

CHORUS
"ASCOT GAVOTTE" "My Fair Lady"

Cue: Mrs HIGGINS: Charles, you'd better stay close to the car. I may be leaving abruptly.

Vivo

ff Tutti

The curtain rises

Tempo di Gavotte

p w.w.

The crowd awaiting the Ascot opening race sing with a minimum of movement and

f mf sf

expression.

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CHO

SOPRANO *p* Ev-ry duke and earl and peer is here; Ev-'ry-one who should be here is here. What a

ALTO Ev-ry duke and earl and peer is here; Ev-'ry-one who should be here is here. What a

TENOR *p* Ev-ry duke and earl and peer is here; Ev-'ry-one who should be here is here.

BASS *p* Ev-ry duke and earl and peer is here; Ev-'ry-one who should be here is here.

W.W.

p Str.

etc.

theme

CHO
 smash-ing, pos-i-tive-ly dash-ing spec-ta-cle-the As-cot op-'ning day. At the
 Smash-ing, pos-i-tive-ly dash-ing spec-ta-cle-the As-cot op-'ning day. At the

W.W.

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 CHO
 gate are all the hor-ses wait-ing for the cue to fly a-way. What a
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dolce
 Str.

Theme

CHO
 grip-ping, ab-so-lute-ly rip-ping mo-ment at the As-cot op-'ning day.
 grip-ping, ab-so-lute-ly rip-ping mo-ment at the As-cot op-'ning day.

mf Str. *p*



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CHO

Pul-ses rush-ing! Fa-ces flush-ing!

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Fl., Ob.

mf

CHO

Heart-beats speed up! I have nev-er been so keyed up!

Heart-beats speed up! I'm so keyed up!

w.w.

Str.

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CHO

cresc.

An-y sec-ond now they'll be-gin to run. Hark! A bell is ring-ing, they are

cresc.

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p cresc.

poco a

There is complete silence. With nerveless faces the spectators watch the progress of the race. When it is over, they sing:

CHO

spring-ing for-ward Look! It has be - gun! What a

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pp *mf*

pp *mf*

Racing Bell

poco *mf* *pp* *lunga* *mf*

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CHO

fren-zied mo-ment that was! Did-n't they main-tain an ex-haust-ing pace? 'Twas a

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Tutti *espr.*

Thème

CHO

thrill-ing, ab-so-lute-ly chill-ing run-ning of the As - cot op-'ning race!

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Tutti