- 2. CRODHEARG CASTLE, MAIN HALL - EVENING

(ENGLISH SOLDIERS dance and drink with ROYAL COURTIERs. A group of MUSICIANS play fast, lively reels. TIERNAN sits on a throne, overseeing everything, GENERAL FAYE sat at his side. CASSIDY is reluctantly dancing with a ROYAL MAID. AEDAN appears on the balcony above the hall with NIAMH, a royal maid, and peers down at the party below, both unseen.)

AEDAN

I mean, have you ever heard of anything so unfair?
Just look at the craic they’re having down--

(AEDAN suddenly notices CASSIDY with a gasp, awestruck.)

#2. FLAWLESS

AEDAN

LOOK AT HIS FACE,
PALER THAN THE MOON - Cohhh...
LOOK AT HIS EYES,
BRIGHTER THAN THE STARS - Cohhh...
LOOK HOW HIS HAIR FLOWS LIKE RIVERS,
BLACK RIVER DOWN HIS CHEEK...
AND LOOK HOW I CAN BARELY
KEEP STANDING ON MY FEET!

AH! I CAN’T LOOK AWAY...
MEET MY GAZE, TURN MY WAY,
GIVE ME A MOMENT JUST TO SAY...EY, HEY...
YOU ARE FLAWLESS IN EVERY SINGLE WAY.

(In her imagination, the PEOPLE below lift AEDAN down from the balcony onto the hall floor. SHE crosses to where CASSIDY waltzes with another WOMAN and dances around him.)

AEDAN (CONT’D)

LOOK AT HIM MOVE,
AEDAN (CONT’D)

SMOOTHER THAN THE SAND - AH!
LOOK AT HIM GLIDE,
LIGHTER THAN THE BREEZE,
LOOK HOW HIS SMILE IS ETCHED WITH SORROW,
A SORROW I CAN'T PLACE...
I bet he has a really deep backstory...
AND LOOK HOW I CANNOT CONTAIN
MY HEART BEGINNING TO RACE!

AH! I CAN'T LOOK AWAY...
MEET MY GAZE - PLEASE - TURN MY WAY - GEEZ!
GIVE ME A MOMENT JUST TO SAY...EY, HEY...
YOU ARE FLAWLESS IN EVERY SINGLE...

WAITING, I'VE BEEN WAITING
ALL MY LIFE FOR YOU,
THOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW UNTIL TONIGHT
WHEN I LAID EYES ON YOU!
AND SUDDENLY I WANT TO KISS YOU
AND HOLD YOUR HAND, AND HEAR YOU LAUGH,
AND SEE YOU DANCE AND DAMN I EVEN
WANT TO MARRY YOU...
BUT MAYBE THAT’S TOO SOON...

(The PEOPLE lift AEDAN back to the balcony.)

AEDAN (CONT’D)

MY BEAUTIFUL STRANGER,
DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME BUT
I BET YOU'RE FLAWLESS IN EVERY SINGLE WAY.