

**RICHIE SIDE**

Richie 1/5

**RICHIE-** *(steps out of line)* My name is Richie Walters. I'm twenty-seven. I was born on a full moon in Herculaneum, Missouri. And I'm black.

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**RICHIE-** Well, I'll tell ya. Because I'm getting scared. I love being in their business. But, one day it hits you, "Okay Richie, you been havin' fun for almost eight years now...but where's it gettin' you?" There's no promotion and no advancement. No, it's not just that. I could do without that, but—shit—there's no work anymore. And then you have to start all over again—'cause the only chorus line you can depend on in this business is the one at unemployment.

224 225 + Tpt. 1  
Sxs., Tbns., Rhy.

[THE CAST separates into TWO GROUPS, right and left. RICHIE is left center stage.]

226 227 228  
Sxs., Tbns., Rhy.

**START:**

**RICHIE**

229 230  
Perc: Tamb.  
Drs. w/H-H "boogaloo"  
Sxs., Tbns., Rhy.  
+ Timp.

[Rehearsal Piano play if no Drums are present.]

Richie

Gim-me the ball, Gim-me the ball, Gim-me the ball. Yeah! I was

231 232

Richie

al - ways run - nin' a - round shout - in'

233 234

Richie

"Gim-me the ball, Gim-me the ball, Gim-me the ball. Yeah!" I was

235 236

R.H.K1-Pno.,  
K2-El.Gtr.

Bari.Sx., Tbn. 3, L.H.K1-Pno., El.Bs.

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Richie

so en - thu - si - as - tic. I was in

Tamb.

R.H.K1-Pno.,  
K2-El.Gtr.

237 238 239

Tbns.

+ Sxs.

L.H.K1-Pno., El.Bs., Drs.

Richie

ev' - ry - thing. The year - book is filled with my pic - tures,

240 241 + Tpts. 242

Richie

And I was luck - y 'cause I got A schol - ar - ship to

Tamb. Solo

243 K1-Pno. Solo 244 245

Sxs., Br., Rhy.

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**END**

Richie

col - lege. A schol-ar-ship to col - lege! So I went.

Tamb. (continue thru bar 252)

246 247 248 Sxs.

Richie

Yes, I went. So I'm gon-na be a kin-

Girls

So he went. Yes, he went.

Boys

So he went. Yes, he went.

K2-El.Gtr.

R.H.K1-Pno. voiced

249 Tbps. 250 Sxs. 251 Tpts. Tp. 1 & 3

R.H.K1-Pno., K2-El.Gtr.

R.H.K1-Pno., Drs.

L.H.K1-Pno., El.Bs., Drs.