Flora, Members of the faculty, fellow graduates and honored guests:

(Willy enters from the wings, turns a somber face. He starts towards the door. Willy motions to her to straighten her mortar board. She does. She exits as she passes and then steps up onto a crate. Willy continued, adding determination.)

Flora - Ladies and gentlemen, valedictorian of the graduating class, Miss Flora Meszaros.

(Willy pulls the whistle and walks to the bell. The bell rings. The wall street crisis and the country went to hell.)

Melon pulled the whistle. Hoover rang the bell. Wall street gave the signal and the country went to hell.

Actor #1: (Behind the counters, girls are making twenty-five cents an hour. Coins wages. Oh, a worker's got no right to have kids anymore.)

Actor #2: (As New York department stores run an elevator, you need a college diploma. Actor #1: I read the other day everything under control. The politicians say, "Don't worry... there'll never be another crash..."

Actor #4: (Said Billy Rose to Sally Rand, "Can you do your act without your fan?" Sally Rand dropped her fan. Billy Rose, Sally...

Actor #5: (Said Billy Rose to Sally Rand, "Can you do your act without your fan?" Sally Rand dropped her fan. Billy Rose..."
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guests. We stand on the threshold of the future. We, the youth of
the nation, have a responsibility. A mission. And I would like to
to say in the words of our great president .

[MUSIC #2 OPENING (UNAFRAID)]

(spoken)
We have nothing to fear
We will not be afraid
Eyes unclouded and clear
We will join the great parade.

(singing)
Proudly marching along,
Toward a sunnier day
Fierce, determined and strong
Ever ready come what may
Bruised and battered
But we will be unbowed
Clouds may gather and swarm
Yet, this promise is made
We will weather the storm,
Uniformly unafraid.

Will you all please rise and take this oath with me? I will
give you the words. “We have nothing to fear.” (The
graduates enter, wearing caps and gowns.)

Graduates.

We have nothing to fear
Flora. “We will not be afraid.”

Graduates.

We will not be afraid
Flora. “Eyes unclouded and clear.”

Graduates.

Eyes unclouded and clear
Flora. “We will join the great parade.”

All.

We will join the great parade
Proudly marching along
Toward a sunnier day
Fierce, determined and strong
Ever ready come what may