

SCENE 1: MARKETPLACE

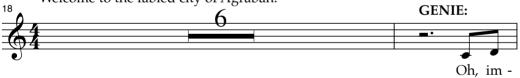
(#1-OVERTURE/ARABIAN NIGHTS.)

Overture / Arabian Nights



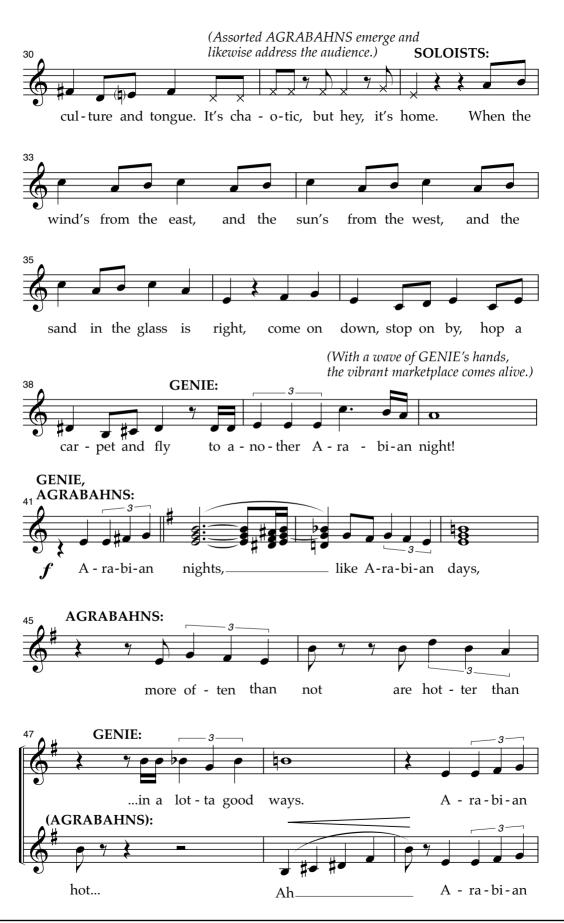
(The actor playing GENIE enters, perhaps in disguise, and addresses the audience.)

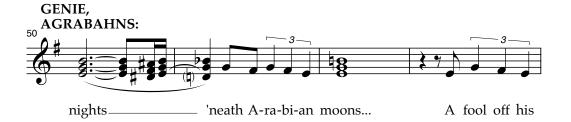
GENIE: Salaam and good evening to you, worthy friends! Welcome to the fabled city of Agrabah!







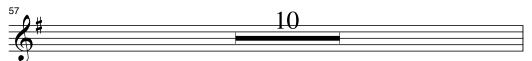


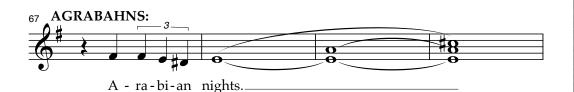




guard could fall and fall hard out there on the dunes.

GENIE: Now, you know what Agrabah is famous for, right? The lamp... (*reveals a lamp*) Don't be fooled by its commonplace appearance. Like so many things, it is not what is outside, but what is inside that counts.







GENIE: You see, Agrabah is a city where a penniless nobody... (*ALADDIN appears and freezes.*) ... can turn out to be a noble somebody! Even if his pals... (*BABKAK*, *OMAR*, *and KASSIM appear by ALADDIN and freeze*. *GENIE gives a dubious look.*) ... are as thick as thieves.





A - ra - bi - an nights!