

Excerpt #3

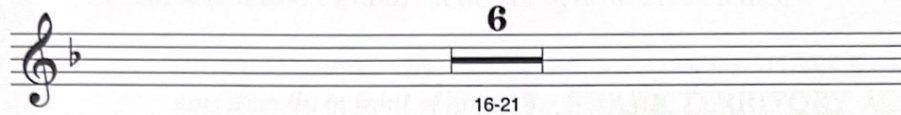
(MARLIN, confused, catches up to DORY.)

MARLIN: What?

DORY: I'm trying to swim here!

MARLIN: But... we're trying to find Nemo.
You were showing me which way the boat went!

DORY: A boat! I've seen a boat! Follow me!



(DORY takes a big breath
and begins to swim again.)



(MARLIN)

We already did this!

DORY

We did? Oh dear. I have short-term memory loss. I forget things almost instantly. It runs in my family... or at least, I think it does. ...Where is my family?

(DORY forgets who MARLIN is again.)

...Can I help you?

MARLIN

Ugh!! You're wasting my time. I have to find my kid!

DORY

Meeko?

MARLIN

Nemo!



(BRUCE, ANCHOR, and CHUM enter. MARLIN faces DORY and doesn't see them.)

MARLIN

(frustrated)

Listen, if you don't mind, I'll be going now. Have a nice—

(MARLIN turns away from DORY and spots the SHARKS who are now directly in front of him. #9 – SHARK TERRITORY. MARLIN slowly gasps.)

BRUCE

Hello.

DORY

Well, hi there, sharks!

BRUCE

Name's Bruce.

DORY

I'm Dory! And this is...

MARLIN

You don't need to know. I'm nobody, really.

(MARLIN attempts to swim away but CHUM blocks his path.)

CHUM

Looks like you've stumbled upon a little party we're havin'.

MARLIN

Oh, sorry. We'll just be on our way!

(He again tries to swim away. This time, ANCHOR blocks his path and flashes their teeth.)

Okay, I guess we could stay for a little while.

(A frenzy of SHARKS enters, chattering, each with a terrified FISH "FRIEND" cowering behind them. The SCUBA MASK DANCER floats the diver's scuba mask onstage.)

ANCHOR

Ah, the gang's all here! Welcome to the party, mates!

