

Broadways, Ragtime-He Wanted To Say

COALHOUSE
I said, no music.

COALHOUSE FOLLOWER
He's here.

COALHOUSE
Bring him in.

What is it you want?

YOUNGER BROTHER
I...I...I want to...I know that if...

EMMA
He wanted to say:
I am here because I have to be.
He wanted to say:
I am here for what is right.
Every day I wake up knowing
What you've lost and what is owing.
I would shed this skin if I could
To stand with you and fight.
He wanted to say:

YOUNGER BROTHER
I am not who I appear to be.

EMMA
He wanted to say:

YOUNGER BROTHER
Don not blame me for my past.

BOTH
We different lives and faces
But our hearts have common places.
This was deep inside me
And you helped me find it at last.

EMMA
Two men meeting
For a moment in the darkness

COALHOUSE
One turning from...

YOUNGER BROTHER
One waking to...

ALL THREE
...America!
Two men finding
For a moment in the darkness...

YOUNGER BROTHER & COALHOUSE
They're the same. EMMA
They're the same.

COALHOUSE'S MEN
He wanted to say:

COALHOUSE
I envy you your innocence.

EMMA & COALHOUSE'S MEN
He wanted to say:

YOUNGER BROTHER
By your side, I could be brave.
If there's such a thing as justice,
Let me help you find you justice.
This I do for you and for Sarah
Who lies in her grave...

EMMA & MEN
But all he said was...

YOUNGER BROTHER
I know how to blow things up...

EMMA & COALHOUSE'S MEN
Two men meeting
For a moment
In the darkness.
For a moment
In the darkness.