

21. Planning for the Big Concert

(late afternoon inside Garden School; Guru, Twimfina and Ace are cleaning-up the classroom while singing the same round that was sung in Segment 5)

GURU, TWIMFINA, and ACE
(singing)

KEEP US OPEN, KEEP US FREE / KEEP THE WORLD OUR FAMILY
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(please refer to the score for singing the following recitative)

GURU: I just can't wait to see my Dad next week when they arrive!
TWIMFINA: And my parents and their students – more than twenty-five!
ACE: Glad we asked Commish'ner for a waiver to the law
GURU: Communication really is the answer to it all

TWIMFINA
The concert hall that we will rent is inside the Casino
A thousand seats, a modern stage, the largest one in Jeeno
I notified the media 'cuz this will be historic
“Singing with Americans” – it's even metaphoric!

GURU
As many viewers we can get – that's what we're working for
And if we get it televised, we'll have a million more!
And friends will tell the friends of friends, and viewers will increase
And that is how a Yum-Yum-Yuk will someday bring us peace

TWIMFINA
I really like the Yum-Yums, but the Yuk part's not so cool
You cannot change a person when you mock him as a fool

GURU

The target of our Yum-Yum-Yuk is not the GGG
Our targets are their followers, impressed by what they see.

ACE

The GGG are coming? Oh boy, those guys are tough!
The way they walk, the way they talk, I just can't get enough!
I really like their guns, I think they're cool and so provoking
I'd like one for my birthday [*pauses for reactions*] HA-HA, I'M ONLY JOKING!

TWIMFINA

That, my son, was not a joke – it was a hurtful gaffe
Please do not repeat it – it will never make us laugh
I know they seem so strong with all their guns and their obliqueness
But strength like that, you'll someday learn, is actually a weakness.

ACE

I'm sorry that I said it, I just thought it might be fun
To have a passive pacifist request to have a gun

TWIMFINA

You think that we are passive? With all the work we do?
We are ACTIVE pacifists – and you could be one too.

GURU

(*putting his hands on Ace's shoulders*)
Ace is very smart and he is wise beyond his years
He understands the GGG – so let's not have these fears
Let us all get back to work – our little family
We are active pacifists, so active we must be

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