

DRINK, GYPSY



Whisking through the wild, wild wood on a swift and galloping pony
With a yok, yok, yok and a yok su drok
And a yok su drok si droni,
Rides the gypsy, the gypsy,
The gi-----psy,
The gip-ip-ip-ip-ip-ip-ip-ip-ip-ip-ip-sy.
The world thinks him tipsy and careless and free
But oh, the poor gypsy - his lot is not what it ought to be
For night and day and day and night there's a man they're always obeying.
With a whip in his hand over gypsy he stand,
And this is what he's saying:

Play, gypsy; sing, gypsy; dance, gypsy;
Laugh, gypsy; cry, gypsy;
Live, gypsy; die, gypsy; drink, gypsy -
Drink to goodbyes and drink to hellos
Drink to the open, drink to the close,
Drink to me only with thine eyes
And I will drink with my nose.
And so we drink.

(spoken) But first we sing.

(Business with ensemble singing song.)

Play, gypsy; sing, gypsy; dance, gypsy;
Leap, gypsy; creep, gypsy;
Slide, gypsy; slink, gypsy; drink, gypsy.
And so we drink

(spoken) But first we play.

(Business with violin and with one finger
pizzicato beckoning -- "Who me?")

Play, gypsy; sing, gypsy; dance, gypsy;
Smile, gypsy; wink, gypsy;
Blink, gypsy; shrink, gypsy; crink, gypsy;
(spoken) But first we dance.

(Satire on Flamenco gypsy dance, using
heel tapping, Flamenco turns, at end of
which, he beckons in ensemble, then flaming
sword dance, at end of which he brandishes
sword around his head, then extinguishes
sword.)

SHOT of Yakof looking concerned.

INSERT back of Danny's head with his hair singed and burning.

(Through next section Danny keeps sniffing and smelling burning hair
though he doesn't realize what it is 'till last line.)

And so we drink
To everything we love
To everyone we admire
To the girl who sets your heart aglow
And sets your heart on FIRE.

HELP!

(Puts left hand to side of head,
ensemble mistakes this for cue and
starts to sing.)

HELP!

(Puts right hand to side of head,
sopranos mistake this for cue and
start to sing.)

HELP!

(Waving hands as though to say,
"For God's sake stop singing and
do something!" They mistake this
for continued song cues. Every-
body sings. At height of frenzy
Yakov pours two buckets of water
over his head. With orchestra still
holding diminished chord, Danny
staggers over, picks up wine, sings
weakly:)

Drink.

(and drinks the wine.)

Gypsy - 4 minutes, 58 seconds:



Ladies and Gentlemen,

I almost forgot, how can we sing a gypsy song without the gypsy chorus? That has never before happened in the history of gypsies. So I would like to ask you all to do me a favor; instead of you being the audience this evening, I would like you to be for me gypsies. No..it's very simple really. We divide the theatre into three groups (pronounced growp) -- one group, two group, three groups. Now, the first group from top to bottom, this azel? over to the left, when I make a beat you sing for me like that, "Zoom."

Everybody with me (music, zoom sound) "aah," -- two gypsies??? Everybody, please put an ear ring in your ear and make a nice zoom. Everybody with me "Zoom," -- "ohhh."

This center group, top to bottom, when I make a beat you make for me like that, "Shtalk, shtalk." Everybody with me, (music and audience "shtalk, shtalk") -- verry nice!

This group here, my little stars, when I make a beat you sing for me like that, "Ha, ha, ha." Everbody with me, "Ha, ha, ha." Oh, thank you very much! Let me hear the shtalk shtalks (audience "shtalk shtalk") "Ha, ha, ha." You see, you zooms you! One big zoom, now everybody. (music)

Now we sing gypsy song (Russian lyrics) - - - isn't that magnificent?

Now we advance, we go to the top of the class. I will sing (Russian lyrics) and you will sing, "Zoom, njim, njim, njim." See, we chew the note a little bit, all right? (Russian lyrics) Ohhh, I like that! (Russian lyrics) Ohhhh.

(Cont.)

What happened to the shtokes? Please, don't disappoint me
shtokies. Let me have two nice shtokes, please....(Russian lyrics)
Now, very soft, - very loud, - very nice! My little shtalk
shtalks..(Russian lyrics)....I didn't make it yet! You are
supposed to wait until I give you the beat..hmm, (Russian lyrics)
You are late! (Russian lyrics) ahhhh...(Russian lyrics)
We all sing together. We go Zoom, Shtalk shtalk, ha, ha, ha!
(Repeat zoom, shtalk shtalk, ha, ha, ha by audience)....
Shtoke shtokes are late! Faster..louder..louder...faster..
faster, louder, faster (Russian lyrics, etc. etc.)

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