

SYNOPSIS

“THIS IS TOO GOOD A STORY.

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ACT 1 - HILL VALLEY - OCTOBER 25TH 1985

Marty McFly is an ambitious teenager who yearns to be a musician. The musical starts with Marty entering Doc Brown's lab. Doc is nowhere to be seen but he listens to a message from Doc, which tells him to meet him at 1.15am at the Twin Pines Mall Car Park. Marty heads to school and we hear about his ambitions in the opening song 'Only a Matter of Time'. Marty's band 'The Pinheads' audition for the 'Annual Celebration Day' performance, but they are rejected. His girlfriend, Jennifer Parker, heard about the failed audition, and they sing 'Wherever We're Going' together, which boosts Marty's self-belief and confidence. Scene 5 is set in the McFly household. We see Marty's father George McFly being belittled and bullied by Biff Tannen, his childhood 'friend'. Marty sings 'Hello - Is Anybody Home?' about George's lack of ambition and his inability to stand up to Biff.

At 1.15am Marty goes to meet Doc at Twin Pines Mall and, in a burst of light and a cloud of smoke, the DeLorean arrives. Doc tells Marty that he has invented a time machine - finally one of his inventions works! He shows Marty the 'flux capacitor', which is 'what makes time travel possible'. He also reveals that the time machine runs on plutonium. Suddenly, he realises that some plutonium has seeped through his radiation suit, onto his hands and chest. Marty jumps into the DeLorean to go to the hospital and get an ambulance. Despite Doc's warning not to drive too fast, Marty's speed reaches 88mph and he travels back in time...30 years.

HILL VALLEY - NOVEMBER 5TH 1955

Marty has arrived in 1955 and listens to the song 'Cake' about the 'idyllic' Hill Valley, which is 'a nice place to live'. For Marty, this is a 'nightmare', as he needs to get back to 1985. He goes into the café on the town square and realises he is sitting next to his father, when George was a teenager. A young Biff enters, asking why George hasn't completed his homework for him yet and ends up tipping cereal onto George's head. Goldie Wilson, who works in the café, tells George he should stand up to Biff, saying that he himself has grand ambitions to become Mayor and sings 'Gotta Start Somewhere'. Marty follows George and finds him spying on Lorraine (Marty's mum) at her home. Marty tries to talk to him, but George falls out of the tree, on top of Marty, then runs off. Marty is taken inside the house by Sam (his future grandfather) and wakes up in a bedroom of young Lorraine, who starts to fall in love with Marty, not realising it is her son!

Marty finds Doc Brown's house and manages to convince him that he is from the future, then shows him the DeLorean time machine. They realise that the way to get back to 1985 is to harness the energy from the lightning bolt which will strike the clock tower the following weekend. Marty realises that he has interfered with his parents meeting and falling in love so must get George to ask Lorraine to the school dance. In the school lunchroom, Marty does persuade George to ask her out, but she is already falling in love with Marty. Biff then enters and ends up chasing both Marty and George around the school, until he finally ends up in the bin!

ACT 2 - NOVEMBER 1955

Act 2 opens with a 'futuristic tableau', as Doc sings about the '21st Century'. Marty wakes Doc from a dream he is having about the year 2020. Lorraine turns up at the door and asks Marty if he'll take her to the 'Enchantment Under the Sea Dance' on Saturday. She says that she wouldn't let George take her because he wouldn't be able to 'stand up' for her. The 'date' is arranged for 8pm on Saturday. Doc realises how serious the situation is, telling Marty that he must teach his father to 'be a man'. Marty goes to see George in his backyard and talks him through the plan for Saturday. Marty will be in the car with Lorraine and then George will open that car door and come to her rescue when she starts to feel uncomfortable about Marty's advances. George is on board with the plan.



Back at Doc's workshop, he has discovered the video camera footage which shows the moment in Twin Pines Mall when he becomes poisoned by radiation. Marty tries to explain what will happen but Doc does not want to know about the future because he could 'endanger his own existence'. He sings a song called the 'For the Dreamers' about all of the inventors throughout history and how failure precedes success. Biff sings a song with his 'goons' about Marty and how he will 'Teach Him a Lesson', for humiliating him at school. Doc sets up his 'weather experiment' outside the clock tower and gets ready for the storm. Marty tries once again to tell Doc about the future and the radiation poisoning but he won't listen; instead Marty writes a letter to Doc telling him what will happen.

At The Enchantment Under the Sea Dance, the band Marvin Berry and the Starlighters play on stage, as couples dance. George checks his watch and realises it's time to go. Marty is in a parked car with Lorraine and is feeling increasingly uncomfortable with the situation. Lorraine leans across and kisses Marty but then feels like she's kissing her 'brother'. Biff opens the door and pulls Marty out of the car. Biff's 'goons' throw Marty in the dumpster and Biff gets into the car with Lorraine, despite her saying 'I'm not your girl!' George appears (thinking that Marty is in the car), but is told by Biff to 'walk away'. George musters the courage to stand up to Biff and punches him out cold. George asks Lorraine if she's ok and takes her inside. Marty is shouting from the dumpster and is released by Marvin Berry, who ends up injuring his hand, so Marty must play guitar instead. Lorraine and George finally kiss on the dance floor and the future is back on track! Marty heads to the clock tower to meet Doc. Once again, Marty tries to tell Doc about the radiation poisoning, but he rips up the letter, just before they realise that the cable connected to the clock tower has been dislodged. Doc manages to connect it and Marty makes it up to 88mph just in time for the lightning bolt to strike the clock tower.



It is 1985. Marty arrives back in Hill Valley and is relieved to discover that Doc read the note and was able to wear a radiation suit, which saved his life. Doc gets back into the DeLorean and says he's going to travel thirty years into the future. The next morning, in Hill Valley Town Square, there is a podium set up. Marty realises that his family all look very different and are much more confident and happier. George is now an author, and they celebrate 'George McFly Day'! Goldie Wilson has now been elected as Mayor. Marty has an opportunity to fulfil his ambition as a musician and performs for Jennifer's uncle, a record company mogul.