

THE *Lotte Senya* COMPETITION SONGBOOK

“Put Me to Work” from *Bread and Roses*
Music by Brad Alexander, Lyrics by Jill Abramovitz

MAYA:

Please Rosa, do you hear what I’m saying to you? This is what I want. More than anything.

I DIDN’T COME HERE JUST TO WATCH YOU FROM AFAR
I DIDN’T COME HERE JUST TO WORK IN SOME OLD DIRTY BAR
SO I’M NOT LETTING GO - IT’S FINALLY YOU AND ME
MY STOMACH’S CRAZY ‘CAUSE I’M PICTURING THE TEAM WE’LL BE

I’VE COME SO FAR AND NOW IT’S ONLY UP FROM HERE
SO ROSA WATCH ME GO
PLEASE ROSA DON’T SAY NO

PUT ME TO WORK
TAKE ME ALONG
I MAY BE SMALL
BUT I AM STRONG
PUT ME TO WORK, ROSA
AND LET ME EARN
WHAT I DON’T KNOW I WILL LEARN
PUT ME TO WORK
I WANT TO WORK...
WITH YOU

I promise you - Mr. Perez is going to love me!

I’LL BE THE HARDEST WORKING PERSON IN LA
I’LL BE THE FIRST ONE IN THE BUILDING EVERY SINGLE DAY
I WON’T COMPLAIN EVEN IF I’M TOO TIRED TO STAND
I’LL WASH THE WINDOWS WHILE I VACUUM WITH THE OTHER HAND

REMEMBER HOW I USED TO FIGHT YOU TILL I WON?
WELL I’M THAT FIGHTER
STILL PLEASE ROSA SAY YOU WILL...

PUT ME TO WORK
GIVE ME A CHORE
SHOW ME THE MOP, THE DIRTY FLOOR

I LOVE TO DUST!
IT'S WHAT I DO
BOSS ME AROUND - YOUR DREAM COME TRUE!
PUT ME TO WORK
I WANT TO WORK...

LOOKING OUT AT THE CITY BELOW
FROM A WINDOW THAT'S ALMOST A HUNDRED FLOORS HIGH
I WANT TO BE IN
CAN'T YOU SEE ME IN
THAT TOWER THAT TOUCHES THE SKY!?

It's all your fault Rosa. Your letters, your stories. You put this idea in my head! Please.

I WANT TO WORK
IT'S WHY I CAME
I SEE YOUR LIFE HERE AND I WANT THE SAME
YOU GAVE ME HOPE, SISTER
YOU GOT ME THROUGH
YOU GAVE SO MUCH
NOW I CAN TOO
PUT ME TO WORK!
I WANT TO WORK...
WITH YOU!