

Kenny
Laura
Mike
Old Man
Old woman
Mike
zach

INT - SONS OF ITALY FUNCTION HALL

A crowd mills about somberly, there's a bar in one corner but no one approaches. Weird cousin MIKE climbs up onto the stage.

MIKE

Hello, hello. Alright, we gather here today

Crowd doesn't go silent

MIKE

I SAID WE GATHER HERE today, on this lovely wednesday morning, to honor the life of Kathlene Wagner, a woman, a mother, a friend, a co worker, a lover. My name is Mike Pappano, some of you know me as Micheal, a few others probably know me as Keith. As you all know this is a karaoke party in lieu of a funeral, Kathlene's final demand. I will be MCing this event because Kathlene was my grandmother and more.

Beat

SO! without further adieu lets us get this party started!

No one cheers

MIKE

mumbling

"lets get it started in hot, let's get it started in here"

Mike picks up a hat and pulls out a name.

MIKE

Laura! You're our opening act!
Let's hear it!

Laura approaches the stage

LAURA

Umm, I've never really done
karaoke before... or done it at a
funeral, so I wasn't really sure
what songs to pick.

MIKE

No worries, you start singing
everyone joins in it'll be great!

LAURA

There's a lady who's sure all that
glitters is gold
And she's buying a stairway to
heaven
When she gets there she knows, if
the stores are all closed
With a word she can get what she
came for

Ooh, ooh, and she's buying a
stairway to heaven

Boos erupt

OLD MAN

That bitch ain't goin to heaven

KENNY

Next song!

OLD WOMAN

sarcastic

Way to be Laura

MIKE

Honestly Laura, kind of a let
down, don't you think? You can't
exactly turn up to stairway to
heaven. Alright, who's next? Let
see

Pulls name from hat

MIKE

Ah zach. You're up!

ZACH

Should I say something first?

MIKE

This a karaoke party, man. We just need you to sing, and bring the energy. Let's get this party started why don't we?

ZACH

Well, you can tell by the way I use my walk
I'm a woman's man, no time to talk
Music loud and women warm, I've been kicked around
Since I was born
And now it's alright, it's okay
And you may look the other way
We can try to understand
The New York Times' effect on man
Whether you're a brother or whether you're a mother
You're stayin' alive, stayin' alive
Feel the city breakin' and everybody shakin'
And we're stayin' alive, stayin' alive
Ah, ha, ha, ha, stayin' alive, stayin' alive

People begin to snicker

MIKE

Cut the music. What kind of sick and twisted joke is this. This is your grandmother. We're trying to have some fun but have some decency.

Zach jumps off stage

MIKE

HUFF I'm choosing the next participant myself. Kenny your up, we need some energy.

KENNY

Oh hell yeah

MIKE

Something decent please.

KENNY

Trust the process.

Clears throat

KW I hope your kickin it up there
with the big guy. Maybe you're
able to let loose now that you're
dead, you were kind of a tight ass
hole here on Earth. But wishin you
were here with us, stompin your
shit. Sweat dreams

Hits peace sign

Baby baby 2k11 interrupts
When I'm alone in my room
I sit and stare at the wall
Brother can't find no love at all
I'm gonna find you girl someway,
somehow
I need you right now!
Search the world, but couldn't
find that feeling
Cause your love is a one in a
million
Cause I like the way that you
(Touch me)
And I like the way you (Fuck me)
And you really make it (Worth my
while)
I said Woof, Woof, Woof, Woof,
(Doggy style)
Cause you're on my mind, on my
thoughts

MIKE

No no no this is all off . Do you
think Grama would have liked this
song. My god, you know Grama
didn't like rap

KENNY

Yeah she didn't like
Air quotes
rap

MIKE

You people, not a single good song
yet. I'm stepping in. Queue some
real music, something I know might
arouse her spirit.

KENNY

Why do you gotta say it like that?

MIKE

I see the crystal raindrops fall
And the beauty of it all
Is when the sun comes shining
through
To make those rainbows in my mind
When I think of you sometime
And I wanna spend some time with
you
Just the two of us
We can make it if we try
Just the two of us

Mike is really getting into it. A little too
much so.

Just the two of us
Building castles in the sky
Just the two of us
You and I

ZACH

What the hell is going on

OLD WOMAN

Is this allowed

OLD MAN

Some things wrong with this kid

Doors burst open to the dining hall the old but jacked
grandfather, CLAY WAGNER, storms in.

CLAY

What the hells going on here?

Silence

CLAY

My wife of 50 years has died and
yall are moping about singing
karaoke?

CLAY

That witch tormented us for half a
century, and now you're letting
this creep boss you around?!

MIKE

Grandpa!

CLAY

fucking hit it kenny.

CLAY

I will survive
First I was afraid, I was petrified
Kept thinking I could never live without you by my side
But then I spent so many nights thinking how you did me
wrong
And I grew strong
And I learned how to get along
And so you're back
From outer space
I just walked in to find you here with that sad look upon
your face
I should have changed that stupid lock, I should have made
you leave your key
If I'd known for just one second you'd be back to bother me
Go on now, go, walk out the door
Just turn around now
'Cause you're not welcome anymore
Weren't you the one who tried to hurt me with goodbye?
You think I'd crumble?
You think I'd lay down and die?
Oh no, not I, I will survive
Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll stay alive
I've got all my life to live
And I've got all my love to give and I'll survive
I will survive, hey, hey