

THE EDUCATION SONG

LARRY

No. I was just thinking...

SPIKE

Well, quit thinking. I'm the one (that) does the thinking around here, see. I got my education the hard way. With a two-by-four over the head, courtesy of my old man.

SHADY

That ain't nothin'. My old man used to choke me so hard, my face would turn blue, and my ma would have to haul him off of me. Sometimes she'd have to call the doctor, but just for advice on how to revive me.

SPIKE

See. That's what I'm talking about. It's all them damn immigrants' fault.

LARRY

Huh? Howdaya figure, Spike?

SPIKE

Because, Bainless, if them damned foreigners wasn't using our American doctors for their own doctoring in the first place, usreal Americans could get a doctor whenever we needed one. It's as plain as the dumb nose on your face.

LARRY

Gee, I never thought about it like that before.

SPIKE

That's why I'm the brains of the outfit, stupid, and you're just a moron. I told you before, all the education you'll ever need, you'll get from me, see?

LARRY

Yeah, Spike. I see.

The TEACHERS, however, see the subject of education in a different light.

(up music: *The Education Song*)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WALTERS

WHAT ORCHESTRATES CREATION
SPARKS THE MIND'S IMAGINATION
OPENS PATHS TO EXPLORATION
BY DEGREE

MR. JOHNSON

WHAT STIMULATES ONE'S KNOWLEDGE BLAZES
TRAILS PERHAPS TO COLLEGE ITS TRUTHS
IF STUDIED WELL
SHALL MAKE YOU FREE

MR. DANIELS

IT'S A LIFE OF INSPIRATION
DEDICATION, INNOVATION
THAT CAN SPUR A REVELATION
BY AND BY

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER LINDSEY

IT'S THE KEY TO
INFORMATION
EXCAVATION, TRANSFORMATION
WHICH MAY LEAD TO GRADUATION IF YOU TRY

MS. BEASLEY

WHAT IS THIS GRAND VOCATION
WHICH DEMANDS NO EXPLANATION
BUT DESERVES A CELEBRATION
EDUCATION!

ALL

OH, EDUCATION, EDUCATION
YES, EDUCATION IS THE BACKBONE OF THE NATION
IT WILL FREE YOUR SOUL AND BRING YOU LIBERATION
OH EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION

SPIKE

MY FATHER BEAT ME MERCILESSLY
HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO DO IT
MY MOTHER NEVER READ OR WROTE
THIS EDUCATION SCREW IT

MR. WHITE

AS YOU WIND YOUR WAY THROUGH LIFE

MS. BEASLEY

IT MAY HELP YOU WIN A WIFE

SPIKE

MAYBE EVEN THROW A KNIFE
EDUCATION

SCHOOL BOARD

IT CAN HELP TO WIN YOU FRIENDS
IT'S THE FUN THAT NEVER ENDS

MR. JOHNSON

IT MAY BRING YOU DIVIDENDS
EDUCATION

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TEACHERS & SCHOOL BOARD

WE RESPECT IT

THUG BOYS

WE REJECT IT

TEACHERS & SCHOOL BOARD

WE EXPECT IT
TO HELP US TO SEND THEM ON THEIR WAY

STUDENTS

WE IMPLORE IT

THUG BOYS

WE IGNORE IT

TEACHERS & SCHOOL BOARD

WE MOST HEAR-TI-LY ENDORSE IT

MR. WHITE & MS. BEASLEY

WE JUST HOPE THEY'LL LEARN TO READ SOMEDAY

SCHOOL BOARD

IT BEFITS ADMINISTRATION
TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION

THUG BOYS

IT JUST SERVES THE CORPORATION
IT'S A RACKET

TEACHERS

IT DEMANDS ONE'S GREAT ATTENTION

STUDENTS

TO ATTAIN ASSIMILATION

THUG BOYS

IT'S JUST PURE INDOCTRINATION
WE CAN'T HACK IT

ALL

OH, EDUCATION, EDUCATION
YES, EDUCATION IS THE BACKBONE OF THE NATION
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OH EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION
(spoken)

WE GO FORTH NO RESERVATION!
ONWARD NOW A JUBILATION!
RALLY ROUND THE POPULATION!
EDUCATION!

(end song)