

Song	Type of music	Theme of the lyrics	How it advances the story	Context: 1950s/1970s/today
Summer Nights	Predominantly rock n roll duet. Lead by Sandy and Danny with layers of backing vocals from the rest of the cast.	Young love - A male version of the events and the female version, the same story from two different points of view.	Defines characters – both are telling their peer groups what they want to hear. Gives the audience the backstory.	Teenage relationships – things haven't changed all that much.
Beauty School Drop-out	Rock n roll (heartthrob song)	Avoid being a complete failure, go back to school and try.	Gets Frenchy back into school (or work in the stage version)	Society still has students leaving without qualifications.
Look at me, I'm Sandra Dee	Parody	I'm too good to be true	Creates tension between Rizzo and Sandy	Bullying/ sending up other people. Making assumptions about others.
Freddy My Love	1950s girl group song	Marty using her boyfriends to support her and buy her things.	Advances the audiences understanding of Marty's character.	Teenage relationships – things haven't changed all that much.
Mooning	Rock n roll duet	I was lonely and incomplete before you came along.	Gets Roger and Jan together romantically.	Teenage relationships – things haven't changed all that much.
There are worse things I could do	Gospel solo ("big" song)	Audience questions the stereotypes/assumptions that they have about the character so far. Teen pregnancy.	Rizzo accepting that she and Sandy are the same. She is not a bad person, she has just made some choices that have ostracised her from society slightly.	Still teen pregnancies and assumptions made about 'those types of girls'.
Look at me, I'm Sandra Dee (reprise)	Gospel solo ("big" song)	Stereotypes and what we present to the world. Finding a personal identity.	Sandy accepting that the Sandy that she presents to the world is not the real her. Asking for help to change her image.	Stereotypes and what we present to the world. Finding a personal identity.
We Go Together	Up beat rock n roll.	The bonds of friendship.	Audience is made to feel like these people will be friends for a long time.	High school friendships remain strong in society today.