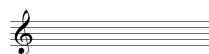
Lysaght the Musical

Lyrics by Kate Willets & Students from Liswerry High School Music by Richard Barnard & Students from Liswerry High School

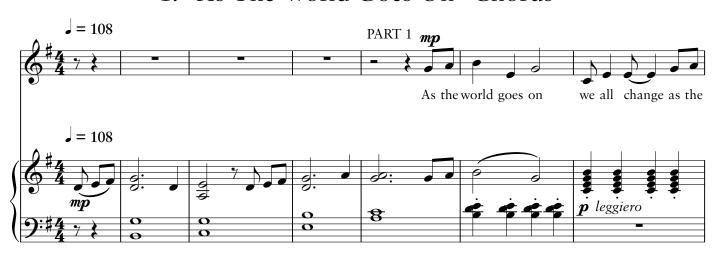
DIALOGUE (NO MUSIC):

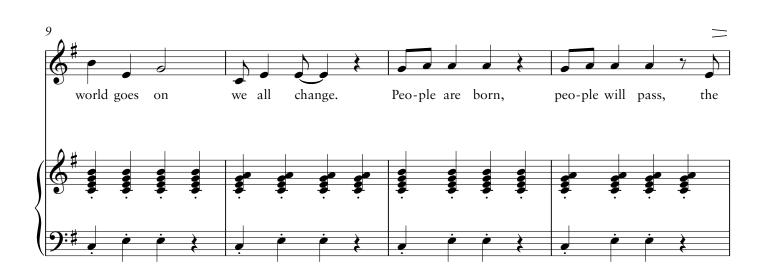
- Tell me about Lysaghts.
- The memories that remain...
- The people who came.
- What has changed?
- Or stayed the same?
- The story begins when the Orb Steelworks opened in Newport in 1898. Thousands of people walked on foot from Wolverhampton to South Wales for the new jobs.
- It was hard work with over 3,000 employees producing 175,000 tons of metal per year.

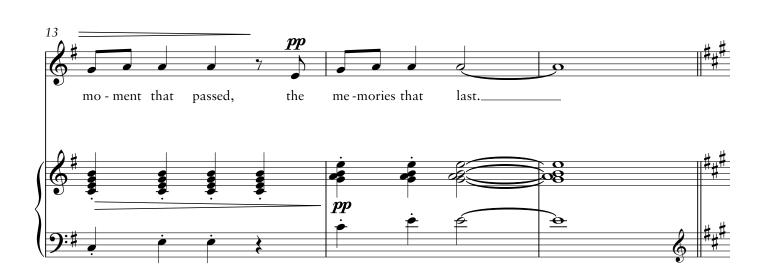




1. "As The World Goes On" Chorus







2. Time Passes

DIALOGUE OVER MUSIC:

- "The Stute", as it was known, opened in December 1928
- That's over 90 years ago!
- Why is it called the Lysaght Institute?
- It was named after William Royce Lysaght, a famous steel manufacturer. He had opened the Orb Steelworks and made thousands of jobs available.
- And why did Lysaghts open?
- As a celebration of the hard workers who had helped to make the Orb Steelworks such a success.
- The workers even took a cut from their wages to pay towards the running of the building!

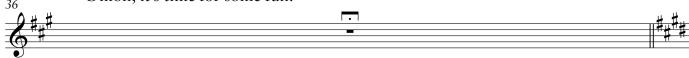


- Lysaghts fast became an integral part of the community. Just look!"



DIALOGUE (NO MUSIC):

- In the 1930s and '40s, even during war time, people travel from far and wide to dance on the Lysaghts' exquisite maple sprung dance floor.
- It was (and still is!) the place to be!
- C'mon, it's time for some fun!"









4. Big Hat, Small Shoes INTRO

DIALOGUE OVER MUSIC:

- As time goes on, people continue to visit the Lysaght for dates.
- By the 1950's, the style of music and dancing has changed, but people still meet and fall in love on the iconic dancefloor.





5. Big Hat, Small Shoes VOCAL





6. Time Passes

DIALOGUE OVER MUSIC:

- "The Stute" wasn't just for lovers; it was a place for community!
- Lysaghts had 8 acres of grounds, complete with tennis courts, bowling green, and ornamental gardens...
- ... as well as having a billiard room, skittle alley, public bar and lounge inside!
- In the 1960s and '70s it becomes a great place for a Christmas Party:
- a brilliant way to bring family and friends young and old together.



7. Disco, Jazz



DIALOGUE OVER MUSIC:

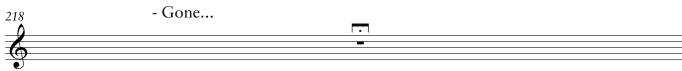
- -But after so many positive years of growth, as time goes on things start to take a turn for the worse.
- Lysaghts is visited less. It becomes forgotten and, eventually in the 1990s, lost and rotten."



8. Lost and Rotten



- DIALOGUE (NO MUSIC):
 The year is 2001. And after 73 years at the heart of a community, the Lysaght Institute is boarded up.
- Broken.
- Derelict.



9. Times To Remember







DIALOGUE (NO MUSIC):

(Beat)

- But, as time goes on, there is a change.
- The community realises what it has lost.
- And there are efforts to reopen this historic venue.
- It is bought, refurbished, and in 2012 opens as a community centre. Just as you may see it now.
- Because Lysaghts isn't just a piece of history. It is alive: through the people that still come to meet, to celebrate, to rehearse...
- It is important. And so we keep the memories alive, but also look to the future.
- For time goes on... and we'll be back there soon.
- Tell me about Lysaghts.
- The memories that remain...
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- Or stayed the same?













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