

PLAY: Football Romeo  
GENRE: Comedy

DESCRIPTION: Danny has just learned that the new drama teacher is about to make an announcement for the fall play. A drama lover, but a non-singer, Danny has never been allowed to shine in previous shows. He thinks his best friend knows what the play is and is trying to decide whether he wants to know.

\*Danny can be male or female for this audition. Change pronouns accordingly.

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What is it? Is it another musical? Do you know? (*DANNY dives to the floor and claps his hands together in prayer*) Please say it's not another musical. No wait! (*leaps up*) Don't say anything, because if it's another musical I don't think I'm going to be able to take it and I've got that calculus test this afternoon.

But if she's going to announce it on the announcements how am I going to avoid hearing, unless I sit here humming with my hands over my ears, (*practices humming with hands clapped over ears; stops after a moment*) which will make me look like a complete idiot.

So you might as well tell me. (*kneels again*) Go ahead; tell me, I can take it. (*leaps up*) NO DON'T! No you better. The more time I have to get over the crushing disappointment of another musical, the better.

For three years I have been pushed to the side because I can't sing. I have been a spear carrier way in the back while the others are belting out the (*singing off key*) "Let's Get Ralphie Rag." This is my last shot. My last year. If it's a musical I'm dead meat. I'll never get into a theatre program anywhere. (*very snobby*) "Do you have any experience onstage, Mr. (or Miss) Dinning?" (*stepping forward*) Well, I was third chimney sweep from the left in "Turn that Frown Upside Down Mr. Scrooge." (*smiles weakly, and then turns into the snobby character*) "Thank you, and don't let the door hit you on your way out."

And every year Mr. Sullivan promised he'd do something different and every year he'd made that proclamation: "Ladies and Gentlemen, young ones, the muse has hit me. And if I have learned anything over my many years in the biz, it is this: you cannot deny the muse." (*with fury*) I don't know about denying the muse but I'd sure like to kick it down some stairs!

(*pause, deep breath, continues*) Maybe it will be a normal, non-musical play. (*kneels, claps hands together*) Oh please, please, please be a normal play. Please.