

Song: "In The White House"
(as sung to No. 9 - "At The Ballet")
No. 9, measure 1 (vamp)

KLOBUCHAR
(Following intro dialogue) You see, I grew up in the sixties at a time
when...

No. 9, measures 1-11

LITTLE GIRLS LIKE ME WERE INSTILLED WITH THE MESSAGE
"MEN ARE IN CHARGE, MEN ARE IN CHARGE."
FATHER KNOWS BEST WASN'T SIMPLY A SITCOM,
IT WAS WHAT WE WERE TAUGHT TO BELIEVE.
FOR GOD MADE US WHAT WE ARE,
GOD MADE US WHAT WE ARE,
GOD MADE US WHAT WE ARE...
THE WEAKER SEX.

Even in high school, my guidance counselor told me...

*For the following lyrics in quotation marks, HARRIS takes
on the voice and demeanor of a stereotypical sexist man.*

No. 9, measures 12-21

YOU WILL DO WELL IF YOU FIND A GOOD HUSBAND,
SOMEONE TO LOVE AND OBEY.
RAISE SEVEN KIDS, BE A COOK IN THE KITCHEN,
WASH CLOTHES AND VACCUM ALL DAY.
ONE SIMPLE PHRASE IS THE SECRET TO LIVING
A HUMBLE YET PURPOSEFUL LIFE:
"A WOMAN'S PLACE
IS IN THE HOME
AND AS A WIFE."

Well, that didn't sit well with this precocious teenager, so I said...

No. 9, measures 22-37

A WOMAN'S PLACE COULD ALSO BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
A WOMAN COULD BE PRESIDENT, YOU'LL SEE.
A WOMAN'S PLACE COULD ALSO BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
YES, AND THAT WOMAN COULD LOOK LIKE ME.

That's when I started...

No. 9, measures 38-48

BREAKING THROUGH THE EVER-PRESENT CEILINGS,

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS
BREAKING THROUGH ALL THE PANES OF GLASS.
BREAKING THROUGH MY SELF-DESTRUCTIVE FEELINGS.

KLOBUCHAR
AND LOOK WHAT I BECAME...

HARRIS
AND LOOK WHAT I BECAME...

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS
AND LOOK WHAT I BECAME...

KLOBUCHAR
FIRST IN MY CLASS.

No. 9, measures 48-49 (vamp)

Valedictorian of Wayzata High School, nineteen seventy eight. After that, I went to Yale, where I graduated Magna Cum Laude in political science in nineteen eighty two.

HARRIS steps forward to join KLOBUCHAR in solidarity and tell her own story.

HARRIS
That same year I was beginning my second year at Howard University. And by the time I was a senior in the fall of 1984, I couldn't wait to vote in my very first presidential election. For there, on the ballot, was a woman's name —

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS
Geraldine Ferraro.

HARRIS
True, she wasn't at the top of the ticket...

KLOBUCHAR
And true, she didn't win...

HARRIS
But simply knowing that she had been nominated by a major political party to be vice president was, to me, proof that our country was ready for women to be in charge.

KLOBUCHAR
As the mid eighties became the late eighties...

HARRIS
A supposed new era of equality, by the way...

KLOBUCHAR
I earned my Doctor of Jurisprudence law degree from the University of Chicago...

HARRIS
And I earned my Doctor of Jurisprudence law degree from the University of California, San Francisco...

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS
And I was ready to conquer the world.

KLOBUCHAR
Afterall, Melanie Griffith had shown us the way in "Working Girl."

HARRIS

Alas, like so many other happy ending movies, it was just a fantasy.

KLOBUCHAR

For the world was still spewing the same sexist messages from the sixties...

HARRIS

Only those messages had been repurposed to address and assert power over the growing number of women in the workplace and government. Yes, with every one rung I climbed on the ladder of success, there'd be a hundred people — both men and women — trying to pull me down, making sure that I knew that...

For the following lyrics in quotation marks, HARRIS takes on the voice and demeanor of a stereotypical sexist man.

No. 9, measures 50-60

"QUALITIES LIKE STRENGTH AND UNBRIDLED AMBITION
ARE FINE FOR A MAN, FINE FOR A MAN.
PATIENCE AND THE SKILL TO STAY CALM UNDER PRESSURE
ARE EXCLUSIVELY MORE MASCULINE TRAITS.
AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE C-E-OS,
THAT'S WHY WE'RE C-E-OS,
THAT'S WHY WE'RE C-E-OS,
IT'S NATURE'S WAY.

No. 9, measures 61-70

BUT...WOMEN WHO SPEAK OUT ARE JUST WITCHES AND BITCHES,
MUST BE THEIR TIME OF THE MONTH.
NOT IN CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES AND EMOTIONS,
SLAVES TO THEIR HORMONES AND...
AND THAT IS WHY
YOU WOMEN CANNOT LEAD."
(*Knowingly, to the audience*) WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
WELL, REST ASSURED
I DISAGREED.

Also relating to what is being shared, GABBARD/WARREN now steps forward to join the other women.

And I told each and every one of them that...

No. 9, measures 71-84

HARRIS, GABBARD/WARREN

A WOMAN'S PLACE WILL ONE DAY BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
A WOMAN WILL BE PRESIDENT, YOU'LL SEE.
A WOMAN'S PLACE WILL ONE DAY BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,

HARRIS

But not as a spouse...

YES, OUR LEADER WILL BE A SHE.

And she'll be...

No. 9, measures 85-94a

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, GABBARD/WARREN
BREAKING THROUGH WITH MORAL CODES TO LIVE BY,
BREAKING THROUGH ALL THE CONSTANT NOISE.
BREAKING THROUGH WITH MIGHTY WORDS TO LIVE BY...

GABBARD/WARREN
I DO NOT HAVE TO BE...

HARRIS
I DO NOT HAVE TO BE...

KLOBUCHAR
I DO NOT HAVE TO BE

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, GABBARD/WARREN
ONE OF THE BOYS.

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, and GABBARD/WARREN now tell their common stories together.

No. 9, measures 95-110

KLOBUCHAR
Now, I didn't think it would be another three decades until a woman became the first major party nominee for president.

HARRIS
But the wait was worth it, because the candidate who was the most experienced...

GABBARD/WARREN
The most qualified...

KLOBUCHAR
And the frontrunner...

HARRIS
Just happened to be...

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, GABBARD/WARREN
A woman.

GABBARD/WARREN
And on November eighth, twenty sixteen, like millions of other Americans, I was glued to the television, ready to celebrate and witness history. But as night stretched into early morning, the country sent me — and all women — a harsh but very familiar message.

No. 9 — measures 111-126

For a moment KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, and GABBARD/WARREN seem stunned — a mix of disbelief, anger and sadness.

HARRIS
WHEN IT WAS CLEAR

KLOBUCHAR
SHE HADN'T WON,

GABBARD/WARREN
ALL MY BELIEFS
WERE SHATTERED INTO PIECES.

HARRIS
HE WASN'T SMART,

KLOBUCHAR
HE WASN'T KIND,

GABBARD/WARREN
(BUT) HE WAS A MAN
AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERED MOST.

But now, hope and resolve returns to their voices.

HARRIS
BUT AS I FELL,

KLOBUCHAR
A NATION ROSE.

GABBARD/WARREN
FIVE MILLION WOMEN MARCHED AND THAT'S WHEN
ALL MY DOUBTS JUST DISAPPEARED
AND MY CONVICTIONS GREW MUCH STRONGER.

No. 9 — measures 127-140

A WOMAN'S PLACE WILL ONE DAY BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
A WOMAN WILL BE PRESIDENT, YOU'LL SEE.
A WOMAN'S PLACE WILL ONE DAY BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
IN THE WHITE HOUSE,
IN THE WHITE HOUSE!

No. 9 — measures 141-150

*In the brief music interlude, KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, and
GABBARD/WARREN possibly form a tableau — a swearing in
ceremony, a victory celebration, etc.*

No. 9 — measures 151-163

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, GABBARD/WARREN
A WOMAN'S PLACE WILL ONE DAY BE IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

GABBARD/WARREN
YES...

One by one, they join hands.

HARRIS
AND THAT WOMAN...

KLOBUCHAR
AND THAT WOMAN...

WARREN
AND THAT WOMAN...

KLOBUCHAR, HARRIS, GABBARD/WARREN
MIGHT JUST BE ME.

No. 9 - END.