

SCRIPT ANALYSIS

SETTING

Blue Ridge Mountains and Asheville, North Carolina. 1945-1946, and 22 years earlier

THEMES

Finding your way home and back to each other

Tale of love and redemption

Forgiveness

POTENTIAL LANGUAGE FOR PRESS RELEASE

2016 Outer Critics Circle Award-Winning & 2016 Tony Award®-Nominated Best Musical

From Grammy®, Emmy® and Academy Award®-winning Steve Martin and Grammy Award-winning Edie Brickell comes Bright Star, the five-time Tony®-nominated, new Broadway musical that The New York Times called a shining achievement.

Inspired by a real event, this original musical

Propelled by an ensemble of onstage musicians and dancers, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion, beautiful melodies and powerfully moving performances.

LYRICS FROM SONGS TO USE IN SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

- I'm ready for my life to begin, I'm ready for it all to start
- Follow my own bright star
- Bright star, keep shining for me, shine on and see me through
- Even though I stumble even though I fall, you'll never see me crumble you'll never see me fall.
- If you knew my story, you'd have a good story to tell.
- If you knew my story, you'd have a hard time believing me.
- You'll never see me crumble, you'll never see me fall.
- Sun is gonna shine again
- You got the power, you got the faith, you got the burning fever
- Long time, I've been waiting
- You got the song, you got the dance, you got the inspiration
- Something tells me it'll be all right

DESCRIPTIVE WORDS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

A sweeping tale of pain and redemption

Glimmers

Shinning clear and true

Pure Appalachian Tale

Tapping your toes

Spirited and endearing

Magical and pure

Bright Star beams

CHARACTER NOTES

Alice Murphy – plays both 16-17 and 36-37. Alice at age 36-37 is an editor of a southern literary magazine; intelligent, attractive, professional – but with an air of melancholy. Young Alice at age 16-17 is rebellious, high-spirited, adventurous – looking to break out of small-town life and experience the world.

Billy Cane – a young soldier returning home from WWII; an aspiring young writer; fresh, open, optimistic, charming, and a little naïve.

Daddy Cane – Billy’s father. A widower. Spry, good looking. Kindhearted, if a bit lonely.

Margo Crawford – a small-town bookstore owner; a childhood friend of Billy’s who now harbors romantic feelings towards him; a natural beauty with a keen intellect.

Max – a customer at Margo’s bookstore, at first, he has a crush on Margo, but later becomes Edna’s beau.

Florence – an employee at Margo’s bookstore and a childhood friend of both Billy and Margo.

Edna – an employee at Margo’s bookstore.

Daryl Ames – An assistant at a literary magazine. Funny, with a dry and officious sense of humor. Insecure, and perhaps a bit socially awkward, but endearing and innately likeable.

Lucy Grant – A junior editor at a literary magazine. An ambitious, professional young “modern” career woman of the 1940’s. Strong, forthright and provocative with a sharp sense of humor.

Mama Murphy – Alice’s mother. A caretaker to her family and her rural community. A warm, loving, sensible woman. Hardworking, with great inner strength and compassion.

Daddy Murphy – Alice's father; an authoritative and a stern disciplinarian; devoutly religious, hard-working, a poor but proud farmer.

Mayor Josiah Dobbs – the Mayor of Zebulon; a political and financial powerbroker – distinguished, an imposing and controlling presence; has a genuine interest in protecting his son's future and his family name, but in doing so, is ultimately pushed to a point of extreme and irrevocable cruelty.

Jimmy Ray Dobbs – plays both age 18-20 and 38-40. Jimmy Ray in his early 20s in flashbacks is Mayor Dobbs' son and young Alice's beau; handsome, boyishly charming, well-built and intelligent; from a family of wealth and power and is being groomed by his father for a similar future in the family business; an independent thinker who is not afraid to stand up to his father for what he believes in; he has a sense of personal responsibility and morality as well as a deep reserve of passion and emotion.

Stanford – Loyal assistant to Mayor Josiah Dobbs

Dr. Norquist – The local family doctor in Zebulon

Government Clerk – A clerk at the Office of Records in Raleigh

Well-Dressed Woman – A woman living in Raleigh.