

Voice

No. 10 The Contest

Sondheim

The musical score consists of ten staves of music for voice, set in common time (indicated by '9' or '8'). The vocal line is continuous, with lyrics appearing below the notes. The lyrics describe various grooming and physical contests, such as shaving, pulling faces, and cutting hair. The score includes dynamic markings like 'ten.' and 'ten.' above the staff, and key changes indicated by '6' and '9' over '8'. The vocal range spans from low notes to high notes, with some notes requiring ledger lines. The lyrics are as follows:

To shave-a da face, To pull-a da [#]toot' Re-qui-re da
4 grace And not - a da [#]brute, For if - a you slip, you nick da skin, you
7 clip-a da chin, you rip-a da lip a bit, and dat's-a da trut'! To shave-a da
11 face Or e-ven a part Wid-out it-a smart Re-qui-re da heart... It take-a da
15 art. I show you a chart I stud-y - a start - ing in my yout'!
19 To cut-a da hair, To trim-a da beard, To make-a da bris - tle clean like a
23 whis - tle, Dis is from ear - ly in - fan-cy da tal - ent give to me by God! _____
27 It take-a da skill, It take-a da brains, It take-a da
30 ten.
will To take-a da pains, It take-a da pace, It take-a da
33 grace! _____ The win - ner is Todd!