

*How
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Won*

Book, Music & Lyrics

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Synopsis

Two girls are transported to the Wild West through the pictures in a magical book.

As they travel through the chapters they meet Geronimo, 4 famous frontiersmen, the soldiers in the Alamo, three miners from the gold rush of 1849 and Billy the kid.

With each meeting they alter the course of history, finally returning back to modern day.

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Scene I Modern Day

Curtain closed

Geronimo and his braves are in position behind the curtain. Soldiers and horses are in the wings hidden from view. Priscilla enters stage left and walks across stage front. Emiry follows running to Priscilla and calling after her.

EMIRI Hey Priscilla!

PRISCILLA Hi!

The girls have a quick conversation. They giggle and laugh.

EMIRI What have you got there?

PRISCILLA A book.

EMIRI What kind of book?

PRISCILLA Oh, it's a book about the "Wild West". There are outlaws, frontiersmen and frontierswomen! Native Americans, the Gold Rush and all sorts, there's even a chapter about Geronimo ... and the pictures are great!

EMIRI Let's have a look! OOOOooo, look at that! **(Turn page)** Hey and look at this! **(Turn page)** Hey let's sit down.

The girls sit down center stage front of curtain.

Drum music for scene change

Curtain opens

Scene 2 New Mexico

Song One - Geronimo

Geronimo

Verse

Geronimo was an Indian brave,
The last Apache warrior,
He crossed the plains like an ocean wave,
No boundary and no barrier.

Chorus

White man he came to claim Apache land,
Claim the land of long dead generations,
Geronimo and his braves must make their stand,
Or choose to live on white man's reservations.

Verse, chorus, verse.

As the song progresses the girls realize they are inside the book and begin to watch the scene. They look at each other and whisper quietly.

Geronimo

Lyricist: Paul R Leggatt

Music: Paul R Leggatt

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Voice



Piano

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Voice

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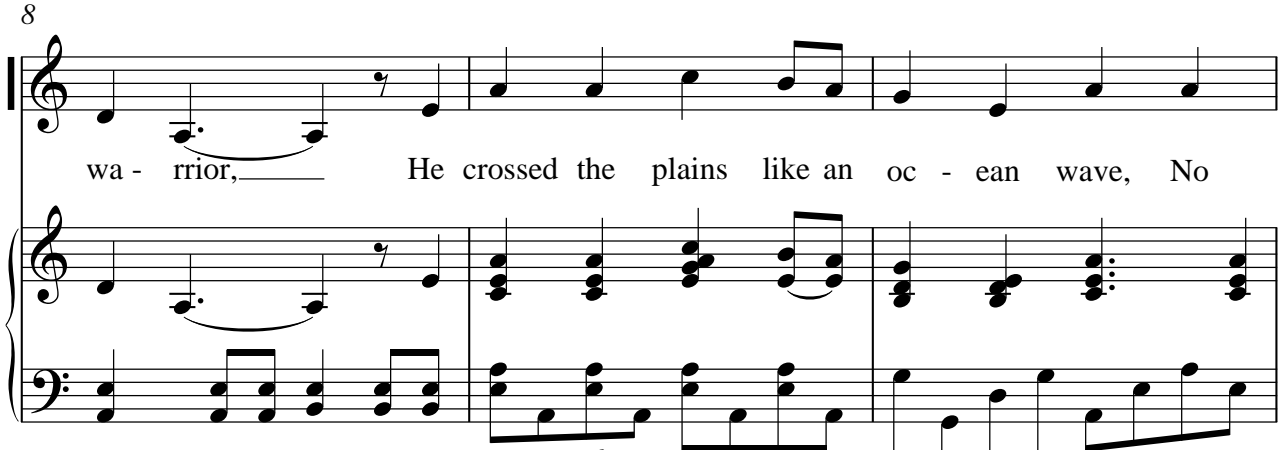


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Voice

Ge-ro-ni-mo, Ge

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Voice

Ge-ro-ni-mo, Ge-ro-ni-mo!

Voice

ro-ni-mo, Ge-ro-ni-mo, Ge-ro-ni-mo!

Pno.

GERONIMO How can it be that two strangers have found and entered our secret hide-out under our very noses? Even the armies of America and Mexico cannot find Geronimo and his Apache warriors. Where have you come from?

PRISCILLA Well I'm not quite sure how we got here, but it looks like we somehow came through the picture in this book.

Pricilla shows the book to Geronimo.

GERONIMO White man has come to take Apache land, he has killed the buffalo, he has imprisoned our people on reservations, and now, you have come to capture me in a book?!

EMIRI No, no, Mr. Geronimo sir, we have come from the future, where people want to read about you. Your memory is kept alive in books.

WARRIOR 1 Maybe the spirits have sent these strangers for a reason.

WARRIOR 2 Yes maybe they are sent to help us.

WARRIOR 3 What does it say in this book of yours?

PRISCILLA It says that Geronimo was the last real free Apache. That he led his small group of braves, women and children away from life on the reservation. It says he always stayed ahead of the soldiers that tried to capture them.

GERONIMO These words are true.

EMIRI But look here, ***(Pointing at the book)*** it says that Geronimo was killed in New Mexico on December 5th in the year 1835.

WARRIOR 1 New Mexico? That is where we are now!

WARRIOR 2 And today is the December 5th 1835.

WARRIOR 3 Listen!

Sound effect: Horses hooves.

GERONIMO Hide Apache and we will be safe The book lies!

The Apache hide behind rocks, bushes and trees. As they hid,e soldiers enter front of stage R, riding on hobby horses.

SOLDIER 1 Good afternoon Ma'am.

PRISCILLA/EMIRI Hi! ***(In unison)***

SOLDIER 1 It ain't safe to be a wanderin' around these parts, you should a high-tail it back to town.

SOLDIER 2 Have you seen any injuns?

EMIRI Well we did see a band of Apache.

The Apache all stand up from their hiding places, unseen behind the soldiers and brandish their knives. The Apache hold this FREEZE. (All the actions in this scene should be very stylized)

EMIRI They were riding fast and heading in that direction, I can just see the dust in the distance. ***(Looking and pointing towards the back of the auditorium left)***

Emiri and Priscilla FREEZE. The soldiers shield their eyes from the sun and look where Emiri points. The soldiers FREEZE. The whole freeze lasts for 10 seconds. The Apache all pop their heads back into their hiding places and the action continues.

SOLDIER 3 You'd better take my horse and get back to town, I'll ride behind Earl here.

Soldier 3 hands his horse to Priscilla.

SOLDIER 2 So long ladies.

The girls wave as the soldiers gallop off and the Apache emerge from their hiding places.

GERONIMO Thank you, you have saved the lives of my people. From now on you will be known as "Travels with the Breeze" and "Silent as the Shadow", honorary Apache.

WARRIOR 1 What does your book say now?

EMIRI What do you mean? Books don't change what they say!

PRISCILLA Oh my goodness, the words in the book are changing. It says that Geronimo was the last real free Apache and that he led his small group of braves, women and children away from life on the reservation; just as it said before. But now the book says he lived to be an old man who made peace between everyone.

WARRIOR 2 The spirits have helped us, we should show our appreciation.

GERONIMO We will dance the "Buffalo Hunt" for tomorrow we need new meat. Please come and join us.

Drum music for The Buffalo Hunt Dance

At the end of the dance a stagecoach arrives stage L.

GERONIMO Ladies ... your carriage awaits. May the spirits be with you.