

"Swagger" title song from the new musical "Swagger" book and lyrics by Mark Evan Chimsky, music by Alexander Zwick

WILL
SWAGGER INTO A ROOM
OR ONTO THE STAGE
SWAGGER A SONNET
ONTO THE PAGE
DON'T TAKE HALF-MEASURES
IN YOUR ATTITUDE
THEY MAY CALL YOU A FOOL

BURBAGE
OR JUST FUCKING RUDE!

WILL
A BOLD KIND OF DEFIANCE
THAT'S DEVIL-MAY-CARE!
GIVE THEM A GRIN
THAT HAS AN INSOLENT AIR.
IF YOU'VE GOT SWAGGER
LET THEM BEWARE!

WILL AND BURBAGE
SWAGGER TRIUMPHANT
DON'T MISS YOUR CUE
IF YOU CAN SWAGGER
THE WORLD WILL OPEN ITS ARMS TO YOU!

WILL
SWAGGER WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT --

BURBAGE
TAKE OVER THE PLACE

WILL AND BURBAGE
SWAGGER MORE SWIFTLY
TO WIN THE RACE

BURBAGE
PUSH TO THE LIMIT --
THE UNIVERSE CALLS! --
PUT YOUR WHOLE HEART IN IT

WILL
GRAB LIFE BY THE BALLS!

WILL AND BURBAGE
COMMAND THEIR ATTENTION
INSIST THAT YOU'RE HERE.
YOU'LL STAND THE WORLD
ON ITS PROVERBIAL EAR.
THEY WILL START CHEERING

WHEN YOU APPEAR!

SWAGGER DISRUPTIVE

TAKE WHAT YOU'RE DUE

IF YOU CAN SWAGGER

THE WORLD WILL OPEN ITS ARMS TO YOU!

QUINN (as apprentice TOM UNDERWOOD)

(Tentatively)

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WILL

(Speaks)

Make yourself heard, Tom. Own the stage. Let your presence be felt all the way up to the balcony, where the toffs sit! You can do it!

QUINN (as TOM)

(Sings, robustly)

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PUSH TO THE LIMIT --
THE UNIVERSE CALLS! --
PUT YOUR WHOLE HEART IN IT
GRAB LIFE BY THE BALLS!

WILL AND COMPANY

(Speaks)

Yes! / Huzzah!/ Woo!/ Aha!

QUINN AND WILL

(Sing)

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*(Song builds to a big finish with QUINN joining WILL, BURBAGE,
and THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN.)*

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SWAGGER TRIUMPHANT

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