

TEACHER PANIC

ACT I

Scene III

Setting: The School Hallway

At Rise: There is a great buzz as STUDENTS and TEACHERS make their way through the hallway.

Lurking nearby, the THUG BOYS watch and wait.

As the final BELL RINGS, MR. JOHNSON stumbles through the hall clutching his attendance sheet. His first teaching assignment, so long sought after, and at last achieved, now seems an impossible task.

Spying the rookie teacher, the THUG BOYS begin to mock him.

MR. JOHNSON

Oh me, oh my. What shall I say? Can I do this job today?
up music: Teacher Panic)

MR. JOHNSON

THE BELL'S ALREADY RUNG
THE CLASS HAS JUST BEGUN
IS THERE A PLACE TO RUN?
OH, CAN THIS JOB BE DONE?

IT'S SO CLEAR
IT IS SO SCARY
HOW CAN ONE JOB
BE SO HAIRY AND NIGH?

COULD I HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN?
SHOULD I THIS JOB HAVE TAKEN?
MIGHT I HAVE MOVED TOO FAST?
CAN I STAY IN THE PAST?

THUG BOYS

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MR. JOHNSON (Continued)

ALL THE WALLS
THEY FEEL SO CLOSE IN
MAYBE I'LL JUST BE
A MOSEYING ALONG

THUG BOYS (Continued)

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MR. JOHNSON

FOR FOUR LONG YEARS I'VE STUDIED HARD TO PLEASE
BUT NOW I FEEL A TREMBLING IN MY KNEES
AND SO I WONDER IF I CAN THE DANCE
OH WELL, MAYBE I'LL JUST MOVE TO FRANCE

*MR. JOHNSON approaches the
classroom door. The Room Number
308 hangs on the door ominously.*

MR. JOHNSON (Continued)

BEFORE ME COMES THE DOOR
THAT I'VE NOT SEEN BEFORE
OH WILL I MAKE THE GRADE?
WHEN I WALK ON THE STAGE?

THUG BOYS (Continued)

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MR. JOHNSON (Continued)

ALL THE WORLD IT SEEMS SO LARGE
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T TAKE CHARGE
WHERE CAN I CATCH AN OUTBOUND BARGE AWAY
BUT LIKE THEY SAID,
"MR. JOHNSON YOU'VE GOT THE JOB TODAY!"

*As the THUG BOYS exit, a
great sense of resolve sweeps
over MR. JOHNSON who summoning
up all of his courage, slowly
opens the classroom door that
will lead him to his destiny.*

(end song)