

# **The Minnesota Woo-woo-woeing Play**

## **A Mummers' Doo-Woperetta**

Autumn 1990 for Five Bells of the North

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS:

HERO            football jersey, shoulder pads (football helmet?)  
BIKER           white T-shirt w/ cigarette pack, jeans, chains, tattoos, greased hair  
GIRL            poodle skirt, ponytail, sexy sweater, tacky jewelry  
FRIEND        poodle skirt, droopy white blouse, cat's-eye glasses, argyles  
GYPSY         ethnic garb, scarves, chain belt, etc. & LOVE POTION #9 bottle

All wear "saddle" sneakers & white bobby socks

Rag robes over all, of newsprint stapled to sheets

Extra singers should dress as girlfriends, with some uniformity

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*Begin with a traditional midwinter carol, in rag robes (Gloucestershire Wassail)*

FRIEND:       Room, room, brave gallants all, and give us room to rhyme!  
                  We've come to show activity about this wintertime!  
                  Come sisters all, I pray you, before it is too late  
                  this ancient arcane ritual needs bringing up to date.  
                  In rhythm's name I charge you your rag disguise to drop (does so)  
                  And show dese guys before us some wicked hot DOO-WOP!

(all drop rag robes)

*HERO (sings): In comes I just a-walkin' down the street (ital. = harmony)*

*Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*

*Poppin' my fingers and shufflin' my feet*

*Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*

GIRL:            *He looked good (he looked good)*

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*FRIEND: He looked fine (he looked fine)  
He looked good, he looked fine, and I nearly lost my mind*

*GIRL: Before I knew it he was walkin' next to me  
Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*

*HERO: She took my hand just as natural as could be  
Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*

*FRIEND: They walked on (we walked on)*

*GIRL: To my door (to my door)  
We walked on, to my door, and he stayed a little more*

*HERO: In comes I, Big George, your champion bold,  
"Twas I that made three varsity letters gold.  
I've scored the winning touchdown  
And brought them to the slaughter  
And by that means tonight I'll score with the professor's daughter.  
And if you don't believe me what I say,  
Step in, you biker bold, and clear the way.*

*BIKER: I am a macho biker, the Fonz it is my name  
With grease and leather on my side, I'm bound to win the dame.*

*CHORUS I met him on a Monday and my heart stood still  
Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.  
Somebody told me that his name was Bill  
Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.  
Yes, my heart stood still.  
Yes, his name was Bill.  
And when he walked me home,  
Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.*

*FRIEND: By the way, where'd you meet him?*

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*GIRL (sing): I met him at the candy store  
He turned around and looked at me -- get the picture?  
(yes, we see)  
That's when I fell for THE LEADER OF THE PACK.  
(vroom, vroom, vroom)*

BIKER: (To GIRL) Hey, baby, wanna ride?

(GIRL and BIKER ride around on his bike)

HERO: That's my steady you've got there -- we got pinned the other night!  
Upon the drive-in parking lot I challenge you to fight!

BIKER: I'll bash you and trash you to smell like flies  
I'll send you to the Saudis to feed our guys!

HERO: You'll bash me and trash me to smell like flies  
You'll send me to the Saudis to feed our guys?

BIKER: Yes, I'll bash you and trash you to smell like flies  
I'll send you to the Saudis to feed our guys!

**(they fight)**

*CHORUS: Don't say nothin' bad about my baby (oh no)  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby (I love him so)  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby (oh don't you know)  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby (he's good)  
He's good (he's good to me), good to me!  
(and that's all I care about)  
Stop, in the name of love, before you break my heart!*

*GIRL: Look out! Look out! Look out! Look out!*

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**(HERO dies)**

**GIRL:** *I felt so helpless, what could I do?  
Remembering all the things we'd been through  
In school they all stop and stare  
I can't hide the tears, but I don't care  
I'll never forget him (the leader of the pack)*

*The leader of the pack - now he's gone  
The leader of the pack - now he's gone  
The leader of the pack - now he's gone  
The leader of the pack - now he's gone*

**(spoken)** Oh, woe is me, what have you done?  
You've cut him down like the evening sun.  
Is there a doctor to be found to cure this deep and deadly wound?

**FRIEND:** A doctor's no solution when the problem is the guys  
Your problem is in choosin' which one to eulogize.  
Better get yourself in motion to a feminist concocter  
And order a love potion from your on-the-spot witch doctor!

**(sings)** *Just take your troubles down to Madame Ruth  
You know that gypsy with the gold-capped tooth  
She's got a shop down on 34th and Vine  
Sellin' little bottles of LOVE POTION #9.*

**GYPSY:** In come I, your basic gypsy  
I cure the gout and the ipsy-pipsy.  
Ipsy-pipsy, palsy, gout, pains within and pains without.

**GIRL:** *(sings) I went and told her that my baby's dead  
I asked her for a way to raise his head  
She stretched out her palm and she made a magic sign  
Said, "What you need, girl, is LOVE POTION #9."*

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GYPSY: I've got a little bottle in my inside outside pocket  
That will surely bring the dead to life again.  
Here, take a little of this bottle and let it run down thy throttle.

CHORUS: *She bent down, she turned around, she gave me a wink  
She said "I'm gonna mix it up right here in the sink."  
It smelled like turpentine, it looked like India ink*

HERO: *I held my nose, I closed my eyes, I took a drink*

(harmony break while GIRL kisses HERO to life again)

CHORUS: *What made you think he'd believe all your lies?  
(Aah-ooh, aah-ooh)  
You're a big man now but he'll cut you down to size  
(Aah-ooh)  
Wait and see!*

HERO:: *I didn't know if it was day or night  
I started kissing everything in sight  
But when I kissed a cop down on 34th and Vine  
He broke my little bottle of LOVE POTION #9.*

CHORUS: *My boyfriend's back and you're gonna be in trouble  
(Hey-la-hey-la, MY BOYFRIEND'S BACK)  
When you see him comin' you better cut on the double  
(Hey-la-hey-la, MY BOYFRIEND'S BACK)  
You've been spreadin' lies that I was untrue  
(Hey-la-hey-la, MY BOYFRIEND'S BACK)  
So look out now 'cause he's comin' after you  
(Hey-la-hey-la MY BOYFRIEND'S BACK).*

(meanwhile, BIKER has been sucking on the "broken" bottle of Love Potion #9 and has transformed her face into an idiotically friendly grin, approaching FRIEND and mimng asking her out)

BIKER : Let's all shake hands, never part no more  
Let's all be steadies as we ever were before.

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FRIEND: (to GIRL) For while you were at the gypsy's, I caught him on the fly  
He may have been your baby, but now he's MY GUY.

(takes BIKER'S arm)

FRIEND: *Nothin' you can do will tear me away from MY GUY (MY GUY)*  
*Nothin' you can do, 'cause I'm stuck like glue to MY GUY (MY GUY).*  
*I'm stickin' to my guy like a stamp to a letter*  
*Like birds of a feather we stick together*  
*I'm tellin' you from the start I can't be torn apart from MY GUY (MY GUY).*

CHORUS: *He picked me up at seven and he looked so fine*  
*Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.*  
*Someday soon I m gonna make him mine*  
*Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.*  
*Yes, he looked so fine.*  
*Yes, I m gonna make him mine.*  
*And when he walked me home,*  
*Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron*  
  
*Now we're together every single day*  
*Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*  
*We're so happy and that's how we're gonna stay*  
*Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*  
*I'm his (I'm his), He's mine (he's mine)*  
*I'm his, he's mine, and the wedding bells will chime, we're*  
  
*Goin' to the chapel and we're gonna get married*  
*Goin' to the chapel and we're gonna get married*  
*Gee I really love you and we're gonna get married*  
*Goin' to the chapel of love, ooh-wa-oo.*

(walk off) *Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*  
*Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*  
*Singing DOO-WA-DIDDY-DIDDY-DUM-DIDDY-DOO*  
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(fade to thunderous applause)



## SONG LYRICS

### DOO WAH DIDDY DIDDY

RICK SPRINGFIELD - (jeff barrie and ellie greenwich)

There she was just a-walkin' down the street,  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
Snappin' her fingers and shufflin' her feet,  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
She looked good, looked good  
She looked fine, looked fine  
She looked good, she looked fine  
And I nearly lost my mind

Before I knew it she was walkin' next to me.  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
Holdin' my hand just as natural as can be,  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
We walked on, walked on  
To my door, my door  
We walked on to my door,  
Then we kissed a little more

Wo-o-o-oh, I knew we were falling in love,  
Yes I did, and so I told her all the things  
That I'd been dreamin' of

Now we're toget her nearly every single day,  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
We're so happy and that how we're gonna stay,  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
I'm hers, I'm hers

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She's mine, she's mine  
I'm hers, she's mine,  
Wedding bells are gonna chime

Wo-o-o-oh, I knew we were falling in love,  
Yes I did, and so I told her all the things  
That I'd been dreamin' of

Now we're together nearly every single day  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
We're so happy and that how we're gonna stay  
Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
I'm hers, I'm hers  
She's mine, she's mine  
I'm hers, she's mine,  
Wedding bells are gonna chime

Singin', do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
Do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do  
Do-wah diddy-diddy down diddy-do

### **LEADER OF THE PACK**

(G. Morton - J. Barry - Ellie Greenwich)  
THE SHANGRI-LAS (RED BIRD 10014, 1964)

[spoken]

Is she really going out with him?  
Well, there she is. Let's ask her  
Betty, is that Jimmy's ring you're wearing?  
Mm-hmm

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Gee, it must be great riding with him  
Is he picking you up after school today?  
Uh-uh  
By the way, where'd you meet him?

I met him at the candy store  
He turned around and smiled at me  
You get the picture? (yes, we see)  
That's when I fell for (the leader of the pack)

My folks were always putting him down (down, down)  
They said he came from the wrong side of town  
(whatcha mean when ya say that he came from the wrong side of town?)  
They told me he was bad  
But I knew he was sad  
That's why I fell for (the leader of the pack)

One day my dad said, find someone new  
I had to tell my Jimmy we're through  
(whatcha mean when ya say that ya better go find somebody new?)  
He stood there and asked me why  
But all I could do was cry  
I'm sorry I hurt you (the leader of the pack)

[spoken]  
He sort of smiled and kissed me goodbye  
The tears were beginning to show  
As he drove away on that rainy night  
I begged him to go slow  
But whether he heard, I'll never know

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Look out! Look out! Look out! Look out!

I felt so helpless, what could I do?  
Remembering all the things we'd been through  
In school they all stop and stare  
I can't hide the tears, but I don't care  
I'll never forget him (the leader of the pack)

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### **UPTOWN/DON'T SAY NOTHING BAD (ABOUT MY BABY)/DA DOO RUN RUN**

(Barry Mann / Cynthia Weil / Gerry Goffin / Carole King / Phil Spector /  
Ellie Greenwich / Jeff Barry)  
Barry Manilow  
Bette Middler

He gets up each morning and he goes downtown  
Where everyone's his boss  
And he's lost in an angry land  
He's a little man

But then he comes uptown  
Each evening to my tenement

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Uptown where folks don't have to pay much rent  
And when he's there with me  
He can see that he's everything  
The man is tall  
He don't crawl  
He's a king

Downtown he's just one of a million guys  
He don't get no breaks  
And he takes all they got to give  
'Cause he's got to live

But then he comes uptown  
Where he can hold his head up high  
And uptown he knows  
I'm gonna be standing by  
And when I take his hand  
There's no man who can put him down, down, down  
Oh, the world's so sweet at his feet when he's uptown  
Whoa-oo-oh-whoa  
When he's uptown  
Whoa-oo-whoa-oo-whoa-oh-oh

Don't say nothin' bad about my baby  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby  
Don't say nothin' bad about my baby

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Don't

Met him on a Monday and my heart stood still

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Somebody told me that his name was Bill

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Whoa, my heart stood still

Yeah, his name was Bill

And when he walked me home

Da doo run run run da doo run run

He knew what he was doin' when he caught my eye

Da doo run run run da doo run run

He looked kind of quiet, but my, oh my

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Oh, he caught my eye

My, my, my, my, oh my

And when he walked me home

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Here we go

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Da doo run run run da doo run run

Da do run run, hey!

Run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run

Run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run

Run-a-run-a-run, run-a-run-a-run

Run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run

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Run-a-run-a-run, run-a-run-a-run  
Run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run-a-run  
Run-a-run-a-run, run-a-run-a-run  
Run-a-run

### LOVE POTION NUMBER NINE

Clovers / Searchers

I took my troubles down to Madame Rue  
You know that gypsy with the gold-capped tooth  
She's got a pad down on Thirty-Fourth and Vine  
Sellin' little bottles of Love Potion Number Nine

I told her that I was a flop with chicks  
I've been this way since 1956  
She looked at my palm and she made a magic sign  
She said "What you need is Love Potion Number Nine"

She bent down and turned around and gave me a wink  
She said "I'm gonna make it up right here in the sink"  
It smelled like turpentine, it looked like Indian ink  
I held my nose, I closed my eyes, I took a drink

I didn't know if it was day or night  
I started kissin' everything in sight  
But when I kissed a cop down on Thirty-Fourth and Vine  
He broke my little bottle of Love Potion Number Nine

----- guitar solo -----

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I held my nose, I closed my eyes, I took a drink

I didn't know if it was day or night

I started kissin' everything in sight

But when I kissed a cop down on Thirty-Fourth and Vine

He broke my little bottle of Love Potion Number Nine

Love Potion Number Nine

Love Potion Number Nine

Love Potion Number Nine

by Leiber / Stoller

### **MY BOYFRIEND'S BACK**

"He went away and you hung around

And bothered me every night

And when I wouldn't go out with you

You said things that weren't very nice"

My boyfriend's back and you're gonna be in trouble

(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

When you see him comin', better cut out on the double

(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

You been spreading lies that I was untrue

(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

So look out now 'cause he's comin' after you

(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)



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Hey, he knows what you been tryin'  
And he knows that you been lyin'

He's been gone for such a long time  
(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)  
Now he's back and things'll be fine  
(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

You're gonna be sorry you were ever born  
(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)  
'cause he's kinda big and he's awful strong  
(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

Hey, he knows I wasn't cheatin'  
Now you're gonna get a beatin'

What made you think he'd believe all your lies?  
(Aah-oooh, aah-oooh)  
You're a big man now but he'll cut you down to size  
(Aah-oooh)  
Wait and see!

My boyfriend's back, he's gonna save my reputation  
(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)  
If I were you, I'd take a permanent vacation  
(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

Hey, I can see him comin'  
Now you better start a'runnin'  
(Aah-oooh, aah-oooh)

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(Aah-oooh)

Wait and see!

My boyfriend's back, he's gonna save my reputation

(Hey-la, hey-la, my boyfriend's back)

Yeah, my boyfriend's back

Well look out now, my boyfriend's back

Well, I can see him comin' so you better get a'runnin' a'right now

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

My boyfriend's back.....

### **CHAPEL OF LOVE**

Sung by The Dixie Cups (1958)

Going to the chapel

And we're gonna get married

Going to the chapel

And we're gonna get married

Gee I really love you

And we're gonna get married

Going to the chapel of love

Spring is here..... Theeeeeee.....

The sky is blue (whoa-ooooo)

Birds all sing

Like they do

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Today's the day  
We'll say "I do"  
And we'll never be lonely anymore

Because we're  
Going to the chapel  
And we're gonna get married  
Going to the chapel  
And we're gonna get married

Gee I really love you  
And we're gonna get married  
Going to the chapel of love

Bells will ring  
The sun will shine (whoa-oooooh)  
I'll be his  
And he'll be mine  
We'll love until  
The end of time  
And we'll never be lonely anymore

Because we're  
Going to the chapel  
And we're gonna get married  
Going to the chapel

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And we're gonna get married

Gee I really love you

And we're gonna get married

Going to the chapel of love

Going to the chapel of love

Going to the chapel of love.....

Back

### **DA DOO RON RON**

The Crystals

I met him on a monday and my heart stood still

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

Somebody told me that his name was Bill

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

Yes, my heart stood still.

Yes, his name was Bill.

And when he walked me home,

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

He knew what he was doin when he caught my eye

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

He looked so quiet, but my oh my,

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

Yes, he caught my eye,

Yes, but my oh my.

And when he walked me home,

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He picked me up at seven and he looked so fine

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

Someday soon I m gonna make him mine

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron.

Yes, he looked so fine.

Yes, I m gonna make him mine.

And when he walked me home,

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron

Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.

Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.

### MY GUY

Mary Wells

Nothing you could say

Can tear me away from my guy

Nothing you could do

Cause I'm stuck like glue to my guy

I'm stickin to my guy like a stamp to a letter

Like birds of a feather

We..... stick together

I will tell you from the start

I can't be torn apart from my guy.

Nothing you can do

Could make me untrue to my guy

Nothing you could buy

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Could make me tell a lie to my guy...

I gave my guy my word of honor

To be faithful, and I'm gonna

You best be believing

I won't be deceiving my guy...

As a matter of opinion

I think he's tops..

My opinion is he's the cream of the crop

As a matter of taste to be exact

He's my ideal as a matter of fact..

No muscle bound man could take my hand from my guy

No handsome face could ever take the place of my guy

He may not be a movie star

But when it comes to be happy we are..

There's not a man today who could take me away

from my guy

No muscle bound man could take my hand

from my guy

No handsome face could ever take the place

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