EVERYBODY SAYS DON'T
from Anyone Can Whistle

(32 bars)

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Allegro moderato

HAPGOOD:

Ev'ry-bod-y says don't, Ev'ry-bod-y says
don't, Ev'ry-bod-y says don't, it is - n't right. Don't! It is - n't nice!

Ev'ry-bod-y says don't, Ev'ry-bod-y says don't, Ev'ry-bod-y says: don't walk on the
grass, Don't disturb the peace, Don't skate on the ice.

Well, I say do!

I say Walk on the grass, it was meant to feel! I Say

Sail! Tilt at the wind-mill And if you fall, you fall!
Ev'-ry-bod-y says don't, Ev'-ry-bod-y says don't, Ev'-ry-bod-y says: don't get out of line. When they say that, then, Lady, that's a sign: Nine times out of ten, Lady, you are doing just fine!

Make just a ripple. Come on, be brave.
This time a ripple,
Next time a wave!

Sometimes you have to start small,
Climbing the tiniest wall,

Maybe you're going to fall,--
But it's better than not starting at all!

Ev'rybody says no, Ev'rybody says stop, Ev'rybody says: mustn't rock the
boat! Mustn't touch a thing! Ev'ry-bod-y says
don't, Ev'ry-bod-y says wait, Ev'ry-bod-y says: can't fight Cit-y Hall. Can't.
up-set the cart, Can't laugh at the King.
Well, I say try!
I say: Laugh at the kings or they'll make you cry!

Lose your poise! Full if you have to,

(Spoken)

But, lady, make a noise! Everybody says

(Sung)

don't, Everybody says can't, Everybody says: wait around for miracles,
That's the way the world is made!
I insist on miracles,

Miracles, if you do them, miracles!

Nothing to them! I say don't--
Don't be afraid!