

## West Side Story BJT Monologues 2022

**Maria:** Por favor, Anita. One inch. How much can one little inch do? Querida, one little inch; un poquito ...Please make the neck lower. Anita, it is now to be a dress for dancing, no longer for kneeling in front of an altar. One month have I been in this country -- do I ever even touch excitement? I sew all day, I sit all night. For what did my fine brother bring me here? To marry Chino? When I look at Chino, nothing happens. Ahhhh -- sí! It is a beautiful dress: I love you!

**Tony:** Guns! Knives, Chains! What a coop full of chickens! I'm calling all of you chicken. The big tough buddy boys have to throw bricks. Afraid to use plain skin? A rumble can be clinched by a fair fight. If you have the guts to risk that... Best man from each gang to slug it out, 'Nardo. The deal is a fair fight between your best man... "You Nardo" and our best man "Diesel." And no weapons!

**Bernardo:** Shake hands Hah! More gracious living? Look: I don't go for that pretend crap you all go for in this country. Every one of you hates every one of us and we hate you right back. I don't drink with nobody I hate, I don't shake hands with nobody I hate. Let's get at it... I'll take pretty-boy on as a warm-up. Afraid, pretty boy? Afraid, chicken? Afraid, gutless?

**Anita:** She's gone! That old bag of a *bruja* is gone! No shower tonight. I'm taking over the bathroom for a long hot bath all during supper...And after the rumble I will eat-- with 'Nardo. You saw how they dance: like they have to get rid of something quick. That's how they fight. That rumble, why do they have it? To get rid of what? ... The day is over, the jail is open, home we go!

**Riff:** Without a gang you're an orphan. With a gang you walk in twos, threes, fours. And when your gang is the best, when you're a Jet, buddy boy, you're out in the sun and home free home! Tony, the trouble is large: the Sharks bite hard! We got to stop them now and we need *you!*... I never asked the time of day from a clock, but I'm asking you: Come to the dance tonight...I already told the gang you'd be there.

**Schrank:** So you buddy boys are gonna play ball with me. I gotta put up with them and so do you. You're gonna make nice with them PRs from now on. Because otherwise I'm gonna beat the crap outa every one of ya and then run ya in.

**Glad Hand:** All right, boys and girls! Form two circles: boys on the outside and girls on the inside. All right. Now when the music stops, each boy dances with whichever girl is opposite. O.K.? O.K. Two circles, kids... Well, it won't hurt you to try.

**Doc:** *Wake up!* Is that the only way to get through to you? Why do you live like there's a war on? Why do you kill? I never had a Maria but even if I did -- That was no customer upstairs, just now. That was Anita. ... Maria is dead. Chino found out about you and her and shot her.

**Anybodys:** I figured somebody oughta infiltrate PR territory and spy around. I'm very big with shadows, ya know. I can slip in and out of 'em like wind through a fence. I can do it! You bet your fat A, I can! ...So listen up. I heard Chino tellin' the Sharks somethin' about Tony and Bernardo's sister. And then Chino said: if it's the last thing I do, I'm going to get Tony.

Audition Song: The Jet Song (9:17) and I Feel Pretty (1:14:12) W/Vocals

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mo6YGDlZU9k&t=94s>

Backing Tracks

(Jet Song) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K3h69eshFs>

When you're a Jet, you're a jet all the way from your first cigarette to your last dying day.  
When you're a Jet when the spit hits the fan you got brothers around you're a family man.  
Your never alone, your never disconnected. Your home with your own, when company's  
expected your well protected.

I Feel Pretty (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgHtBxOs4qw>) Movie

I feel pretty oh so pretty, I feel pretty and witty and gay and I pity any girl who isn't me  
today. I feel charming oh so charming, it's alarming how charming I feel and so pretty that I  
hardly can believe I'm real. See the pretty girl in that mirror there, who can that attractive  
girl be. Such a pretty face, Such a pretty dress, Such a pretty smile, Such a pretty me...