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RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

PRESENTS

REFLECTIONS - The Musical



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Synopsis

Red Swastika School, a place for education. It is a time when not all children have the chance to study, so the students in Red Swastika must be a fortunate lot! Not all of them. Xiaowei is a primary five student. Having retained for a couple of years, she is viewed as a problem kid. Her classmates make fun of her for her frequent absence, and her reticent nature; she hardly has any friends.

When the class bully is accidentally beaten up in a street fight, Xiaowei is blamed for the incident. Sensing a problem, the Principal, Mr. Zhuang decides to join the teacher in Xiaowei's house visit to rectify the situation.

It is revealed to them that Xiaowei comes from a poor family, and going to school is a huge financial, as well as emotional burden. Taking pity on this innocent child, Mr. Zhuang goes all out to help her complete her primary school education, and to pursuit her brighter future.

Many years have passed; Xiaowei finally fulfilled her dream to be a teacher. Back in her alma mater, sweet reminiscence...



A Brand New Day

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

Lyrics by Lynda Young

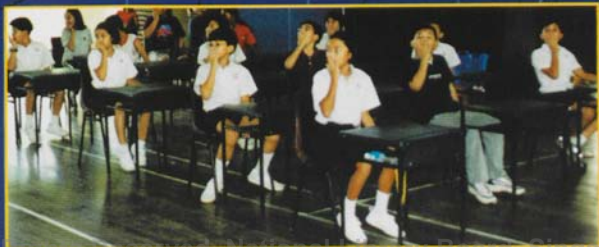
A brand new day is here
And we're off to school again
All our friends meet here
And we are ready to begin!

CHORUS

This is our school Red Swastika
This is where we learn to work and play
In our future endeavours
Our motto we are taught to keep
In our hearts

A brand new day is here
Flowers & trees are welcoming me
Err... brand new day
Roads and classrooms for me to sweep

(Chorus)



Since She's Here Things Are Never The Same

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

Lyrics by Tay Chee Wei, Alvina Goh & Lynda Young

Why are we doing this again & again?
All for one pathetic girl
Since she's here things are never the same
How we wish she never came

Hi! I'm Jiecong, the class clown.
People call me "Ah-bui".
I love food...especially yours!
Beware...I might take yours away!

Sit down! Shoo!.... a-hem!
And I'm Xiaoyu, the monitress year after year.
If I'm not chosen, it's everyone's loss.
I carry books & keep the class quiet (Like real!)
When the teacher's not in, I'm the boss (Booo!)
Sigh!
Sometimes this class gives me a lot of headache!
Cannot control!

Used to get more out of our lessons here
We do not waste that much precious time
But since she's here, things are never the same
She's become poor Miss Tan's greatest pain!

CHORUS

We're the students of class 5/2
We're unique in our own ways
But she's one girl that's quite a freak
She and us are not a league!

Hi! I'm Yanzi. As you can see,
I'm the pretty one with plaits!
Oh! I'm allowed to keep these lovely locks
Because I learn ballet. But I don't know why
They like to call me, "Yan Wo!"

Before she came things were wonderful
I get lots of attention here
But since she's here things are never the same
It's unfair she gets all the fame!

(Chorus)

I'm Fen. And I'm Fang. We're the choir twins!
We used to look alike.
But she didn't wait for me to grow!
I'm Cong and this is Ming.
We're always together 'cos we're "Cong Ming"
Fen & Fang always do one test.
And we do one together too!
Their copying is much more obvious!
Who says so? Just ask the rest of the class!
Oh well, at least we always do better than you!

We have friends we like to be with
We have fun with everyone
But since she's here things are never the same
No one likes to mention her name

(Chorus x 2)

Why Me

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

Lyrics by Lynda Young

I try to lead a normal life
A life that all would dream to have
But I am hurting deep within
And no one cares

Nobody understands my pain
Nobody really comprehends
Do they know what I'm going through
They just conclude that I'm a fool

Why me? Is this by chance or by fate?
Why do I deserve this?
Why does everything seem wrong?
Why can't I be their friend?

I know that I don't quite belong
A failure in the things I do
But everytime when I do try
Things will still go wrong even so

I wish that I could find a way
To cast these lonely clouds away
But no matter how hard I try
In the end it is just a dream

Why me? Is this by chance or by fate?
Why do I deserve this?
Can't I just lead a normal life?
This's not fair!
Hear me out!
Just one time!



BEHIND THE SCENES



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We Are Not Her Friends

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

Lyrics by Alvina Goh, Tay Chee Wei & KC Yeow

Look who's the one standing there
With a board so huge everyone can't miss
Not you, not him and certainly not me
Xiaowei's the only one it can be

I do not want to be her friend
She's slow and lazy and she's not quite there
Hello everybody get it clear
That we are NOT like her!

CHORUS I

She's always singing
She's always dazing
Dreaming all day long
She's always late
She's always missing
No one really understands

Her blouse is torn
And her skirt is too
And she never,
Ever brings her brains to school
Everytime when there is a test
All she ever gets is 2 minus 2

She's so quiet and she never talks
All she ever does is sit on that rock
She's so queer and we wonder why
I think she doesn't have a life!

CHORUS II

She's so crazy
She's so dazed
Dreaming all day long
She's so cranky
She's so weird
I am NOT her friend!

(Chorus I)

(Chorus II)

She's so quiet and she never talks
All she ever does is sit on that rock
She's so strange and we wonder why
We're sure she doesn't have a life!

让未来灿烂

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

Lyrics by Lynda Young

我真的不想这样
我只想好好念书
为何就是那么难
我到底应该怎么办？

实在太委屈妳
这小小的年纪
须承受那么大的压力
但紧记绝不可放弃

孩子生活都成问题
如何安心接受教育
我们一定要想方设法
尽力地去帮助她

CHORUS

盼望着明日的希望
美好的事用努力去创
我尽自己的力量
让她的未来灿烂

是命运亏待妳
只能勉强熬下去
请放心我一定可以
有一天出人头地

虽然面对重重困难
对未来仍充满憧憬
我不忍让她这样下去
我要助她走出困境

(Chorus)

学生的前途与希望
(我真的不想这样)
(日子虽然艰难)
美好的事用努力去创
(我只想好好念书)
(但你要坚强)
尽我们的力量
(我到底应该怎么办)
(别辜负大家)
让她的未来灿烂
(让我的未来灿烂)
(对妳的期望)

我们一定要想方设法
让她的未来灿烂
(让我的未来灿烂)
(让妳的未来灿烂)





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I'm Home

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Lyrics by Tay Chee Wei & Lynda Young

16 years have passed and here I am today
It just feels like yesterday
So many things have happened
So many things have changed
And I'm here right now, where it all began

Never thought that I'll be back again
Back here where I do belong
So many things are different
Yet they feel the same
I'm so happy here, where my roots always remain

CHORUS

I'm home
Is this by chance or by fate
They had their faith in me
I have not let them down
One more time! Here I am! Home at last!

(Chorus)

The Ballet

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

Reflections

Composed by Tay Chee Wei

CREDITS

Main Cast

Mr Chuang Shih Ih	Goh Khoon Kiat
Xiaowei (aged 13)	Kaili Tay
Xiaowei (aged 29)	Jolene Chong
Mother	Gina Fong
English Teacher	Lynda Young
Ahmad	Loy Kar Tai
Xiaowei s sisters	Xenia Lian, Seet Xian Hui

Classmates

Chelsea Ng, Rachele Lin , Dolly Fu, Lee Pin Qi, Lim Yee Chuin, Calanthea Yee, Sarah Soh, Anna Lim, Wong Shu Zhen, Lee Wei, Chen Jing Kai, Zhang Pang Yu, Lim Su Wei, Timothy Soon, Nicholas Ng, Png Jia Qiang, Kwan Wai Yew, Huang Hong Sheng

Chorus

Red Swastika School Choir

Recording Credits

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Recording & Mix Engineer	Sumardy (<i>except the Ballet & Reflections engineered by Lavanath Shanmugam</i>)
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Mother, Xiaowei (aged 13)

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Music by Tay Chee Wei
Lyrics by Tay Chee Wei, Lynda Young
Additional lyrics by Yeow KC, Alvina Goh

*This musical is based on true stories related
by ex-students of Red Swastika School*

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