

8. SPEAK IT WITH AN ACCENT

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Cue - Caesar: "My friends,...."

Freely **Caesar** *mf*

Solo

Piano *mp*

When

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I stepped off the boat from Mi - la - no, a rag - ged kid in rag - ged shoes. No mo - ther, fa - ther,

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friend, or com - pag - no. My des - ti - ny was mine to choose. My speech was poor; I

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did not know the lan - guage. But my I - tal - ian roots had one dis - tinct ad - van - tage. When I

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learned to speak En-glish, I learned it nice. So let me of-fer you one lit-tle word of ad-

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Swing

vice. You want to speak it with an ac-cent, and you'll stand out in a crowd.

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Just try to speak it with an ac-cent. With a state-ment, make your

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an-ces-tors proud. The gen-tle-men will call you a big buf-foon, but a

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phrase or two is sure to make the young girls swoon. When you speak it with an accent, Let your

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her - i - tage show through. If you speak it with an accent, all the

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la - dies will speak high - - - ly of you. I've

rit.

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Freely

al - ways pur - sued the fair - er sex, but as a young man I was far too shy. In my home - land, I seemed to

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nev - er con - nect, just a - noth - er or - di - na - ry guy. But in this Land of Op - por - tu - ni - ty, I soon

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made the most of my a - bil - i - ty, My ar - ri - val in the New World would change my luck. My

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gift at con - ver - sa - tion earned me more than just a buck. I learned to

57 **Swing**

speak it with an ac - cent from a strange, ex - ot - ic land. I al - ways

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speak it with an ac - cent, and the wo - men are quick to give me a hand. A

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guy that's on a date might or - der meat and cheese. But my "veal - a par - ma - sian - a" knocks her

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to her knees. Try to speak it with an ac - cent, and let your her - i - tage show through.

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If you speak it with an ac - cent, then the la - dies will speak high -

76 **Chorus**

ly of you. We've had our fill of bed-room eyes, and lus-cious lips hold

87 **Caesar**

no sur-prise. Two arms of steel for a-while are fun. But there's no-thing quite as sex-y as a

85 **Chorus** **Caesar**

for-eign tongue. Ba-cia-mi mol-to. Ah Ba-cia-mi in-ten-so.

89 **Chorus** **Caesar** **Chorus** **Caesar**

Ah Ba-cia-mi cu-lo Ah. There's charm and el-e-gance in

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ev - ery word I speak to - day. But Mus - so - li - ni is the one word that we

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Chorus Caesar

nev - er say. Uh - uh. But if you speak it with an ac - cent, then you'll

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stand out in a crowd. Just try to speak it with an ac - cent. With a

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Chorus Caesar

state - ment make your an - ces - ters proud. The gen - tle - men will call you a big buf - foon, But a

Caesar and Chorus

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