

LITTLE BOY

The era of Ragtime had run out, as if history were no more than a tune on a player piano. But we did not know that then.

(The FULL COMPANY enters—a ghostly display of time, people of the past, people of the future.)

(EPILOGUE)

YOUNGER BROTHER

After Coalhouse Walker's death, Younger Brother drove south to Mexico, where he joined the great peasant revolutionary, Emiliano Zapata.

(YOUNGER BROTHER rejoins the ensemble, and now, one by one, others step forth.)

ALL

LA LA LA LA LA

EMMA GOLDMAN

The signs of the coming world war were everywhere. The anarchist Emma Goldman was arrested again, of course, but this time she would be deported, as well.

ALL

OOH OOH...

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Booker T. Washington's Tuskegee Institute became, in time, the capital of black America. When he died, flags were flown at half-mast. President and Mrs. Wilson attended the funeral.

ALL

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GRANDFATHER 2

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Grandfather resided now in a cemetery. At last, peace and quiet!

EVELYN NESBIT

The passionate and beautiful Evelyn Nesbit would lose her looks and fall into obscurity. Whee!

HOUDINI

Harry Houdini was hanging upside down high over Times Square when the Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo.

THE LITTLE BOY

Warn the Duke!