High Hopes (Key of D)
by Jimmy Van Heusen and Sammy Cahn (1959)

(sing A)
D/          F#dim/
Verse Intro:  Next time you’re found   with your chin on the ground,
             Em7/      A7/       D       Bm7  Em7  A7
there’s a lot to be learned,  so look a-round.

D                     G                              A7                              D
Just what makes that little ol’ ant, think he’ll move that rubber tree plant;
             Em7/   Fdim/   A7         D
Anyone knows    an ant   can’t    move a rubber tree plant.
             (     tacit    ) G  D          E7                             A7
But he’s got    high hopes, he’s got    high hopes, he’s got    high apple pie in the sky hopes.
             D/       D7/       G/          Fdim/
So any time you’re getting’ low, ‘stead of letting’ go, just remember that ant.

D            Em  A7          D
Oops, there goes a- nother rubber tree plant          Em  A7          D
(oops there goes a- nother rubber tree plant).

D            Em  A7          D
Oops there goes a- nother rubber tree plant. .

D/          F#dim/
Verse intro:  When troubles call and your back’s to the wall,
             Em7/      A7/       D       Bm7  Em7  A7
there’s a lot to be learned,  that wall could fall.

D                     G                              A7                              D
Once there was a silly old ram, thought he’d punch a hole in a dam;
             Em7/   Fdim/   A7         D
No one could make that ram   scram,   he kept buttin’ that dam.
             (     tacit    ) G  D          E7                             A7
‘Cause he had    high hopes, he had    high hopes, he had    high apple pie in the sky hopes.
             D/       D7/       G/          Fdim/
So any time you’re feelin’ bad, ‘stead of feeling’ sad, just remember that ram.

D            Em  A7          D
Oops, there goes a billion kilowatt dam          Em  A7          D
(oops there goes a- billion kilowatt dam)

D            Em  A7          D
Oops there goes a billion kilowatt dam.

Instrumental with kazooms:

G                              D                              E7                             A7
(but he’s got    high hopes, he’s got    high hopes, he’s got    high apple pie in the sky hopes)

D/       D7/       G/          Fdim
A problem’s just a toy balloon, they’ll be bursting soon, they’re just bound to go pop!

D            Em  A7          D
Oops, there goes a- nother problem, ker-plop          Em  A7          D
(oops there goes a-nother problem, ker-plop)

D            Em  A7          D       A7          D
Oops there goes a-nother problem ker-plop… KER---PLOP!