

Stephen Schwartz, All For The Best (2000)

(Rejoice, rejoice! And be exceedingly glad.
For great is your reward... in Heaven.)

[Jesus]

When you feel sad, or under a curse
Your life is bad, your prospects are worse
Your wife is sighing, crying
And your olive tree is dying
Temples are graying and teeth are decaying
And creditors weighing your purse
Your mood and your robe are both a deep blue
You'd bet that Job had nothing on you
Don't forget that when you go to heaven you'll be blessed.
Yes, it's all for the best.

[Judas]

Some men are born to live at ease, doing what they please
Richer than the bees are with honey
Never growing old, never feeling cold
Pulling pots of gold from thin air
The best in every town, best at shaking down
Best at making mountains of money
They can't take it with them, but what do they care?
They get the center of the meat, cushions of the seat
Houses in the street where it's sunny.
Summers at the beach, winters warm and free
All of this and we get the rest
But who is the land for, the sun and the sand for?
You guessed! It's all for the best.

[Both Jesus and Judas recite their parts at the same time]

[Jesus]

Now, how can you look at a speck of sawdust in your brother's eye
When all the time, there's a great plank in your own?

[Judas]

I don't know, how can you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's
Eye when all the time there's a great plank stickin' out of your own?

[Jesus]

Or, how can you take the speck of sawdust out of your brother's eye
when all the time there's a great plank in your own?

[Judas]

I don't know! How can you take the speck of sawdust out of your brother's
eye when all the time you got a great plank stickin' out of your own?

[Jesus]

You hypocrite!
First take the plank out of your own eye, so that you can see clearly to
Take the speck of sawdust out of your brother's!

[Everyone]

ooooooooohhhhhhhhh!!!!

[Everyone recites their parts at the same time]

[Everyone]

Yes! It's all for the...

[Jesus]

You must never be distressed!

[Everyone]

Yes! It's all for the...

[Jesus]
All your wrongs will be redressed!
[Everyone]
Yes! It's all for the...
[Jesus]
Someone's got to be oppressed!
[Everyone]
Yes! It's all for the best!