BEEHIVE the 1960s Musical

Monologue for all character tracks

ACTOR

Our tale begins in 1960. The handsome and charismatic John F. Kennedy was our new President. It was wonderful – like the dawn of something new. Everybody was doing the twist. Elvis Presley was released from the Army. The 1960 Olympics were held in Rome.

And Sandra Dee got engaged...to Bobby Darin.

The perfect couple.

(Beat.)

1960... Big deal. It felt just like 1959...only I was grounded. I strongly disagreed with my mother's opinion that a 13-year-old girl shouldn't run away from home to become a Shindig dancer.

(She does a shindig-type dance)

She used to say that I lived in a fantasy world. Well, she was right. It was my imagination that got me through the early 60s. The women of rock 'n' roll were like my big sisters. They got me when no one else did. All of the crazy things that a teenage girl has to deal with – talking to boys...dancing with boys. Breaking up with....well, you get it. They understood everything.

No, no. Those weren't songs coming through my transistor radio. Those were my friends...singing the exact words that I was thinking and feeling.