



Community Schools
Theater & Arts

When Life Gives You **LEMONS**

A CSTA ORIGINAL MUSICAL

NAME: _____

CHARACTERS

In order of appearance

JULIUS

LEMONA

CLEMENT(INE)

LULU

PUCKER

ZIPPY

LJ

SOUR SAM

SWEET SANDY

ZEST

LADY

MRS. NOMEL

JOHN LEMON

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SCENE 1: In the Beginning . . .

(Galaxy music plays in the background the stage is dark, Julius and Lemona speak with very otherworldly voices from offstage)

Julius

In the beginning, there . . . was nothing.

All

(Whispering echo)

Nothing, nothing, nothing.

Lemona

Until suddenly, there . . . was something.

All

(Whispering echo)

Something, something, something.

Julius

Since the dawn of man-kind one thing has prevailed.

All

(Whispering echo)

Prevailed, prevailed, prevailed.

Lemona

The spark of civilization and no . . . it was not ginger ale.

All

(Whispering echo)

Ginger ale, ginger ale, ginger ale.

Julius & Lemona

Yes, the beginning of the universe started with LEMONS!!!!

(Music deflates lights turn on and everyone complains and mopes offstage while the Julius and Lemona run on stage)

Julius

Wait! We just got to the good part!

Lemona

(On the floor crying and crawling)
Pleeeassee, don't leaaveee.

(Breaks into a ugly cry) (Julius looks at Lemona, and she gets up and dusts herself off)

Lemona

Sorry.

(Turns to audience)

Julius

Welcome ladies and gentlemen to our sweet and sour tale.

Lemona

That's sure to knock your socks off.

(Puts hand up as if they are telling a secret to the audience)

And might have some ginger ale.

Julius

(In a quiet tone)
Stop bringing up ginger ale. Ahem, my name is Julius.

Lemona

And my name's Lemona.

Julius

We are Citrus Philosophers that are quite well known of.

Lemona

(In a quiet tone)
... Julius I don't think a single person knows what that is ... and we just had a whole audience walk out on us ...

(The story set pieces and character start to come onstage)

Julius

(Nervous chuckle)

Ahem, Well let's just say that we tell stories.

Lemona

Narrators of sorts but not quite as boring.

Julius

And this story begins in a small little town.

Lemona

Where some young minds are about to find out, That when life gives you lemons you make-

Clement(ine)

Lemonade! Get an icy cold glass of fresh lemonade right here!

(At Lulu's Lemonade Stand Zippy is making lemonade while drinking some in the process) (Pucker is handling customers, and Clement(ine) and Lulu are getting customers) (Julius and Lemona blend into the background)

Lulu

There you go you're getting the hang of it, if we keep making sales like this Clement(ine) we could open up a whole 'nother stand!

Clement(ine)

What would a town this small do with another lemonade stand?

Lulu

I don't know, but more stands mean more friends, right Pucker?

(Pucker makes puckering sounds)

Lulu

Besides, more people would get to drink our lemonade so *(to the lemonade stand)* let's keep these sales going!

Clement(ine)

Uhh.

Lulu

Here you go get the next one!

(Shoves him over to a gentleman) (Clement(ine) looks back uneasy and Lulu, Zippy, and Pucker encourages from afar) (Clement(ine) gets the attention of the customer)

Clement(ine)

Hey sir!

Come To Our Stand

(Clement(ine)) Could I give you an icy cold beverage,
right from our lemonade stand over there
Sir, it's just a quarter, and we gotta lotta lemons to spare
(Lulu) And we'll treat you real nice
(Zippy) even give you some ice
(All 3) and maybe we'll lower the price

(All) Come to our stand, It'd be so grand
Yes we'll pour you a glass, of our raspberry zazz, lemonade
You can't deny, you wanna try
For just 25 cents, all you ladies and gents will say

(Clement(ine)) That this beverage is cold and delicious, it's the best lemonade in the world
(Lulu) And sure you have ice cream and cookies, but those other treats will make you hurl
(Zippy) So don't wonder why
(Clement(ine)) come on give it a try
(Lulu) it can even make a grown man cry

(All) Come to our stand, It'd be so grand
Yes we'll pour you a glass, of our raspberry zazz, lemonade
You can't deny, you wanna try
For just 25 cents, all you ladies and gents will say

Bout' how we've found so much success, by squeezing lemons and the zest
Our lives are like an open door, but who knows what's in store?

So come to our stand, It'd be so grand
(Clement(ine)) Yes this stand is my home, it's cheesy I know, okay?

I can't deny, I wanna try
 To make some new friends
 and not play pretend
 so what I recommend
(All) Is to try our lemonade

SCENE 2: A Sour Rival

(Music plays as things go back to normal with customers circling in here and there)(Julius and Lemona emerge on stage)

Lemona

(Sniffs)

That was beautiful, I've never heard such a sweet song about lemons.

(She continues to sniffle)

Julius

It looks like our citrus friends have a pretty good business started, it'd be a shame if things suddenly turned sour.

(Dramatically)

Bum, bum, buuuuhmmmm.

Lemona

(Devastated)

Whaaaat?

(Julius sighs and walks Lemona offstage) (Clement(ine) finishes helping a customer)

Clement(ine)

Have a nice day!

Lulu

Look at that, you're a natural.

Clement(ine)

Really?

Lulu

Is a lime ripe enough to turn a grumpy old sour puss sweet?

Clement(ine)

I . . . I dunno.

(Pucker makes puckering sounds)

Lulu

Exactly, I think you're the real deal. So I got a proposition. Me and you partners?

Clement(ine)

Partners?

Zippy

Partners are generally a pair of people who engage together in the same activity to lighten one's load of work and responsibilities!

Clement(ine)

Huh?

Zippy

Hmm, let me put this in simpler terms.

(Talks slowly)

I think she would like you to help her run the stand.

Clement(ine)

I know that, I guess I'm just surprised.

Lulu

We'll call it the Ce'Lulu Stand. Whatta say?

Clement(ine)

It's a deal.

Lulu

Let's squeeze it out.

(Clement awkwardly tries to learn the handshake)

(As Lulu talks Customers start to leave and go to the new stand that's emerging onstage)

Lulu

(Awkward chuckle)

Alright it's me and you now partner so we stick it out till the end. We just gotta make sure we don't make any irrational decisions-

(Gets cut off)

Clement(ine)

What's going on over there?!

(People are shoving their way to get to the new lemonade stand while Pucker and Zippy are trying their best to keep the customers)

Lulu

What in the world?

(Zippy and Pucker run over in a panic)(Pucker makes winded puckering sounds)

Zippy

(Gasping for air)

Lulu! Everyone's gone! They all went over to this other stand that claims they have better lemon-

(Gets cut off)

LJ

Lemonade! Get your freshly squeezed *organic* lemonade right here!

Lulu

Huh, maybe they're friendly?

Sour Sam & Sweet Sandy

Our lemonade is the best in town.

Clement(ine)

Well that's a bold claim

Zest

And way better than that crusty lemonade stand over there

(Lulu's group stands still for a second, shocked)

Zippy

Hmph, Well that's not very nice of them

(Pucker makes puckering sounds)

(Clement(ine) storms off)

Lulu

It's okay guys let's just take a deep breath and not do anything rash . . . wait where did Clement(ine) go?

(Clement(ine) storms up to LJ's Lemonade Stand)

Clement(ine)

Hey! What do you guys think you're doing?

LJ

Well, well, what do we have here?

Zest

Doesn't look like much.

(Crowd gasps and Lulu breaks it up)

Lulu

Leave them alone!

Zest

Awe look, this chum's little friend came to save the day, that's just-

(Gets interrupted)

LJ

That's enough Zest, my apologies, My name is LJ and who do I have the pleasure of meeting?

Lulu

My name's Lulu and this is my partner Clement(ine) we own the lemonade stand right over there.

LJ

Ah, so you're our competition but if i'm being honest it's not much competition at all.

Clement(ine)

Why you!

(Lulu cuts them off)

Lulu

(To Clement(ine))

Let me handle this. Well, LJ I was hoping we could be friends and maybe work together.

(Zest laughs while LJ quickly turns around and glares at Zest)

LJ

Well, while that does sound rather intriguing I must point out the obvious.

(Points at LJ's stand)

We seem to be having quite a booming business. While you . . .

(Points at Lulu's Stand)

Seem to be struggling. So I don't really see how we could benefit one another-

(Gets interrupted)

Clement(ine)

Then we battle!

(Everyone stops and looks a little shocked)

Lulu

What are you doing?

Clement(ine)

We hold a competition. Whoever makes the most sales by the end of the day wins.

Zest

And the Loser?

Lulu

Let's go.

(Clement(ine) hesitates)

Clement(ine)

The loser has to close their lemonade stand and leave town!

(Zippy & Some Customers Gasp) (Pucker makes a puckering sound)

Lulu

(Nervous chuckle)

They are just joking they don't actually mean-

(Gets cut off)

LJ

Deal, May the best stand win.

(Shakes hands)(Lulu and Clement(ine) go back to their stand)

Zest

See you at sundown losers.

Lulu

Why would you do that?! What did I say about making irrational decisions?

Clement(ine)

It's too late to go back now.

(Pucker makes puckering sounds)

Clement(ine)

Huh?

Lulu

They asked what's your plan was Mr.

(In a high pitch)

"I'm gonna go pick a fight with the only other lemonade stand in town without any care in the world, la la la".

(Music starts) (Clement(ine) ponders for a moment)

Clement(ine)

A plan?

Lulu

(Groans)

How do you expect to get customers for our stand when clearly their stand is better.

LJ

Lemonade! Get your fresh lemonade right here!

Easy Squeezy

(Clement(ine)) People will buy our lemonade cuz' here you pay less for more

(LJ) *Hah! who would go and waste their spare change when there's better lemonade next door?*

(Clement(ine)) We have to win no we can't back down

(Zest) I guess we'll see who's got the best stand in town

(All) *yeah! Easy squeezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true
So pack up your stand get out of town, cuz' we don't want you guys hanging around*

(Whispered) *Easy squeezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true
So pack up your stand get out of town, cuz' we don't want you guys hanging around*

(Sour Sam) Hey sir! Buy our lemonade

(Sweet Sandy) it's only 15 cents for a glass

(Zippy) Hey ma'am! Here's some lemonade

(Lady) Oh! Just keep the cash!

(Clement(ine)) Yes! we're bound to win yeah that's easy to see

(LJ) Hey everyone! Our lemonade is free!

(Clement(ine)) We can make a comeback everybody relax

(Zest) We're running out of lemonade and have little cash

(Lulu) There's only two more hours till it hits sundown

(all) That's when we'll kick you, kick you out of this town

(All) *Cuz easy squeezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true
So pack up your stand get out of town, cuz' we don't want you guys hanging around*

(Whispered) *Easy squeezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true
So pack up your stand get out of town, cuz' we don't want you guys hanging around,*

(Slowly get louder) Easy squeezezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true
So pack up your stand get out of town, cuz' we don't want you guys hanging around

(LJ) I'll do whatever it takes,
(Clement(ine)) I'll win cuz' there's a lot at stake
(both) Cuz' this stand is the place that I call my home so that means that they have to go!

(All) yeah! easy squeezezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true
So pack up your stand get out of town, cuz' we don't want you guys hang- no we don't want
you guys hang- yeah we don't want you guys hanging around
(Whispered) Easy squeezezy that is the juice, you think you can beat us but that ain't true

SCENE 3: A Bitter Disaster

(Both LJ and Clement(ine) in the stir of battle accidentally spill juice all over Lemona disguised as Mrs. Nomel and all customers leave in fear)

Mrs. Nomel

(Dramatically freaking out)
Screams My fur! You ruined my 1965 limited edition silk guinea pig coat from
(In an australian accent)

Brisbane, Australia.

(Breaks into tears)

(Zippy and Sweet Sandy rush with napkins to dry Mrs. Nomel, Pucker and Sour Sam freak out together while Zest inspects the coat)

Clement(ine)

I am so sorry Ma'am.

Mrs. Nomel

(Sharp)
it's Mrs. Nomel to you!

Lulu

Here Mrs. Nomel let's clean this right up for you!

Zest

Personally It didn't look that clean to begin with.

(Lulu shoots a glare at Zest)(LJ pulls Zest aside)

Mrs. Nomel

(Gasps)

How dare you! That's it, I'm calling the authorities!

(Mrs. Nomel dials on the phone)

All

No!

(Pucker makes puckering sounds)

Mrs. Nomel

Hello?

(Funny phone noises)

Yes I'd like to report the destruction of property, send your best officer right away!

(Funny phone noises) (Closes phone)

Hmph, you children should learn how to get along before things like this happen.

All

Huh?

Mrs. Nomel

I mean, you meddling children are all in a lot of trouble when-

(Julius disguised as Officer John Lemon walks onstage)

John Lemon

Officer John Lemon reporting for duty, I'll take it from here ma'am . . . So which one of you destroyed Miss Nomel's Coat?

(Everyone except Lulu points at Clement(ine) and LJ)

Clement(ine)

It was their fault!

LJ

What? No! It was their fault officer, they started it!

Clement(ine)

What no, they started it!

(LJ and Clement(ine) argue)

John Lemon

Whoa whoa whoa . . . whoa. I don't care who started it cuz I'm going to end it. Sounds like you two should have learned to get along instead of fighting.

All *(Except Lulu)*

Huh?

John Lemon

(Sighs)

I take it these are your guy's lemonade stands?

(Both nod slowly)

John Lemon

Well sorry to say this kids but your stands are permanently closed now. Pack em up and move outta town, you are no longer permitted to sell lemonade.

(Kids protest)

John Lemon

Hey! You're lucky that's all you're getting. Now, Mrs. Nomel, if I may walk you to the station.

Mrs. Nomel

Why of course Officer John Lemon. Tata children.

(A gloomy mood has washed over the kids)

Zest

Way to go chum! You ruined it for all of us.

LJ

Zest, just leave them alone . . . I'm sorry.

Clement(ine)

No, I should be-

(Gets cut off)

LJ

I wasn't talking to you, I was apologizing to Lulu, she looks like she deserves it the most . . .
let's go guys.

*(Lj's squad sadly leave while Zippy and Pucker go to Lulu for comfort,
Clement(ine) turns to Lulu)*

Clement(ine)

Lulu, I'm sorry I should've-

(Gets cut off)

Lulu

Save it . . . you ignored me Clement(ine). I tried to help but you didn't listen and now . . .
now it's all gone.

(Lulu walks away and Zippy and Pucker follows)

Clement(ine)

Lulu . . . Zippy . . . Pucker . . . guys don't leave . . . please I'm sorry, don't leave me . . .

(Music starts)

Come to our Stand (Reprise)

Now there's no stand, it's not all grand
Now there's nowhere to go, no place to call home, and stay
I can't deny, I didn't try
To listen to them, and try to make friends, so I'll sit and remember when

SCENE 4: A Sweet Ending

(Julius and Lemona stroll on stage in half of their disguises)

Julius

. . . Well this is sad.

Lemona

Recognize us?

(They do funny poses in character)

Lemona

(Whispers)

The fur was never real, I totally made it all up.

Julius

Ahem, As sad as it is to say it seems our tale has come to an end.

Lemona

You thought this had a happy ending well

(Short laugh)

Think again.

Julius

You may think it's odd that there was no lesson learned.

(Lulu slowly walks onstage)

Lemona

But the true lesson of our story is that when Life gives you lemons you-

Lulu

What are you guys doing?

(Julius and Lemons are startled and scream)

Julius

N-Nothing.

Lemona

Nothing of the sorts just enjoying the scenery.

(Points out an audience member to Julius and they nod their heads)

Lulu

(Skeptical)

Um, ooookaayyy . . . Have you guys seen another kid around here?

Julius

Oh, you mean the one pathetically crying on the floor over there?

(Lemona elbows Julius)

Julius

Ow.

Lemona

I believe they are right over there.

(Points in Clement(ine)s direction)

Lulu

Thank you!

(Walks off-stage)

Julius

Well, it seems our story isn't over yet.

Lemona

Let's see what they decide to do next!

Julius

Nice rhyme!

Lemona

Thanks.

(Julius and Lemona high five and walk off stage, pan over to Clementine bundled up on the floor)

Clement(ine)

(Crying)

It's all my fault.

Lulu

Clement(ine)! There you are!

(Lulu runs onstage and comforts Clement(ine))

Clement(ine)

Lulu? Lulu I'm so sorry I shouldn't have-

(Lulu shushes them)

Lulu

Shh, Clement(ine) I owe you an apology.

Clement(ine)

Huh?

Lulu

You were just trying to do what you thought was best for all of us, even though it hurt my feelings you were trying to help us. I'm sorry I got so angry, but we all make mistakes sometimes . . . can you forgive me?

Clement(ine)

I'm sorry too, and I forgive you . . . I'll make sure to listen to you more.

(Lulu and Clementine stand up)

Lulu

So, I may have done something . . . don't get mad, Come out guys!

(Zippy & Pucker enter)

Zippy

Clement(ine)!

(They embrace)

Zippy

It's good to have you back.

(Pucker makes puckering sounds)

Clement(ine)

I missed you guys.

(LJ's group walks in)

Clement(ine)

What are they doing here?

Lulu

They're here to help.

Clement(ine)

Why would we let them help? They're the reason this happened in the first place!

Lulu

Clement(ine)-

(Gets cut off)

LJ

It's okay Lulu, look Clement(ine) I'm sorry, I guess I was caught up in everything but, I think we could be friends, If you can just give us a second chance.

Clement(ine)

I . . . I don't know.

(Music starts)

When Life Gives You Lemons

(LJ) I didn't think that's how things would end believe me
we stole your home when we moved in this city
But even so we lost our home too

(Lulu) And even though we might have lost this battle
We can not sit still and mope like cattle
If we work together all our dreams will come true

Cuz' when life gives you lemons . . . you make lemonade

(Zippy) To build our stand I guess we'll have to work together
(Sour Sam & Sweet Sandy) We'll lend a hand and try our best to make things better
(All three) But understand somethings are meant to be

(Clement(ine)) I was a bum i'm sorry if I hurt your feelings
(Zest) Your still a chum but now your someone I believe in
(All) and when we're done think of all the things we can do *yeah!*

When life gives you lemons you make lemonade
 When things don't seem easy you have to be brave
 Cuz' even if it's hard, even if your scarred, even if you can't find a way
 When life gives you lemons . . . you make lemonade

Go and make . . . Lemonade . . . go and make
 You make lemonade
Go and make . . . Lemonade . . . go and make
 You make lemonade

(Lemona) Well look at that they finally got their happy ending
(Julius) They learned the fact that we were highly recommending
(Lemona) now let's kick back and enjoy some ginger ale

Julius

Seriously, what is it with you and ginger ale?

(Clement(ine)) You were right i'm sorry that I caused this trouble
(Lulu) Hey It's okay we have our friends and now their doubled
(All) And now we know what to do, to make things alright *Yeah!*

When life gives you lemons you make lemonade
 When things don't seem easy you have to be brave
 Cuz' even if it's hard, even if your scarred, even if you can't find a way
 When life gives you lemons . . . you make lemonade

Go and make . . . Lemonade . . . go and make
 You make lemonade
Go and make . . . Lemonade . . . go and make
 You make lemon-

(LJ) And even when things might seem bad
(Lulu) We can smile and just be glad
(Clement(ine)) That we learned how to make new friends
(All three) And when the day gets gray You do what?
(All) Make lemonade!! *Yeah!*

When life gives you lemons you make lemonade
 When things don't seem easy you have to be brave
 Cuz' even if it's hard, even if your scarred, even if you can't find a way

When life gives you lemons . . . you make lemonade

Go and make . . . Lemonade . . . go and make

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You make lemonade

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