

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

It's Only A Matter Of Time
Got No Future
Wherever We're Going
Hello - Is Anybody Home?
It Works
Cake
Got No Future (Reprise)
Gotta Start Somewhere
My Myopia
Pretty Baby
Future Boy
Hill Valley High School Fight Song
Something About That Boy

ACT 2

21st Century
Something About That Boy (Reprise)
Put Your Mind To It
For The Dreamers
Teach Him A Lesson
Only A Matter Of Time (Reprise)
Deep Divin'
Pretty Baby (Reprise)
Earth Angel
Johnny B. Goode
For The Dreamers (Reprise)
The Power Of Love
Back In Time

THEMES

AMBITION

"I BELIEVE I'VE REALISED MY DREAM ... PROOF POSITIVE THAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IF YOU JUST PUT YOUR MIND TO IT!"

DOC BROWN

Marty has a youthful energy, ambition and wants to succeed. This contrasts with the rest of his family, who lack ambition and do not have the self-belief to pursue their dreams. At the start of the musical, he sees his father, George McFly, as a failure. Despite being told by the Head Teacher Mr Strickland. "you'll never amount to anything", Marty still believes he can succeed as a musician. In his opening song 'Only a Matter of Time', he sings:

"I'LL ROCK MY FUTURE, I'M A WINNER, NOT A LOSER"

MARTY MCFLY

REWRITING HISTORY

"I'M YOUR DENSITY ... I MEAN, YOUR DESTINY."

GEORGE MCFLY

The musical explores to what extent our future is pre-determined. Once Marty has gone back to 1955, he starts to realise that every decision and action has an impact on 'future events'. George McFly also changes his future by standing up to Biff Tannen. It is a small step towards becoming more confident and more accomplished as a writer.

COURAGE & SELF-BELIEF

“I JUST DON’T THINK I CAN TAKE THAT KIND OF REJECTION.”

GEORGE MCFLY

The story explores the challenges of being courageous and brave; the idea that, in order to be courageous, you also need to take risks and be vulnerable. George McFly overcomes his fears and is courageous when he stands up to Biff. It is Marty who helps his father to have the courage and self-belief to stand up to Biff with his positivity and belief in George.

FAILURE BEFORE SUCCESS

“I INVENTED SOMETHING WHICH ACTUALLY WORKS!”

DOC BROWN

The theme of ‘failure before success’ runs through **BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical**, as many of the characters face challenges before they finally succeed. As an inventor, Doc comments on how many of his creations have not worked, even though he has succeeded in creating time travel. This theme connects with ambition, courage, and self-belief, as they are important qualities if you are going to succeed in the face of adversity.

THE POWER OF LOVE

“IF THEY DON’T KISS, THEY’LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AND HAVE A HISTORY.”

MARTY MCFLY

BACK TO THE FUTURE: The Musical is essentially a love story. Marty is in love with his girlfriend Jennifer in 1985 and the whole plot revolves around helping his parents to fall in love again in 1955. The character of Lorraine has an idealised view of love and what it means to be in love. This is shown in Act 1, when she sings ‘Pretty Baby’ about falling in love for the first time.

