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EQUESTRIA GIRLS SHORTS - "MY LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"

Music Video Short- Beat Sheet

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LOGLINE: Twilight's accidentally waters Principal Celestia's greenhouse garden with a watering can that has Equestrian magic, causing all of the plants to come to life.

SONG CONCEPT:
"Room to Grow"

For example:
"A little shade, a little sun,
Some loving care, a lot of fun...
gives us...
Room to grow"

Then by the end of the song:
"No more shade, too much sun,
Please take care, no more fun...
We're out of...
Room to grow!!!"

Twilight develops a type a routine that she performs each day when she tends to the plants. Song is instructional and repetitive, almost like a mantra or (accidental) spell. It builds throughout, evolving into a more complex version than it started.

Song References-- "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo"- Cinderella. "Put the Lime in the Coconut"- Harry Nilsson. "When Will My Life Begin" - Tangled.

VISUAL CONCEPT: Fun magic-fueled montage with plants coming to life and singing along.

Visual References-- "Little Shop of Horrors", "The Enchanted Tiki Room" from Disneyland.

STORY BEATS:

TWILIGHT and SPIKE stand in front of Canterlot High. Principal Celestia comes outside and greets them, she is carrying a SUITCASE.

PRINCIPAL CELESTIA
Thank you for looking after my garden
while I'm on away on vacation
Twilight! I really appreciate it.

Celestia passes her the KEYS and exits.

TWILIGHT
I'm so excited, Spike. I even brought my own watering can!

ZOOM INTO the WATERING CAN sitting next to the Canterlot statue/Portal. EQUESTRIAN MAGIC leaks into the top of it.

CUT TO:

-- Twilight and Spike enter Principal Celestia's lush backyard GREENHOUSE. It's bursting with fragrant FLOWERS, exotic hanging VINES, and LEAVES. Spike sniffs a GIANT FLOWER and wags his tail.

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
This is the perfect chance to expand my knowledge of botany! Let's get to work!

MONTAGE:

DAY/ VERSE ONE: Twilight begins slowly and carefully. With a huge smile on her face, she fills her WATERING CAN and gently waters each row of plants as she sings to them.

She uses a SPRAY BOTTLE to spritz the ORCHIDS. She puts on GARDENING GLOVES and digs some holes in a PLANTER BOX. When the sun starts to set, Twilight is covered in dirt. She washes her hands off with the HOSE and sprays Spike.

Swirly purple EQUESTRIAN MAGIC swirls around the plants, unbeknownst to Twilight.

DAY/VERSE TWO: Twilight completes the same routine: watering (with the magic can), singing, spraying, planting.

She even reads aloud from a BOOK to the plants. The Equestrian magic swirls. They begin to face towards her, listening. Twilight doesn't notice.

DAY/VERSE THREE: Twilight levitates the watering can and fills it, then uses levitation to carry it along each row of plants. As she sings, another VOICE finishes the verse. Twilight looks around, but no one is there! Then she *sees it*...

The flowers have started singing backup! "Shoo-wop, shoo-waaaa" etc. Twilight and Spike are shocked.

DAY/VERSE FOUR: The plants are dancing and singing! Twilight is amazed, even enjoying her little plant choir. As she sings, she happily levitates gardening tools all around her as they perform tasks like in the movie "Matilda".

(ref: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1f9r8FrGmQ).

But then... the plants start crawling out of their pots and doing dance formations.

TWO GIANT VINES reach out for Twilight and Spike and grab onto them. They are lifted up and down in the air in time to the beat of the song.

LADYBUGS are CAN-CANNING, a DIVA FLOWER sings like Mariah Carey, and an EARTHWORM emulates Andrea Bocelli.

The fun is over-- this is officially freaky!

Spike points. Twi notices the purple magic coming from the watering can. OH NO! That's what it was! Twilight grips her face like Kevin McAllister. Ahhh!

Twi whips out her CELL PHONE and frantically types a message: APPLEJACK CUTIE MARK, GARDEN SHOVEL, PLANT LEAVES, SUN (CELESTIA CUTIE MARK), and a bunch of exclamation points.

QUICK MONTAGE:

-- Applejack walks in, drops her GARDENING TOOLS and her jaw at the same time. She rolls up her sleeves. She chases a ROSE CONGA LINE.

-- Twi chases a bunch of cart wheeling DAISIES.

-- Spike digs dog-style in the dirt and drags a dancing plant over to it. He replants it. It stops moving! The girls' faces light up.

-- Applejack and Twilight scramble to chase the dancing plants around and replant them in the new dirt holes (planter-box). One by one, they stop singing.

-- Twilight and AJ collapse into garden chairs, frazzled and wiping away sweat. Something "taps" Twilight on the shoulder... it's a wayward VINE offering her a TOWEL. Twilight takes it, does a double take and then yanks the plant out of the pot. It stops moving just as...

Princess Celestia walks outside. She looks around, nods approval, and smiles.

Twilight smiles back. AJ tips her hat. They exhale in relief. Twilight tosses the keys at Celestia as she and Applejack exit with a wave. Spike follows.

BUTTON: Celestia notices the enchanted watering can and picks it up. She smiles at it as if to say “hey, this is a nice watering can!” as we...

FADE OUT.