When I Grow Up
(‘From Matilda The Musical’)
Words & Music by Tim Minchin

\[ J = 79 \] (Swung semiquavers)

\[ \text{F} \]

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TOMMY:

When I grow up,

\[ \text{When I grow up}, \]

I will be tall enough to reach the branches

\[ \text{I will be tall e-nough to reach the branch-es} \]

that I need to reach to climb the trees you get to climb when you're grown up.

\[ \text{that I need to reach to climb the trees you get to climb when you're grown up.} \]

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ERIC, ALICE:

Bbm

And when I grow up__ I will eat sweets ev'-ry-day__ on the way__
F
(And when I grow up__) I will have treats ev'-ry-day__ and I’ll play__
C

Gm7
—to work__ and I will go to bed__ late ev'-ry night__
F
—with things__ that mum__ pretends that mums don’t think are fun__ And I will wake up__

ERIC, ALICE, TOMMY, REGINALD:

Bb(add9)

And I will wake up__ when the sun__ comes up and I__ will watch car-
F/A
(And I will wake up__) when the sun__ comes up and I__ will spend all
-toons un-til my eyes go square and I won't care 'cause I'll be all grown up
day just ly-ing in the sun and I won't burn 'cause I'll be all grown up

when I grow up.
when I grow

When I grow up, (When I grow up, when I grow up,) I will be

strong e-nough to car-ry all the heavy things you have to haul a-round
F
C
with you when you're a grown up.

F
C
And when I grow up, (When I grow up, when I grow up.) I will be

Bb\(#9)
Gm\(b5)
brave enough to fight the creatures that you have to fight beneath the

F
C/E
C
each night to be a grown up. And when I grow up.
MISS HONEY:

When I grow up
I will be

brave enough to fight the creatures that you have to fight beneath the

A tempo ($\frac{4}{4} = 64$)

MATILDA:

Just because you find that life's not fair it

(When I grow up)

(Songline: Chords only appear in the upper staff.)
doesn’t mean that you just have to grin and bear it.

If you always take it on the chin and wear it

nothing will change.

(When I grow up.)

Just because I find myself in this story it

doesn’t mean that everything is written for me.

If I think the ending is fixed, already

might as well be saying I think that it’s O.K.

And that’s not right!