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Music: Andy Roninson
Commission for Musical "Girlhood" (A Song Cycle)

Judy is the one kid at middle school, who is "different". She's constantly teased, and her teachers are her only friends. It's the first day of school

JUDY

(Sings)

JUST TAKE A BREATH AND WALK THROUGH THE DOOR
THEIR WHISPERS AND STARES, THE SAME AS BEFORE
ANOTHER YEAR AS THE BUTT OF THEIR JOKES
AND I WISH I COULD STAY IN BED
CALL IN SICK OR CALL IN DEAD
ANYTHING BUT WHAT DAD SAID,
HE SAID,
"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE GOT."
BUT WHAT IF YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS? WHATEVER, I'VE STILL GOT A LOT!

I'VE GOT THIS LOCKER COMBO MEMORIZED BY HEART
I GUESS THAT'S ONE THING-- HEY! I'VE GOT A GOOD START
MY OWN LITTLE CORNER WHERE I FEEL WHAT I FEEL
I'VE GOT THIS, I CAN DO THIS FOR REAL

I'VE GOT MY FAVORITE NOTEBOOK, KEEP IT TUCKED AWAY
TO WRITE MY OWN TALES WHERE I KNOW JUST WHAT TO SAY
IF I CAN BE STRONG LIKE THE HERO INSIDE
I'VE GOT THIS, AND I DON'T NEED TO HIDE

SO-OH-OH
WHAT IF I STAND OUT?
OH-OH-OH
I'LL STAND OUT LOUD!
NOH-OH-OH
I DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT OUT
BUT NO - OH - OH
I DON'T NEED TO BE A PART OF EVERY CROWD

I'VE GOT SO MUCH TO OFFER, MORE THAN THEY CAN SEE
YES, I'M A GIRL WHO'S DIFFERENT AND THAT MAKES ME ME!
SO I'LL TAKE MY BREATH AND I'LL WALK THROUGH THAT DOOR
I'VE GOT THIS, DON'T NEED TO HIDE CAUSE
I'VE GOT THIS, SO MUCH INSIDE AND
I'VE GOT THIS
AND I'VE GOT SO MUCH MORE

