

The Broadways

"Ragtime-He Wanted To Say"

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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.

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