

Coach Bolton

Character Breakdown:

Coach Bolton, the stern basketball coach and Troy's sometimes overbearing dad, lost the big game years ago and wants a second chance through his basketball-star son. Cast an actor who can handle the demands of this mature role – and who can convincingly and comically spar with Ms. Darbus.

Script Extract:

COACH BOLTON

Where's my team, Darbus?! And what the heck are they doing here?!?

(STUDENTS freeze)

MS. DARBUS

I run my detention my way; you can run yours your way.

COACH BOLTON

(points to TROY and CHAD)

You two, into the gym, right now.

(TROY and CHAD run out.)

MS. DARBUS

(to STUDENTS)

Detention is over for today. I expect to see some of you tomorrow afternoon at the auditions. Please remember to be on time. Scoot, now. You've all done wonderfully!

(The STUDENTS pull their phones from the bucket and exit. SHARPAY lags behind to eavesdrop.)

COACH BOLTON

(to MS. DARBUS)

I need my star players in practice, not detention!

MS. DARBUS

Why should athletes get preferential treatment?

COACH BOLTON

I'm trying to teach these kids about having a goal, about teamwork, something they can use as adults.

MS. DARBUS

Which is precisely what I am trying to do.

COACH BOLTON

How, by making them scream at the top of their lungs?!?

MS. DARBUS

Philistine!

COACH BOLTON

Drama queen!

Audition Song:

We're All in This Together
(Reprise)

$\text{♩} = 116$

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 116 beats per minute. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: "We're all in this to- geth - er. Once we know that we are, we're all stars and we see that we're all in this to- geth- er, and it shows when we stand hand in hand, make our dreams come. We're".

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that we are, we're all stars and we see that we're all in this to- geth-

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all in this to- geth - er. When we reach, we can fly, know in- side

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we can make it. We're all in this_ to- geth - er once we see

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there's a chance that we have and we take_ it.

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Wild - cats, ev - 'ry-where, wave your hands up in the air! —

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That's the way we do it, let's get to it, c'-mon! Ev-'ry-one!