# "The Therapist Song" Music by Ben Boecker, lyrics by Bill Nelson

#### **SOLOIST**

THESE BOUTS ARE GETTING WORSE SO I DECIDE TO TRY A SESSION—
WITH A THERAPIST—
FOR MY DEPRESSION.
I FIND A QUALIFIED GUY,
ONLINE.
I SHOW UP WITH MY SADNESS AND ...
WHAT DO I FIND?

HE'S GORGEOUS.
WITH DEEP BROWN EYES.
HE'S GOT THESE BICEPS
THAT HYPNOTIZE.
I'VE FOUND THE PERFECT GUY TO CHECK
UNDER MY HOOD.
OH YEAH ...
HE'LL UN-DEPRESS ME REAL GOOD.

HE'S A SURFER
FROM MALIBU.
LEARNED IN HAWAII
IN HIS DAYS AT H.U.
THE SCENT OF COCOA BUTTER STAYS
WHEREVER HE'S STOOD.
ALOHA!,
HE'LL UN-DEPRESS ME REAL GOOD.

EVEN THOUGH HE NEVER SHOWS
RECIPROCAL ATTRACTION,
ME WANTING TO LICK CHOCOLATE
OFF HIS CHEST IS A DISTRACTION.
SHRINKS CAN'T DATE CLIENTS; IT WOULD CAUSE AN ORDEAL.
BUT IF HE WORKED IN SHORT-SHORTS, I WOULDN'T SQUEAL!

### **PIANIST**

(A cat's "meow" sound.)

#### **SOLOIST**

## ... What the.

A KITTEN
JUMPS INTO HIS LAP.
A THERAPY KITTEN—
IT MADE HIM HOTTER, HOLY CRAP!
I HAVEN'T FELT SO TINGLY SINCE MY TRIP TO DOLLYWOOD.
HELL YEAH,
HE'LL UNDRESS ME—I MEAN—
UN-DEPRESS ME REAL GOOD.

NOW I CAN'T FORGET MY TASK— THE HOMEWORK HE ASSIGNED. IF A THOUGHT IS SELF-DEFEATING, I REPLACE IT IN MY MIND.

# A good thought

LIKE HIM AND ME WITH ONE MAI TAI EACH, NAKED ON A HORSE ON A HOT SWEATY BEACH! ...

WHERE I'LL ASSURE HIM
HIS SESSIONS WORK—
HE'S ACCESSED WHERE MY
DARKEST DEEPEST FEELINGS LURK.
I'LL TELL HIM THAT I FEEL SO
MMM ... UNDERSTOOD,
TELL HIM HE'LL
UN-DEPRESS ME REALHE'LL UN-DEPRESS ME-

I SHOULDN'T LOOK SO TRAUMATIZED
WHEN HE TELLS ME HIS NEWS.
I THINK THAT I'M IN SHOCK AND
I CAN FEEL MY HEART'S BEEN BRUISED.
HE'S SHUTTING DOWN HIS OFFICE.
HIS RENT IS TOO MUCH DOUGH.
WHAT IF HE MOVES TO OAHU?
NO!
DEAR GOD NOOOOOOOOOO!

HOLD UP THOUGH. HE SEES MY PAIN. HE SAYS I'VE HAD A BREAKTHROUGH GIVING ANGER FREE REIN.
THEN HE SAYS HE'S MOVING CLOSER
DOWN BY MY NEIGHBORHOOD.
(spoken:) NOW TWICE! A WEEK—UNGH UNGH-UNGN UGHN—
HE'LL UN-DEPRESS ME REAL GOOD.
JUST LIKE HE SHOULD.

A hundred and fifty dollars a week for no physical intimacy or hope for anything romantic, ever ... I'm his!,

AND I FEEL REAL GOOD!

Aside from being depressed.

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