toss - ing a foot-ball. His

C. *mp* At my wed-ding cry ing like a ba - by.

F. His tem-per.

A. *mp* His tem - per. His

D. DEEDEE *mp* His tem - per. Pride.

Pno. *sub p legato molto*

R. *mf* pride. His jokes,

C. *mf* Af - fec - tion. His jokes,

F. *mf* Af - fec - tion. His jokes,

A. *mf* pride. Af - fec - tion. His jokes,

D. *mf* His ten - der - ness. His jokes,

Pno. *loco* *mf*

194

R. how__ aw - ful... His

C. His ter - ri - ble... ..just aw - ful.

E. his ter - ri - ble__ jokes.

A. his ter - ri - ble__ jokes. His

D. so__ aw - ful...

Pno.

mp

Red.

198

R. laugh... Love.

C. His laugh. We did - n't have much...

E. His__ laugh... We__ had love.

A. laugh... We__ had love.

D. His laugh... ..but we ne - ver want - ed much...

Pno.

mf *f*

Red.

C. *mf* *rall.* say - - ing to
He _____ was al - ways say - - ing to

D.

Pno. *mp* *rall.*

Ped.

205 *ff* *mp dolce* *Sostenuto* ♩ = 58
"La - dies! "Be kind to each oth - er." //

R.

C. *ff* *mp dolce* *Sostenuto* ♩ = 58
us: "La - dies! "Be kind to each oth - er." //

F. *ff* *mp dolce* *Sostenuto* ♩ = 58
"La - dies! "Be kind to each oth - er." //

A. *ff* *mp dolce* *Sostenuto* ♩ = 58
"La - dies! "Be kind to each oth - er." //

D. *ff* *mp dolce* *Sostenuto* ♩ = 58
"La - dies! "Be kind to each oth - er." //

Pno. *p* *Sostenuto* ♩ = 58

208 **Tempo primo**

R. *mp contemplative* *mf*

Hmm... Let's

C. *mp contemplative*

Hmm...

F. *mp contemplative* *mf*

Hmm... O...

A. *mp contemplative*

Hmm...

D. *mp contemplative* *mf*

Hmm... That

Tempo primo

Pno. *mp* *mf*

8^{va}

Turning their attention back to the game

R. *f*
do this. Ah!

C. *f*
Thanks_ for that, la - dies. Ah!

F. *f*
K. Ah!

A. *mf* *f*
Can we please...? Ah!

D. *f*
last one was most im - por - tant. Ah!

Pno. *f*

214

R. *mf* *mp*

C. *mf* *mp*

E. *mf* *mp*

A. *mf* *mp*

D. *mf* *mp*

Pno. *mf* *mp*

SEGUE

217 DEE-DEE

D. O K la - dies, _____ let's get down to it, shall we?

Pno. *colla voce*

220 *shuffling the deck*

D. *Five card stud.*

Pno. *mp*

223 *mf* *mp* *rit.*

D. *Twos are wild, as is the Su - i -*

Pno. *mf* *mp* *rit.*

226

R. *ROSIE*

C. *CEE-CEE*

F. *FRANKIE*

A. *ANNIE*

D. *mf* *mf* *p* *p sostenuto*

cide King An - te up, la - dies!

Pno. *mp* *p* *p sostenuto*

Languid ♩ = 74

slyly, sizing each other up

mf

R.

Hmm...

slyly, sizing each other up

mf

C.

Hmm...

slyly, sizing each other up

mf

F.

Hmm...

slyly, sizing each other up

mf

A.

Hmm...

D.

Languid ♩ = 74

Pno.

233

mf

R.

Pok - er face. An - te up.

C.

mf

An - te... Pok - er face.

F.

mf

Buck - le in. An - te...

A.

mf

An - te up. Play to win...

D.

Pno.

236

R. *mf* Here we go. Hmm...

C. *mf* Here we go. Hmm...

F. *mf* Here we go. Hmm...

A. *mf* Here we go. Hmm...

D.

Pno. *mp* *mf*

239

R.

C.

F.

A.

D.

Pno. *mp* *mf*

242 Starting to her left and moving around the table, DEE-DEE deals one card face down to each player, ending with herself.

242 *mf* *to CEE-CEE*

R. *mf* *to ROSIE* *mf* *to ROSIE* *mf*

C. *mf*

F. *mf*

A. *mf*

D. *mf*

Pno. *sim.*

Two cards and out a-gain, Cee - Cee?
I'm pick-ing my mo - ments.
An-oth- er

244 *staying calm* *to FRANKIE* *mf* *to ROSIE* *mf*

R. *mf*

C. *mf*

F. *mf*

A. *mf*

D. *mf*

Pno. *mf* *mp*

I know how ma-ny fuck - ing chips I have...
(judg - ing)
ill ad-vised bluff? You're run-ning out of chips...
Had... How

247 *to ANNIE* **f**

R.

C.

F.

A. **f**

D.

Pno. *sim.* **f**

250 *DEE-DEE deals an additional cards face up to each player*

R. *giggles*

C. *giggles*

F. *giggles*

A.

D. *sighs*

Pno. **mf** **mp**

Colla voce

to ROSIE

to CLAIRE

to ANNIE

to FRANKIE

253 *mf* 3

D. Four of hearts... Jack of spades... A Wild two... ...the first Ace...

Pno. *mf* *mp*

to HERSELF

258

D. Deal - er takes the Ten of hearts... The Ace bets first.

Pno. *mf*

Languid ♩ = 74

whispers

261

R. Shit. (Shoot.)

C. *planning her bet*

E. *planning her bet*

A. *planning her bet*

D. *planning her bet*

Hmm...
Hmm...
Hmm...
Hmm...

Languid ♩ = 74

Pno. *mp*

264

R. *mf betting*

C. *mf betting* Call...

F. *mf betting* Five... Call...

A. *mf betting* Call...

D. *mf betting* Call...

Pno. *mf*

268

R. *mp* Hmm...

C. *mp* Hmm...

F. *mp* Hmm...

A. *mp* Hmm...

D. *mp* Hmm...

Pno. *mp*

271

Pno. *mf*

274

R. **274** Playfully ♩. = 86

Pno. Playfully ♩. = 86

mp *mf* *mp* *mf*

278

R. ROSIE

mf sweet as pie

tr. What _____ in the

Pno. *f* *mp*

283

R. *f*
fuck (fudge) is this fuck (fudg - - - - ing) pile of

Pno. *mf*

287

R. *f*
shit? (poop?) What the fuck (fudge) is this

Pno. *mp*

290

291

R. *f*
fuck (fudg - ing) - ing aw - ful hand? And how do I

Pno. *mf* *f*

Ped.

295

R. *mf*

pos - si - bly play _____ this

Pno. *mf*

298

R. *f*

to - tal un - fuck - ing - be - lieve - a - ble hand,
(un - fudg ing -)

Pno. *f*

301

molto rall. *A tempo*

R. *mf*

this hand that I've been dealt?

Pno. *mp* *mf*

304

R. *mf* *f*

Am I mis-tak-en, or does-n't this look like a fuck - - - ing mess
(blood - - -)

Pno. *mp* *mf* *mp*

Red.

R. *mf* *f* *mf*

that could have been caused by my love, by my dar - ling Giu-

Pno. *f* *mf*

Red.

R. *ff* *mp*

sep - - - pe? That son - of-a - bitch.
(gun)

Pno. *mp*

315

R. *mf*

That lit-tle prick _____ still lives with his mo - ther. Cheap bas - tard! _____
 (jerk) (jack - ass)

Pno. *mf*

R. *mp* *mf*

_____ He said _____ he was a king, he said _____ he was an

Pno. *mf*

R. *f*

ace, but that man is a jo - ker, _____ that bas-tard is a fuck - ing jo - ker _____
 (cre - tin) (fudg - ing)

Pno. *f*

327

molto rall. *A tempo* *rit.*

mf

R. and he's not ev - en wild!

Pno. *mp*

331

331

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 80

mf

R. Fuck, fuck, fuck, fuck,
(Fudge, fudge, fudge, fudge,

Poco meno mosso ♩ = 80

Pno.

f

R. fuck - - - - ing bull - shit.
fudg - - - - ing ba - lo - ney.

Pno. *f*

338 *mf* *ff*

R. *mf* *ff*

Fuck - - - ing bull - shit! Fuck!
 Fudg - - - ing ba - lo - ney! Fudge!

Pno. *ff*

R. *f* *mf*

Pno. *f* *mf*

Ped.

345

345 *mf* *SHE picks up her face-down card and gazes at it lustily*

R. *mf*

Well, look at

Pno. *mp*

349

R. you! Aren't you so hand - some!

Pno. *mf*

352

R. I could lead with you, you have so much po - ten - tial! But you

Pno. *f* *mf* *f*

357

R. won't up the an - te, and you'll prob - 'ly ne - ver call me back Oh

Pno.

R. *f* *rit.*
 fuck! (fudge!) How do I keep wind-ing up with these

Pno. *f pesante* *ff* *colla voce* *rit.*

R. *fudge-ing* men?_ ...cards... ...these fuck - ing CARDS... was what I meant...

Pno.

R. *Tempo primo* ♩. = 86 *She realizes that everyone is ataring at her. betting*
I'll...ub...call.

Pno. *Tempo primo* ♩. = 86 *mp* *mf* *mp* *p*

375

Languid ♩ = 60

Everyone gets back to contemplating their next move.
DEE-DEE surveys the table before dealing the next round of cards, face up. 45

Colla voce
DEE-DEE *mp*

D. 374 ...mov - ing right a - long..

Piano Colla voce *mp* // Languid ♩ = 60 *mf* *f*

D. 377

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf*

A tempo

D. 380 to ROSIE *mp* to CEE-CEE 3 to ANNIE 3

...no help... ..pos si - ble flush... ..that makes a pair... ..

Pno. A tempo *mp* 3 3 3

383 *to FRANKIE* *to HERSELF* *rall.* *mf*

D. ...no help there ei - ther... *rall.* ...Queen of Hearts to the deal - er.

Pno.

386 *to ANNIE* **387** *Più mosso* ♩ = 65

D. The pair leads. —

Pno. *colla voce* *mp* *mf*

Più mosso ♩ = 65

389 *mf* *considering her bet*

R. Hmm... —

C. Hmm... —

E. Hmm... —

A. *mf* *considering her bet* Hmm... —

D. *mf* *considering her bet* Hmm... —

Pno. *mf* *mp* *mf*

392

mf throwing chips

Call. _____

mf throwing chips

Call. _____

mf throwing chips

Call. _____

f throwing chips

Ten. _____

mf throwing chips

Call. _____

Pno. *f* *mf*

395

R. _____

C. _____

F. _____

A. _____

D. _____

Pno. *mp*

Più mosso ♩ = 74

R.

C.

F. *mf to ANNIE*
Ten is bold, con - sid-er-ing your skill... I've

A. *mf to FRANKIE*
Bold-er still to call, with what you're show - ing.

D.

Pno. *mf*
sim.

f to FRANKIE

R.

C. That's for sure!
laughing mp < f covers mouth with her hand
Ah - ha-ha-ha - ha-ha-ha-ha- mmm...

F. *f* got plen - ty... *mf to CEE-CEE*
What was that, sweet - ic?

A.

D.

Pno. *f* *mf*

402

R.

C.

F. *indicating her chips* **f** **mf**

Who's _____ got the big - gest pile?

A. **f to FRANKIE** Yes! The big - gest pile!

D.

Pno. *sim.* **f**

404

R.

C. *not able to control her giggling* **f** **mf** **ff** **mf** **mp**

HA - HA Ha - ha - ha HA - HA ha-ha mmm.....

F.

A.

D.

Pno. **f**

SEGUE

50

407 Coy ♩ = 76 *mf*
CEE-CEE

Ah ha ha! Ah ha ha ha! Ah

Coy ♩ = 76

mf

Ped.

412

ha ha! Oh, here we are a - gain, at this same ta - ble,

f *mf*

Ped.

417

play - ing cards. Is - n't it nice that we're all to - geth - er?

f

Ped.

421 *mf* *f* *mf*

C. Ah ha ha ha ha! Ah ha ha!

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf*

Ped. *mf* *f* *mf*

426 **Lo stesso tempo** *mf* *mf* *mp*

C. I don't think that we could find one thing that we ad- mire

Pno. **Lo stesso tempo** *mp legato* *mf* *mp*

431 *mf* *mf* *mf*

C. in each oth - er. You all think that you are so wit-ty and clev er and in-sight-ful,

Pno. *mf* *mf* *mf*

rall. *mf* *mf* *mf*

436 *f*

C. *3* *3*

but ne - ver so much that you no - tice a - ny - thing a - bout

Pno.

438

She retreats within herself. All Players fail to notice the change in her, except DEE-DEE, who watches her with compassion

438 *Andante* ♩ = 60 *mf*

C. *mp*

me. Do__ theyre mem - ber the last time that we played? Did they no - tice

Pno. *mp* *p*

445 *mf* *mp*

C. *mp* *p*

that I did-n't have__ a word to say? Did they no-tice that night that my ring was gone?

Pno. *mp* *p*

451

C.
 Did they no - tice ___ that it's still gone, that she's gone, that I'm a lone?

Pno.

456

C.
 Not a call of com - fort ___ or con - cern.

Pno.

*audible inbale
and exhale*

460

C.
 I can't tell them, they would-n't un - der - stand.

Pno.

54

Turning outward again, her brave, laughing face back on

Tempo primo ♩ = 76

C. *mf* Ah _____ ha ha! _____ Ah _____

Pno. *mf*

C. _____ ha ha ha ha! _____ Ah _____ ha ha! _____

Pno.

C. Oh! _____ Is - 'nt it nice that we're

Pno. *f*

473

C. all here to - ge - ther? Ah ha ha!

Pno. *mf*

476

C. Ah ha ha ha! Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

Pno. *mp*

478

C. ha!

Pno. *mf* *mp* *pp*

482

482 $\text{♩} = 62$ DEE-DEE

D. Well, _____ la - dies, _____ is - n't it

Piano *mf* *mp* *mf*

ROSIE, FRANKIE, & ANNIE
shrug and nod in half-hearted agreement

486

D. nice, _____ like she said?

Pno. *mp* *mf* *mp*

491

491 *Lo stesso tempo*

D. I think so too!

Pno. *Lo stesso tempo* *f* *mf*

494 DEE-DEE deals a face up card... *mf* 3 *to ROSIE* *to CEE-CEE*

D. Ev - 'ry - bo - dy still in? ...pos - si - ble weak straight... no help...

Pno. *f* *mf* *mp*

499 *to ANNIE* *to FRANKIE* *to HERSELF*

D. no help... no help... Ace of Hearts to the Deal - er.

Pno. *mf*

502

D. The pair leas a-gain.

Pno. *f* *mf* *f*

505 ROSIE *mp* under her breath *mf* throwing chips — *mp* accel.

R. *mf* *mf* throwing chips — *mp*

C. CEE-CEE *mf* stifling a giggle *mf* throwing chips — *mp*

F. FRANKIE *mf* takes a cleansing breath *mf* throwing chips — *mp*

A. ANNIE *mf* Check. *mf* growling > *mp* *mf* throwing chips — *mp*

D. *f* throwing chips *f* Ten...

Pno. *mf* *f* *mf* *mp* accel.

509 ♩ = 74

R. *f* to ANNIE Why are you still play-ing? Your tell is so ob-vi-ous!

C. *f* to ROSIE ...and yours is-n't?

F.

A. *mf* High Roll ers — to night!

D.

Pno. ♩ = 74 *mf* *f* *sim.*

512 *f* to FRANKIE

R. My_ ass! I'm a blank fuck-ing
(butt) (judg-ing)

C. Ha ha ha!_

mf to the table
F. Oh, you fools, I had you all pegged two hands a-go.

mf to FRANKIE
A. Oh, sure...

D.

Pno. *mf* *sim.*

515 *mf* to FRANKIE

R. slate! See what...?

f to ROSIE
C. No doubt!

f to ROSIE *to ROSIE*
F. I was gon-na say... Sec...?

f
A. You're_ all un-be-liev - a - ble.

mf
D. In - deed...

Pno. *f* *mf* *mp*

518 **518**

Uptempo ♩ = 138 **FRANKIE** *ff*

F. *(snap)* Frank - ie! It's the Frank - ie Show, it's

Pno. *mp* *sf* *mf*

F. Frank - ie! It's the Frank - ie Show, it's

Pno.

F. the Frank - ie Show, it's Frank - ie!

Pno. *ff* *f*

526

Cool as a cucumber ♩ = 74

526

F. *(spoken)* Ob...hi there! Did I get your attention?

Pno. *mf*

530

F. ...good. Well, while I have it....

Pno.

534

534

F. *mp* The Frank-ie Show *mf* nev - er ends!

Pno. *mp* *mf*

538 *mp* *mf*

F. Step in - to the bright lights.

Pno. *mp* *mf*

542 *mp* *mf* *f*

F. O - pen up, and shine!

Pno. *mp* *mf* *f*

Ped.

546 *mf*

F.

Pno. *mf*

550 *mp* *mf* *mp*

F. Let me show you how it's done.

Pno. *mp*

554 *mf* *mp*

F. Make your moment last.

Pno. *sim.*

558 *mf*

F. Feel it all come in to focus,

Pno. *mf*

561

f

F. and burst forth to re - ceive your

Pno. *f*

3 6 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Ped. Ped.

564

rit.

F. ad - o - ra - tion!

Pno. *rit.*

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

Ped.

566

566

A tempo

mf

F. Well, that's how I do it. See, it's eas - y to be

A tempo

Pno. *mf*

570 *mf* *f* *mf*

F. me, and you _____ can be just the same. Com -

Pno. *mf*

574 *rall.* $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

F. mand the cen - ter of at - ten - - tion, as long as I'm not al - rea - dy

Pno. *rall.* $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

577 $\text{♩} = 74$ *f*

F. there, _____ rais - -

Pno. *f* $\text{♩} = 74$

580

F. *mf*

- ing my arms _____ to the cheap seats, _____

Pno. *mp*
sim.

583

F.

breath - ing in the ad - u - la - - tion. _____ It's

Pno. *f* *mf* *mp*

586

F. *f*

ev - ery - thing _____ I de - serve! _____

Pno. *f*

590

589 *mf*

And why not? _____ Pet - ty jeal - ous - y

Pno. *mf*

592

is a child's game _____ that I've al - re - dy

Pno.

594

594 *f*

won! Ah! _____ Hear them call ing my

Pno. *f* *mf*

sim.

598

F. *mf*

name. _____ howl - ing for _____

Pno. *mp* *mf*

601

F. *f*

_____ an - oth - er en - - - core

Pno. *f*

604 *ff* *Shouting to the whole world*

F. _____

THANK YOU!

Pno. *mf*

606 *mp* *more intimately* *Lo stesso tempo* *pp* *whispering*

F. _____

Thank you! _____ Thank you!

Pno. *mp* *mp* *p*

Sostenuto ♩. = 69 They are all well versed in FRANKIE's routine.

609

ROSIE *mf*

Well, thanks for the show. You need new ma -

CEE-CEE *mf*

...so have I.

ANNIE *mf*

blows raspberry I've seen it be-fore... ...and

Sostenuto ♩. = 69

Pno. *mp* *legato* *mf*

613

R. te - rial.

C.

F.

A. I'd like a re - fund.

D. Last card, la - dies...

Pno. *f* *mp legato* *mf*

to FRANKIE *mf* *f*

R. *f* I've heard that one be - fore, as well.

C. *laughing f* Ah ha ha ha mmm... *mp*

F. *mf* *f* *mp* I'm go - ing to en - joy this show - down.

A. *mf* *f* *mp* to FRANKIE *f* You en - joy los - ing?

D.

Pno. *mp legato* *mf*

R.

C.

F.

A.

D. *mf* Ev - 'ry - bo - dy read - y?

Pno. *f sf mp legato mf*

627 *She deals one card face up to ROSIE* *mp* *to CEE-CEE* *mf* *to ANNIE*

D. *...no help... ...no help... ...still has a*

Pno. *mp* *mf* *f* *mf*

to FRANKIE

631 *mp* *mf* *to herself*

D. *pair... and... no help. Two of dia - monds to the deal - er.*

Pno. *mp* *mf* *f*

635

D. *The pair leads a - gain.*

Pno. *mp*

f *to ANNIE*

R. *scoffs* Your pair ain't worth shit! Here's your fif -
(poop)

C. *betting mf*

E. *mf betting* *to ROSIE f* Call...

A. Fif - teen Drop out! You've got noth - ing!

D. Call...

Pno. *mf*

643

R. teen and an-oth - er fif - - teen!

C. *laughter f* Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha... *mf* Call.

E.

A. *to ANNIE mf* Weak.

D.

Pno. *mf* *f*

647

R. _____

C. _____

F. _____

A. *I'd ex - pect a weak bluff out of you most of all. I see your fif - teen,*

D. _____

spoken: Come on now, Annie...

Pno. *mp* *mf*

650

R. _____

C. _____

F. _____

A. *f* *mf* *to the whole table*

D. _____

Pno. *f* *mp* *p* *sf*

and raise you an - oth - er. What-chagon-na do,

654

R.

C. *betting f to ANNIE*
 Call. I don't be - lieve you...

F.

A. *mf to ROSIE dolce*
 now? Well, Ro - sie, the

D. *mf*
 Call. This is fun!

Pno. *mf f mf mp*

661

R. *betting mp*
 Here's your fif - teen, _____

C.

F.

A. *mf*
 call's to you.

D.

Pno. *sf mp*

664 *tossing one more chip* **ff**

R. *and here's one fuck - in' more, — Dia - pers, 'cause you're BLUFF - ING!* **fff**

C. *(fudg - in')*

F.

A.

D.

Pno. **sf** *colla voce*

666 *riotous laughter* *which stops abruptly*

R. *which stops abruptly*

C. *riotous laughter* *which stops abruptly*

F. *riotous laughter* *which stops abruptly*

A. *the rage bubbles up in her* *slams her fist on the table*

D. *spoken: Annie...*

Pno. **ff**

668 **668** Simmering ♩. = 50

DEE-DEE (to ANNIE): Don't do anything rash, honey...

A.

Pno. *Simmering ♩. = 50*

p *mp* *fff* *mp* *fff* *mp*

tr *tr*

mp *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

672 ANNIE

A. *mp radiating fury* *f* *mp*

I'm all in, you bitch - - es!
(witch - - es)

Pno. *pp* *f*

tr

Ped. *Ped.*

675

A. *f*

I'm all in, you bitch - - es! I'm all
(witch - - es)

Pno. *mp* *f* *ff* *mf*

tr *tr*

Ped. *Ped.* *Ped.*

678 *f* 77

A. in, and you fools don't have a sin - gle card to your names!

Pno. *f* *ff* *mp legato* *tr*

Red.

♩ = 75

683

A.

Pno. *ff* *pp* *leg. molto* *sim.*

Red.

mp with a calm façade

685

A. It would be so fun to watch you throw

Pno. *mp*

Red.

687 *mf* *mp*

A. *mf* — all of your mon - ey a - way.

Pno.

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

689

A. Bet - ter still, to rake your chips in - to my

Pno.

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped.

691 *f* *mp*

A. *f* pile!

Pno. *mf*

Ped. Ped.

693

mf

A. As long as you

Pno. *f* *mf*

Ped.

695

A. lose and then I watch you admit

Pno. L.H. R.H.

Ped.

697

f

A. that I am better than all

Pno.

Ped.

699

A. *mf*

of you, and not on - ly at this sil - ly game of

Pno. *mf*

Red.

701 *ff*

A. cards!

rall.

Pno. *ff*

rall.

tr

8^{va}

Red.

703

mf $\text{♩} = 60$

A. Why don't we end this cha - rade? Why are we ev - en still play - ing?

Pno. *mp secco* $\text{♩} = 60$ *mf*

705

A. *f*

What are the point of these nights? The taunt - ing and the mean - ness,

Pno.

708

A. *mp*

the nas - ty lit-tle in - side jokes, and the ar - ro - gance!

Pno. *mp dolce*

712

A. *mf* *mp*

The self - cen-tered ar - ro - gance!

Pno.

718 *mf*

717

A. *mf*

Do you know a - ny-thing a - bout _____ a - ny-one at this

Pno. *mf mp*

720

A.

ta - ble? And not _____ just the stu - pid sto - ries, _____ the

Pno. *mf f*

723

A. *f ff*

pranks and child - ish nick - names _____ that aren't fun - ny, _____ they're just mean.

Pno. *mf f sf ff pesante*

727 *mf*

A. Do you real-ly know a-ny-one... ...a-ny-one at this ta-ble?

Pno. *mp*

732

Tempo primo ♩. = 50

732 *mp* *f*

A. Well, I've had e-nough.

Tempo primo ♩. = 50

Pno. *mf* *fff* *mp* *fff* *mf*

p *Red.*

736 *mf*

A. I'm all in, and when I clean you out, I'm all in and when I clean you out,

Pno. *mp* *f* *mp*

Red.

84

740

A. *f* *mf*

I will take my chips and go

Pno. *f* *mf*

743

A. home! I'm go - ing home.

Pno. *f* *ff* *mp* *f* *mp*

747

A.

Pno. *mf* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

SEGUE

♩ = 66

mp coyly

mf

accel.

85

R. *I think you've had too many chips!*

C.

F.

A.

D. *trying to keep things under control...*

Pno. *mf mp mf f*

8va *loco* *3* *3* *3* *3*

accel. *Rosie...*

♩ = 80

R. *Oh boy, here it comes...*

C. *It was a joke! Fun! We're having FUN!*

F. *to ANNIE*
Did you HEAR what she said to you...?

A. *She builds up to blast ROSIE*
YOU UNBELIEVABLE, HORRIBLE, FFF...

D. *Annie...* *LADIES!*

Pno. *mp ff mp f*

8va *8vb*

86 ♩ = 60

757 *mp* delicatly

D. There's a bet on the ta - ble.

Pno. *mp* *mf* *mp*

Lo stesso tempo

760 *mf*

D. An-nie's all in. What's your de - ci - sion?___

Lo stesso tempo

Pno. *mf*

765 Più mosso ♩ = 70

763 *mf* betting

R. Sure. ___

C. *mf* betting
Call. ___

F. *mf* betting
Of course.

A. *f* *mf* flipping her facedown card
HA! Well, here is a - noth - er Queen, which makes three. ___

D. *mf* betting
Call. ___

Pno. *ff* *sf* *mf*

765 Più mosso ♩ = 70

767

R.

C.

F. *mf*
I on - ly see two... *pointing to one of her cards on the table*

A. *f*
This card is wild, re - mem - ber? _

D.

Pno. *f* *mf* *f* *ff*

772

drammatically flipping her facedown card *mp*

770

R. *mp*
I've got

C. *mf* *Looking at ROSIE*
flipping her facedown card
Beats my pair... *Looking at ROSIE*

F. *mf* *Looking at ROSIE*
flipping her facedown card
...and mine... *Looking at ROSIE*

A. *Looking at ROSIE*

D. *Looking at ROSIE*

Pno. *mp* *loco* *mf* *mp*

88

773 *f* *ff*

R. *noth - ing!*

C.

F.

A. *f*

D.

Pno. *f giocoso*

6

775

R.

C.

F.

A. *ff* *She reaches for the pile of chips*

D. *clears her throat*

Pno. *ff pesante*

Recitative ♩ = 55

looking at her face-up cards

778 DORIS *mp*

Mmm hmmm. Well, show-ing is— Ten of hearts, my Wild two is a

mp colla voce

782 *mf* *mp*

Jack, the Queen of hearts, the Ace of hearts...

mf mp

*With a twinkle in her eye,
SHE reaches for the facedown card..*

accel.

...and flips it!

787

Ah!—

f ff

789

Più espressivo ♩ = 60

They are all dumbstruck

the Su - i - cide King. This card's wild, but

mp *mf*

793

rall.

A tempo

I think I'll leave it as it is.

mp

796

mf *f* *mf*

A Roy - al Flush!

mf *f* *mp*

800

Barcarolle ♩ = 55

Pno.

p *legato* *mf*

D. 804 DEE DEE *mf*
La - dies, — would you please learn — your tells?

Pno. *mp*

D. 809
They're al - ways, al - ways, al - ways

Pno.

813 *f* 815 *mf*

D. vis - - - i - ble. And you

Pno. *mf* *mp*

816

D. know to whom they're vis - i - ble: to the ones who stay,

Pno. *mf*

819

D. to the ones who don't to

Pno. *mp*

822 *f* *mf*

D. *each oth - er,*

Pno. *f*

825 *mf* *f*

D. *Don't for -*

Pno. *mf* *f*

829 *mp* *to FRANKIE*

D. *get, I've known them since the day each of you were born. Re -*

Pno. *mf* *mp*

834

Più mosso $\text{♩} = 70$

834 *mf marcato*

D. mem ber that time you shoved chalk up your sis - ter's nose? So do I! Now, I was - n't

Pno. *mf marcato*

837 *f* *mf*

D. there, _____ but I knew _____ I knew it was you! _____ That

Pno. *f* *ff*

840

840 *mp*

D. look on your face, _____ so calm and col - lect - ed _____ was the same _____ when you

Pno. *mp*

844

D. *f*
made the mis-guid-ed de - ci - sion such a pre-dict - a - ble de -

Pno. *mf* *f*

847

D. *ff* *mp*
ci - sion to bluff! to ROSIE *mp*
And

Pno. *ff* *f* *mp*

853

D. *mf*
you were the one who said a - bout your sis - ter to ev-'ry-one in high school

Pno. *legato molto* *mf*

857

D. *f* *mf*

that she wet the bed. And there's

Pno. *mp* *mf* *f* *mp*

861

D. *ff* *mp*

no de - ny - ing it was you, my dear. Your pro -

Pno. *ff* *mp* *f*

864

D. *mf*

lif - ic vul - gar - i - ty gives you a - way, and this hand was no ex -

Pno. *mp* *leggerio*

867

D. *mp* *f*
 to ANNIE
 cep - tion! Just as ob - vi - ous is your tell.

Pno. *f* *sub. mp agitato molto* *mp* *mf* *fff*
p *Red.*

871

D. *mp* *f* *mf*
 No one will get the best of you. And you

Pno. *mp* *mp* *mf* *fff* *mp*
Red.

875

D. *f* *rall.*
 lash out and push them a way!

Pno. *mp* *mf* *fff* *mp* *mf* *f* *mp*
Red.

Meno mosso ♩ = 77 (♩ = ♩)

to CEECEE *mp dolce*

879

D. Then there's you. Gig gling.

Pno. *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

884

D. That's the mask you wear o - ver ev - ery- thing.

Pno. *mf*

888

to ALL

D. But you know this. So, be kind_ to each oth er,

Pno. *f* *mp* *mf* *p*

Rubato molto espress. *f* *mp*

Rubato molto

Red. Red.

894

ff *mf* *mp*

D. *be-cause you're ne - ver a - lone.*

Pno. *ff* *mf* *p*

898

D. *Pick up your chips. Keep play - ing if you want.*

Pno. *mf*

900

900 *mf* *wearily* *mp*

D. *I'm go - ing to bed.*

Pno. *mp* *leggerio*

rall. - - - - -

904

R. *pp dolce*
Good - night, Mom.

C. *pp dolce*
Good - night, Mom.

F. *pp dolce*
Good - night, Mom.

A. *pp dolce*
Good - night, Mom.

D. *dolce*
Don't stay up too late.

rall. - - - - -

Pno. *mf* *pp dolce*

909

A tempo SHE blows them a kiss, and exits.

D. A tempo

Pno. *mp*

CEE-CEE

You all SUCK at poker!

C. CEE-CEE

Pno. *ff*

Talking over each other:
 ROSIE: What? Give credit, please...
 CEE-CEE: It's true, you're all terrible poker players.
 FRANKIE: Oh, that's a lovely thing to say
 ANNIE *is having her first good laugh of the night.*

916

Piano

FRANKIE *cutting everyone off:* ALL RIGHT!!!! ENOUGH! New Game: Two-Card Gut, Drop. Two-Three Rule is in effect.
beat
 ROSIE: Uh...
 CEE-CEE: What does that *mean?*
beat
 ANNIE: OK! Let's...take a break.
beat

917

Pno.

918

F.

Who _____ wants a fresh one? _____

PIANIST

(sopken): I DO!

Pno.

Relaxed ♩ = 56 (♩ = ♩ throughout)

FRANKIE rushes to the bar as the others cackle

ANNIE (to CEE-CEE):
She wasn't right for you

920

Pno.

mp *f* *mp*

ANNIE takes a deep breath and nods shakily. ROSIE reaches for her hand.

924

Pno.

mf *f*

Ped.

ANNIE: Now, what are we gonna do about Gus?

927

Pno.

mf legato *f*

Ped.

931

R.

C. CEE-CEE *mf*
Oh, what a joke._____

F. FRANKIE *mf*
Lord, could you give it_____

A. ANNIE *mf*
I'm gon - na run this game too._____

Pno.

933

ROSIE

R. Ah! sweet re - demp - - tion! *mf*

C.

F. a rest! _____ We know

A. Now I know all your tells_____ I'll own you!

Pno.

936

R. Ah! ha ha!

C. Ah! ha ha!

F. yours. too!

A.

Pno. *mf*

938

R. Here we go!

C. Here we go!

F. Here we go!

A. to DEE-DEE
Here we go!

Pno. *mp*

941 *ff*

R. *ff*
Ah!

C. *ff*
Ah!

E. *ff*
Ah!

A. *ff*
Ah!

Pno. *ff*

944 *mf* *mp* *One of them starts laughing, then they all start laughing.*

R. *mf* *mp*

C. *mf* *mp*

E. *mf* *mp*

A. *mf* *mp*

Pno. *mf* *mp* *pp* *non. rit.*