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Segment 3: Villagers Help Build School

(Late afternoon; the school is still under construction; Baba is laying large sun-dried bricks that he has made; it is heavy work; Guru watches him from his wheelchair near the house. Entire scene is sung without dialogue.)

BABA

(singing) BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE BUILD IT STRONG AND BUILD IT FINE BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME.

(Baba slips and falls with his heavy load)

GURU

BABA

(anxious during the silence, then begins singing after he sees Baba getting up) IT HURTS TO WATCH HIM STUMBLE, FALL BREAK HIS BODY, GIVE HIS ALL. I BEG HE STOP THIS USELESS QUEST ACCEPT THE TRUTH - GIVE UP THE REST

(singing) BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE BUILD IT STRONG AND BUILD IT FINE BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME.

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(A group of men [Guru's former classmates who are now teachers] enter to help build the school)

TEACHERS

(singing after 8 bass drumbeats) WE ARE TEACHERS, LIKE YOUR SON HERE TO HELP YOU GET THIS DONE FROM THE RUINS OF DEVASTATION WE'LL HELP BUILD A GOOD FOUNDATION

TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY MIND TEACH THEM STRONG AND TEACH THEM FINE TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY MIND ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME.

BABA

(singing the call) FOR OUR CHILDREN!

TEACHERS

(singing the response) TEACH THEM STRONG AND TEACH THEM FINE!

BABA

(singing the call) FOR OUR FUTURE!

TEACHERS

(singing the response) ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME!

TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY MIND TEACH THEM STRONG AND TEACH THEM FINE TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY TEACH EV'RY MIND ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME.

(A group of women workers are walking home from a local garment factory. They stop to help build the school, bringing cloth for curtains.)

WORKERS

(singing) WE'RE YOUR GARMENT FACT'RY NEIGHBORS FINISHED WITH OUR DAILY LABORS WE HAVE HEARD WHAT YOU HAVE PLANNED AND STOPPED BY TO LEND A HAND

STITCH AFTER STITCH AFTER STITCH IN LINE SEW IT STRONG AND SEW IT FINE STITCH AFTER STITCH AFTER STITCH IN LINE ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME.

BABA

(singing the call) FOR OUR CHILDREN!

WORKERS

(singing the response) SEW IT STRONG AND SEW IT FINE!

BABA

(singing the call) FOR OUR FUTURE!

WORKERS

(singing the response) ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME!

STITCH AFTER STITCH AFTER STITCH IN LINE SEW IT STRONG AND SEW IT FINE STITCH AFTER STITCH AFTER STITCH IN LINE ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME IN TIME.

GURU

(singing in disbelief) CAN THIS BE HAPP'NING? DO I HEAR RIGHT? FROM MY DEEP DARKNESS DO I SEE LIGHT? A DREAM I DREAMT I'D NEVER DO BUT NOW THIS DREAM MIGHT JUST BE COMING TRUE!

VARIOUS VOICES

(singing) TRUE! TRUE! TRUE!

ALL

(singing in harmony) BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE BUILD IT STRONG AND BUILD IT FINE BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME... ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME... ALL GOOD THINGS THEY COME... IN TIME (BRICK AFTER BRICK AFTER BRICK IN LINE)

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